**Indicators, Data Sources and Methods**

The dashboard includes data on the following topics:

**Life Expectancy**

<https://statistics.gov.scot/resource?uri=http%3A%2F%2Fstatistics.gov.scot%2Fdata%2FLife-Expectancy>

Life expectancy refers to the number of years that a person could expect to survive if the current mortality rates for each age group, sex and geographic area remain constant throughout their life. This is referred to as ‘period life expectancy’ and does not usually reflect the actual number of years that a person will survive. This is because it does not take into account changes in health care and other social factors that may occur through someone’s lifetime. However, life expectancy is a useful statistic as it provides a snapshot of the health of a population and allows the identification of inequalities between populations.

The data published by the Scottish Government contains information on life expectancy, at birth and for age groups.

• **Age** - From birth and in age groups of 4 years until 90 years.

**• Measure Type** - Percent, 95% lower confidence limit percent, 95% upper confidence limit percent.

**• Reference Period** - 1991-1993 to 2017-2019.

**• Sex** - Female and male.

• **SIMD Quantiles** - All, 1 (most deprived) to 5 (least deprived)

• **Urban Rural Classification** - All, accessible rural, accessible small towns, large urban areas, other urban areas, remote rural and remote small towns.

• **Reference Areas** - Country, council areas, Scottish parliamentary constituencies and health board areas.

**Scottish Drugs Misuse Database**

<https://www.opendata.nhs.scot/dataset/scottish-drug-misuse-database>

Harm from the use of alcohol and drugs is a major public health problem in Scotland. Such harm, from both ill health and early death, is disproportionately experienced by the most vulnerable in our communities. Access to timely, compassionate, person centred services saves lives.

The data published by Public Health Scotland contains information on the number of individuals presenting for assessment at specialist drug treatment services in Scotland at health board level, broken down by age and sex.

• **FinancialYear** - Data is for financial years (1st April to 31st March).

• **CA** - 9 digit code for the council area of residence, based on the boundaries as at the time of the event.

• **CAQF** - Qualifier for CA.

• **AgeGroup** - The age group of the patient in 5 year age brackets. Also includes people of unknown age.

• **AgeGroupQF** - Qualifier for AgeGroup.

• **Sex** - The sex of the patient.

• **SexQF** - Qualifier for sex.

• **NumberAssessed** - The number of individuals being assessed for treatment.

• **NumberAssessedQF** - Qualifier for NumberAssessed.

• **PercentAssessed** - The percentage of people in age and sex categories. The denominator is the number of individuals assessed for treatment with location.

• **PercentAssessedQF** - Qualifier for PercentAssessed.

**Smoking - Scottish Survey Core Questions**

<https://statistics.gov.scot/resource?uri=http%3A%2F%2Fstatistics.gov.scot%2Fdata%2Fsmoking-sscq>

Two of the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework (NPF) National Indicators are relevant to smoking. There is a specific indicator on reducing the proportion of adults who are current smokers, as well as a more general indicator on reducing premature mortality (deaths from all causes in those aged under 75), for which smoking is a significant contributory factor.

The data published by the Scottish Government contains information on current smokers by current smokers by tenure, household type, age, sex and disability.

• **Age** - All, 16-34 years, 35-64 years, 16-64 years and 65 years and over.

• **Currently Smokes Cigarettes** - Yes or No.

• **Gender** - All, female and male.

• **Household Type** - All, adults, pensioners and with children.

• **Limiting Long Term Physical or Mental Health Condition** - All, limiting condition and no limiting condition.

• **Measure Type** - Percent, 95% lower confidence limit percent, 95% upper confidence limit percent.

• **Reference Period** - 2012-2013 to 2019.

• **Type of Tenure** - All, owned mortgage/loan, owned outright and rented.

• **Reference Area** - Country, council areas, Scottish parliamentary constituencies, health board areas, electoral wards and Westminster parliamentary constituencies.

**Methods**