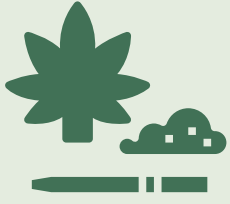


# WHAT DOES CANNABIS USE COST AUSTRALIA?



**2,041,000** Australians USE cannabis

**152,000** Australians are **DEPENDENT** on cannabis

**3,422** Cannabis-attributable adult **PRISON SENTENCES**

## The tangible costs of cannabis use amount to \$4.4 BILLION



**\$29 million**  
Premature death



**\$714 million**  
Healthcare costs



**\$194 million**  
Road traffic accidents



**\$2.4 billion**  
Crime



**\$560 million**  
Workplace costs



**\$470 million**  
Other costs including child protection



**\$1.1 billion**  
Imprisonment



**\$407 million**  
Personal crime victim



**\$52 million**  
Legal aid and prosecution



**\$475 million**  
Police



**\$257 million**  
Household crime victim



**\$25 million**  
Community correction



**\$62 million**  
Court

The intangible cost of cannabis use is \$106 MILLION

**THE TOTAL COST OF CANNABIS USE IS \$4.5 BILLION**

Data from 12-month period July 2015 to June 2016

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