

# Youth Survey 2015

In 2015 Mission Australia conducted its 14th annual survey of young people aged 15-19 years. The survey was distributed nationally and aimed to identify the values and issues of concern to young people.



**Alcohol & drugs was the most important issue** in Australia today for the first time  
(27.0% in 2015, 22.1% in 2014 and 18.7% in 2013)

**1 in 4** people indicated that **equity & discrimination was an issue of national importance**

**1 in 5** young people highlighted that **the economy and financial matters was a key issue in Australia today**

**Top 3 concerns:**

**Stress** **38.4%** highly concerned

**School** **33.6%** highly concerned

**Body image** **26.5%** highly concerned

**Just over half**  
of respondents **indicated high levels of confidence in their ability to achieve work/study goals**

**10.3%**  
indicating they were **extremely confident**

**40.3%**  
indicating they were **very confident**

However, around

**1 in 10**



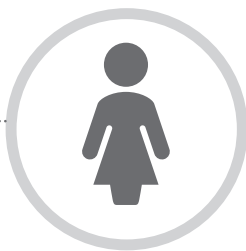
were less confident in their ability to achieve their goals

**8.1%**  
indicating they were **slightly confident**

**2.3%**  
indicating they were **not at all confident**

in their ability to achieve their study/work goals after school

**More females than males felt that academic ability and financial difficulty would pose a barrier to the achievement of their post-school study/work goals**



**Females were slightly less confident than males in their ability to achieve their study/work goal**

**52%**

of young people across Australia **felt that there were barriers which may impact on the achievement of their study/work goals**

**Top 3 barriers:**

Nationally, the top three barriers that young people felt would impact on their study/work goals were:

**academic ability** (18.2%)



**financial difficulty** (16.9%)



**lack of jobs** (12.2%)

