



## Press release

Embargo: 17.4.2023, 8:30

### 14 Health

Cause of death statistics 2021

## In 2021, 5957 persons in Switzerland died from COVID-19

In 2021, 71 192 persons among the Swiss resident population died. The proportion of deaths with COVID-19 as the main cause of death was 8.4%, third only to cardiovascular disease (27.6%) and cancer (23.7%). Two periods of high excess mortality occurred in the two pandemic years 2020 and 2021, largely due to COVID-19 as the cause of death. In a third period at the end of 2021, however, the extent of excess mortality could no longer be fully explained by COVID-19. These are some of the findings of the mortality monitoring and the cause of death statistics 2020 and 2021 from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

You can find the complete text of the press release in German, French or Italian:

For German see: [www.bfs.admin.ch/news/de/2022-0203](https://www.bfs.admin.ch/news/de/2022-0203)

For French see: [www.bfs.admin.ch/news/fr/2022-0203](https://www.bfs.admin.ch/news/fr/2022-0203)

For Italian see: [www.bfs.admin.ch/news/it/2022-0203](https://www.bfs.admin.ch/news/it/2022-0203)