

Office for National Statistics (ONS) Mortality Data

Key contact details:

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ONS mortality data dictionary:

Mortality statistics in England and Wales are derived from the registration of deaths certified by a doctor or coroner. The data pass through a number of processes before becoming usable for analysis and available through ONS.

The ONS has over 128 mortality datasets, with the majority open access and freely available. A [full list of ONS mortality datasets](#) can be found here.

Variables include: age, sex, area, religious groups, care home residents, place of death, Covid-19, vaccination status, cause of death, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, plus many more.

Some of the England and Wales datasets available via ONS are:

- Provisional counts of weekly and monthly death registrations
- Monthly mortality analysis
- Provisional rate and number of suicidal deaths
- Provisional quarterly rates and number of alcohol specific deaths
- Annual mortality statistics

Accessing ONS mortality data:

ONS mortality data is made available on the [ONS website here](#).

Content is open access, freely available under the Open Government Licence v3.0. Most datasets are made available for download in .xls file format. The weekly or monthly updates are added as columns to the current year dataset file.

Special extracts and tabulations of mortality data for England and Wales are available to order from ONS, subject to legal frameworks, disclosure control, resources and charging policy. Information on how to request extracts and tabulations can be found in the [ONS user guide to mortality statistics](#). User requested data will be published on the ONS website. [Previously requested data can be found here](#).

User access agreements:

Access to ONS mortality datasets published on the ONS website is free of charge and available for download under the Open Government Licence v3.0. Further information on data collection, privacy policy, and how to request extracts can be found in this helpful [ONS guide](#). Special extracts and tabulations of mortality data for England and Wales are available to order from ONS, subject to legal frameworks, disclosure control, resources and charging policy.

Cost of access:

ONS mortality data is available free of charge on the ONS website. Special extracts and tabulations can be ordered, which will incur charges. Costings vary depending on the time taken to develop the analyses and undertake all necessary processes. The final cost will be

agreed with the customer prior to the work commencing. Published price bands by ONS show that charges for this service can range from £150 - £900.

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