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Daily Updates of Totals by Week and State

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 October 16, 2020. Death counts are delayed and may differ from other published sources (see Technical Notes). Counts will be updated periodically. Additional information will be added to this site as available.

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.

The provisional data presented on this page include the weekly provisional count of deaths in the United States due to COVID-19, deaths from all causes and percent of expected deaths (i.e., number of deaths received over number of deaths expected based on data from previous years), pneumonia deaths (excluding pneumonia deaths involving influenza), pneumonia deaths involving COVID-19, influenza deaths, and deaths involving pneumonia, influenza, or COVID-19; (a) by week ending date and (b) by specific jurisdictions.

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Table 1 has counts of death involving COVID-19 and select causes of death by the week ending date in which the death occurred. For deaths involving COVID-19 by week ending date at the state level, © Click here to download.

➤ Table 1. Deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), pneumonia, and influenza reported to NCHS by week ending date, United States. Week ending 2/1/2020 to 10/10/2020.*

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Week ending date in which the death occurred	All Deaths involving COVID- 19 (U07.1) ¹	Deaths from All Causes	Percent of Expected Deaths ²	Deaths involving Pneumonia, with or without COVID-19, excluding Influenza deaths (J12.0- J18.9) ³	Deaths involving COVID-19 and Pneumonia, excluding Influenza (U07.1 and J12.0- J18.9) ³	All Deaths involving Influenza, with or without COVID-19 or ♣ Pneumonia (J09–J11), includes COVID-19 or Pneumonia⁴	Deaths involving Pneumonia, Influenza, or COVID-19 (U07.1 or J09–J18.9) ⁵
Total Deaths	204,613	2,226,473	112	209,501	92,841	6,726	326,998
2/1/2020	0	58,614	99	3,799	0	479	4,278
2/8/2020	1	59,324	99	3,805	0	521	4,327
2/15/2020	0	58,735	100	3,831	0	560	4,391
2/22/2020	5	58,765	101	3,698	1	565	4,267
2/29/2020	11	59,205	103	3,824	6	655	4,484
3/7/2020	35	59,607	103	3,962	17	635	4,614
3/14/2020	55	58,588	103	3,965	28	625	4,616
3/21/2020	572	59,113	104	4,539	250	558	5,412
3/28/2020	3,165	62,904	113	6,170	1,432	441	8,294
4/4/2020	10,025	72,163	129	9,909	4,756	478	15,421
4/11/2020	16,190	78,925	142	11,988	7,228	473	21,084
4/18/2020	17,074	76,593	142	11,386	7,305	265	21,231
4/25/2020	15,434	73,677	137	10,358	6,595	144	19,244
5/2/2020	13,153	69,095	129	8,934	5,513	65	16,619
5/9/2020	11,170	66,678	126	7,823	4,705	47	14,325
5/16/2020	9,169	64,338	123	6,759	3,775	21	12,171
5/23/2020	7,178	61,456	118	5,877	2,964	24	10,110
5/30/2020	6,115	59,483	115	5,260	2,478	12	8,909
6/6/2020	4,990	58,709	112	4,875	2,136	11	7,740
6/13/2020	4,197	57,819	112	4,517	1,856	11	6,866

6/20/2020	3,802	57,732	112	4,345	1,596	8	6,558
6/27/2020	3,782	58,216	113	4,234	1,545	11	6,481
7/4/2020	4,472	59,492	115	4,525	1,985	4	7,013
7/11/2020	5,697	61,504	120	5,489	2,691	10	8,504
7/18/2020	7,073	62,680	123	6,137	3,417	12	9,802
7/25/2020	8,076	63,605	126	6,664	3,912	10	10,833
8/1/2020	8,142	63,381	125	6,735	4,004	13	10,879
8/8/2020	7,693	62,733	123	6,688	3,920	9	10,467
8/15/2020	7,021	62,077	123	6,349	3,592	5	9,780
8/22/2020	6,096	60,171	119	5,745	3,097	12	8,753
8/29/2020	5,362	57,589	113	5,214	2,726	11	7,856
9/5/2020	4,572	55,780	109	4,777	2,310	8	7,044
9/12/2020	4,116	54,471	105	4,488	2,070	7	6,539
9/19/2020	3,639	53,230	102	4,142	1,759	5	6,027
9/26/2020	3,333	51,118	98	4,023	1,662	3	5,696
10/3/2020	2,388	43,302	82	3,133	1,134	5	4,392
10/10/2020	810	25,601	49	1,534	376	3	1,971

NOTE: Number of deaths reported in this table are the total number of deaths received and coded as of the date of analysis and do not represent all deaths that occurred in that period. Counts of deaths occurring before or after the reporting period are not included in the table. The United States population, based on 2019 postcensal estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, is 328,239,523.

➤ Table 2. Deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), pneumonia, and influenza reported to NCHS by jurisdiction of occurrence, United States. Week ending 2/1/2020 to 10/10/2020.*

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				Deaths			
				involving	Deaths	All Deaths	Deaths
	All			Pneumonia,	involving	involving	involving
	Deaths	Deaths	Percent	with or	COVID-19	Influenza,	Pneumonia,
Jurisdiction	involving	from	of	without	and	with or	Influenza,
of	COVID- 🔷	All 🔷	Expected 🔷	COVID-19, 🌲	Pneumonia, 🔷	without 🔷	or COVID- 🛊
Occurrence	19	Causes	Deaths ²	excluding	excluding	COVID-19	19

^{*}Data during this period 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.

¹Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, coded to ICD-10 code U07.1

²Percent of expected deaths is the number of deaths for all causes for this week in 2020 compared to the average number across the same week in 2017–2019. Previous analyses of 2015–2016 provisional data completeness have found that completeness is lower in the first few weeks following the date of death (<25%), and then increases over time such that data are generally at least 75% complete within 8 weeks of when the death occurred (8).

³Counts of deaths involving pneumonia include pneumonia deaths that also involve COVID-19 and exclude pneumonia deaths involving influenza.

⁴Counts of deaths involving influenza include deaths with pneumonia or COVID-19 also listed as a cause of death.

⁵Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, pneumonia, or influenza, coded to ICD-10 codes U07.1 or J09-J18.9.

	(U07.1) ¹			Influenza deaths (J12.0– J18.9) ³	Influenza (J12.0–J18.9 and U07.1) ³	or Pneumonia (J09–J11) ⁴	(U07.1 or J09–J18.9) ⁵
United States ⁶	204,613	2,226,473	112	209,501	92,841	6,726	326,998
Alabama	3,548	41,356	112	3,203	1,148	100	5,698
Alaska	49	2,967	97	134	27	-	162
Arizona	5,147	52,249	125	5,479	2,915	115	7,826
Arkansas	1,425	24,416	110	2,026	637	78	2,890
California	16,101	210,120	112	21,430	9,022	580	29,087
Colorado	2,042	31,333	114	2,488	1,037	96	3,584
Connecticut	4,455	23,954	109	1,977	968	72	5,533
Delaware	580	7,074	109	514	226	16	884
District of Columbia	773	5,090	119	1,008	736	-	1,054
Florida	15,443	169,070	116	17,424	8,365	334	24,812
Georgia	6,410	67,253	114	6,030	3,011	114	9,541
Hawaii	221	8,319	102	545	100	21	687
Idaho	527	10,847	109	605	203	25	954
Illinois	8,058	84,981	115	8,390	3,922	181	12,704
Indiana	3,802	50,328	109	4,599	1,609	133	6,921
lowa	1,476	22,467	107	1,600	439	84	2,721
Kansas	855	19,573	107	1,323	348	89	1,919
Kentucky	1,370	34,731	103	3,121	640	102	3,950
Louisiana	5,047	37,593	118	3,890	2,465	75	6,541
Maine	164	10,691	104	670	37	31	828
Maryland	4,354	41,061	118	3,912	1,605	126	6,771
Massachusetts	8,123	48,816	117	5,584	2,896	165	10,968
Michigan	6,340	76,890	114	6,887	3,074	243	10,391
Minnesota	2,129	33,616	108	2,388	611	122	4,027
Mississippi	2,980	26,278	119	3,180	1,536	57	4,677
Missouri	2,418	47,325	105	3,111	887	181	4,823
Montana	199	7,511	104	399	76	34	556
Nebraska	530	12,269	103	901	208	28	1,251
Nevada	1,566	20,392	112	2,296	1,183	41	2,720
New Hampshire	434	9,214	106	548	119	30	892

New Jersey	14,422	68,313	132	10,257	6,949	122	17,838
New Mexico	824	14,088	109	1,045	370	29	1,528
New York ⁷	11,729	83,735	120	11,060	5,629	213	17,354
New York City	20,811	64,107	170	11,350	7,986	968	24,311
North Carolina	2,635	58,435	88	4,164	1,041	231	5,987
North Dakota	282	5,063	102	457	117	20	642
Ohio	4,688	90,258	105	5,979	2,011	264	8,919
Oklahoma	1,306	28,393	103	2,589	503	113	3,498
Oregon	567	26,402	103	1,232	185	65	1,678
Pennsylvania	8,572	102,152	108	7,576	3,054	254	13,344
Rhode Island	1,092	7,955	109	756	425	25	1,448
South Carolina	3,392	40,485	118	3,418	1,450	102	5,458
South Dakota	303	5,919	103	486	138	27	678
Tennessee	2,630	57,134	110	4,825	1,297	136	6,293
Texas	17,099	164,674	117	17,955	8,738	366	26,669
Utah	508	14,563	109	851	184	40	1,215
Vermont	62	4,234	105	197	15	16	260
Virginia	3,328	53,076	111	3,326	1,209	115	5,558
Washington	2,008	42,728	107	3,126	1,027	114	4,216
West Virginia	314	13,567	86	984	109	59	1,248
Wisconsin	1,430	39,909	108	1,996	336	150	3,238
Wyoming	45	3,499	110	210	18	-	246
Puerto Rico	659	19,388	93	2,512	417	70	2,821

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⁵Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, pneumonia, or influenza, coded to ICD-10 codes U07.1 or J09-18.9.

⁶United States death count includes the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and New York City.

⁷Excludes New York City.

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.

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