

Publication Summary



Cancer Mortality in Scotland (2011)

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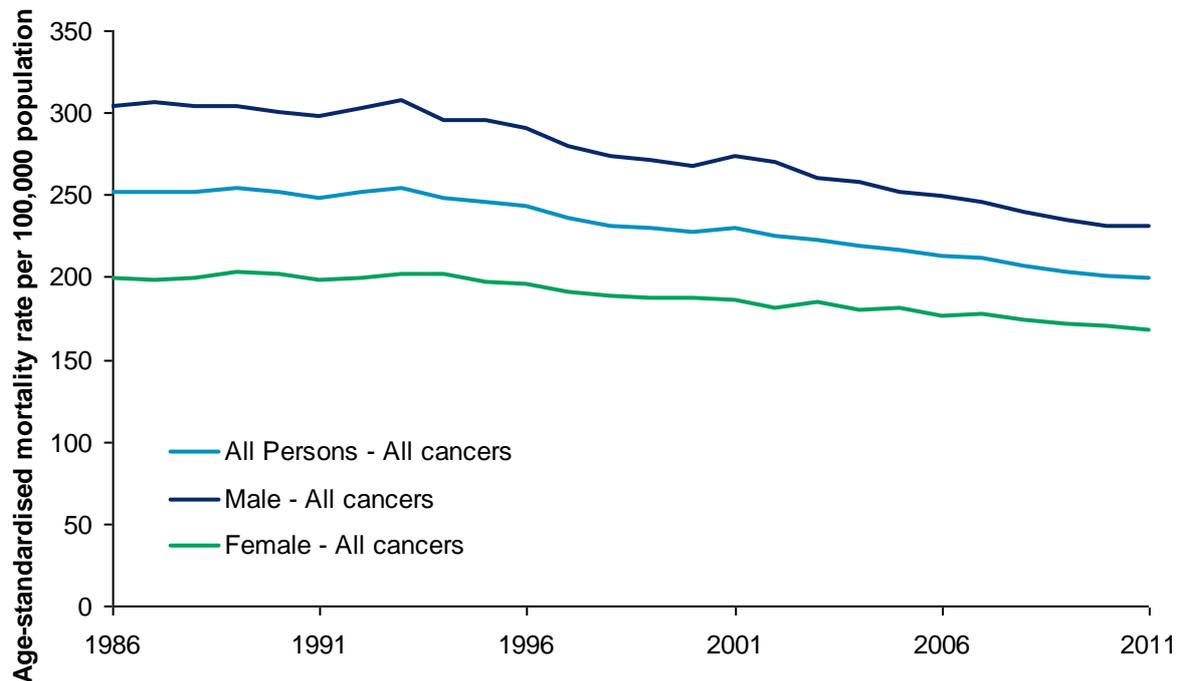
About this Release

This release updates the number of deaths from cancer in Scotland from 1986 to 2010 and adds deaths for 2011. Approximately 45 cancer types are included, broken down by age group, sex, NHS Board and Regional Cancer Network. Summary tables and charts on cancer incidence and mortality by deprivation quintile are also updated.

Key Points

- Over the last ten years, the overall age-standardised cancer (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers) mortality rates have fallen for both males and females.
- There is considerable variation in trends for different types of cancer. For example, the rate of female deaths due to breast cancer has decreased by over 19% over the last 10 years, while female death rates due to lung cancer have increased by 11% over the same time period.
- Although the age-standardised *rate* of death due to cancer has decreased, the actual *number* of deaths due to cancer has increased: this largely reflects an increase in older age groups within the population, and the fact that cancer is a relatively common disease among the elderly.
- Significant patterns exist when examining incidence and mortality rates by deprivation in Scotland. The most deprived areas have higher incidence and mortality rates for all cancers combined (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers). However, there are variations in this pattern when looking at specific types of cancer, for example malignant melanoma of the skin, which records higher incidence and mortality in the less deprived areas of Scotland.
- Details of these statistics can be found by cancer site on the [Cancer website](#) and summarised in the [Cancer in Scotland Summary report](#).

Trend in mortality rates for all cancer types in Scotland per 100,000 population, by year and sex, 1986-2011



Source: NRS; 'All cancers' excludes non-melanoma skin cancers.

Background

Data for ISD's cancer mortality updates comes from [National Records of Scotland](#).

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