

**Table 4: Drug-related deaths by sex and age, Scotland, 1996 - 2008**

| Year              | Drug-related deaths | Sex  |        | Age-group |         |         |           | Age            |        |                |
|-------------------|---------------------|------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|--------|----------------|
|                   |                     | Male | Female | under 25  | 25 - 34 | 35 - 44 | 45 & over | Lower quartile | Median | Upper quartile |
| 1996-2000 average | 260                 | 207  | 53     | 83        | 108     | 46      | 23        | ..             | ..     | ..             |
| 1996              | 244                 | 185  | 59     | 86        | 103     | 32      | 23        | 22             | 28     | 34             |
| 1997              | 224                 | 179  | 45     | 76        | 89      | 31      | 28        | 23             | 29     | 35             |
| 1998              | 249                 | 194  | 55     | 88        | 103     | 37      | 21        | 23             | 27     | 34             |
| 1999              | 291                 | 237  | 54     | 94        | 118     | 62      | 17        | 23             | 28     | 35             |
| 2000              | 292                 | 239  | 53     | 73        | 126     | 69      | 24        | 25             | 30     | 36             |
| 2001              | 332                 | 267  | 65     | 80        | 140     | 69      | 43        | 25             | 31     | 38             |
| 2002              | 382                 | 321  | 61     | 100       | 153     | 92      | 37        | 24             | 30     | 37             |
| 2003              | 317                 | 256  | 61     | 78        | 123     | 80      | 36        | 25             | 31     | 37             |
| 2004              | 356                 | 289  | 67     | 81        | 138     | 92      | 45        | 25             | 31     | 38             |
| 2005              | 336                 | 259  | 77     | 48        | 104     | 126     | 58        | 28             | 36     | 41             |
| 2006              | 421                 | 334  | 87     | 69        | 154     | 128     | 70        | 27             | 34     | 40             |
| 2007              | 455                 | 393  | 62     | 94        | 149     | 149     | 63        | 26             | 34     | 41             |
| 2008              | 574                 | 461  | 113    | 92        | 211     | 174     | 97        | 27             | 34     | 41             |
| 2004-2008 average | 428                 | 347  | 81     | 77        | 151     | 134     | 67        | ..             | ..     | ..             |