

# Scottish Breast Screening Programme Statistics

Year Ending 31 March 2015

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## About this release

This release from Information Services Division provides an annual update of breast screening statistics to 31 March 2015. It includes NHS Breast Screening Programme performance standards, attendance figures, cancer detection rates, biopsy results and screening outcomes.

## Main points

NHS Breast Screening Programme performance standards, for the three year period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015:

- For the latest three-year period, the uptake rate for Scotland has fallen slightly by 0.4 percentage points from 72.9% in 2011-14 to 72.5% in 2012-15. The results for both periods exceed the 70% minimum performance standard.
- All but three NHS Boards achieved the 70% minimum performance standard for uptake; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (67.7%), NHS Lanarkshire (69.4%) and NHS Lothian (69.8%).
- The invasive cancer detection rate, for women aged 53-70 years with a previous screen within five years of last attendance, was 6.5 per 1,000 women screened. This is a slight decrease from the previous three-year period 2011-14 figure of 6.8 per 1,000 women screened.

In 2014/15:

- All but 1 of the 13 NHS Breast Screening Programme minimum performance standards were achieved and all but 2 of the 11 targets were met.
- 1,362 cases of screen detected breast cancer were diagnosed in women of all ages.
- Of these over 80% (1,114 cases) of cancers detected were invasive, of which nearly three out of five (59.4%) were less than 15 mm in size and unlikely to be detected by a physical examination.

## Background

The UK was one of the first countries in the world to establish a national population-based breast screening programme. The UK National Health Service Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP), a UK-wide programme of free mammographic screening for breast cancer, was introduced in 1988 following a recommendation from a working party established by the four UK Departments of Health and chaired by Sir Patrick Forrest.

Within Scotland, data are collected by each of the six screening centres (which are supported by 19 mobile units) and retained on the Scottish Breast Screening Programme (SBSP) Information System. More information on the SBSP dataset can be found on our [Data sources](#) page. Data are routinely extracted from the SBSP Information system and analysed by ISD Scotland to help evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of the programme in Scotland.

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## Further Information

Further information can be found in the [Scottish Breast Screening Programme Statistics Report](#) and on the [ISD Breast screening webpage](#).

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