

## Part III (3) Scotland response

### Deaths of children aged under 19

All causes	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
Total	569		517		485		455		449		401		384		369	
Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Age Under 19	350	219	303	214	295	190	266	189	267	182	250	151	217	167	216	153

The number of deaths of those aged under 19 has fallen from 517 in 2008 to 369 in 2014.

The mortality rate has fallen from 46.2 deaths per 100,000 population aged under 19 to 33.6.

### Number and rates of infant and under-five child mortality, Scotland, by gender, 2007-2014

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Infant Total Number	272	253	235	218	238	217	186	207
Male	154	140	142	119	139	133	98	109
Female	118	113	93	99	99	84	88	97
Infant Total Rate per 1,000 live births	4.7	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.6
Male	5.2	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.6	4.5	3.4	3.8
Female	4.2	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.2	3.5
Age 1-4 Total Number	51	39	41	42	37	37	40	26
Male	25	22	21	23	19	20	21	18
Female	26	17	20	19	18	17	19	8
Age 1-4 Total Rate per 100,000 population of the same age	23.4	17.5	17.9	17.9	15.5	15.6	16.9	11.0
Male	22.3	19.2	17.9	19.2	15.6	16.5	17.3	14.9
Female	24.5	15.7	17.9	16.6	15.4	14.6	16.4	6.9

The number of infant deaths fell from 253 in 2008 to 207 in 2014, and the rate per 1,000 live births fell from 4.2 to 3.6.

The number of deaths at ages 1-4 fell from 39 in 2008 to 26 in 2014.

However, there was an unusually low number of female deaths in the 1-4 age group in 2014, which may rise again in the following years.

Until this low number in 2014, the number of deaths in this age group, had very little year-to-year variation, ranging from 37-42 deaths per year between 2008 and 2013.

## Teenage pregnancies in Scotland by age of mother at conception, 2006-2013

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Age</b>								
<b>Aged under 16 Number</b>	757	731	709	631	617	493	492	397
<b>Aged under 16</b> Rate per 1,000 women aged 13-15	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.0	6.9	5.6	5.6	4.7
<b>&lt;18 Number</b>	3,872	4,019	3,843	3,496	3,262	2,724	2,512	2,185
<b>Aged under 18</b> Rate per 1,000 women aged 15-17	41.2	41.9	40.0	36.2	35.2	30.0	27.9	24.5
<b>&lt;20 Number</b>	9,222	9,362	8,890	8,419	7,934	7,035	6,500	5,807
<b>Aged under 20</b> Rate per 1,000 women aged 15-19	57.6	57.7	54.6	51.3	48.5	43.8	41.6	37.7

The proportion of children in Scotland aged 13&15 who had taken drugs in the previous year fell from 13% in 2008 to 10% in 2013

2013	All pupils								
	13 years (%)			15 years (%)			Gender (%)		
	Boys	Girls	All	Boys	Girls	All	Boys	Girls	All
Used drugs in the last month	2	2	2	11	8	9	7	5	6
Used drugs in the last year~	4	3	3	17	14	16	10	9	10
Used drugs ever+	5	3	4	19	16	18	12	10	11
<b>Bases: all pupils</b>	<b>8253</b>	<b>8391</b>	<b>16672</b>	<b>7919</b>	<b>7886</b>	<b>15838</b>	<b>16172</b>	<b>16277</b>	<b>32510</b>

The proportion of children in Scotland aged 13&15 who had taken alcohol in the previous week fell from 21% in 2008 to 12% in 2013.

The proportion of children in Scotland aged 13&15 who had taken alcohol only a few times in the past year fell from 28% in 2008 to 20% in 2013.

### Children's educational attainment

Since 2007, passes at Higher (post-review) have risen by 33% and passes at Advanced Higher have risen by 39% - 2015 saw record Higher and Advanced Higher passes (in 2015, 156,731 passes (A-C) at Higher (new and existing) and 19,007 passes (A-C) at Advanced Higher). [Source SQA: <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/64717.html>].

Scotland figures:

	Percentage of leavers achieving	
	Literacy	Numeracy

	2011/12 <sup>1</sup>	2012/13 <sup>1</sup>	2013/14 <sup>1</sup>	2011/12 <sup>1</sup>	2012/13 <sup>1</sup>	2013/14 <sup>1</sup>
<b>SCQF Level 3 or better</b>	96.3	96.9	96.9	96.5	96.9	96.7
<b>SCQF Level 4 or better</b>	92.4	93.3	93.4	79.8	80.7	83.9
<b>SCQF Level 5 or better</b>	66.3	67.2	70.4	56.6	56.6	59.8

1. Caution should be exercised when making comparisons over time. See 3.16 for more information.

### The number of children permanently excluded from school

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2012/13 <sup>(2)</sup>	2014/15
<b>Exclusions in total</b>	<b>44,794</b>	<b>39,717</b>	<b>33,917</b>	<b>30,211</b>	<b>26,844</b>	<b>21,955</b>	<b>18,430</b>
Of which:							
Temporary exclusions	44,546	39,553	33,830	30,144	26,784	21,934	18,425
Removed from register	248	164	87	67	60	21	5
<b>Exclusion rate per 1,000 pupils</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>
Of which:							
Temporary exclusion rate	63.5	57.3	49.7	44.6	39.9	32.7	27.2
Removed from register rate	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0

(1) Information on exclusions is now collected on a biennial basis; see background note 2.4 for details

(2) 2012/13 data was amended in February 2014 to include information on 19 exclusions that were supplied after the publication date.

### Children adopted

#### Number of adoptions registered, in Scotland, 2012-2014, by age and gender

Age and sex of child		2012	2013	2014
<b>All ages</b>		<b>495</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>455</b>
	M	250	258	227
	F	245	231	228
<b>Months</b>				
less than 6	M	0	0	1
	F	1	1	4
6-8	M	5	3	5
	F	5	2	5
9-11	M	2	3	3
	F	4	4	5
12-17	M	15	8	16
	F	8	10	12
18-23	M	15	26	17
	F	17	22	17
<b>Years</b>				
2	M	35	48	28

3-4	F	40	25	45
	M	55	70	70
5-9	F	61	56	54
	M	77	63	60
10-14	F	65	85	56
	M	36	30	22
15 and over	F	32	18	19
	M	10	7	5
	F	12	8	11

### The number of Scottish children referred to the Children's Reporter

The number of Scottish children referred to the Children's Reporter has dropped by 71% since its peak in 2006/07, and is at its lowest recorded level since at least the 1970s.

Children referred	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Scotland	31,371	22,398	19,077	15,858

### The number of children who were subject to a child protection plan

#### Number and percentage of children registered following a case conference by category of abuse/risk identified, in Scotland, 2012-2014

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Number of children	2,698	2,645	2,882
Total causes for concern	5,799	6,369	7,288
Neglect	993	1,030	1,013
Parental drug misuse	567	659	693
Parental alcohol misuse	502	524	640
Parental substance misuse	892	981	1,125
Parental mental health problems	501	598	735
Non-engaging family	451	547	621
Domestic abuse	735	886	1,073
Sexual abuse	233	210	218
Physical abuse	467	539	669
Emotional abuse	1,020	1,024	1,121
Child placing themselves at risk	43	56	60
Child exploitation	7	13	13
Other concern	280	283	432

NOTE: The categories of abuse were completely changed in 2011-12 and replaced with the list of causes for concern. Unlike main category of abuse, more than one cause for concern can be recorded per child. The two sets of categories are not compatible.

- Gaps in educational attainment: Gaps in educational attainment:** We do not publish any data on attainment by free school meal eligibility, but we do publish data on attainment by SIMD which can be found in **Table 6** of the following link: <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/06/2579>. You can also find this data in excel form here: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/leavedestla/follleavedestat/attainmentandleavers1314>

- A significant proportion (4.5%) of 16 and 17 year olds across the UK were **not in education, employment or training**.