

**Table 5: Drug-related deaths by sex, age and underlying cause of death <sup>1</sup>, Scotland, 2015**

	All causes of death	Underlying cause of death (ICD10 codes)				
		Drug abuse (F11-F16, F19)	Accidental poisoning (X40-X44)	Intentional self-poisoning (X60-X64)	Assault by drugs, etc. (X85)	Undetermined intent (Y10-Y14)
<b>(i) New coding rules</b>						
<b>All deaths</b>	<b>706</b>	49	553	54	0	50
Males	<b>484</b>	33	393	31	0	27
Females	<b>222</b>	16	160	23	0	23
Under 25	<b>30</b>	1	28	1	0	0
25-34	<b>163</b>	11	140	3	0	9
35-44	<b>249</b>	21	195	16	0	17
45-54	<b>183</b>	13	138	17	0	15
55 and over	<b>81</b>	3	52	17	0	9
<b>Males</b>						
Under 25	<b>24</b>	1	23	0	0	0
25-34	<b>118</b>	5	105	2	0	6
35-44	<b>170</b>	15	138	9	0	8
45-54	<b>122</b>	9	94	12	0	7
55 and over	<b>50</b>	3	33	8	0	6
<b>Females</b>						
Under 25	<b>6</b>	0	5	1	0	0
25-34	<b>45</b>	6	35	1	0	3
35-44	<b>79</b>	6	57	7	0	9
45-54	<b>61</b>	4	44	5	0	8
55 and over	<b>31</b>	0	19	9	0	3
<b>(ii) Old coding rules</b>						
<b>All deaths</b>	<b>706</b>	495	123	54	0	34
Males	<b>484</b>	357	78	31	0	18
Females	<b>222</b>	138	45	23	0	16
Under 25	<b>30</b>	18	11	1	0	0
25-34	<b>163</b>	136	21	3	0	3
35-44	<b>249</b>	192	31	16	0	10
45-54	<b>183</b>	125	29	17	0	12
55 and over	<b>81</b>	24	31	17	0	9
<b>Males</b>						
Under 25	<b>24</b>	15	9	0	0	0
25-34	<b>118</b>	102	11	2	0	3
35-44	<b>170</b>	137	20	9	0	4
45-54	<b>122</b>	89	16	12	0	5
55 and over	<b>50</b>	14	22	8	0	6
<b>Females</b>						
Under 25	<b>6</b>	3	2	1	0	0
25-34	<b>45</b>	34	10	1	0	0
35-44	<b>79</b>	55	11	7	0	6
45-54	<b>61</b>	36	13	5	0	7
55 and over	<b>31</b>	10	9	9	0	3

**Footnote**

1) The coding rules were changed with effect from the start of 2011, as explained in paragraph 2.6 of the commentary. Briefly, 'drug abuse' deaths from 'acute intoxication' were previously counted under 'mental and behavioural disorders due to psychoactive substance use' (unless they were known to be due to intentional self-harm or assault). They are now counted under the appropriate 'poisoning' category.

For example, if the cause of death of a known drug abuser was given as 'adverse effects of heroin' (and it was not intentional self-harm or assault), the underlying cause of death would be coded as follows:

(a) up to 2010 - as 'F11 - mental and behavioural disorders due to use of opioids'

(b) from 2011 - the appropriate 'poisoning' category, such as 'X42 - accidental poisoning by and exposure to narcotics and psychodysleptics (hallucinogens) not elsewhere classified'

National Records of Scotland has estimated what the figures for 2015 would have been, had the data been coded using the old rules.