

Subject: Request for statistics from Register of Births from 1 January 2006 to the present day

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Information requested:

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NRS Response:

The figures requested are provided below:

1. Is the registration of births from 1st Jan to 31st Dec each year?

Published statistics are based on births registered in each calendar year.

2. How many registered births had no father's details present on the birth certificate? A total figure followed by a yearly breakdown.

These figures can be found in our annual reference table 3.02. The column entitled 'sole registration' gives the number of births registered in the mother's name only. The table can be downloaded from our website using the following link:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/general-publications/vital-events-reference-tables/2016/section-3-births>.

3. How many births have been re-registered with the father's details added to the birth certificate? A total figure followed by a yearly breakdown.

6,442. (See Appendix 1, 2 and 3 for yearly figures)

4. How many births have been re-registered with the father's details on the birth certificate as a result of a Declarator of Parentage completed by the father? A total figure followed by a yearly breakdown.

6,151 births were re-registered as a result of Declarations of Parentage by Father (DPF). (See Appendix 1, 2 and 3 for yearly figures)

5. How many births have been re-registered with the father's details on the birth certificate as a result of a Declarator of Parentage Court Order? A total figure followed by a yearly breakdown.

301 Decrees of Paternity received. 147 of these births were re-registered as a result of a Court Order. (See Appendix 1, 2 and 3 for yearly figures)

6. Has any application to re-register a birth (Parental Declaration Court Order - adding father's details on the birth certificate) been refused by the Registrar? If so how many to date?

NRS ensures the registers reflect the correct information; if we received instruction from a court regarding correcting the information in our registers, it would not be refused.

Appendix 1

2006

663 re-registrations to add father's details

645 by declaration

18 Decrees of Paternity received for year

12 of these were re-registered in 2006

2007

639 re-registrations to add father's details

619 by declaration

20 Decrees of Paternity received for year

14 of these were re-registered in 2007

2008

554 re-registrations to add father's details

539 by declaration

25 Decrees of Paternity received for year

16 of these were re-registered in 2008

Appendix 2

2012

587 RE-REGISTRATIONS to add father's details

562 by declaration

25 decrees received

11 of these re-registered in 2012

1 2009 decree re-registered

3 2011 decrees re-registered

2013

624 re-registrations to add father's details

592 by declaration

32 decrees received

14 of these re-registered in 2013

1 2012 decree re-registered

2014

533 re-registrations to add father's details

501 by declaration

32 decrees received

6 of these re-registered in 2014

2 2013 decrees re-registered

Appendix 3

2015

538 re-registrations to add father's details

502 by declaration

36 decrees received

10 of these re-registered in 2015 8 re-registered in 2017)

2 2014 decrees re-registered

2016

504 re-registrations to add father's details

472 by declaration

32 decrees received

14 of these re-registered in 2016 (2 re-registered in 2017)

1 2013 decree re-registered

1 2015 decree re-registered