

Subject: Request for a breakdown of average deaths for the period 2015-2019 by week and age group.

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Date responded: 20 May 2021

Information requested:

You asked us:

“Is it possible to provide a breakdown of the average weekly mortality by age range (the same age ranges broken out in the report 'Deaths involving coronavirus'), averaged for the period 2015-2019, to use as a comparison with the 2021 data? (Or actual weekly data by age for each of the years is also fine, and I can make the average)?”

NRS Response:

I enclose a copy of the information you requested in the accompanying table which outlines a breakdown of average deaths over the 2015-2019 period by week and age group.

You can also view the full breakdown of the yearly figures through the following link: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/weekly-deaths-by-health-board-age-group-and-sex-2015-2019.xlsx>.

You may also be interested in the infographic included in our most recent monthly publication <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files/statistics/covid19/covid-deaths-21-report-week-19.pdf> which graphically represents excess deaths since March 2020 by age group.