

The Demographics of COVID-19 Deaths (<https://dc-covid.site.ined.fr/en/>)
Metadata Sheet for Japan
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Data Source 1: IPSS

National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (IPSS)
<http://www.ipss.go.jp/projects/j/choju/covid19/index-en.asp>

Coverage

All deaths of people with confirmed COVID-19 infection (positive tests) occurred in hospitals and elsewhere.

Data collection method

Based on the Act on the Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Medical Care for Patients with Infectious Diseases, doctors who diagnosed persons with COVID-19 must file a notification with the prefectural governor via the nearest Public Health Centers. If the patient dies, the prefecture or municipality concerned publishes the death and report to the national level (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare). IPSS data is based on the published aggregated information by prefectural or municipality governments either by press releases, in their official website or media.

Collected Data

Age (10 year age groups)

Sex

Date of occurrence, or if it is not disclosed, date of publication by the jurisdiction.

Prefecture or municipality where the death occurred.

Countdown stop time

Weekly update; deaths occurred up to Monday are compiled and uploaded to the website within the same week.

Data Source 2: MHLW

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)

<https://covid19.mhlw.go.jp/en/>

Coverage

All deaths of people with confirmed COVID-19 infection (positive tests), notified to the MHLW by the prefectures, and based on the Act on the Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Medical Care for Patients with Infectious Diseases, by 10-year age groups and sex. It includes deaths in hospitals and elsewhere.

Data collection method

The number of deaths as defined for this source is the sum of fatal cases that the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare was able to confirm in detail with each prefecture. The figures is created based on the confirmed, case-based information provided by each jurisdiction every Tuesday

Collected Data

Age (10 year age groups)

Sex

Date of report to the local Public Health Centers

Prefecture or municipality where the death occurred.

Countdown stop time

Weekly update; deaths occurred up to Tuesday are compiled and uploaded the following Thursday.

Note

The number of deaths updated weekly on the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (IPSS) website is the aggregated sum of figures published on the website of each jurisdiction. In contrast, the number of deaths as defined for this indicator is the sum of fatal cases that the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare was able to confirm in detail (individual cases revision) with each prefecture. Therefore, the totals do not match.