

Our ref: Fol/202100192811

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Dear David Craigie,

Request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 10 April 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked us:

“What is the total average amount of deaths in Scotland, 1990 to 2020. any causes.”

Response to your request

Please find the following table

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/annual-deaths-excess-deaths-1855-2020.xlsx> which includes an annual 5-year rolling average breakdown of all deaths registered in Scotland from 1855 to 2020.

Alternatively, you may be interested to find where we publish the figures for deaths registered in Scotland.

1) For annual figures please see our reference tables, specifically section 5, which can be found here [List of Data Tables | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/vital-events-ref-tables/2019/vital-events-19-ref-tabs-5.xlsx). May I direct you to table 5.03 which outlines the total deaths registered in Scotland from 1971-2019

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/vital-events-ref-tables/2019/vital-events-19-ref-tabs-5.xlsx>.

2) For deaths registered in 2020, please find our monthly tables [Monthly Data on Births and Deaths Registered in Scotland | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/vital-events-ref-tables/2019/vital-events-19-ref-tabs-5.xlsx) which outline deaths registered by health board, council area and cause of death. For a weekly breakdown of registered deaths please see [Weekly Data on Births and Deaths Registered in Scotland | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/vital-events-ref-tables/2019/vital-events-19-ref-tabs-5.xlsx). Please note that the figures for 2020 are provisional.

The information you have requested is available from our website and we have provided you with direct links. Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide you with information if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to:

Information Governance Team
National Records of Scotland
Ladywell House
Ladywell Road
Edinburgh
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Email: foi@nrscotland.gov.uk

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

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