

# Weekly Updates by Select Demographic and Geographic Characteristics

Provisional Death Counts for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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Note: Provisional death counts are based on death certificate data received and coded by the National Center for Health Statistics as of September 1, 2021. Death counts are delayed and may differ from other published sources (see Technical Notes). Counts will be updated every Wednesday by 5pm. Additional information will be added to this site as available.

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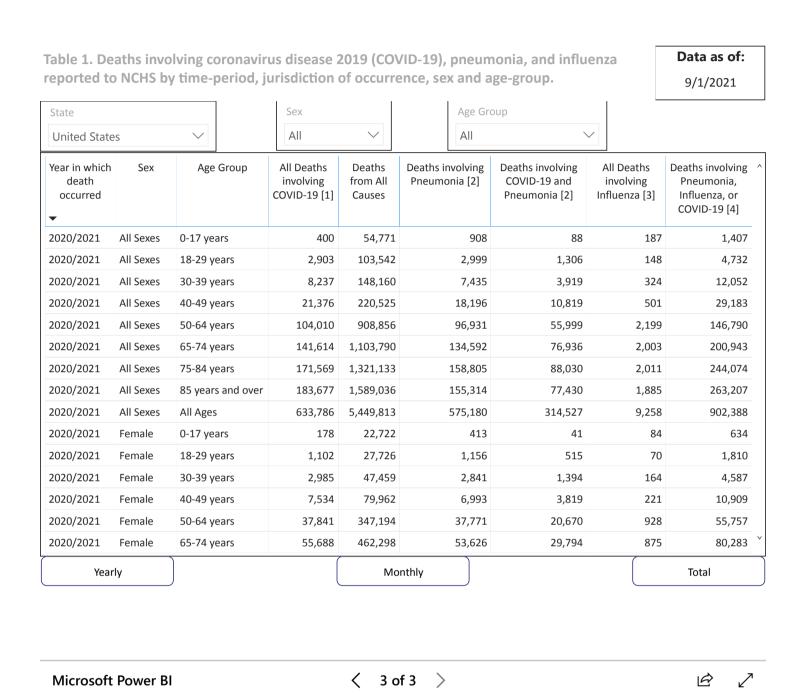
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The provisional counts for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) deaths are based on a current flow of mortality data in the National Vital Statistics System. National provisional counts include deaths occurring within the 50 states and the District of Columbia that have been received and coded as of the date specified. It is important to note that it can take several weeks for death records to be submitted to National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), processed, coded, and tabulated. Therefore, the data shown on this page may be incomplete, and will likely not include all deaths that occurred during a given time period, especially for the more recent time periods. Death counts for earlier weeks are continually revised and may increase or decrease as new and updated death certificate data are received from the states by NCHS. COVID-19 death counts shown here may differ from other published sources, as data currently are lagged by an average of 1–2 weeks.

Table 1 has counts of deaths involving COVID-19 and other select causes of death by time-period in which the death occurred, sex and age group. For data on deaths involving COVID-19 by month, year, jurisdiction, sex, and age, Click here to download. This data file contains two sets of age groups: (1) age-groups consistent with those used across CDC COVID-19 surveillance pages, and (2) age groups that are routinely included in NCHS mortality reports. When analyzing the file, the user should make sure to select only the desired age groups. Summing across all age categories provided will result in double counting deaths from certain age groups. For data on deaths involving COVID-19 by week, sex, and age (by NCHS age groups),

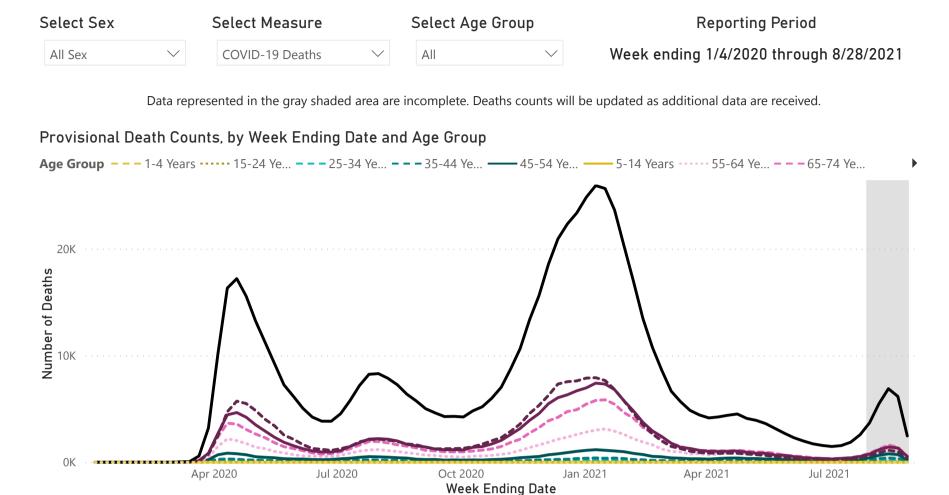
Click here to download. Data on deaths involving COVID-19 among ages 0–18 are available here:



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- [1] Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, coded to ICD-10 code U07.1.
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- [3] Counts of deaths involving influenza (J09-J11) include deaths with pneumonia or COVID-19 also listed as a cause of death.
- [4] Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, pneumonia, or influenza, coded to ICD-10 codes U07.1 or J09-18.9.

### Provisional Death Counts for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) By Week of Death

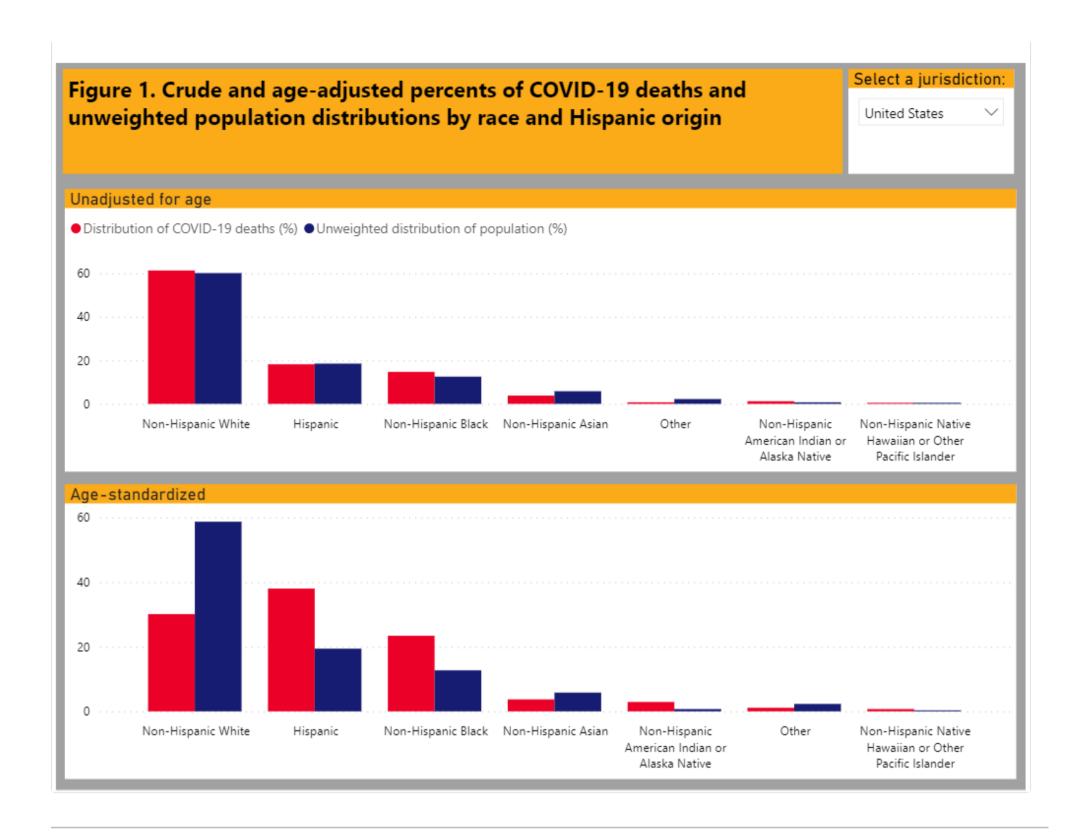


**NOTE:** Provisional death counts are based on death certificate data received and coded by NCHS as of the date of analysis and do not represent all deaths that occurred in that period. Data for the most recent 5 weeks (shown in the gray shaded area) are typically less than 90% complete, with lower levels of completeness in more recent weeks. Death counts are updated as additional deaths are received and coded.

**SOURCE:** NCHS, National Vital Statistics System. Estimates are based on provisional data.

# Race and Hispanic origin

Data by race and Hispanic origin are available at the national, state, and county level. Data by race and Hispanic origin is also available by age at the national and state level. Click here to visit the NCHS Health Disparities page.

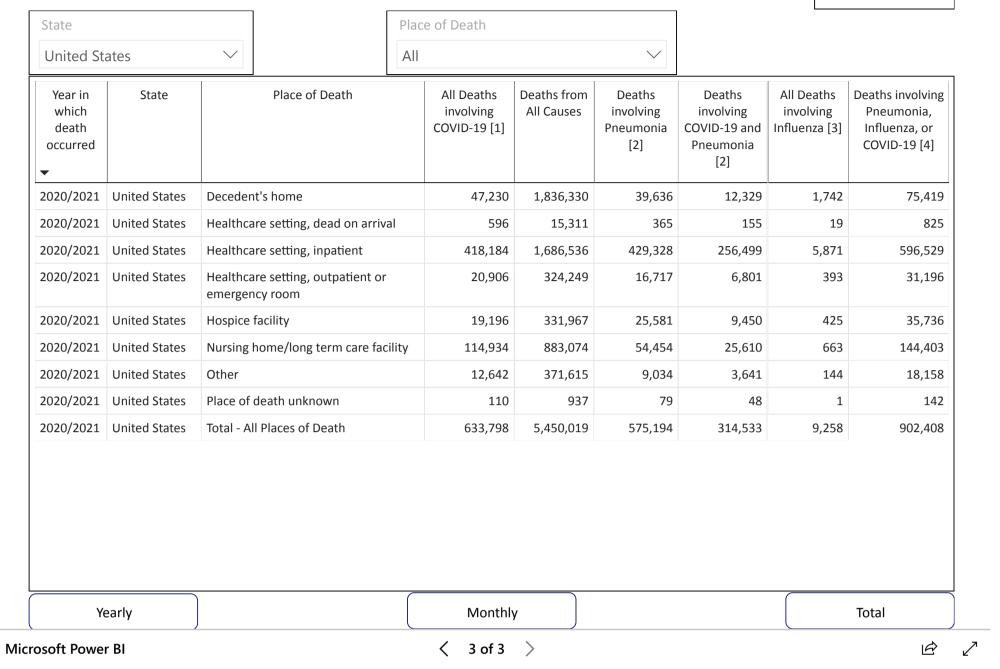


### Place of death

Table 2 presents death counts involving COVID-19 and other select causes of death by time-period in which the death occurred, and the place of death. For data on deaths involving COVID-19 by time-period, jurisdiction and the place of death, Click here to download. For data on deaths involving COVID-19 by time-period, jurisdiction, place of death, and age group, Click here to download.

Table 2. Deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), pneumonia, and influenza reported to NCHS by time-period, jurisdiction of occurrence, and place of death.

**Data as of:** 9/1/2021



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### Comorbidities and other conditions

Table 3 shows the types of health conditions and contributing causes mentioned in conjunction with deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The number of deaths that mention one or more of the conditions indicated is shown for all deaths involving COVID-19 and by age groups. For over 5% of these deaths, COVID-19 was the only cause mentioned on the death certificate. For deaths with conditions or causes in addition to COVID-19, on average, there were 4.0 additional conditions or causes per death. For data on deaths involving COVID-19 by time-period, jurisdiction, and other health conditions, Click here to download.

Table 3. Number of COVID-19 deaths with contributing conditions, by time-period, jurisdiction of occurrence, and age-group.

**Data as of:** 8/29/2021

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Year in which death occurred	COVID-19	ontributing to deaths where was listed on the death certificate [1]	All Ages	0-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65-74 years	75-84 years	85+ years
2020/2021	Influenza and pneumonia		293,262	520	2,348	6,191	17,515	42,471	71,361	80,612	72,238
2020/2021	Chronic lower respiratory diseases		55,548	72	210	480	1,480	5,849	13,757	18,436	15,263
2020/2021	Adult respiratory distress syndrome		66,246	201	796	2,113	5,978	13,050	18,988	15,725	9,393
2020/2021	Respiratory failure		238,887	387	1,594	4,521	13,244	33,577	58,997	67,946	58,617
2020/2021	Respiratory arrest		13,220	27	95	230	645	1,572	2,738	3,601	4,312
2020/2021	Other diseases of the respiratory system		27,543	91	266	628	1,680	4,138	6,731	7,539	6,470
2020/2021	Hypertensive diseases		122,133	49	403	1,671	5,415	15,002	27,365	33,968	38,257
2020/2021	Ischemic heart disease		68,210	15	101	413	1,819	6,536	14,700	21,402	23,222
2020/2021	Cardiac arrest		76,258	167	720	1,895	5,279	11,866	18,310	19,524	18,496
2020/2021	Cardiac arrhythmia		46,664	32	100	298	1,086	3,654	8,725	14,476	18,293
2020/2021	Heart failure		48,038	28	135	391	1,237	3,798	8,633	13,940	19,875
2020/2021	Cerebrovascular diseases		31,153	35	115	367	1,187	3,478	6,879	9,023	10,068
2020/2021	Other diseases of the circulatory system		41,485	159	412	964	2,441	5,651	9,451	10,996	11,410
2020/2021	Sepsis		60,934	142	525	1,558	4,519	10,897	17,414	15,820	10,058
2020/2021	Malignant neoplasms		30,469	77	125	359	1,187	4,064	8,226	9,343	7,088
2020/2021	Diabetes		99,490	131	607	2,168	6,678	16,589	27,507	27,268	18,540
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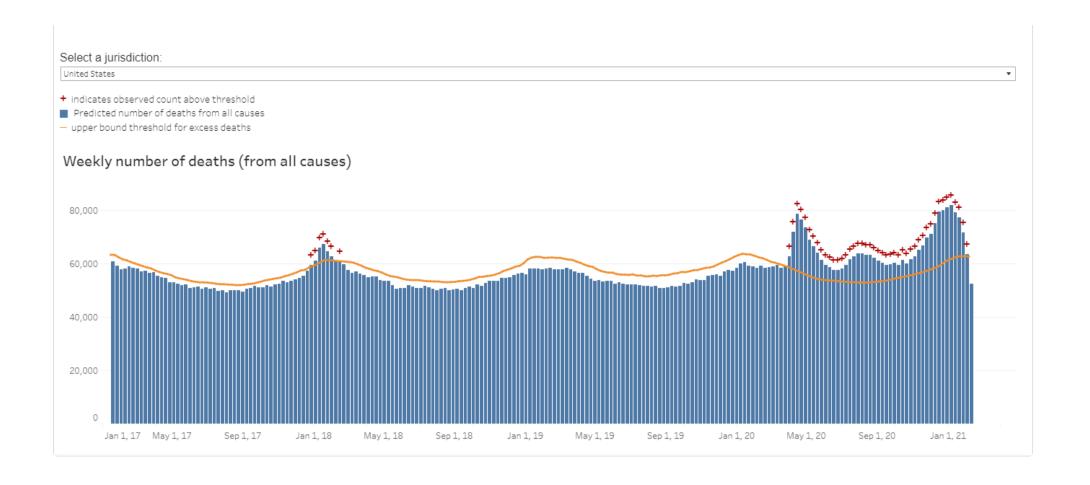
NOTE: Empty data cells represent counts between 1-9 that have been suppressed in accordance with NCHS confidentiality standards. Conditions contributing to the death were identified using the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10). Deaths involving more than one condition (e.g., deaths involving both diabetes and respiratory arrest) were counted in both totals. To avoid counting the same death multiple times, the numbers for different conditions should not be summated. Some deaths involve more than one of the same condition category (e.g. deaths involving unintentional and intentional injury often include two or more injury ICD-10 codes), the number of mentions presented on the table above represents the number of instances where the condition was cited on the death certificate. Number of deaths and number of mentions reported in this table are tabulated from deaths received and coded as of the date of analysis and do not represent all deaths that occurred in that period. Data for this table are derived from a cut of the National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) database taken at a particular time, separate from other surveillance tables on this page which are tabulated on the date of update. As a result, the total number of COVID-19 deaths in this table may not match other surveillance tables on this page. Data during recent periods are incomplete because of the lag in time between when the death occurred and when the death certificate is completed, submitted to NCHS and processed for reporting purposes. This delay can range from 1 week to 8 weeks or more, depending on the jurisdiction and cause of death. United States death counts include the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and New York City. New York state estimates exclude New York City.

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### Excess deaths

See the NCHS Excess Deaths Data Visualization.

This data visualization presents data on weekly counts of all-cause mortality by jurisdiction of occurrence. Counts of deaths in the most recent weeks are compared with historical trends to determine whether the number of deaths in recent weeks is significantly higher than expected.



# Additional data (leading causes of death, county, etc.)

### Leading causes of death

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#### Weekly final data for 2014-2019

Weekly counts of leading causes of death based on final underlying cause mortality data for years 2014–2019, by state.



#### Weekly provisional data for 2020–2021

Weekly counts of leading causes of death based on provisional underlying cause mortality data for 2020–2021, by state.



#### Monthly final data for 2014–2019

Monthly counts of leading causes of death, including injury-related causes, based on final underlying cause mortality data for years 2014–2019, for the U.S.



# Monthly provisional data for 2020–2021

Monthly counts of leading causes of death, including injury-related causes, based on provisional underlying cause mortality data for 2020–2021, for the U.S.

### County-level data



# Provisional COVID-19 Death Counts in the United States by County

Deaths involving COVID-19 and total deaths per county. Counties included in this file had 10 or more COVID-19 deaths at the time of analysis.



# Provisional COVID-19 Deaths by County and Race and Hispanic Origin

Deaths involving COVID-19 and total deaths per county, by race and Hispanic origin for counties with more than 100 COVID-19 deaths.

### **Urban/Rural Status**



# Provisional COVID-19 Deaths by Urbanicity and Week

Deaths involving COVID-19 and total deaths, by week and urbanicity. Urbanicity is defined as metropolitan and non-metropolitan, using the NCHS Urban-Rural classification scheme.

### Understanding the Numbers: Provisional Death Counts and COVID-19

Provisional death counts deliver the most complete and accurate picture of lives lost to COVID-19. They are based on death certificates, which are the most reliable source of data and contain information not available anywhere else, including comorbid conditions, race and ethnicity, and place of death.

#### How it Works

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) uses incoming data from death certificates to produce provisional COVID-19 death counts. These include deaths occurring within the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

NCHS also provides summaries that examine deaths in specific categories and in greater geographic detail, such as deaths by county and by race and Hispanic origin.

**COVID-19 deaths are identified using a new ICD–10 code.** When COVID-19 is reported as a cause of death – or when it is listed as a "probable" or "presumed" cause — the death is coded as **U07.1**. This can include cases with or without laboratory confirmation.

### Why These Numbers are Different

Provisional death counts may not match counts from other sources, such as media reports or numbers from county health departments. Counts by NCHS often track 1–2 weeks behind other data.

- **Death certificates take time to be completed.** There are many steps to filling out and submitting a death certificate. Waiting for test results can create additional delays.
- States report at different rates. Currently, 63% of all U.S. deaths are reported within 10 days of the date of death, but there is significant variation between states.
- It takes extra time to code COVID-19 deaths. While 80% of deaths are electronically processed and coded by NCHS within minutes, most deaths from COVID-19 must be coded by a person, which takes an average of 7 days.
- Other reporting systems use different definitions or methods for counting deaths.

### Things to know about the data

**Provisional counts are not final and are subject to change.** Counts from previous weeks are continually revised as more records are received and processed.

**Provisional data are not yet complete.** Counts will not include all deaths that occurred during a given time period, especially for more recent periods. However, we can estimate how complete our numbers are by looking at the average number of deaths reported in previous years.

**Death counts should not be compared across states.** Some states report deaths on a daily basis, while other states report deaths weekly or monthly. State vital record reporting may also be affected or delayed by COVID-19 related response activities.

For more detailed technical information, visit the Provisional Death Counts for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Technical Notes page.