



## Press release

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Cause of death statistics 2018

## Leading causes of death in 2018 remain stable – sharp increase in assisted suicide

In 2018, 67 088 persons died in Switzerland, 0.2% more than in the previous year. As in 2017, the most common causes were cardiovascular diseases (30.7%) and cancer (25.9%). According to the latest cause of death statistics published by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO), all other causes of death each accounted for less than 10% of all deaths, including dementia (9.6%) and respiratory diseases (6.9%). Overall, the frequency of causes of death has hardly changed compared with the previous year. Assisted suicide was an exception: with an increase of 17% in 2018 compared to the previous year it approached the level of 1 in 50 deaths.

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