

The Demography of COVID-19 Deaths (<https://dc-covid.site.ined.fr/en/>)
Metadata Sheet for Austria
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Data Source

The COVID-19 mortality data comes from two different data sources: (1) The Federal Ministry Republic of Austria (Social Affairs, Health, Care And Consumer Protection) and (2) Epidemiological Reporting System (EMS). Data from both sources is published on the official dashboard by the Federal Ministry Republic of Austria.

Webpage: https://info.gesundheitsministerium.at/dashboard_GenTod.html?l=en.

Since October 2020, webpage : <https://covid19-dashboard.ages.at/dashboard.html>

Coverage

The data refers to deaths with a positive COVID-19 test result occurred in hospital or elsewhere. COVID-19 deaths must be reported within 24 hours after event, stating name, age, and address of the deceased person.

Data collection method

Data from the Federal Ministry Republic of Austria is based on reports from the provincial health directorates. The EMS, however, is maintained by the district administrative authorities. It includes verified and confirmed mortality information in accordance with the Epidemiegesetz §4. While the Federal Ministry Republic of Austria defines a COVID-19 death as a deceased person who has been tested positive on COVID-19 regardless if the person has died of the virus or with the virus (potentially due to another cause of death), the EMS counts solely COVID-19 tested deaths who actually died of the virus, excluding other causes of death (e.g., accidents). See: [https://www.sozialministerium.at/Informationen-zum-Coronavirus/Neuartiges-Coronavirus-\(2019-nCov\).html](https://www.sozialministerium.at/Informationen-zum-Coronavirus/Neuartiges-Coronavirus-(2019-nCov).html) (footnote 1) and <https://www.sozialministerium.at/Informationen-zum-Coronavirus/Dashboard.html>. Both figures may be delayed due to the transmitting process.

Collected Data

- Identification data (Name, Surname, Date of birth, social security number)
- Data on death (date, cause of death, autopsy status)
- Epidemiological data (setting, disease process, laboratory data, pre-existing conditions, precautionary measures)

According to *Epidemiegesetz §4*.

<https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung.wxe?Abfrage=Bundesnormen&Gesetzesnummer=10010265>.

Countdown stop time

Federal Ministry Republic of Austria updates once a day (in the morning).

The EMS updates daily and every hour.