

Table 6.11 Intentional self-harm and events of undetermined intent¹, Scotland, 1981 to 2010

ICD Codes		Cause of death	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	2010
ICD9 list	ICD10 list								
Intentional self harm									
Males			340	410	394	435	441	427	425
E950-E952	X60-69	poisoning	141	155	187	170	101	98	63
E953	X70	hanging, strangulation and suffocation	99	131	120	179	256	249	268
E954	X71	drowning and submersion	33	31	28	12	21	14	18
E955	X72-75	firearms and explosives	23	27	18	10	8	9	12
E957	X80	jumping from a high place	16	26	19	20	27	21	33
E956, E958, E959	X76-79, X81-84, Y87.0	other and unspecified means	28	40	22	44	28	36	31
Females			177	158	131	161	168	115	144
E950-E952	X60-69	poisoning	96	80	72	94	95	48	43
E953	X70	hanging, strangulation and suffocation	20	17	21	30	39	36	66
E954	X71	drowning and submersion	34	30	14	15	11	11	11
E955	X72-75	firearms and explosives	-	4	1	1	-	-	1
E957	X80	jumping from a high place	14	21	13	7	11	6	18
E956, E958, E959	X76-79, X81-84, Y87.0	other and unspecified means	13	6	10	14	12	14	5
Events of undetermined intent									
Males			132	133	129	185	205	165	156
E980-E982	Y10-19	poisoning	66	35	62	62	75	78	98
E983	Y20	hanging, strangulation and suffocation	1	2	2	1	-	-	1
E984	Y21	drowning and submersion	34	59	45	56	58	39	18
E985	Y22-25	firearms and explosives	1	6	1	4	1	1	3
E987	Y30	jumping from a high place	20	16	9	25	27	14	14
E986, E988, E989	Y26-29, Y31-34, Y87.2	other and unspecified means	10	15	10	37	44	33	22
Females			79	64	52	64	73	58	56
E980-E982	Y10-19	poisoning	46	38	34	27	54	41	48
E983	Y20	hanging, strangulation and suffocation	3	-	1	1	-	1	-
E984	Y21	drowning and submersion	19	16	11	7	8	8	4
E985	Y22-25	firearms and explosives	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
E987	Y30	jumping from a high place	5	3	3	5	4	5	1
E986, E988, E989	Y26-29, Y31-34, Y87.2	other and unspecified means	6	6	3	24	7	3	3

¹ During 2009, there was a change to the way in which the then General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) was told which deaths should be counted as suicides. This changed the balance between the number of deaths counted as being due to "events of undetermined intent" and "intentional self-harm" but appears to have had little effect on the overall total of the two categories taken together. Further information is available from the "Probable Suicides" section on the GROS web site.