

## Alcohol Statistics

Information Services Division (ISD) is Scotland's national organisation for health information, statistics and IT services. One of the programs which is run by ISD Scotland is the Substance Misuse Programme (SMP) and is a focal point for drug and alcohol misuse information in Scotland.

The Substance Misuse Information Strategy Team produces a biennial report which presents the latest available information from a range of national data sources relating to alcohol. This information is gathered from routine data sources and surveys. The report typically focuses on four primary areas – the alcohol market, alcohol consumption, alcohol & health harm and alcohol & social harm.

A copy of the Alcohol Statistics Scotland (2009) is available at the following link:

[http://www.alcoholinformation.isdscotland.org/alcohol\\_misuse/files/alcohol\\_stats\\_bul\\_09.pdf](http://www.alcoholinformation.isdscotland.org/alcohol_misuse/files/alcohol_stats_bul_09.pdf)

### Local Statistics: 2005 - 2010

In the last five years the number of alcohol related discharges from general acute hospitals in the Outer Hebrides has been declining. Between 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 the number of discharges fell by 15%. However it still remains the case that the Outer Hebrides has one of the worst rates of alcohol related hospital discharges in the whole of Scotland. Within the Outer Hebrides in 2008/09 the greatest incidence of alcohol related discharges occurred in the 50-59 years age group; closely followed by the 40-49 years age group. The majority of alcohol related discharges in the Outer Hebrides is due to alcohol dependency. The proportion of discharges for alcohol dependency is far greater in the Outer Hebrides than it is on a national level, suggesting that the Outer Hebrides has a larger problem than anywhere else of entrenched alcohol dependency. Over the last five years the number of alcohol related discharges from psychiatric hospitals has been fluctuating and on the majority of occasions the discharges are categorised as 'mental and behavioural disorders' relating to alcohol use. The number of drunken offences recorded in the Outer Hebrides has been increasing year on year in the last five years. However the number of incidences of drinking alcohol in a public place and the number of drink driving offences recorded in the Outer Hebrides has been fluctuating in recent years.

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<http://www.outerhebadp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Alcohol-Local-Statistics.pdf>