

Suicides in Scotland

753

suicides were registered in 2021

The suicide rate in 2021 was

14.0

per 100,000



Age groups with highest suicide rate per 100,000



32.3

Male
45-54
years



11.2

Female
45-54
years



565

Male

75% | 21.2
per 100,000

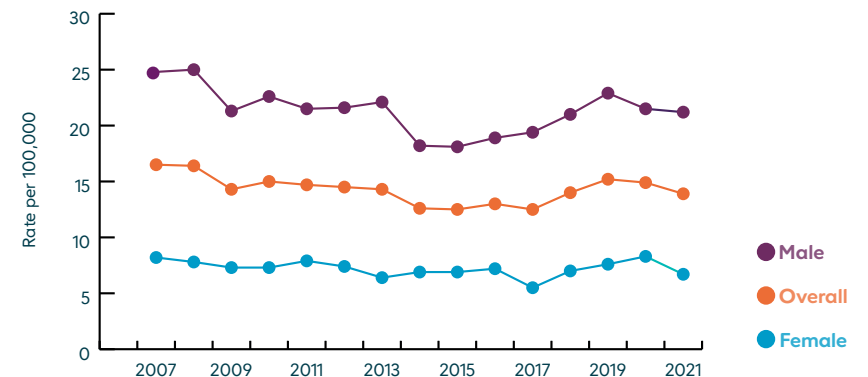


188

Female

25% | 6.7
per 100,000

Suicide rate per 100,000 in Scotland 2007-2021



Overall, the **suicide rate in Scotland** has decreased by **6.7%** compared to 2020.

The **male suicide** rate has **decreased by 1.9%** compared to 2020.

The **female suicide** rate has **decreased by 19.3%** compared to 2020.

Males are **3 times more likely** to die by suicide in Scotland than females.

Notes about data: Data source – National Records of Scotland (NRS). Suicide refers to deaths where the underlying cause is **intentional self-harm** and **events of undetermined intent**. Data reflects suicide registrations in Scotland. Increases/decreases are based on one year of data. These may not indicate longer term trends and may not be statistically significant. Overall rates for males, females and all persons are age standardised. Rates broken down by age group are crude. In 2011, UK statistical agencies adopted a change in the classification of deaths in line with new WHO coding rules. Data in the graph only includes deaths coded using 'old-rules'. This is because data using 'new-rules' for 2011 to 2018 are not directly comparable to the previous years' data. Find out more about the journey to suicide statistics on our website.

Appendices

Scotland suicide numbers for all persons, males and females and by age group, 2019–2021

Table 1

Scotland	2019			2020			2021		
Number of deaths for persons aged 10+	All 833	Male 620	Female 213	All 805	Male 575	Female 230	All 753	Male 565	Female 188
Number of deaths by age group (years)	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
0-14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24	110	77	33	91	68	23	73	57	16
25-34	151	119	32	146	114	32	148	115	33
35-44	150	113	37	169	117	52	131	93	38
45-54	187	132	55	174	116	58	159	116	43
55-64	132	95	37	125	93	32	121	84	37
65-74	61	48	13	62	39	23	73	61	12
75-84	28	27	1	27	19	8	37	31	6
85+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: **ScotPHO**. New coding rules used.

Annual figures are not shown for 0-10 and 85+ for reasons of robustness and comparability, as a higher proportion of probable suicide deaths in these age groups are coded as events of undetermined intent. See our website for more information on definitions for suicide.

Cases where the age at death isn't known are not included in the age breakdowns.

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Scotland suicide rates for all persons, males and females and by age group, 2019–2021

Table 2

Scotland	2019			2020			2021		
Rate per 100,000 for all persons	All 15.5	Male 23.3	Female 7.6	All 15	Male 21.6	Female 8.3	All 14	Male 21.2	Female 6.7
Rate per 100,000 by age group (years)	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
0-14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24	17.5	24	10.7	14.6	21.4	7.5	11.7	18.0	5.2*
25-34	20.1	31.8	8.5	19.4	30.4	8.5	19.7	30.7	8.8
35-44	22.3	34.3	10.8	24.9	35.1	15	19.3	27.9	11.0
45-54	24.5	35.8	14	23.4	32.3	15.1	21.4	32.3	11.2
55-64	17.9	26.6	9.7	16.6	25.5	8.3	16.1	23.1	9.5
65-74	10.5	17.3	4.3*	10.6	13.9	7.5	12.5	21.8	3.9*
75-84	8.3	18.3	0.5*	7.9	12.7*	4.2*	10.8	20.7	3.1*
85+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Age-specific rates based less than 20 deaths are marked with a "*" to warn users that their reliability is low.