

## Publication Summary



# ScotPHO Health and Wellbeing Profiles

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## About this Release

The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) is today releasing a fully revised and updated edition of the Health and Wellbeing Profiles for Scotland. These online profiles make information on a wide range of indicators available in a single tool, providing a comparative picture of health and wellbeing in Scotland.

## Key Points

This release includes new data for previously available indicators plus several new indicators. An accompanying Overview Report highlights some of the key findings:

- There is large variation between areas in Scotland. For example, in 2011-13 all-cause mortality amongst 15-44 year olds varied between local authorities from 66 per 100,000 population in East Dunbartonshire to 148 per 100,000 population in Dundee City. Comparing NHS Boards, the lowest mortality rate was seen in NHS Grampian (81 per 100,000 population) and the highest was in Greater Glasgow & Clyde (122 per 100,000 population).
- Many indicators show a positive trend over time; for example life expectancy in Scotland for both men and women has continued to rise, all-cause mortality rates for young working age adults (aged 15-44) declined, the proportion of the working age population claiming out-of-work benefits has decreased, and fewer children live in poverty. However, the report points out that Scotland still lags behind the rest of the UK and most Western European nations with regard to life expectancy and mortality rates for young working age adults. Also, the proportion of out-of-work benefits claimants remains higher than in England and Wales.

## Background

1. There are 56 indicators in the online Health and Wellbeing profiles, categorised into domains such as economy, crime and child and maternal health, in addition to eight population indicators.
2. The profiles are intended to increase understanding of local health issues in Scotland by showing information at NHS Board, local authority and intermediate zone level, in comparison to Scotland or another local area. This allows policy makers to identify areas in which to target health improvement efforts.
3. The tool and the accompanying Overview Report, Technical Report and Change Log & Caveats can be accessed at <http://www.scotpho.org.uk/comparative-health/profiles/online-profiles-tool>
4. The Overview Report that accompanies the online tool focuses on a subset of 7 key indicators (life expectancy, all-cause mortality, child poverty, out-of-work benefits, teenage pregnancy and young people Not in Education, Employment or Training) and highlights differences between areas within Scotland and compares with other UK countries and beyond.
5. The ScotPHO website contains comprehensive information on a wide range of topics grouped into sections including Behaviour, Health, Wellbeing and Disease, Clinical risk factors and Comparative Health. Along with summary data and statistics, the website provides background information, interpretation, policy notes, commentary on data sources, references and links to further information.
6. The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) collaboration is led by ISD Scotland and NHS Health Scotland, and includes the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, National Records of Scotland and Health Protection Scotland.

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## Further Information

Further information can be found on the [ScotPHO website](#).

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### About ScotPHO

The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) collaboration is led by ISD Scotland and NHS Health Scotland, and includes the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, National Records of Scotland and Health Protection Scotland. Our aim is to make public health information more accessible and usable to improve health and reduce inequalities in Scotland.