

Weird and wonderful observations fitting the Poisson distribution

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# deaths per corps-year, k	observed frequency	Poisson frequency $N \times \text{Po}(k; \lambda)$
0	144	139
1	91	97
2	32	34
3	11	8
4	2	1
5	0	0