

## Drug-related deaths in Ireland 2020

Provisional data from the National Drug-Related Deaths Index (NDRDI)

Supplementary data tables

**Table 1: Profile of poisoning deaths (excluding alcohol only), NDRDI 2011-2020**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Number of poisoning deaths</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>409</b>
Male	231	206	224	228	216	208	234	232	256	254
Female	83	75	117	91	111	106	106	122	115	155
Median age	38	36	39	37	40	40.5	42	41	41	42
Male	36	34	35	36	38	40	41	39	39	40
Female	44	46	45	41	45	43	45	47	47	45
Homeless	36	25	36	47	33	44	32	42	42	58
Had injected	67	65	79	85	77	78	72	86	88	82
History of mental health	107	117	161	140	187	156	171	185	187	212
<i>Place of incident</i>										
Private dwelling	239	199	231	236	266	238	248	264	272	308
Homeless accommodation	14	14	23	14	18	23	26	25	32	47
Public place or building	23	20	38	46	27	38	35	43	50	37
Other	38	48	49	23	16	15	31	22	17	17
<i>Accompanied by</i>										
Alone	148	100	141	142	143	129	148	155	143	174
Family, friends, or partner	132	114	119	138	134	132	121	126	171	157
Other	34	67	81	39	50	53	71	73	57	78

**Table 2: Drugs implicated in poisoning deaths (excluding alcohol only), NDRDI 2011-2020**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Number of poisoning deaths</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>409</b>
Deaths with more than one drug implicated	228	195	240	241	233	228	238	271	291	323
<i>Drug group*</i>	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total number of poisoning deaths	<b>314</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>409</b>
Any opioid implicated	213	182	207	215	219	205	220	240	258	282
Any benzodiazepine implicated	170	129	163	164	147	147	150	196	186	228
Cocaine (powder or crack) implicated	24	26	32	42	46	42	55	78	105	130
Alcohol (as part of polydrug) implicated	80	54	82	70	69	81	68	69	87	81
Any other prescription drug implicated**	137	138	184	193	189	202	179	191	199	227
Others	52	49	84	79	57	56	76	62	89	91
<i>Individual drug type*</i>	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total number of poisoning deaths	<b>314</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>409</b>
Heroin	64	64	88	97	84	74	89	98	106	113
Methadone	116	87	94	105	91	105	101	122	123	139
Cocaine	24	26	32	42	46	42	55	78	105	130
Amphetamines	~	~	6	~	~	~	~	6	9	7
MDMA (Ecstasy)	11	12	14	15	8	9	16	16	15	11
Hallucinogens	~	0	0	~	~	0	0	~	~	~
Volatile inhalants	6	~	~	~	~	0	~	~	~	~
Non-opioid analgesics	21	23	32	33	26	39	46	29	45	49
Alcohol	80	54	82	70	69	81	68	69	87	81
Novel psychoactive substances	8	8	30	24	17	7	7	7	15	22
Diazepam	133	92	113	121	109	100	97	122	102	130
Flurazepam	50	30	42	36	35	43	35	47	30	30
Pregabalin	~	~	14	27	50	67	48	69	60	84
<i>Poly drug poisonings</i>	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
More than one opioid implicated	45	39	46	46	43	44	47	58	52	77
More than one benzodiazepine implicated	70	41	62	61	62	71	72	96	68	89
More than one other prescription drug implicated	48	53	76	96	94	102	98	93	97	119
* Multiresponse item table taking account of up to 10 drugs. Therefore, numbers in columns may not add up to totals shown, as individual cases do have more than one drug implicated in their death. Opioids include heroin, codeine or methadone for example; Benzodiazepines include diazepam or alprazolam for example; Other prescription drugs include antidepressants, non-benzodiazepine sedatives and anti-epileptics for example.										
**Most commonly antidepressants and antiepileptics										
~ Cells containing 5 cases or fewer										
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Alcohol only poisonings (not included in totals above)	63	76	61	51	47	59	66	55	60	65

**Table 3: Profile of non-poisoning deaths, NDRDI 2011-2020**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Number of non-poisoning deaths</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>397</b>
Male	219	233	240	284	295	331	338	307	356	286
Female	51	71	68	75	79	80	101	101	118	111
Median age	39.5	39	41	39	42	40	42	42	43	44
Male	39	37	40	39	41	39	42	41	43	43
Female	40	42	48	42	44	43	45	45	44.5	51
Homeless	20	20	23	28	32	23	36	26	23	23
Had injected	52	66	63	67	83	83	56	52	50	36
History of mental health	84	110	118	146	151	166	190	178	223	166
<i>Type</i>										
Trauma	132	154	142	188	176	196	222	202	245	187
Medical	138	150	166	171	198	215	217	206	229	210
<i>Main cause of non-poisoning death</i>										
Hanging	69	75	80	97	89	98	127	115	137	108
Cardiovascular	47	47	56	52	56	58	72	62	87	75
Drowning	7	20	16	21	26	23	27	19	30	24
Fall	~	12	~	16	14	12	15	9	21	22
Respiratory infection	9	14	22	15	22	20	17	22	23	21
Other medical	82	90	88	104	125	140	130	125	124	117
Other trauma	51	46	42	54	42	60	51	56	52	30

~ Cells containing five cases or fewer