

Fact sheet

Public Health SACE Research Projects

This fact sheet has been prepared for the purpose of providing ideas for possible research topics for SACE Research Project students.

Public Health is about providing for the protection of the health of South Australians and reducing the incidence of preventable illness, injury and disability. *The [South Australian Public Health Act \(2011\)](#)* provides a legislative mandate for SA Health and local governments to prevent, promote and protect the health of all South Australians.

The following topics are some of the areas that are covered under the field of public health and might provide ideas for research projects:

- > Immunisation
- > Childhood Obesity Prevention
- > Safe Tattooing and Piercing practices
- > Harm Minimisation
- > Environmental health
- > Blood borne viruses and diseases
- > Mosquito management and control
- > Food Safety
- > Cervix Screening
- > Chronic Disease Prevention
- > Sexually Transmitted Infections
- > Mental Health and Social Isolation
- > Drug and Alcohol Abuse

The State Public Health Plan: [South Australia – A Better Place to Live](#) provides a good description and overview of public health in South Australia.

Information on all of ideas above and more can be found on the [SA Health website](#) and [Facebook](#).

The following sources of health statistics are available on the SA Health website:

- > [Alcohol and drug statistics](#)
- > [Risk factors for health statistics](#)
- > [Aboriginal health outcome statistics](#)
- > [Healthcare infection statistics](#)
- > [Hospitals and other health care services statistics](#)
- > [SA Burden of Disease Study](#)
- > [Women's health statistics](#)

Other useful state and national information sources which you can find on the internet:

- > [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- > [The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)
- > [Beyond Blue](#)
- > [Cancer Council SA](#)
- > [The Australian Bureau of Statistics](#)
- > [Australian Government Department of Health](#)
- > [Child and Youth Health](#)
- > [Public Health Information Development Unit](#)

Your Local Council is also responsible for public health services and can be a great source of information. The contact details for Local Councils can be found on the [Local Government Association website](#):

For more information

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