

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

Netherlands National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu - RIVM)

Webpage: <https://www.rivm.nl/coronavirus-covid-19>

**Coverage**

Deaths with a positive COVID-19 test result occurred in hospital or elsewhere.

**Data collection method**

Through surveillance, RIVM is collecting data on positively tested COVID-19 patients, by means of a collaboration between doctors, labs and the municipal health services. Deaths are reported to the municipal health services. Some underestimation is likely since not all COVID-19 patients are being tested, and thus only the deaths of people previously entered in the surveillance as positive are considered in the death statistics. Moreover, there can be one or two days delay between day of dying and actual reporting (leading to later corrections). This issue is evident in the series of daily cumulative total deaths.

**Collected Data**

Age

Sex

Aggregate data (all ages and sexes combined)

**Countdown stop time**

Daily figures stopped at 10 a.m.