

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

Metadata Sheet for Sweden

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Source 1

Public Health Agency of Sweden (PHAS): <https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/smittskydd-beredskap/utbrott/aktuella-utbrott/covid-19/bekraftade-fall-i-sverige/>

Coverage

The statistics published by the PHAS show the number of people with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have died, regardless of the cause of death. Data are provided by 10-year age group and by sex. The daily total since 11 March 2020 is also available by date of death. The numbers of deaths for the most recent days may be subject to revision in subsequent updates and should be interpreted with caution (especially during public holidays).

Data collection method

The data is collected through the SmiNet system.

The time series coming from this data source and published in the excel sheet "PHAS_DailyTotal" includes death counts occurred since the beginning of the pandemic and may account for retrospective corrections.

Data collected

Date of death, age, and sex

Data cut off time

Until 11 September 2020, the data were updated on weekdays at 14:00. The death counts stopped at 00:00 on the same day. Cases reported over weekends are reported in the SmiNet system with some delay. As a result, the data is incomplete until Tuesday. Since Monday 14 September, statistics on COVID-19 deaths have been released at 14:00 from Tuesday to Friday. Deaths are distributed according to date of registration, so the published statistics also relate retroactively to deaths registered on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays.

Source 2

National Board of Health and Welfare (NBHW): <https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/statistik-och-data/statistik/statistik-om-covid-19/statistik-over-antal-avlidna-i-covid-19/>

Coverage

The statistics include deaths whose the underlying cause of death was COVID-19, according to the cause of death certificates submitted to the NBHW. The data are broken down by age, sex, comorbidity and county. The numbers are updated as new death certificates come in. Doctors send the certificates within three weeks of death and the final number changes as new death certificates are received.

The majority of deceased people had laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 according to the Public Health Authority's register of infected people. As an example, the total death count as of 14 May 2020 was 3,395 deaths, of which 87 % (2,950 people out of 3,395) had laboratory-confirmed COVID-19.

Note: The NBHW information on deceased persons differs slightly from the information presented by the PHAS on a daily basis. The PHAS reports only those deceased who had laboratory-verified COVID-19 and died within 30 days. The NBHW reports all cases where the underlying cause of death was COVID-19, regardless of whether the diagnosis was laboratory confirmed or not. More information on causes of death can be found in the fact sheet "Beskrivning av datakällor för avlidna i covid-19" (Description of data sources for COVID-19 deaths, available in the documentation and downloadable here:) <https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/globalassets/1-globalt/covid-19-statistik/statistik-over-antal-avlidna-i-covid-19/datakallor-avlidna-covid19.pdf>)

Data collected

Age, sex, comorbidity, county, type of housing, receipt of home care, and place of death. The time series coming from this data source and published in the excel sheet "NBHW_DailyTotal" includes death counts occurred since the beginning of the pandemic and may account for retrospective corrections.

Publication frequency and data cut off time

Occasional report based on the death certificates received up to the publication day of the report.