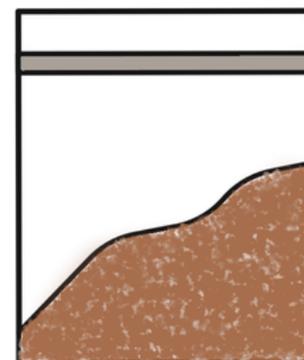




Opiates/opioids were implicated in 89% of all drug related deaths (1,192 of 1,339) in Scotland in 2020.

This is a 8% increase on 2019 and a 170% increase since 2010.

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CARRY NALOXONE

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can temporarily reverse the effects of an opiate/opioid overdose.



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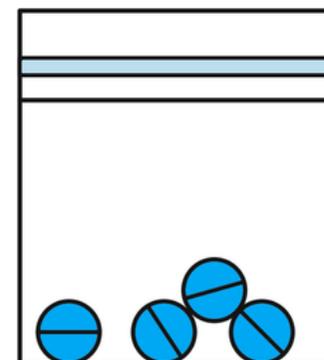


There were 974 benzodiazepine-related deaths in Scotland in 2020.

This is a 8% increase on 2019 and 698% increase since 2010.

Etizolam was implicated in more drug-related deaths than any other drug.

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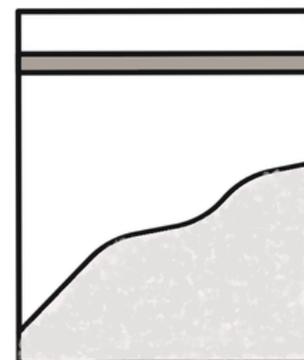




There were **459** cocaine-related deaths in Scotland in 2020.

This is a **23%** increase on 2019 and a **1,291%** increase since 2010.

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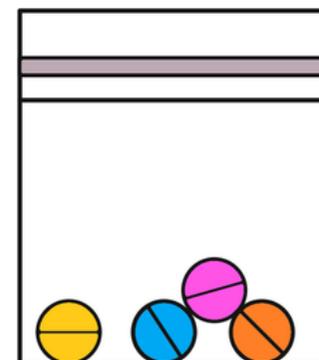




There were **40 ecstasy-type drug-related deaths in Scotland in 2020.**

This is a **60% increase on 2019 despite reports of MDMA use decreasing during the pandemic.**

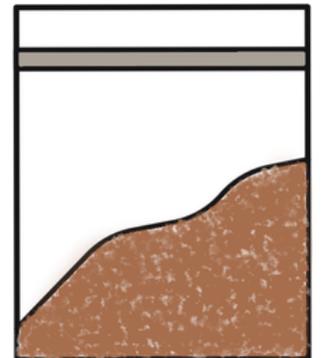
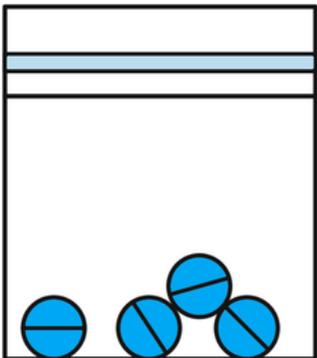
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**Mixing drugs (polydrug use)
increases the risk of each drug.**

**More than one drug was implicated in
86% of deaths.**

**More than one drug was found to be
present in the body of 93% of people.**



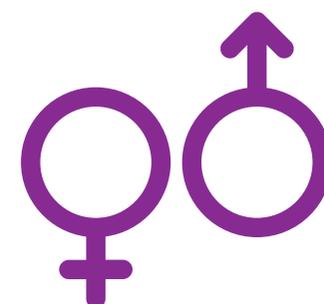


In Scotland, 973 males died after taking drugs in 2020, 73% of all drug-related deaths.

This is a 10% increase on 2019 and a 168% increase since 2010.

Drug-related deaths in females decreased by 7% on 2019, but have increased by 200% since 2010.

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2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

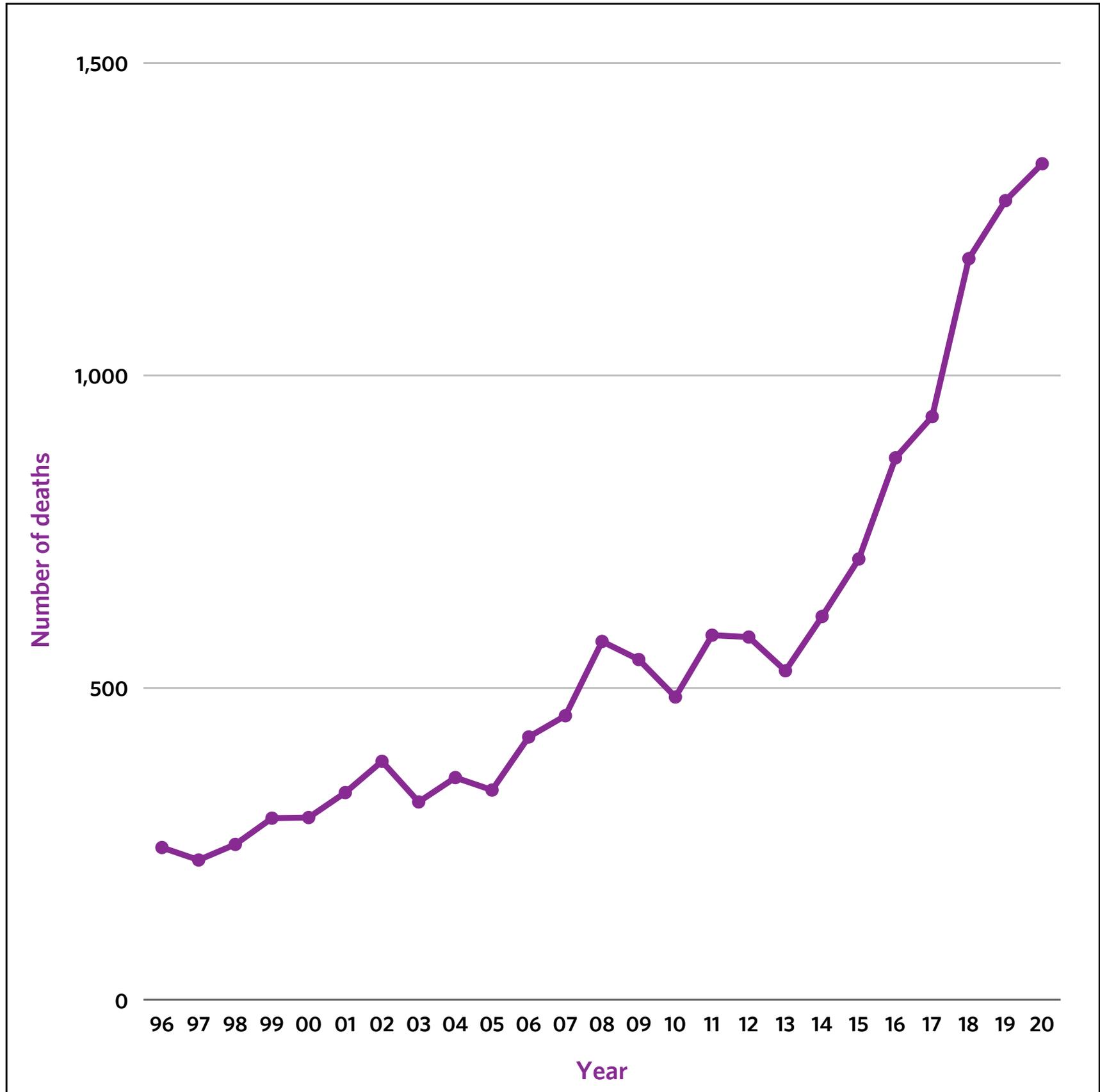
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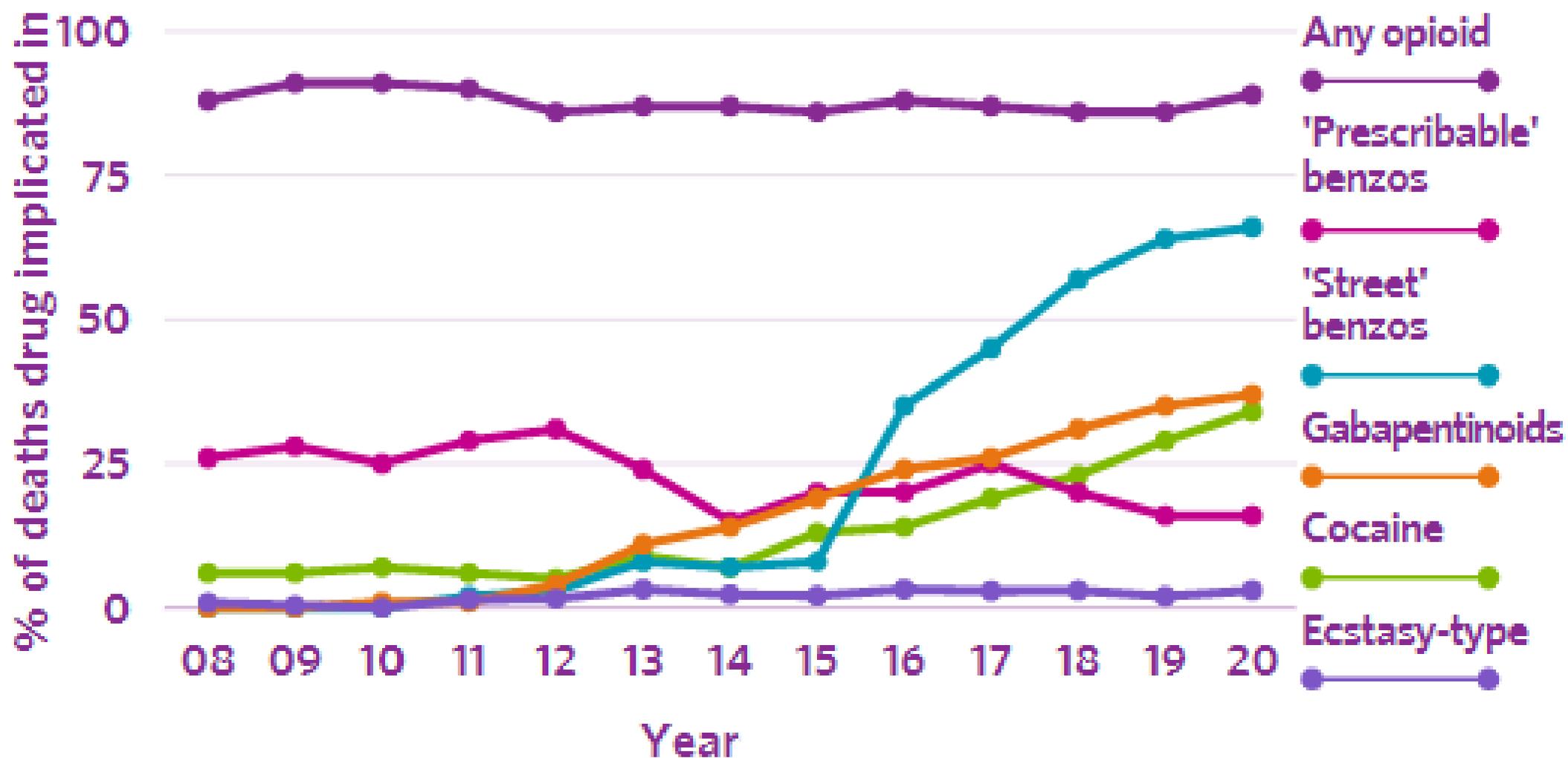
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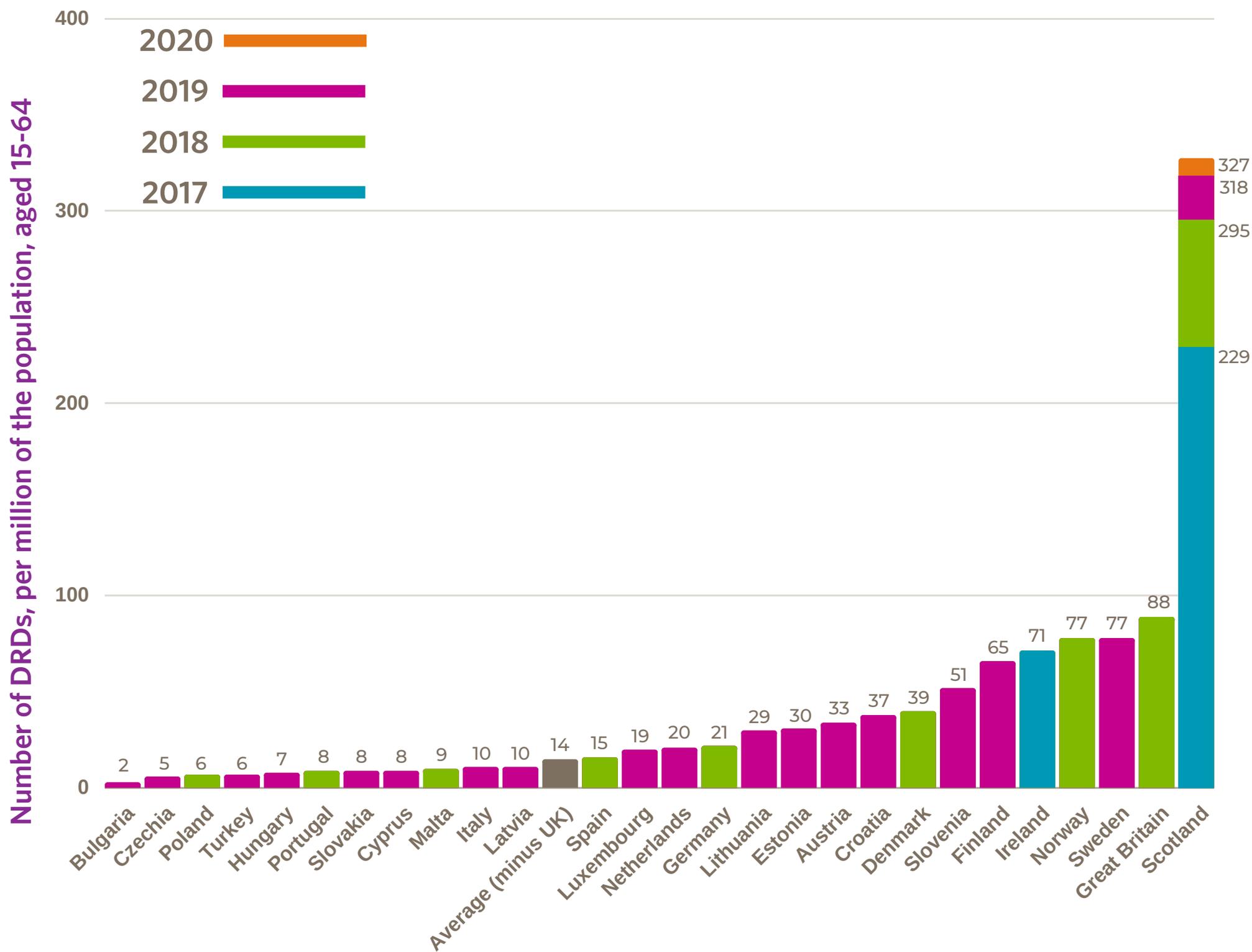
Drug-related deaths in Scotland since 2008



Scotland's drug-related death rate is the highest in Europe.



'Drug-induced' deaths aged 15-64: per million people



Here are some thoughts collected in one of our recent drug surveys:



It's time to wake up and become a society based on compassion, hard data evaluation and innovation.



We need change, stop talking and take action. People are dying.



Scotland's drug deaths and problem drug use communities need to be supported by a national drug solution. The UK Government do not show sufficient interest in finding solutions, rather reinforce the 50-year-old MDA that has less and less relevance in today's society.



This is a health issue, not a criminal one. We can't support people if we criminalise the problems they are going through.



Additional mental health support urgently.

What do you think should be done?

1,339

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