

**Table 5: Drug-related deaths by sex, age and underlying cause of death <sup>1</sup>, Scotland, 2011**

	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>(a) New coding rules</b>						
<b>All deaths</b>	<b>584</b>	12	346	36	0	190
Males	429	9	269	20	0	131
Females	155	3	77	16	0	59
Under 25	58	0	36	3	0	19
25-34	184	6	112	10	0	56
35-44	212	2	132	9	0	69
45-54	94	4	51	6	0	33
55 and over	36	0	15	8	0	13
<b>Males</b>						
Under 25	47	0	30	3	0	14
25-34	144	4	91	7	0	42
35-44	160	2	106	4	0	48
45-54	59	3	34	1	0	21
55 and over	19	0	8	5	0	6
<b>Females</b>						
Under 25	11	0	6	0	0	5
25-34	40	2	21	3	0	14
35-44	52	0	26	5	0	21
45-54	35	1	17	5	0	12
55 and over	17	0	7	3	0	7
<b>(b) Old coding rules</b>						
<b>All deaths</b>	<b>584</b>	417	56	36	0	75
Males	429	328	33	20	0	48
Females	155	89	23	16	0	27
Under 25	58	45	4	3	0	6
25-34	184	149	11	10	0	14
35-44	212	166	16	9	0	21
45-54	94	50	15	6	0	23
55 and over	36	7	10	8	0	11
<b>Males</b>						
Under 25	47	36	3	3	0	5
25-34	144	117	8	7	0	12
35-44	160	135	10	4	0	11
45-54	59	35	7	1	0	16
55 and over	19	5	5	5	0	4
<b>Females</b>						
Under 25	11	9	1	0	0	1
25-34	40	32	3	3	0	2
35-44	52	31	6	5	0	10
45-54	35	15	8	5	0	7
55 and over	17	2	5	3	0	7

**Footnote**

1) The coding rules were changed with effect from the start of 2011, as explained in paragraph 2.6 of Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2011, available on the National Records of Scotland website.

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 2011 would have been, had the data been coded using the old rules.