

Population And Migration Statistics (PAMS) Committee (Scotland)

Vital Events Statistics Update

1. Introduction

This paper summarises the recent developments and improvements in vital events statistics within the last year.

2. Babies' First Names

An additional table (table 6) was added to the website on publication of the full list of names on 15 March 2016. This shows, for each sex and each council area, all the first forenames that were given to 3 or more babies of that sex in that area. Previously only the top 10 names were shown for each council area. This table will only be updated when the full lists are published in March. The December publication will still only include the top 10 for each council area.

We also published an interactive data visualisation for [babies' names](#) which allows users to produce a line graph for any chosen name back to 1974.

3. Probable Suicides

An additional table and chart were added to this publication in August 2010 providing information on nature of death and method.

4. Marriage Time Series Tables

Following customer requests, two time series tables were added providing a breakdown of country of residence of the marriage parties both for Scotland as a whole and Gretna specifically.

5. Weekly and Monthly Data on Births and Deaths

Monthly tables were expanded to include a local authority breakdown of births and deaths following requests from users. Minor changes were made to the weekly births and deaths tables to the registration week breakdown. This was changed to bring it into line with ISO-8601 and led to a revision to the data for 2016.

6. Drug-related Deaths

Table X and Figure 4 were expanded, to show the numbers of drug-related deaths on the basis of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) / 'wide' definition, for 1979 to 1995, inclusive, and to show the numbers of drug-related deaths, on all three bases, per million population.

7. Winter Mortality

Table 1 was expanded to show the seasonal increase in mortality per 1,000 population for the relevant age-groups and a new Table 8 was added, to show the main underlying causes of death which contribute to the seasonal increase in mortality

8. Quarterly Births Deaths and other Vital Events

Age breakdowns were extended to cover the 90+ age group (previously 85+ was the highest age category). For the forthcoming Quarter 3 publication (to be published on 14 December 2016) two new causes of death will be included - dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

9. Infographics and Data Visualisations

A number of new infographics and data visualisations have been introduced in the last year.

- [Scotland's population 2015 Infographic report](#)
- [2015 Births, Deaths and Other Vital Events – Preliminary Annual Figures – Births and Deaths Scotland, 2015](#)
- [2015 Births, Deaths and Other Vital Events – Preliminary Annual Figures – Marriages and civil partnerships Scotland, 2015](#)
- [Babies' First Names 2015](#)
- [Baby names trends in Scotland since 1974](#)

The full list of our [infographics and data visualisations](#) can be seen on the NRS website.

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