

Table 6: Drug-related deaths by sex, age and selected drugs reported¹, Scotland, 2016

| | All drug-related deaths | Heroin / morphine ² | Methadone | Heroin / morphine, Methadone or Buprenorphine | Codeine or a codeine-containing compound | Dihydro-codeine or a d.h.c.-containing compound | Any opiate or opioid | Benzodiazepines | | Cocaine | Ecstasy-type | Amphetamines | Alcohol |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---|--|---|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | Any benzo-diazepine | of which: Diazepam | | | | |
| (i) drugs which were implicated in, or which potentially contributed to, the cause of death | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All deaths | 867 | 473 | 362 | 650 | 43 | 114 | 765 | 426 | 154 | 123 | 28 | 25 | 112 |
| Males | 592 | 345 | 237 | 455 | 20 | 65 | 510 | 292 | 111 | 96 | 25 | 19 | 84 |
| Females | 275 | 128 | 125 | 195 | 23 | 49 | 255 | 134 | 43 | 27 | 3 | 6 | 28 |
| Under 25 | 42 | 16 | 7 | 20 | 4 | 6 | 26 | 16 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 2 |
| 25-34 | 199 | 122 | 74 | 152 | 3 | 19 | 173 | 118 | 38 | 36 | 8 | 3 | 29 |
| 35-44 | 327 | 184 | 154 | 261 | 20 | 32 | 289 | 182 | 66 | 46 | 6 | 11 | 39 |
| 45-54 | 213 | 108 | 109 | 168 | 7 | 36 | 195 | 94 | 37 | 29 | 4 | 9 | 30 |
| 55 and over | 86 | 43 | 18 | 49 | 9 | 21 | 82 | 16 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 | 25 | 11 | 4 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| 25-34 | 151 | 94 | 47 | 114 | 1 | 11 | 127 | 88 | 28 | 32 | 8 | 2 | 21 |
| 35-44 | 237 | 140 | 103 | 187 | 11 | 24 | 206 | 127 | 49 | 36 | 6 | 9 | 30 |
| 45-54 | 131 | 70 | 65 | 106 | 1 | 19 | 115 | 52 | 22 | 19 | 4 | 8 | 22 |
| 55 and over | 48 | 30 | 18 | 36 | 4 | 7 | 47 | 15 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 | 17 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 25-34 | 48 | 28 | 27 | 38 | 2 | 8 | 46 | 30 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| 35-44 | 90 | 44 | 51 | 74 | 9 | 8 | 83 | 55 | 17 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 45-54 | 82 | 38 | 44 | 62 | 6 | 17 | 80 | 42 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| 55 and over | 38 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 14 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Footnotes

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(ii) all drugs which were found to be present in the body

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|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| All deaths | 867 | 483 | 375 | 662 | 80 | 150 | 779 | 632 | 365 | 145 | 30 | 30 | 330 |
| Males | 592 | 354 | 247 | 464 | 42 | 93 | 520 | 442 | 260 | 113 | 27 | 23 | 239 |
| Females | 275 | 129 | 128 | 198 | 38 | 57 | 259 | 190 | 105 | 32 | 3 | 7 | 91 |
| Under 25 | 42 | 16 | 7 | 20 | 5 | 7 | 26 | 22 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| 25-34 | 199 | 124 | 75 | 154 | 12 | 33 | 176 | 163 | 79 | 44 | 10 | 3 | 74 |
| 35-44 | 327 | 188 | 163 | 267 | 34 | 42 | 296 | 249 | 147 | 55 | 6 | 14 | 127 |
| 45-54 | 213 | 111 | 112 | 172 | 17 | 44 | 198 | 156 | 100 | 32 | 4 | 11 | 84 |
| 55 and over | 86 | 44 | 18 | 49 | 12 | 24 | 83 | 42 | 28 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 | 25 | 11 | 4 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| 25-34 | 151 | 96 | 47 | 115 | 8 | 24 | 129 | 120 | 59 | 38 | 10 | 2 | 56 |
| 35-44 | 237 | 144 | 112 | 193 | 20 | 31 | 212 | 182 | 110 | 43 | 6 | 12 | 97 |
| 45-54 | 131 | 72 | 66 | 108 | 5 | 24 | 117 | 93 | 62 | 21 | 4 | 9 | 56 |
| 55 and over | 48 | 31 | 18 | 36 | 6 | 10 | 47 | 34 | 21 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 | 17 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 25-34 | 48 | 28 | 28 | 39 | 4 | 9 | 47 | 43 | 20 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| 35-44 | 90 | 44 | 51 | 74 | 14 | 11 | 84 | 67 | 37 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 30 |
| 45-54 | 82 | 39 | 46 | 64 | 12 | 20 | 81 | 63 | 38 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 28 |
| 55 and over | 38 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 14 | 36 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |

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