

**The Demography of COVID-19 Deaths (<https://dc-covid.site.ined.fr/en/>)**  
**Metadata Sheet for Italy**  
**(Last revised 14/04/2020)**

**Data Source 1**

Italian National Institute of Health (Istituto superiore di sanità - ISS)

**Coverage**

COVID-19 tested deaths occurred in hospital or not

**Data collection method**

Daily and biweekly electronic transmission to the ISS, according to the protocol of “Integrated COVID-19 surveillance in Italy” and the “National COVID-19 Epidemic Update.” (<https://www.epicentro.iss.it/coronavirus/sars-cov-2-sorveglianza-dati>).

The ISS receives and verifies all data from each regional health authority, including death certificates provided by the Italian National Statistical Institute (ISTAT) and case sheets for hospitalized patients.

All COVID-19 cases are diagnosed by regional reference laboratories, as indicated by the Ministry of Health circular no. 0005443 of February 22, 2020. See the « Methodological Note » disponible dans la documentation [en italien]

**Collected Data**

Age

Sex

**Countdown stop time**

Daily ISS figures communicated every evening (no exact time is indicated in the documentation); the biweekly bulletin is published at 4:00 p.m.

**Source 2**

Civil Protection

**Coverage**

COVID-19 tested deaths occurred in hospital or not

**Data collection method**

Daily electronic transmission via Covid-19 Civil Protection Bulletin (<http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus>).

**Collected Data**

Aggregate data (all ages and sexes combined)

Place of death (regions)

**Countdown stop time**

Daily figures stopped at 5 p.m. (at 6 p.m., for the days before March 4)