

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Homeless Deaths
Description	New experimental statistics estimating the number of deaths of homeless people. Estimates are included by sex, age group, Council areas and cause of death.
Theme	Vital events
Topic	Death statistics
Format	Excel workbooks, Comma Separated Value (CSV) files and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files
Data source(s)	Deaths from the civil registration system The Registrar General's Mid-year population estimates Input from local authorities on the location of homeless accommodation.
Date that data is acquired	Throughout the calendar year. Deaths data is finalised around 5 months after the end of the calendar year. Information on homeless accommodation was collected over a number of months.
Publication Release date	5 February 2020
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates are based on data from two years ago, in this case 2017 and 2018. Future publications are likely to be closer to the end of the year the data relates to now that the methodology has been established.
Continuity of data	This is the first publication of its kind
Revisions statement	<p>Revisions and corrections to previously published statistics are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government Statistician Group corporate policy statement on <a href="#">revisions and corrections</a>, a copy of which is available on the Scottish Government website.</p> <p>Revisions will also be carried out in accordance with the <a href="#">Revisions policy for population, migration and life events statistics</a> available on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) website.</p>
Concepts and definitions	Further information can be found in the methodology section of the publication.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	These data are relevant for understanding the health issues faced by Scotland's homeless population. They have relevance for health, social care and housing policy.
Accuracy	These figures are estimates which are calculated based on the number of identified homeless deaths. Confidence intervals are published alongside the data to indicate the uncertainty around the estimates. The model used to estimate the numbers is robust but conservative so the figures produced should be taken as the lowest probable estimates.

Completeness	Estimates are produced for males and females and for grouped ages rather than single year of age. Deaths for those aged over 65 were combined into one group.
Comparability	Comparable estimates of deaths of homeless people are produced by the Office for National Statistics for England and Wales.
Accessibility	It is the policy of the National Records of Scotland (NRS) to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines. More information is available in the <a href="#">Accessibility</a> section of the NRS website.
Coherence and clarity	The statistics are provided in Excel, CSV and PDF formats. Notations used within the tables and charts are given in footnotes.
Value type and unit of measure	Estimated (speculative) lifespan in years.
Official Statistics designation	These are experimental statistics. They have not yet been assessed against the quality standards of National Statistics.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	These statistics have not yet been assessed
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