

# Understanding Emergency Care in NHSScotland

## When do patients attend Emergency Departments?

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### About this release

This official statistics publication, by the Information Services Division (ISD) for NHSScotland, is the latest in a series of publications focussing on different aspects of emergency care.

### Main Points

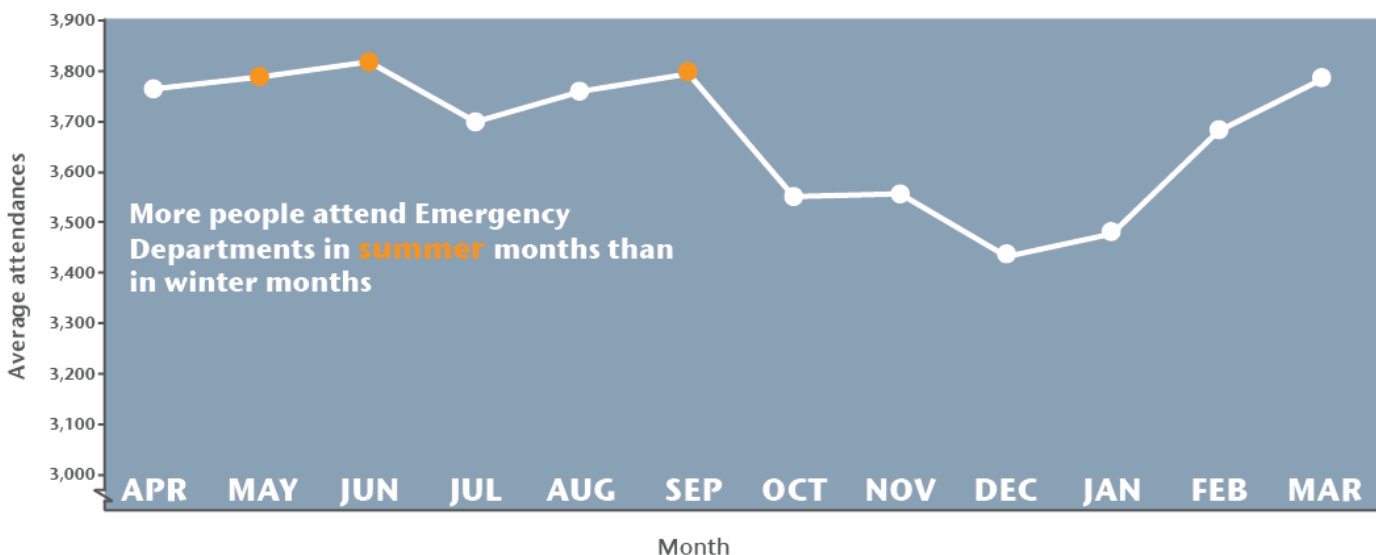
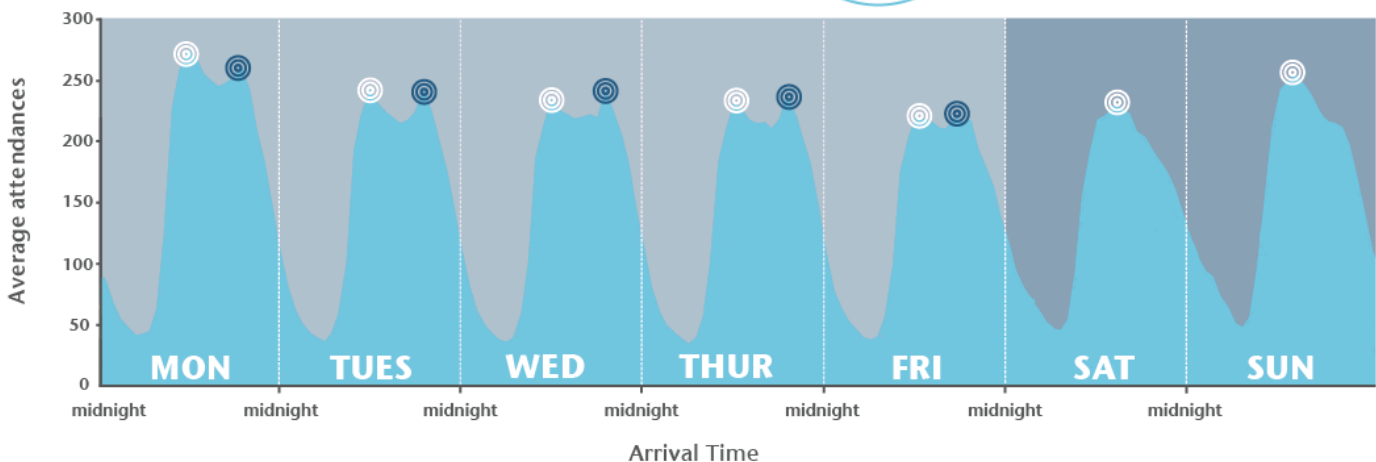
This release focuses on 1.3 million attendances that take place at the 30 Emergency Departments in Scotland each year. It looks at the daily and weekly and seasonal patterns of attendance at Emergency Departments.

During the week, there are two peaks in patients arriving at Emergency Departments:

- ⊙ late morning is the peak for patients in older age groups
- ⊙ early evening is when children and young adults are most likely to attend

Mondays have the highest number of attendances

At the weekend, there is a single peak between 1pm and 2pm



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For the full report please visit [www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Emergency-Care](http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Emergency-Care)

[Detailed hospital, NHS Board and Scotland information is available online](#). A [metadata document](#) is also available.

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