

Table 3: Drug-related deaths by selected drugs reported¹, Scotland, 1996-2013

Year	All drug-related deaths	Heroin / morphine ²	Methadone	Benzodiazepines			Cocaine	Ecstasy	Amphetamines	Alcohol
				Any benzodiazepine	of which: Diazepam	Temazepam				
annual averages:										
1996-2000	260	128	74	..	116	47	6	7	..	91
1999-2003	323	200	74	..	162	33	19	15	..	127
1996	244	84	100	..	84	48	3	9	..	87
1997	224	74	86	..	93	33	5	2	..	70
1998	249	121	64	..	113	58	4	3	..	86
1999	291	167	63	..	142	56	12	8	..	89
2000	292	196	55	164	146	39	4	11	3	123
2001	332	216	69	182	156	20	19	20	5	140
2002	382	248	98	245	214	16	31	20	13	156
2003	317	175	87	186	153	35	29	14	10	128
2004	356	225	80	140	113	5	38	17	10	116
2005	336	194	72	110	90	7	44	10	11	114
2006	421	260	97	94	78	10	33	13	11	131
2007	455	289	114	109	79	4	47	11	11	157
2008	574	324	169	149	115	7	36	5	11	167
2009	545	322	173	154	116	9	32	2	6	165
2010	485	254	174	122	93	3	33	0	3	127
2011	584	206	275	185	123	8	36	8	24	129
2012	581	221	237	196	160	6	31	9	18	111
2013	526	221	216	149	107	4	45	17	27	103
annual averages:										
2003-2007	377	229	90	128	103	12	38	13	11	129
2008-2012	554	265	206	161	121	7	34	5	12	140
2009-2013	544	245	215	161	120	6	35	7	16	127

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. From 2008, they 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 which were not considered to have had any direct contribution to the death.

The figures for 2008 onwards are on the first basis - i.e. basis (a) - which is now the standard basis for figures for individual drugs. The figures for 2008 have been revised from those published in Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2008¹.

There may be other differences between years and/or areas in the way in which the information was produced - more information can be found in Section 2 of the commentary.

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