

**Subject:** Number of deaths of people with no fixed address recorded in Scotland from 2009 to 2017.

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**Information requested:**

Number of deaths of people with no fixed address, broken down by local authority, by year, recorded in Scotland from 2009 to 2017.

**NRS Response:**

I enclose a copy of some of the information requested (covering the period 2009 to 2017) in the attached excel worksheet. Deaths data has not yet been finalised for 2018, and will be available after publication of the 2018 Vital Events Reference Tables on 26 June 2019.

Please note that the figures provided will underestimate the number of deaths of homeless people in Scotland. As noted in the attached spreadsheet, deaths were counted where the terms “no fixed abode”, “no fixed address”, “homeless” or “address unknown” was included on the death certificate.

ONS have recently published estimates of deaths of homeless people in England and Wales. These estimates use a methodology which is detailed at the following link:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsofhomelesspeopleinenglandandwales/previousReleases>

We are working to replicate this method with the aim of producing comparable estimates of deaths of homeless people in Scotland. We will publish these estimates in due course.