

The demography of COVID-19 deaths (<https://dc-covid.site.ined.fr/en/>)
Summary of metadata for Germany
(Last revised 15/06/2022)

Development of data collection systems during the pandemic

In Germany, the Robert Koch Institute is responsible for publishing COVID-19 mortality data. It publishes daily situation reports and weekly tables giving the age and sex distribution of deaths that have occurred. Breakdowns by age and sex were published daily until 13/09/2020. Since July 2021, the RKI no longer publishes daily reports on Saturdays and Sundays, but the figures are available on the dashboard.

Summary description of each source as of 21 April 2022

A.1. Data source 1

Robert Koch Institute (RKI):

Daily report:

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Situationsberichte/Gesamt.html

Dashboard: <https://corona.rki.de/>

Weekly breakdown by age and sex:

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Daten/Klinische_Aspunkte.html

A.2. Coverage

2.1 COVID-19 definition

Confirmed COVID-19 deaths.

2.2 Place of death

All places.

2.3. Geographical coverage

The whole country.

2.4. Time coverage

From 09/03/2020 to 21/04/2022.

A.3. Data collection method

The data are forwarded by the local authorities to the regional health authorities, which in turn report to the Robert Koch Institute.

A.4. Collected data

4.1. Age group: 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+

4.2. Sex: male and female, broken down by age group

4.3. Reference date type: report date

4.4. Place of death: *Not applicable*

A.5. Update frequency and data cut-off time

Daily figures are cut off at 00:00 and published at 14:00. Weekly tables are published on Thursdays, with figures as of Wednesday morning.

ANNEX: Detailed metadata sheet for Germany (Last revised 06/10/2020)

Source

Robert Koch-Institut (RKI)

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Situationsberichte/Gesamt.html

Coverage

Total deaths due to COVID-19 with laboratory confirmation

Data collection method

Electronic transmission from local public health authorities to the regional (Land) public health authorities, which send it on to the Robert Koch-Institut no later than the next working day.

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Fallzahlen.html

However, this procedure does not permit deaths from the previous day to be recorded in real time; there may be several days between registration of a death at local level and the recording of this death by the RKI.

Data collected

Surname and first name

Sex

Date of birth

Date of death

Home address

In accordance with Section 9, subsection 1, sentence 1, no. 1. of the Infection Protection Act (Infektionsschutzgesetz, IfSG)

https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/ifsg/_9.html

Publication frequency and data cut off time

Daily at 0:00

RKI stopped publishing detailed daily data by sex and age from 13 September 2020. On the 22 September 2020 it resumed publication on a weekly basis.