

# Publication Summary



## Scottish Cervical Screening Programme Statistics 2014-15

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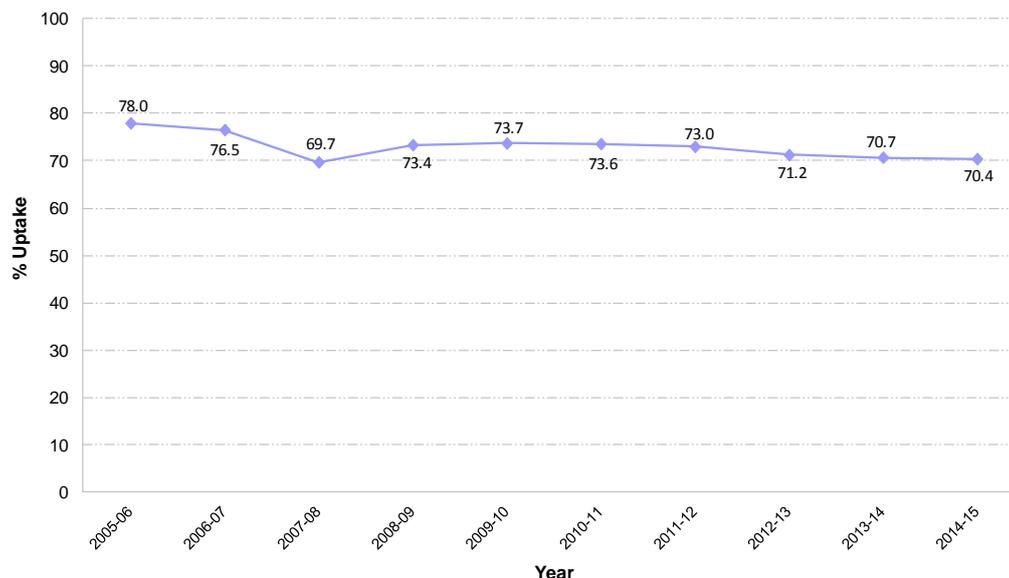
### About this Release

This publication by the Information Services Division provides annual and quarterly cervical screening statistics. The report includes uptake by age group and NHS Board, laboratory turnaround times, number of cervical screening tests and results of tests by NHS Board and laboratory.

### Key Points

- Of those eligible, 70.4% of women in Scotland took up the invitation to be screened in the previous 3.5 years at 31 March 2015.

**Figure 1. Percentage uptake of cervical screening, females in Scotland aged 20-60<sup>1</sup> with a previous screening test in the last 3.5 years<sup>2</sup>, 1 Apr 2005 to 31 Mar 2015**



1. Based on the Scottish Cervical Call Recall System population denominator (excludes medically ineligible women).  
 2. Cervical screening year runs from 1 April to 31 March.

- In 2014-15, 397,673 cervical screening tests were processed, an increase of 3.5% compared to 2013-14. Of all tests processed, 97.3% were of satisfactory quality e.g. there were enough cells in the sample.
- Of those, 91.0% of tests had a negative (normal) result, 7.7% had a low grade cell change and the remaining 1.3% had high grade cell changes.

## Background

Cervical screening is routinely offered to women aged 20-60 in Scotland every three years. The screening is to identify cell changes in the cervix which could develop to be cancerous. Cervical screening has been shown to reduce cervical cancer incidence and mortality. Changes in cells identified at an early stage can be easily treated and treatment is usually very effective.

Abnormal results are reported in two different ways:

- Low grade or borderline cell changes (also called low grade dyskaryosis)
- High grade cell changes which are moderate or severe (also called high grade dyskaryosis).

Dyskaryosis is a medical term to describe cell changes which could develop to be cancerous.

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## Further Information

Full information can be found in the [Scottish Cervical Screening Programme Statistics 2014-15 Publication Report](#).

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