

Table CX: Drug-related deaths by selected drugs reported¹ and council area, 2015

Deaths in which particular drugs were involved, counted on the 'all drugs present' basis.

So, this table counts both

(a) drugs implicated in, or which potentially contributed to, the cause of death; and

(b) other drugs which were present, but were not considered to have had any direct contribution to the death

so these figures are 'not' on the standard basis that National Records of Scotland (NRS) uses to produce statistics of individual drugs

NHS Board area	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				
Scotland	706	356	272	509	63	126	629	501	434	105	15	25	258
Aberdeen City	45	18	22	32	5	9	42	36	25	13	2	0	17
Aberdeenshire	14	6	7	9	1	3	12	10	5	3	0	0	6
Angus	17	12	7	13	2	4	14	11	11	1	1	1	4
Argyll & Bute	11	7	1	8	2	1	10	6	5	1	0	0	5
Clackmannanshire	7	6	3	6	1	0	6	5	5	0	0	2	4
Dumfries & Galloway	11	6	3	7	0	1	8	5	5	0	2	0	4
Dundee City	36	25	16	31	3	4	36	31	24	2	0	0	10
East Ayrshire	14	9	6	13	1	0	14	12	6	4	0	0	6
East Dunbartonshire	9	4	3	7	1	2	8	7	6	3	1	0	3
East Lothian	10	4	3	6	0	2	9	7	7	2	1	0	2
East Renfrewshire	8	3	4	5	1	3	8	4	4	1	0	0	0
Edinburgh, City of	69	23	35	49	4	22	62	47	45	4	1	1	28
Eilean Siar	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Falkirk	14	7	6	10	1	3	12	9	9	4	0	0	6
Fife	44	29	20	36	6	4	40	34	32	1	1	3	23
Glasgow City	157	74	58	113	10	25	139	115	106	37	0	12	55
Highland	24	8	10	13	4	4	19	20	15	2	1	0	5
Inverclyde	16	2	9	11	2	0	13	11	8	3	0	0	5
Midlothian	6	1	1	2	0	1	3	4	4	2	0	0	1
Moray	10	5	5	8	1	2	9	6	6	1	0	0	3
North Ayrshire	15	11	8	12	1	4	14	12	11	2	0	2	9
North Lanarkshire	42	21	7	26	5	9	36	25	22	7	3	2	17
Orkney Islands	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Perth & Kinross	10	5	2	6	0	4	9	6	5	0	0	0	3
Renfrewshire	19	11	5	14	2	1	16	13	11	4	0	1	6
Scottish Borders	13	8	0	8	3	2	12	8	6	0	0	0	5
Shetland Islands	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Ayrshire	14	10	10	13	1	3	14	13	12	3	0	0	6
South Lanarkshire	31	18	9	22	2	4	27	17	15	2	1	0	11
Stirling	10	6	2	6	3	2	9	8	6	0	0	1	5
West Dunbartonshire	12	7	2	9	0	2	11	8	7	2	0	0	4
West Lothian	15	9	7	12	1	3	14	10	10	1	1	0	5

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.

Up to 2007, some pathologists reported only those drugs which they thought caused, or contributed to, the death.

With effect from 2008, pathologists report separately (a) drugs which were implicated in, or which potentially contributed to, the cause of death and (b) other drugs which were present but were not considered to have had any direct contribution to the death.

Basis (a) is now the standard basis for figures for individual drugs.

The figures in this table are for all drugs found present - that is cover both (a) and (b) - so are 'not' on the standard basis for figures for individual drugs.

While they are on the same basis as the 'individual drugs' figures that were published in 'Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2008', they are 'not' on the same basis as the figures published in later editions (which include some revised figures for individual drugs for 2008).

There may be other differences between years and/or areas in the way in which the information was produced - refer to Section Two of the commentary.

2) Refer to paragraph 3.3.1 of commentary.