

# DRUG-RELATED DEATHS

How many people die from drugs?

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## Scotland



In 2015 there were 706 drug related deaths in Scotland

This is the highest level ever recorded

Males accounted for 69% of the deaths

Most deaths occurred in the 35-44 age group

## England and Wales



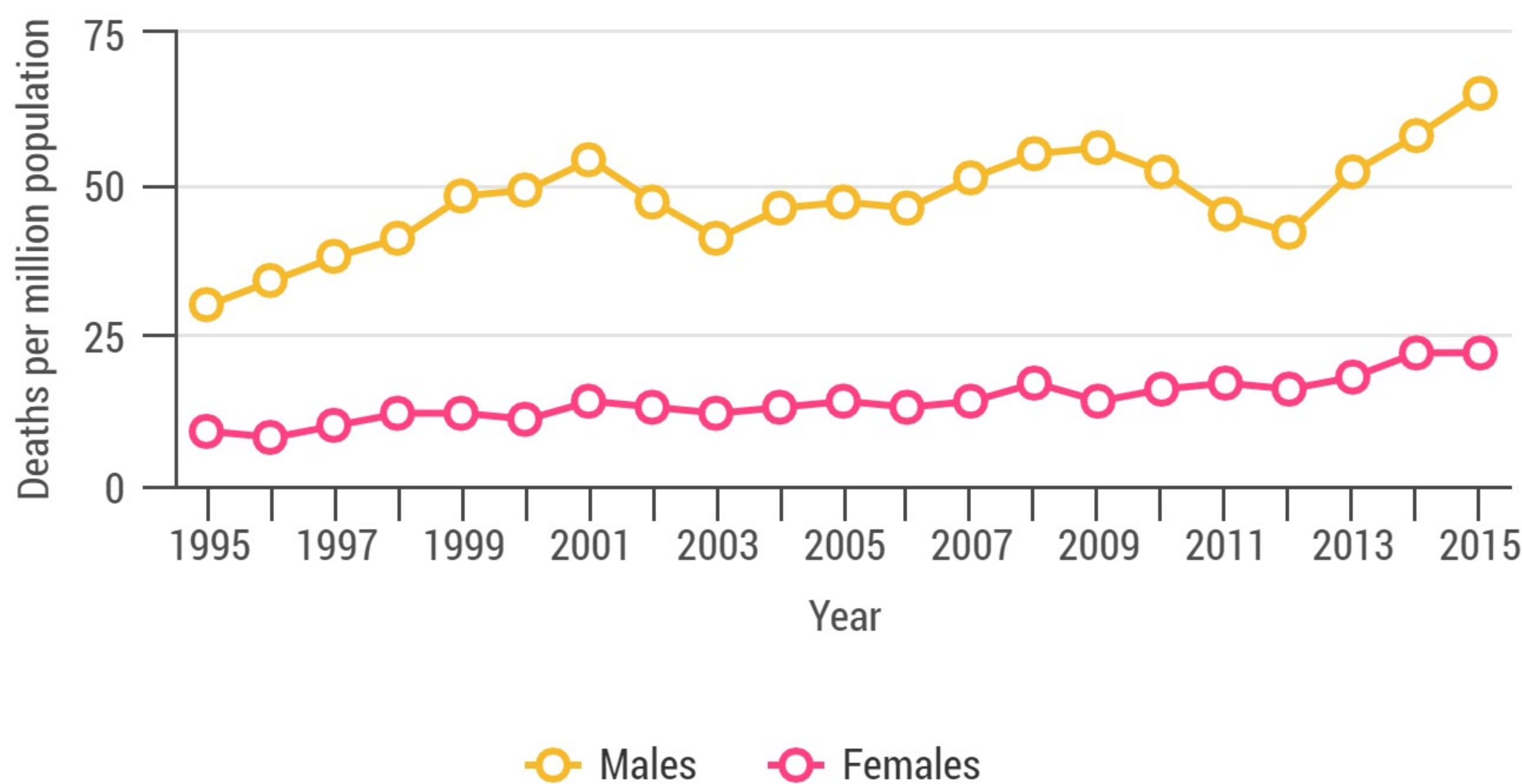
In 2015 there were 3,674 drug poisoning deaths

67% of these involved illegal drugs

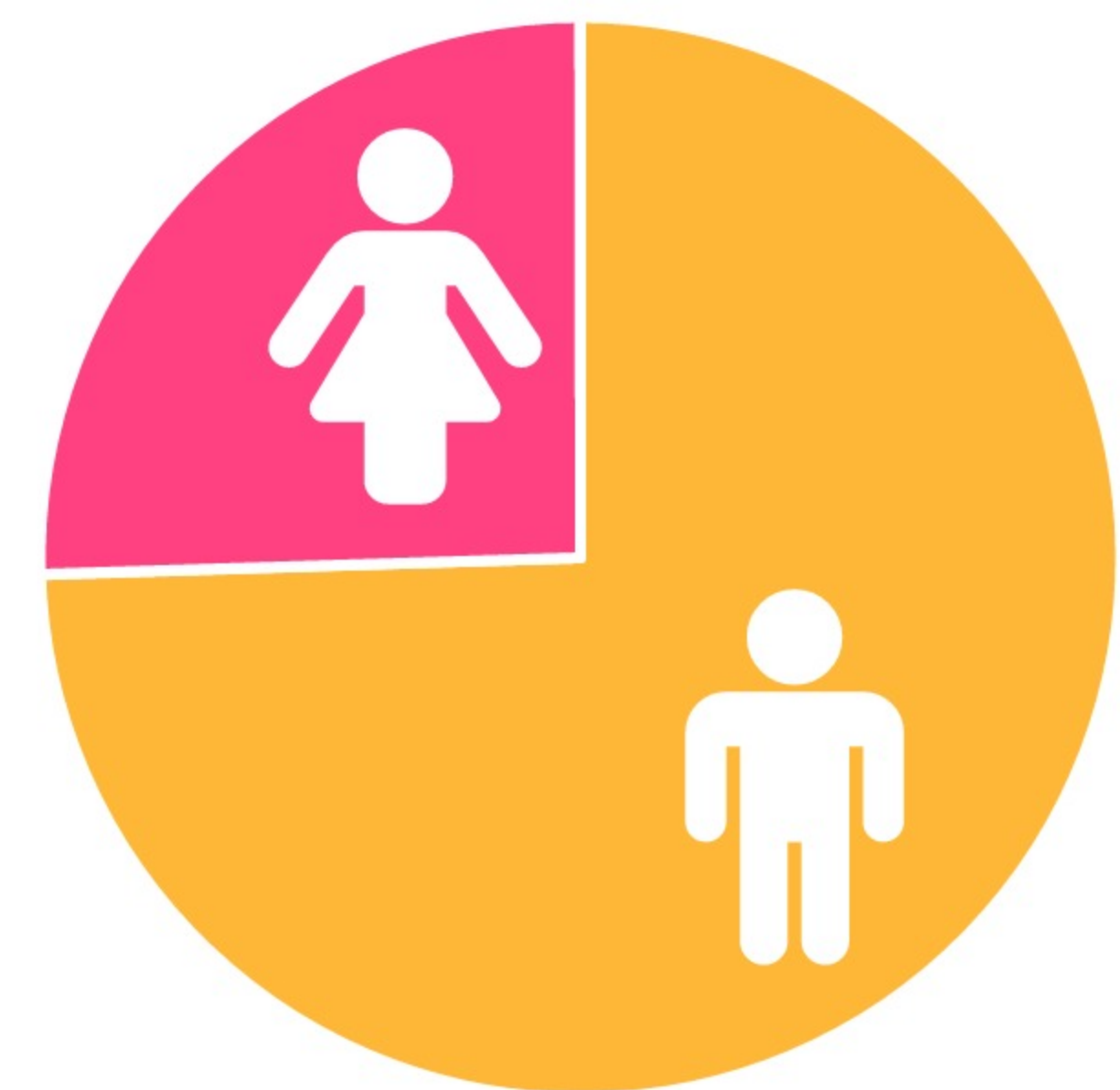
This is the highest level since records began in 1993

Darker areas show higher levels of deaths. The highest level was in the North East. The lowest in the East Midlands

## Comparing the Years...

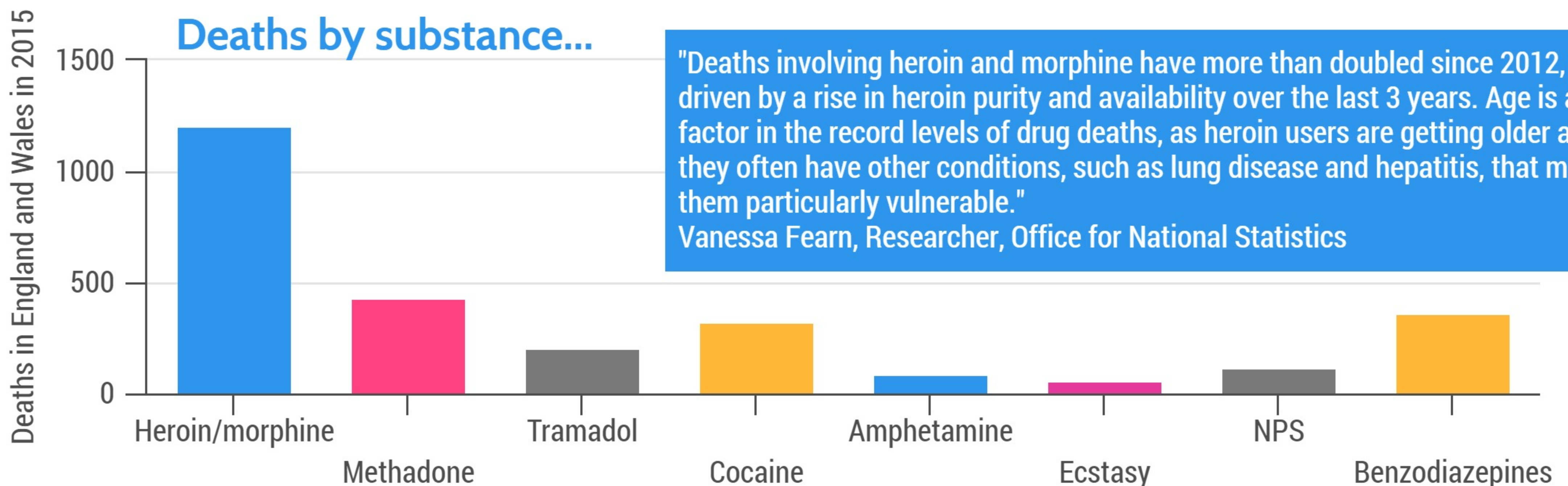


3x more males died than females



Males Females

## Deaths by substance...



"Deaths involving heroin and morphine have more than doubled since 2012, partly driven by a rise in heroin purity and availability over the last 3 years. Age is also a factor in the record levels of drug deaths, as heroin users are getting older and they often have other conditions, such as lung disease and hepatitis, that make them particularly vulnerable."  
Vanessa Fearn, Researcher, Office for National Statistics