

Table 6: Drug-related deaths by sex, age and selected drugs reported¹, Scotland, 2015

	All drug-related deaths	Heroin / morphine ²	Methadone	Heroin / morphine, Methadone or Buprenorphine	Codeine or a codeine-containing compound	Dihydro-codeine or a d.h.c.-containing compound	Any opiate or opioid	Benzodiazepines		Cocaine	Ecstasy-type	Amphetamines	Alcohol
								Any benzo-diazepine	of which: Diazepam				
(i) drugs which were implicated in, or which potentially contributed to, the cause of death													
All deaths	706	345	251	493	31	94	606	191	128	93	15	17	107
Males	484	266	157	352	18	56	414	117	80	82	15	12	84
Females	222	79	94	141	13	38	192	74	48	11	0	5	23
Under 25	30	12	3	17	1	4	21	7	2	8	7	1	7
25-34	163	101	59	127	1	13	137	56	41	35	5	4	34
35-44	249	128	97	187	9	34	217	78	53	30	2	8	35
45-54	183	74	77	123	13	25	161	38	27	17	1	4	14
55 and over	81	30	15	39	7	18	70	12	5	3	0	0	17
Males													
Under 25	24	9	2	12	1	2	15	6	2	8	7	1	7
25-34	118	81	38	95	0	10	100	38	26	32	5	3	28
35-44	170	101	61	132	4	19	148	48	34	24	2	5	27
45-54	122	54	49	85	10	14	107	21	16	16	1	3	10
55 and over	50	21	7	28	3	11	44	4	2	2	0	0	12
Females													
Under 25	6	3	1	5	0	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
25-34	45	20	21	32	1	3	37	18	15	3	0	1	6
35-44	79	27	36	55	5	15	69	30	19	6	0	3	8
45-54	61	20	28	38	3	11	54	17	11	1	0	1	4
55 and over	31	9	8	11	4	7	26	8	3	1	0	0	5
(ii) all drugs which were found to be present in the body													
All deaths	706	356	272	509	63	126	629	501	434	105	15	25	258
Males	484	274	172	359	35	75	423	336	290	88	15	17	189
Females	222	82	100	150	28	51	206	165	144	17	0	8	69
Under 25	30	13	4	17	3	4	21	16	11	8	7	1	8
25-34	163	101	63	130	7	20	140	120	108	38	5	9	71
35-44	249	134	109	195	25	44	225	193	166	39	2	9	90
45-54	183	76	80	126	17	37	170	131	116	17	1	6	55
55 and over	81	32	16	41	11	21	73	41	33	3	0	0	34
Males													
Under 25	24	10	3	12	2	2	15	13	9	8	7	1	8
25-34	118	81	40	96	3	15	100	87	77	34	5	7	59
35-44	170	105	71	136	13	25	153	130	110	28	2	5	61
45-54	122	56	51	87	12	21	110	86	78	16	1	4	39
55 and over	50	22	7	28	5	12	45	20	16	2	0	0	22
Females													
Under 25	6	3	1	5	1	2	6	3	2	0	0	0	0
25-34	45	20	23	34	4	5	40	33	31	4	0	2	12
35-44	79	29	38	59	12	19	72	63	56	11	0	4	29
45-54	61	20	29	39	5	16	60	45	38	1	0	2	16
55 and over	31	10	9	13	6	9	28	21	17	1	0	0	12

Footnotes

1) More than one drug may be reported per death. These are mentions of each drug, and should not be added to give total deaths.

Part (i) counts only drugs which, the pathologist believed, were implicated in, or potentially contributed to, the cause of death.

Part (ii) counts all the drugs which the pathologist found to be present in the body, including those which the pathologist did not consider to have had any direct contribution to the death.

2) More information can be found in paragraph 3.3.1 of the commentary.