

COST OF ALCOHOL RELATED CRIME & VIOLENCE IN CAIRNS

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SOCIAL COST OF ALCOHOL ABUSE

<u>AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH</u>		
2010	\$14.3 bn	
Per head of population	\$640	(2010)
	\$750	(est 2019 values)

<u>US RESEARCH</u>		
2010 est	\$US 249 bn	
Per head of population	\$US 805	(2010)
	\$US 926	(est 2019 values)

Source: Cummings Economics based on; Australian research – Australian Institute of Criminology; US research – CDC – Centre for Disease Control.



ESTIMATED SOCIAL COSTS OF ALCOHOL ABUSE IN CAIRNS SA4 REGION (Based on National Ratios per Head of Population)

- **EST TOTAL COST OF ALCOHOL ABUSE -**
ABOUT \$190 M
- **ABOUT 1.5% OF GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT -**
APPROXIMATELY \$13 BN
- **TOTAL INCOME CHINESE TOURISM -**
ABOUT \$200 M



Source: Cummings Economics based on Australian research – Australian Institute of Criminology & ABS – Estimated Residential..

ESTIMATED SOCIAL COSTS OF ALCOHOL ABUSE IN CAIRNS SA4 REGION (Based on National Ratios per Head of Population)

TYPE OF COST OF ALCOHOL ABUSE IN AUSTRALIA

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	21%	\$39 m
HEALTH SYSTEM	12%	\$23 m
WORKFORCE PRODUCTIVITY	42%	\$80 m
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	25%	\$48 m
TOTAL	100%	\$190 m



Source: Cummings Economics based on Australian research – Australian Institute of Criminology & ABS – Estimated Residential..

UNEMPLOYMENT (CAIRNS SA4 REGION)

- **AGES 15 – 24 yrs**

HAVE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

DOUBLE THE GENERAL POPULATION

(2016 CENSUS 15.0% COMPARED WITH 7.8%)

Source: Cummings Economics Analysis of ABS Workforce Series in 2011.



UNEMPLOYMENT (CAIRNS SA4 REGION)

INDIGENOUS POPULATION (15-24 yrs)	35.3%
ALL INDIGENOUS POPULATION	26.0%
ALL POPULATION	7.8%

Source: Cummings Economics from ABS Census Data 2016.



IMPACTS ON VISITORS

- **BACKPACKER PERSPECTIVE**
- **FOR TOURISTS, A PROBLEM BUT NOT SERIOUS**
- **CANNOT LET GET OUT OF HAND**



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