



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A36 National Drug-Related Deaths Index (NDRDI)

Data owner	Health Research Board (www.hrb.ie)
Brief description	The National Drug-Related Deaths Index (NDRDI) is a census of drug-related deaths and deaths among drug users in Ireland. Alcohol-related deaths and deaths among people who are alcohol-dependent are also recorded. Data sources for the NDRDI include the Coroner Service, General Mortality Register, Central Treatment List and Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE). Data collected include administrative details, demographics, socio-economic information, problem drug use at time of the death, risk behaviours, drug treatment history, details about the death itself and medical diagnosis.
Primary function of data	Data collected from the NDRDI are used to define the extent of the drug/alcohol problem, to inform health policy and to assess the effectiveness of social services' responses aimed at reducing the number of deaths from drug or alcohol misuse.
Key classificatory variables	ID Other; Sex; DOB; Age Yr; County; Geog Sub County; Geog Other; Labour Force Status; Nationality
Themes/Domains	Health; Social/Emotional/Behavioural
Unit of observation	Individual death. Cases are those who have already died as a result of a drug- or alcohol-related death or deaths among those who had a history of drug misuse or who were alcohol-dependent.
Start date of data collection	1998
Frequency of data collection	Continuous
Data format	Separate record for each death
Method of data collection	Electronic
Access/further information	Health Research Board: www.hrb.ie Publications available at: http://www.hrb.ie/health-information-in-house-research/alcohol-drugs/ndrdi/ndrdi-publications/
Note	The Irish NDRDI complies with compulsory data requirements for the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (www.emcdda.europa.eu/).