

Statistics: Number of people with dementia in Scotland 2015

Approximately 90,000 people have dementia in Scotland in 2015. Around 3,200 of these people are under the age of 65.

Table 1: number of people with dementia in Scotland in 2015 by local authority area

Local authority	Under 65	65+	Total
SCOTLAND	3,213	86,666	89,879
Aberdeen City	129	3,252	3,382
Aberdeenshire	164	4,078	4,242
Angus	71	2,259	2,329
Argyll & Bute	57	1,884	1,941
Clackmannanshire	32	725	757
Dumfries & Galloway	96	3,212	3,307
Dundee City	79	2,662	2,741
East Ayrshire	74	1,995	2,069
East Dunbartonshire	65	2,021	2,086
East Lothian	61	1,752	1,813
East Renfrewshire	54	1,660	1,714
Edinburgh, City of	287	7,536	7,823
Eilean Siar	17	585	603
Falkirk	95	2,386	2,480
Fife	223	6,459	6,682
Glasgow City	340	7,552	7,892
Highland	150	4,214	4,363
Inverclyde	49	1,374	1,423
Midlothian	51	1,299	1,350
Moray	55	1,670	1,725
North Ayrshire	84	2,380	2,464
North Lanarkshire	197	4,498	4,695
Orkney Islands	13	388	401
Perth & Kinross	96	3,053	3,148
Renfrewshire	105	2,645	2,749
Scottish Borders	74	2,191	2,265
Shetland Islands	15	387	401
South Ayrshire	71	2,391	2,463
South Lanarkshire	197	5,109	5,306
Stirling	53	1,535	1,588
West Dunbartonshire	56	1,349	1,405
West Lothian	104	2,168	2,272

How we calculate the number of people with dementia in Scotland

For the 30-89 age groups we used population projections for 2015 (2010 based) from the General Register Office for Scotland. For the 90+ age group we used population projections for 2015 (2010 based) from the Office for National Statistics. We applied two sets of prevalence rates to the population projections. The first are from the EuroCoDe¹ study for ages 60+ and the second is from a study conducted by Harvey² for the under 60 age group.

Table 2: prevalence rates of dementia (%) given by the EuroCoDe and Harvey studies

Age group	EuroCoDe	EuroCoDe
	Males (Under 60 Harvey)	Females (Under 60 Harvey)
30-34	0.0672	0.0672
35-39	0.0672	0.0672
40-44	0.0672	0.0672
45-49	0.0672	0.0672
50-54	0.0672	0.0672
55-59	0.0672	0.0672
60-64	0.2	0.9
65-69	1.8	1.4
70-74	3.2	3.8
75-79	7.0	7.6
80-84	14.5	16.4
85-89	20.9	28.5
90-94	29.2	44.4
95-99	32.4	48.8
100+	32.4	48.8

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¹ Alzheimer Europe (2009) *EuroCoDe: prevalence of dementia in Europe* <http://www.alzheimer-europe.org/index.php?lm3=CEE66BE91B37>

² Harvey R (1998) *Young onset dementia: epidemiology, clinical symptoms, family burden, support and outcome* Imperial College London