

Table 5: Drug-related deaths by sex, age and underlying cause of death ¹, Scotland, 2013

	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)
(i) New coding rules						
All deaths	526	22	365	50	1	88
Males	393	19	278	33	1	62
Females	133	3	87	17	0	26
Under 25	32	1	23	2	0	6
25-34	137	3	101	10	0	23
35-44	184	12	133	12	1	26
45-54	125	5	87	12	0	21
55 and over	48	1	21	14	0	12
Males						
Under 25	28	1	21	1	0	5
25-34	107	3	77	8	0	19
35-44	141	9	105	7	1	19
45-54	87	5	60	9	0	13
55 and over	30	1	15	8	0	6
Females						
Under 25	4	0	2	1	0	1
25-34	30	0	24	2	0	4
35-44	43	3	28	5	0	7
45-54	38	0	27	3	0	8
55 and over	18	0	6	6	0	6
(ii) Old coding rules						
All deaths	526	359	73	50	1	43
Males	393	280	55	33	1	24
Females	133	79	18	17	0	19
Under 25	32	18	7	2	0	5
25-34	137	104	12	10	0	11
35-44	184	141	22	12	1	8
45-54	125	84	20	12	0	9
55 and over	48	12	12	14	0	10
Males						
Under 25	28	16	7	1	0	4
25-34	107	83	8	8	0	8
35-44	141	111	19	7	1	3
45-54	87	59	14	9	0	5
55 and over	30	11	7	8	0	4
Females						
Under 25	4	2	0	1	0	1
25-34	30	21	4	2	0	3
35-44	43	30	3	5	0	5
45-54	38	25	6	3	0	4
55 and over	18	1	5	6	0	6

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