

The demography of COVID-19 deaths

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ABSTRACT

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CONTENT/METHOD. The database comprises (1) COVID-19 death counts stratified by sex, age group and place of death, and (2) information describing the data coverage, quality and accuracy. This bilingual French-English platform also provides information on key issues



about the limitations of COVID-19 data for analyses of mortality dynamics. So far data, metadata and the associated documentation (e.g., national reports, methodological documents) have been published for the following 21 countries: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, England and Wales, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and United States of America. Data will be periodically updated (weekly at the moment) until the end of the pandemic.



WPRN-445752 Project The Demography of Covid-19 Deaths Database