

Table 4: The seasonal increase in mortality in the winter - the underlying numbers of registrations of deaths, Scotland, 1990/91 to 2016/17

Period	Number of deaths registered			Seasonal increase in mortality in the winter (or seasonal difference) ¹	
	Winter (Dec - Mar)	Preceding period (Aug - Nov)	Following period (Apr - Jul)	(actual)	(rounded)
1990/91	21,859	19,103	19,752	2,432	2,430
1991/92	22,217	19,305	19,352	2,889	2,890
1992/93	22,416	19,417	19,929	2,743	2,740
1993/94	22,504	21,104	18,732	2,586	2,590
1994/95	21,510	19,103	19,301	2,308	2,310
1995/96	22,821	19,074	19,260	3,654	3,650
1996/97	22,438	18,585	19,005	3,643	3,640
1997/98	21,320	18,311	19,105	2,612	2,610
1998/99	23,163	18,856	17,973	4,749	4,750
1999/2000	23,379	18,407	17,974	5,189	5,190
2000/01	20,388	18,061	18,281	2,217	2,220
2001/02	20,366	18,239	18,815	1,839	1,840
2002/03	21,058	18,599	18,499	2,509	2,510
2003/04	21,024	18,616	17,749	2,842	2,840
2004/05	20,658	18,064	17,736	2,758	2,760
2005/06	19,651	17,619	18,127	1,778	1,780
2006/07	20,384	17,526	17,739	2,752	2,750
2007/08	19,900	17,600	17,850	2,175	2,180
2008/09	20,532	17,075	16,969	3,510	3,510
2009/10	19,688	17,059	16,789	2,764	2,760
2010/11	19,626	17,397	16,958	2,449	2,450
2011/12	19,119	17,269	18,127	1,421	1,420
2012/13	19,908	17,773	18,045	1,999	2,000
2013/14	18,675	16,848	17,297	1,603	1,600
2014/15	22,013	17,493	18,410	4,062	4,060
2015/16	20,509	17,625	17,686	2,854	2,850
2016/17 provisional	20,930	18,335	18,095	2,715	2,720

Footnote

1) The 'Seasonal Increase in Mortality in the Winter' has been defined as the difference between the number of deaths in the four 'winter' months (December - March) and the average of the numbers of deaths in the preceding (August - November) and following (April - July) non-winter four-month periods.