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Measures of Mortality

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Death is easy to identify in nearly all cases and the date of death is generally available in records. Thus mortality statistics are considered reliable and used all across the world. A higher rate of mortality is considered an indicator of poor health, although this may not always be so as explained in the following documents. Mortality rates are generally calculated per year.

[Crude and standardized death rates and standardized mortality ratio](#)

[Child mortality indicators](#)

[Maternal/Adult mortality measures](#)

[Death spectrum](#)