

Table Y: Drug-related deaths, on the basis of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 'wide' definition, by selected drugs reported, 2003 to 2013

Drugs ^{1,2}	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
All drug-related deaths (on the 'wide' definition)	493	546	480	577	630	737	716	692	749	734	685
Amphetamines	10	10	11	11	12	12	7	3	24	18	27
Anti-depressants ³	83	86	67	93	84	101	97	123	116	121	120
Anti-psychotics ⁴	8	11	5	21	26	25	19	21	32	35	29
Benzodiazepines ⁵	189	140	110	94	109	150	158	124	187	198	149
Cannabis	21	5	6	3	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	30	38	44	33	47	41	33	34	36	31	45
Diazepam	154	113	90	78	79	116	120	94	124	161	107
Ecstasy-type	15	17	10	12	12	5	2	0	9	9	18
Heroin/diamorphine or Morphine ⁶	176	226	194	260	291	327	326	256	207	222	221
Methadone	91	80	71	96	115	171	177	177	275	241	216
Paracetamol or a compound ⁷	85	107	62	53	56	55	43	48	45	37	38
Temazepam	37	5	7	9	4	7	9	3	8	6	4
Tramadol	15	11	16	17	26	32	40	40	34	48	64
Alcohol	168	145	134	151	181	196	187	151	148	136	129

Footnotes

1) More than one drug may be reported per death. These are mentions of each drug, so do not add up to the overall total. 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 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 the 2008 edition.

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) The figures for some of the 'controlled' drugs may differ slightly from those given in earlier tables for two reasons. First, they were produced from what was the then General Register Office for Scotland's new database, rather than the old database (more information can be found in paragraph A4). Second, a small proportion of the deaths which involved controlled drugs were excluded from the figures which appear in the earlier tables, for reasons such as those given in paragraph A3.

3) e.g. amitriptyline, citalopram, dothiepin, fluoxetine, prothaiaden.

4) e.g. chlorpromazine, clozapine, olanzapine.

5) Including diazepam and temazepam (which appear separately below).

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

7) e.g. co-codamol or co-proxamol, or mention of dextropropoxyphene or propoxyphene (even if there is no mention of paracetamol or a compound analgesic).