

# Annual Report 2020: Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (NAD)

Six issues of the journal [Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs \(NAD\)](#) were published in 2020. The number of articles published each year varies between 40 and 50. 47 articles and 631 pages were published in 2020. The articles span unique new research and are cited to regularly across the world. In October 2020, for example, a comparative themed issue was published on the drinking patterns of older people in the Nordic region. In 2020, the journal has highlighted themes such as mental health, parents' and children's addiction problems, particularly vulnerable groups and public research funding.

In June 2020, NAD ran a webinar on scientific writing and in August 2020 NAD co-hosted the annual meeting of the [International Society of Addiction Journal Editors \(ISAJE\)](#). The meeting was to have been held in Helsinki but was converted to a remote meeting.

NAD's editorial team collaborates closely with researchers and research groups throughout the Nordic region and maintains Nordic cooperation on alcohol and drugs. The journal supports junior researchers and serves as a channel for pan-Nordic analyses.

NAD's most recent impact factor was 1.000 (previously 0.875) and article downloads were 235,192 compared with a figure of 169,281 for 2019. In 2020, the journal was included in the bibliographic database Medline, which will render it more easily accessible to larger numbers of health-oriented researchers. Of the 105 research articles received, 17 were from Sweden, 12 from Norway and 15 from Finland.

In 2019, a cooperation agreement was concluded between the Nordic Welfare Centre and the University of Helsinki. This partnership was launched in January 2020 and has been highly successful, giving the journal a clearer academic affiliation.

NAD works closely with [PopNAD, the Nordic Welfare Centre's popular science website](#) for Nordic social science research on alcohol, drugs, doping, tobacco and gambling. In 2020, the website recruited researchers to write blogs to contribute to public debate and to provide readers with knowledge of current research. PopNAD's visitor figures have remained stable, with a slight increase in social media followers.