

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

Until 10 February 2022, the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) published daily surveillance reports, every day except the week-end, on this page:

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/situation-schweiz-und-international.html#1905396240>

Since then, the excel files are not published here anymore, but equivalent or similar information can be found on this page:

<https://www.covid19.admin.ch/fr/overview>

Or directly on the opendata website of the Swiss public administration:

<https://opendata.swiss/fr/dataset/covid-19-schweiz>

Coverage

Death of COVID-19 laboratory-confirmed cases occurred in all places (e.g. hospital, care homes, others) in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Data collection method

The published data is based on information submitted by laboratories, doctors and hospitals. Reports come from the surveillance system and hospital records. Death counts are constantly under revision, the figures might therefore deviate from those communicated by the cantons.

Since 10 February 2022, the data published by the FOPH are no longer available in a single Excel file but in separate csv files. The "COVID19EpiRawData_d.csv" file makes it possible to reconstruct the series of total deaths since the beginning of the epidemic. From Monday to Friday, a new file is put online every day at around 2pm with the death count stopped at 8am the same day.

The file "COVID19EpiRawData_AKL10_sex_w.csv" gives the number of deaths by week of occurrence and by age group and sex. A new version of this file is also put online every day (from Monday to Friday) at the beginning of the afternoon. As the deaths are counted by week, the Thursday file gives the deaths that occurred until the previous Sunday (week n). After that, the files published from Friday to the following Wednesday give updates of the total number of deaths up to that same Sunday. It is only on the following Thursday that the deaths occurring in week n+1 are published. This is why we take the Thursday files to populate the "FOPH_Age&Sex_OccurrenceDate" tab.

The time series coming from this data source and published in the Excel sheets "FOPH_DailyTotal" and "FOPH_Age&Sex_OccurrenceDate" include death counts occurred since the beginning of the pandemic and may account for retrospective corrections.

Collected data

Age

Sex

Date of Death

Region

Periodicity and Countdown stop time

Every day, the count is stopped at 8:00 am. The file is uploaded in the early afternoon at around 2:00 pm.