

The demographics of COVID-19 deaths (<https://dc-covid.site.ined.fr/en/>)

Metadata sheet for Norway

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Data Source

Daily surveillance reports published by the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (*Folkehelseinstituttet* in Norwegian, FHI):

Folkehelseinstituttet, "COVID-19 Dagsrapport" [COVID-19 Daily report].

Daily reports in PDF format from 12/03/2020 until 19/06/2020. Online updates at FHI's website from 20/06/2020 onwards.

Website: <https://www.fhi.no/sv/smittestomme-sykdommer/corona/dags--og-ukerapporter/dags--og-ukerapporter-om-koronavirus/>

(English version: <https://www.fhi.no/en/id/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/daily-reports/daily-reports-COVID19/>).

The daily PDF reports are available only in Norwegian.

Coverage

All deaths of people with confirmed COVID-19 infection (positive tests), notified to the FHI. Includes deaths in hospitals and other health institutions (including nursing homes and other care institutions like residential and treatment centres), and deaths at home.

Data collection method

FHI's daily reports provide information about the COVID-19 situation in Norway, based on data reported by doctors and laboratories to the Norwegian Surveillance System for Communicable Diseases (MSIS), the Norwegian Intensive Care and Pandemic Register (NIPaR) and the Norwegian Syndromic Surveillance System (NorSySS). COVID-19 deaths must be reported by the local health authorities – e.g., municipal doctors or other health personnel – to the FHI, who is responsible for the MSIS. The system of notification is by phone. The local health authorities must also send a report to the Cause of Death Register. COVID-19 is not necessarily the underlying cause of death (i.e. patients may have died from or with COVID-19).

Collected data

Our data files provide the following information, based on FHI's daily reports and updates:

- The daily cumulative number of COVID-19 deaths, by age-group and sex, from April 15 2020 onwards¹. These data are by date of publication (see **Periodicity and countdown stop time**).
- The daily cumulative number of COVID-19 deaths: total (i.e., all ages and both sexes combined) from March 12 and by place of death from April 15 2020 onwards. These data are by date of publication.

Further data on COVID-19 cases by region (county), place of infection, medical consultations, hospitalizations and other variables are available in the documentation files downloadable from our website "The Demographics of COVID-19 Deaths". This information can also be consulted in FHI's archives (see **Data Source**)².

¹ FHI's daily reports start in March 9 2020. However, the distribution of COVID-19 deaths by age-group and sex and by place of death is provided only from April 15 2020 onwards.

² See also FHI's weekly reports: "COVID-19 Ukerapport", URL: <https://www.fhi.no/sv/smittestomme-sykdommer/corona/dags--og-ukerapporter/dags--og-ukerapporter-om-koronavirus/>

Periodicity and countdown stop time

The daily surveillance reports are published around 13:00, including the number of deaths reported until 8:00 of the same day. In a few exceptions, the countdown stop time is some hours later than 8:00 in the morning.

From April 25, the details by age, sex and place of death are not updated in the weekends and holidays.

From April 25 to May 10, only the total numbers were updated online in the weekends and holidays.

After May 10, no updates of any kind are published in the weekends and holidays.

From June 20, when the daily PDF reports were replaced by online updates on FHI's website, no daily data on the distribution by place of death is available. This information may continue to be published once per week, in the weekly reports (<https://www.fhi.no/publ/2020/koronavirus-ukerapporter/>).