

STATISTICS PRESS NOTICE – BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN NORTHERN IRELAND (2005)



LOWEST NUMBER OF DEATHS ON RECORD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

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The number of deaths registered in Northern Ireland in 2005 was the lowest on record, standing at just over 14,200 deaths.

This finding is contained in provisional vital statistics for 2005 released today by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA). These statistics show strong evidence that people in Northern Ireland are living longer. Indeed, if the death rates of thirty years ago still applied today, the number of deaths last year would have been around 25,000; over 10,000 more than the actual number registered.

In 2005, there were just over 22,300 births registered to Northern Ireland mothers. This is a similar figure to 2004 and follows two years of increases. However births in 2005 are still well below corresponding levels of the mid-1980s, when over 27,000 births were registered each year. Last year over half of all babies had mothers aged over 30, in contrast in 1975 less than 1 in 3 babies had mums aged over 30.

A NISRA spokesperson said that:

“The reduction in the number of deaths in recent years has occurred despite the population increasing in size and containing a higher proportion of older people. It is not possible to be definitive about exactly why the death rate has been improving so markedly. However it is likely to be due to a combination of factors, most notably, improved living standards, improved healthcare and people having a greater health awareness nowadays compared to the past.”

With regards to births, there appears to be a slowing down of the increases in fertility experienced since 2002. There were just over 22,300 births in 2005, a similar figure to that seen in 2004.”

Births

- in 2005, there were 22,328 births registered to mothers resident in Northern Ireland. This is a marginal increase on the 2004 figure of 22,318 births. However the number of births registered in 2005 is 19 per cent below the 1985 figure of 27,427 births;
- over half of all births registered in 2005 were to mothers aged over 30, this is a significant increase from thirty years ago when around 30 per cent of births were to older mums. This indicates that women are delaying child-bearing, indeed the average age of first time mothers was 27 last year compared with 24 in 1975;
- it is estimated that with the current pattern of fertility¹ the hypothetical average woman will have 1.88 children in her lifetime. This is a recovery from a record low of 1.75 children in 2000, but still well below the recent highest level of 2.82 children in 1979;
- last year, over one in three (36 per cent) of all registered births occurred outside marriage - the highest proportion on record. This compares with one in twenty births (5 per cent) occurring outside marriage in 1975. Last year the percentage of births outside marriage differed markedly between areas, with over half (56 per cent) of births in Belfast Local Government District occurring outside marriage and under one quarter (23 per cent) of births in Magherafelt and Omagh Local Government Districts occurring outside marriage;
- in 2005, of the births outside marriage, three-quarters (76 per cent) were jointly registered by both parents, the remaining one-quarter (24 per cent) were registered by the mother only;
- the number of births to teenage mothers has fallen in recent years. In 2005 there were 1,395 births to teenage mothers a decrease of more than 20 per cent from the recent high of 1,791 such births in 1999;

¹ Mid-year population estimates for 2005 are unavailable, thus all 2005 *rate* statistics in this release have been calculated using 2004 mid-year population estimates.

Deaths and stillbirths

- in 2005, there were 14,223 deaths registered in Northern Ireland, which is the lowest figure ever recorded. This compares to 14,354 deaths registered in 2004;
- the reduction in the number of deaths in recent years has occurred despite the population increasing in size and getting older. As an example, in 1975 there were 16,500 deaths – 2,000 more than the number registered in 2005. However the population was 12 per cent smaller in 1975 than it is now and those aged 75 and over represented 4 per cent of the population in 1975 compared with 6 per cent now. Indeed if the mortality rates of 1975 were applied to the current population, the number of deaths would have been 10,000 higher than the actual number registered last year;
- in 1975, 14 per cent of all deaths were to those aged 85 years and over, while in 2005 this figure rose to over one in four (28 per cent) of all deaths;
- last year over 50 per cent of deaths were attributed to the three major causes; cancer (3,736 deaths), ischaemic heart disease (2,708 deaths) and stroke (1,307 deaths). Over the last decade the number of deaths from cancer have been broadly stable, while deaths from ischaemic heart disease and stroke have fallen by 34 and 23 per cent respectively;
- the number of deaths registered in 2005 due to suicide and undetermined causes has increased to 213, compared to 146 in 2004. In part this increase is due to a larger than usual number of suicides and deaths from undetermined causes registered in 2005, but which occurred a number of years earlier. (See editors note 4 for further details);
- there were 90 stillbirths and 140 infant deaths registered in Northern Ireland in 2005. Over the past 30 years the number of stillbirths and infant deaths have fallen by more than 70 per cent.

Also included are a number of tables – these are listed below:

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| Table 1a | Registered births | 1975, 1985, 1995 to 2005 |
| Table 1b | Registered deaths and stillbirths | 1975, 1985, 1995 to 2005 |
| Table 2a | Registered births by area, 2005 | |
| Table 2b | Registered deaths and stillbirths by area, 2005 | |
| Table 3 | Deaths by major cause of death, 2001-2005 | |

Table 1(a) Vital events, 1975 to 2005 (Births)

| Year | Estimated Population | Live Births | | | | | | | | | | Multiple Births ⁶ | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | | All Resident Births | Birth Rate ^{1,2} | Total Period Fertility Rate ² | Births Outside Marriage | | Teenage Mothers ⁴ | | Mother aged 30 and over | | Average age of first time mums ⁵ | Sets of Twins | Sets of Triplets, etc | % of Maternities |
| | | | | | Number | % ³ | Number | % ³ | Number | % ³ | | | | |
| 1975 | 1,523,500 | 26,130 | 17.2 | 2.68 | 1,338 | 5.1 | 2,292 | 8.8 | 7,670 | 29.4 | 24 | 294 | 0 | 1.1 |
| 1985 | 1,565,400 | 27,427 | 17.5 | 2.45 | 3,185 | 11.6 | 1,974 | 7.2 | 8,510 | 31.0 | .. | 269 | 3 | 1.0 |
| 1995 | 1,649,100 | 23,693 | 14.4 | 1.91 | 5,487 | 23.2 | 1,428 | 6.0 | 9,662 | 40.8 | .. | 324 | 9 | 1.4 |
| 1996 | 1,661,800 | 24,382 | 14.7 | 1.95 | 6,346 | 26.0 | 1,582 | 6.5 | 10,225 | 41.9 | .. | 310 | 13 | 1.3 |
| 1997 | 1,671,300 | 24,087 | 14.4 | 1.93 | 6,427 | 26.7 | 1,644 | 6.8 | 10,527 | 43.7 | 26 | 330 | 7 | 1.4 |
| 1998 | 1,677,800 | 23,668 | 14.1 | 1.90 | 6,743 | 28.5 | 1,735 | 7.3 | 10,593 | 44.8 | 26 | 305 | 7 | 1.3 |
| 1999 | 1,679,000 | 22,957 | 13.7 | 1.86 | 6,957 | 30.3 | 1,791 | 7.8 | 10,426 | 45.4 | 26 | 334 | 6 | 1.5 |
| 2000 | 1,682,900 | 21,512 | 12.8 | 1.75 | 6,833 | 31.8 | 1,614 | 7.5 | 10,090 | 46.9 | 26 | 314 | 5 | 1.5 |
| 2001 | 1,689,300 | 21,962 | 13.0 | 1.80 | 7,144 | 32.5 | 1,524 | 6.9 | 10,652 | 48.5 | 26 | 330 | 10 | 1.6 |
| 2002 | 1,696,600 | 21,385 | 12.6 | 1.77 | 7,161 | 33.5 | 1,502 | 7.0 | 10,485 | 49.0 | 26 | 313 | 13 | 1.5 |
| 2003 | 1,702,600 | 21,648 | 12.7 | 1.81 | 7,439 | 34.4 | 1,484 | 6.9 | 10,729 | 49.6 | 26 | 304 | 5 | 1.4 |
| 2004 | 1,710,300 | 22,318 | 13.0 | 1.87 | 7,703 | 34.5 | 1,486 | 6.7 | 11,305 | 50.7 | 27 | 330 | 7 | 1.5 |
| 2005 ^P | NA | 22,328 | 13.1 | 1.88 | 8,108 | 36.3 | 1,395 | 6.2 | 11,259 | 50.4 | 27 | 294 | 6 | 1.4 |

^P Provisional

¹ Rate per 1,000 population.

² Rate calculated using 2004 mid-year estimates of population

³ Percentage of all live births

⁴ All births to mothers aged under 20 years at the time of birth

⁵ Prior to 1997 birth order is only available for married mothers. Figures for 1975 were calculated for married mothers only

⁶ Maternities refer to the number of pregnancies ending in stillbirths or live births with multiple births counting only once

Table 1(b) Vital events, 1975 to 2005 (Stillbirths and Deaths)

| Year | Estimated Population | Stillbirths | | Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|-------------------------|--------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | | | | Persons | | Infant Deaths | | Cause of Death | | | Age at Death | | |
| | | | | | | | | Cancer | Ischaemic Heart Disease | Stroke | Male Median | Female Median | Perc. aged 85 and over |
| Number | Rate ¹ | Number | Rate ² | Number | Rate ³ | Number | Number | Number | Median | Median | over | | |
| 1975 | 1,523,500 | 375 | 14.1 | 16,511 | 10.8 | 534 | 20.4 | 2,907 | 4,709 | 2,368 | 69 | 75 | 14.1 |
| 1985 | 1,565,400 | 178 | 6.4 | 15,955 | 10.2 | 265 | 9.6 | 3,232 | 4,736 | 1,941 | 71 | 77 | 17.2 |
| 1995 | 1,649,100 | 145 | 6.1 | 15,310 | 9.3 | 169 | 7.1 | 3,491 | 4,086 | 1,690 | 74 | 80 | 22.7 |
| 1996 | 1,661,800 | 153 | 6.2 | 15,218 | 9.2 | 142 | 5.8 | 3,623 | 3,856 | 1,653 | 74 | 80 | 23.9 |
| 1997 | 1,671,300 | 131 | 5.4 | 14,971 | 9.0 | 137 | 5.6 | 3,589 | 3,764 | 1,647 | 74 | 80 | 24.8 |
| 1998 | 1,677,800 | 122 | 5.1 | 14,993 | 8.9 | 134 | 5.6 | 3,648 | 3,654 | 1,602 | 74 | 81 | 25.9 |
| 1999 | 1,679,000 | 132 | 5.7 | 15,663 | 9.3 | 148 | 6.4 | 3,552 | 3,568 | 1,679 | 75 | 81 | 27.1 |
| 2000 | 1,682,900 | 93 | 4.3 | 14,903 | 8.9 | 109 | 5.0 | 3,541 | 3,234 | 1,469 | 75 | 80 | 27.0 |
| 2001 | 1,689,300 | 112 | 5.1 | 14,513 | 8.6 | 134 | 6.0 | 3,696 | 3,148 | 1,531 | 75 | 81 | 27.7 |
| 2002 | 1,696,600 | 122 | 5.7 | 14,586 | 8.6 | 100 | 4.6 | 3,652 | 2,948 | 1,573 | 75 | 81 | 27.8 |
| 2003 | 1,702,600 | 108 | 5.0 | 14,462 | 8.5 | 115 | 5.2 | 3,757 | 2,843 | 1,531 | 75 | 81 | 28.2 |
| 2004 | 1,710,300 | 113 | 5.0 | 14,354 | 8.4 | 122 | 5.3 | 3,757 | 2,775 | 1,435 | 75 | 81 | 27.2 |
| 2005 ^P | NA | 90 | 4.0 | 14,223 | 8.3 | 140 | 6.1 | 3,736 | 2,708 | 1,307 | 75 | 81 | 28.3 |

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¹ Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths

² Rate per 1,000 population. Rate for 2005 calculated using 2004 mid-year estimates of population

³ Rate per 1,000 live births

Table 2 (a) Births by Health Board and Local Government District, 2005 (Provisional)

| Area | All Resident Live Births | | | Birth Rate ¹ | Births Outside Marriage | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | | Number | % ² |
| Northern Ireland | 22,328 | 11,341 | 10,987 | 13.1 | 8,108 | 36.3 |
| Eastern Board | 7,993 | 4,105 | 3,888 | 12.0 | 3,447 | 43.1 |
| Ards | 891 | 460 | 431 | 11.9 | 304 | 34.1 |
| Belfast | 3,291 | 1,662 | 1,629 | 12.2 | 1,851 | 56.2 |
| Castlereagh | 723 | 390 | 333 | 11.0 | 209 | 28.9 |
| Down | 799 | 399 | 400 | 12.0 | 278 | 34.8 |
| Lisburn | 1,467 | 770 | 697 | 13.3 | 536 | 36.5 |
| North Down | 822 | 424 | 398 | 10.6 | 269 | 32.7 |
| Northern Board | 5,622 | 2,897 | 2,725 | 12.9 | 1,839 | 32.7 |
| Antrim | 703 | 368 | 335 | 14.1 | 225 | 32.0 |
| Ballymena | 793 | 383 | 410 | 13.2 | 253 | 31.9 |
| Ballymoney | 376 | 200 | 176 | 13.3 | 123 | 32.7 |
| Carrickfergus | 479 | 244 | 235 | 12.4 | 191 | 39.9 |
| Coleraine | 589 | 313 | 276 | 10.4 | 201 | 34.1 |
| Cookstown | 476 | 235 | 241 | 14.1 | 148 | 31.1 |
| Larne | 350 | 184 | 166 | 11.3 | 132 | 37.7 |
| Magherafelt | 614 | 330 | 284 | 14.9 | 142 | 23.1 |
| Moyle | 193 | 100 | 93 | 11.8 | 72 | 37.3 |
| Newtownabbey | 1,049 | 540 | 509 | 13.1 | 352 | 33.6 |
| Southern Board | 4,816 | 2,395 | 2,421 | 15.0 | 1,390 | 28.9 |
| Armagh | 806 | 413 | 393 | 14.7 | 193 | 23.9 |
| Banbridge | 651 | 314 | 337 | 14.9 | 182 | 28.0 |
| Craigavon | 1,195 | 582 | 613 | 14.4 | 437 | 36.6 |
| Dungannon | 761 | 392 | 369 | 15.4 | 185 | 24.3 |
| Newry & Mourne | 1,403 | 694 | 709 | 15.5 | 393 | 28.0 |
| Western Board | 3,897 | 1,944 | 1,953 | 13.5 | 1,432 | 36.7 |
| Fermanagh | 732 | 370 | 362 | 12.3 | 211 | 28.8 |
| Limavady | 452 | 223 | 229 | 13.3 | 165 | 36.5 |
| Derry | 1,528 | 763 | 765 | 14.3 | 704 | 46.1 |
| Omagh | 682 | 341 | 341 | 13.6 | 157 | 23.0 |
| Strabane | 503 | 247 | 256 | 13.0 | 195 | 38.8 |

¹ Rate per 1,000 population. Estimate for 2005 calculated using 2004 mid-year estimates of population

² Percentage of all live births

Table 2 (b) Deaths, stillbirths and major causes of death (ICD10) by Health Board and Local Government District, 2005 (Provisional)

| Area | Deaths | | | | Still-births | Cause of Death | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | Total | Male | Female | Infants | | Malignant Neoplasms (C00-C97) | Circulatory Diseases | | | Respiratory Diseases (J00-J99) | External Causes | | |
| | | | | | | | Total (I00-I99) | Ischaemic Heart Disease (I20-I25) | Cerebro-vascular Disease (I60-I69) | | Total (V01-Y98) | Transport Accidents (V01-V99) | Suicide, self-inflicted injury & undetermined intent (X60-X84, Y10-Y34, Y87.0, Y87.2) |
| Northern Ireland | 14,223 | 6,956 | 7,267 | 140 | 90 | 3,736 | 5,002 | 2,708 | 1,307 | 1,921 | 761 | 175 | 213 |
| Eastern Board | 6,183 | 2,946 | 3,237 | 64 | 38 | 1,591 | 2,087 | 1,130 | 540 | 880 | 341 | 51 | 89 |
| Ards | 672 | 317 | 355 | 6 | 4 | 165 | 244 | 132 | 67 | 99 | 32 | 5 | 8 |
| Belfast | 2,760 | 1,321 | 1,439 | 37 | 11 | 713 | 909 | 487 | 225 | 407 | 153 | 20 | 43 |
| Castlereagh | 635 | 314 | 321 | 3 | 1 | 179 | 228 | 125 | 63 | 82 | 32 | 5 | 9 |
| Down | 545 | 258 | 287 | 4 | 6 | 147 | 161 | 93 | 39 | 74 | 30 | 4 | 8 |
| Lisburn | 823 | 371 | 452 | 6 | 9 | 194 | 283 | 156 | 73 | 108 | 61 | 14 | 14 |
| North Down | 748 | 365 | 383 | 8 | 7 | 193 | 262 | 137 | 73 | 110 | 33 | 3 | 7 |
| Northern Board | 3,544 | 1,723 | 1,821 | 26 | 22 | 959 | 1,273 | 681 | 358 | 456 | 187 | 44 | 49 |
| Antrim | 339 | 173 | 166 | 3 | 2 | 84 | 120 | 61 | 39 | 43 | 26 | 7 | 8 |
| Ballymena | 507 | 248 | 259 | 2 | 3 | 112 | 199 | 100 | 59 | 82 | 28 | 5 | 5 |
| Ballymoney | 209 | 102 | 107 | 5 | 1 | 57 | 81 | 48 | 16 | 32 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Carrickfergus | 332 | 151 | 181 | 3 | - | 88 | 113 | 65 | 31 | 52 | 15 | 1 | 5 |
| Coleraine | 491 | 226 | 265 | 2 | 3 | 164 | 169 | 91 | 50 | 49 | 12 | 4 | - |
| Cookstown | 279 | 147 | 132 | 2 | 2 | 67 | 101 | 61 | 28 | 36 | 25 | 7 | 11 |
| Larne | 295 | 134 | 161 | 1 | 2 | 78 | 111 | 63 | 24 | 27 | 21 | 8 | 2 |
| Magherafelt | 285 | 153 | 132 | 3 | 3 | 77 | 104 | 56 | 27 | 28 | 20 | 4 | 8 |
| Moyle | 142 | 76 | 66 | - | 2 | 33 | 56 | 27 | 14 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Newtownabbey | 665 | 313 | 352 | 5 | 4 | 199 | 219 | 109 | 70 | 89 | 27 | 4 | 6 |
| Southern Board | 2,369 | 1,210 | 1,159 | 20 | 16 | 606 | 867 | 487 | 212 | 303 | 142 | 51 | 42 |
| Armagh | 397 | 200 | 197 | 2 | 1 | 102 | 137 | 86 | 31 | 50 | 26 | 8 | 8 |
| Banbridge | 293 | 149 | 144 | 3 | 2 | 78 | 111 | 65 | 25 | 40 | 12 | 5 | 3 |
| Craigavon | 599 | 299 | 300 | 2 | 8 | 154 | 239 | 136 | 46 | 72 | 23 | 6 | 9 |
| Dungannon | 414 | 234 | 180 | 6 | 2 | 86 | 147 | 79 | 44 | 59 | 48 | 21 | 9 |
| Newry & Mourne | 666 | 328 | 338 | 7 | 3 | 186 | 233 | 121 | 66 | 82 | 33 | 11 | 13 |
| Western Board | 2,127 | 1,077 | 1,050 | 30 | 14 | 580 | 775 | 410 | 197 | 282 | 91 | 29 | 33 |
| Fermanagh | 536 | 281 | 255 | 5 | 2 | 137 | 191 | 105 | 52 | 73 | 36 | 18 | 11 |
| Limavady | 227 | 96 | 131 | 6 | 1 | 57 | 84 | 36 | 29 | 29 | 11 | 3 | 4 |
| Derry | 745 | 371 | 374 | 11 | 7 | 222 | 267 | 144 | 62 | 96 | 29 | 4 | 12 |
| Omagh | 360 | 201 | 159 | 5 | 1 | 93 | 139 | 77 | 36 | 39 | 12 | 3 | 5 |
| Strabane | 259 | 128 | 131 | 3 | 3 | 71 | 94 | 48 | 18 | 45 | 3 | 1 | 1 |

Table 3 Deaths by major cause of death (ICD10) 2001-2005

| ICD10 Code | Cause of Death | Year | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 ^P |
| A00-Y98 | All Causes of Death | 14,513 | 14,586 | 14,462 | 14,354 | 14,223 |
| A00-B99 | Certain Infectious and Parasitic Diseases | 117 | 134 | 157 | 149 | 161 |
| C00-D48 | Neoplasms | 3,802 | 3,766 | 3,882 | 3,835 | 3,827 |
| C00-C97 | Malignant Neoplasms | 3,696 | 3,652 | 3,757 | 3,757 | 3,736 |
| | All Diseases of the Blood and Blood Forming Organs and Certain Disorders Involving the Immune Mechanism | | | | | |
| D50-D89 | | 32 | 24 | 37 | 34 | 36 |
| E00-E90 | Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases | 200 | 238 | 246 | 248 | 302 |
| F00-F99 | Mental and Behavioural Disorders | 381 | 411 | 341 | 370 | 408 |
| | Diseases of the Nervous System and the Sense Organs | | | | | |
| G00-H95 | | 467 | 531 | 481 | 487 | 484 |
| I00-I99 | Disease of the Circulatory System | 5,829 | 5,729 | 5,448 | 5,272 | 5,002 |
| I20-I25 | Ischaemic Heart Disease | 3,148 | 2,948 | 2,843 | 2,775 | 2,708 |
| I60-I69 | Cerebrovascular Disease | 1,531 | 1,573 | 1,531 | 1,435 | 1,307 |
| J00-J99 | Diseases of the Respiratory System | 1,975 | 1,883 | 2,082 | 1,950 | 1,921 |
| K00-K93 | Diseases of the Digestive System | 556 | 581 | 587 | 691 | 583 |
| | All Diseases of Skin, Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue | | | | | |
| L00-M99 | | 118 | 111 | 108 | 85 | 115 |
| N00-N99 | Diseases of the Genitourinary System | 278 | 333 | 327 | 364 | 351 |
| O00-O99 | Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| P00-P96 | Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period | 63 | 62 | 62 | 64 | 81 |
| | Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities | | | | | |
| Q00-Q99 | | 83 | 53 | 69 | 61 | 82 |
| | Signs, Symptoms and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory Findings, N.E.C. | | | | | |
| R00-R99 | | 65 | 92 | 82 | 100 | 108 |
| V01-Y98 | All External Causes of Morbidity and Mortality | 545 | 637 | 550 | 643 | 761 |
| V01-V99 | Transport Accidents | 148 | 147 | 123 | 161 | 175 |
| X60-X84, Y87.0, Y10-Y34, Y87.2 | Suicide, Self-Inflicted Injury and Events of Undetermined Intent | 158 | 183 | 144 | 146 | 213 |

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NOTE FOR EDITORS

1. This information can also be accessed on the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency web site at <http://www.nisra.gov.uk>.
2. The figures on births and deaths have been compiled from returns furnished by the local registrars. The figures are provisional and the final figures for each year are published in the Annual Report of the Registrar General.
3. The results are based on analysis of all vital events registered within the 2005 calendar year. A separate release has been issued today which provides information on the births and deaths in the last quarter of 2005. A more detailed breakdown of these statistics will be published in the Annual Report of the Registrar General.
4. Some events may have occurred prior to this registration year; this is especially the case with events such as infant death or suicide, which are likely to be referred to the coroner and thus take some time to be registered.
5. Rates for 2004 and 2005 data are calculated on the estimated home population as at 30 June 2004. The 2005 home population estimate will be published in Summer 2006.
6. Cause of death has been classified using the tenth revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death (ICD10). In considering suicide events it is conventional to include cases where the cause of death is classified as either 'Suicide and self-inflicted injury' or 'Undetermined injury'. The ICD codes used for 'Suicide and self-inflicted injury' are X60-X84 and Y87.0, and the ICD codes used for 'Undetermined injury' are Y10-Y34 and Y87.2.
7. Corresponding information for England and Wales is published by the Office for National Statistics (London) and for Scotland by the General Register Office for Scotland (Edinburgh).
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