



2018 Youth Issues Survey

- 325 survey respondents
- Aged 12-25
- 18.63% Indigenous
- 57.23% Female, 37.85% Male and 4.92% other
- Respondents by location:

Darwin	20.52% (63)
Palmerston	32.57% (100)
Katherine	1.63% (5)
Nhulunbuy	13.68% (42)
Alice Springs	31.27% (96)
Tennant Creek	0.33% (1)

Rate how you have personally been affected by the following issues

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Slightly	Not at all	Total
Negative body image	13.89% 45	18.83% 61	25.00% 81	20.37% 66	21.91% 71	324
Depression	13.66% 44	18.32% 59	22.05% 71	13.35% 43	32.61% 105	322
Stress and anxiety	24.15% 78	29.10% 94	21.05% 68	15.17% 49	10.53% 34	323
Personal health issues	6.23% 20	12.15% 39	26.48% 85	22.43% 72	32.71% 105	321
Struggling with school and exam pressure	16.46% 53	26.09% 84	25.78% 83	14.29% 46	17.39% 56	322
Suicide	7.12% 23	5.88% 19	17.65% 57	16.10% 52	53.25% 172	323
Alcohol abuse	5.59% 18	3.11% 10	10.87% 35	9.63% 31	70.81% 228	322
Drug abuse	5.02% 16	3.76% 12	8.78% 28	7.52% 24	74.92% 239	319
Bullying	9.32% 30	11.18% 36	14.91% 48	23.29% 75	41.30% 133	322
Family breakdown	9.01% 29	8.70% 28	16.77% 54	17.08% 55	48.45% 156	322
Domestic violence	4.36% 14	4.05% 13	7.48% 24	7.48% 24	76.64% 246	321
Worried about personal safety	4.02% 13	8.36% 27	18.27% 59	24.46% 79	44.89% 145	323

ATTACHMENT A

Discrimination	6.88% 22	10.00% 32	16.25% 52	15.94% 51	50.94% 163	320
Gambling	3.12% 10	1.56% 5	5.61% 18	4.05% 13	85.67% 275	321

What do you think is the most important issue facing young people in the Northern Territory?

300 people answered this question and raised approximately 300 issues.

The top five youth issues raised includes:

1. **Alcohol and Other Drugs** (87 people listed this as a concern)
 - Drugs
 - Alcohol
 - Sniffing
 - Smoking

2. **Abuse** (22 people listed this as a concern)
 - Racial
 - Substance
 - Physical

3. **Mental Health** (20 listed this as a concern)

4. **Education** (16 people listed this as a concern)
 - Education/General
 - Lack of Motivation/School Attendance

5. **Bullying** (15 people listed this as a concern)
 - Bullying/General
 - Cyber Bullying

Additional issues worth noting

Crime (general violence, domestic violence, sexual abuse) (14 people listed this as a concern)

Stress (13 people listed this as a concern)

Opportunities (education, no activities, lack of recreational activities) (8 listed this as a concern)

Social Pressure (the general acceptance of drug and underage alcohol use, pressure to fit in, stereotyping) (7 listed this as a concern)

ATTACHMENT A

What do you think is the most important issue facing young people in your community?

Boredom.

- *Anonymous*

I think that one of the most important issues facing my community is the lack of cultural understanding, and from that, an extreme lack of respect. Another result of the lack of cultural understanding is that there are a variety of campaigns trying to 'close the gap', that are ultimately trying to force people to conform to the balanda society.

- *Anonymous*

A non-inclusive community. I'd prefer to see a community of people my age being all-accepting and undefined by stereotypes. We need a closely knitted network of people that can support each other.

- *Anonymous*

What do you think is the most important issue facing young people in Australia?

Getting them away from the alcohol and getting them to school even if that means taking them from their families.

- *Anonymous*

I think that the most important issue that is facing the youth of Australia is based on self-image, and what the youth think or feel about themselves.

- *Anonymous*

Housing availability and affordability.

- *Anonymous*

Suicide.

- *Anonymous*