

June 2020 and January to December 2021). This was true when looking at excess using numbers of death registrations or age-standardised mortality rates.

134. During the second lockdown (August to December 2020), Northern Ireland had the highest percentage above average when looking at numbers of death registrations, but Wales had the highest percentage when looking at age-standardised mortality rates.

135. When looking at age-standardised mortality rates, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland all displayed rates below average during the last lockdown period.

Table 13: Excess deaths (deaths above average) for January 2020-February 2022, by nation and lockdown period (February-June 2020; August- December 2020; January-May 2021)^{52,53,54}

	UK	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Number of excess deaths					
March 2020 to February 2022	138,909	118,503	6,192	11,017	3,638
March 2020 to June 2020	62,903	55,003	2,150	4,889	908
August 2020 to December 2020	24,668	20,009	1,925	1,871	1,031
January 2021 to May 2021	22,423	20,962	539	770	265
Percentage above average (numbers)					
March 2020 to February 2022	11.4%	11.9%	9.2%	9.5%	11.5%
March 2020 to June 2020	31.5%	33.5%	19.3%	26.0%	17.6%
August 2020 to December 2020	10.2%	10.1%	14.4%	8.0%	16.3%
January 2021 to May 2021	8.3%	9.4%	3.6%	3.0%	3.8%
Percentage above average (ASMRs)					
March 2020 to February 2022	6.1%	6.5%	4.9%	3.9%	4.0%

⁵² Figures exclude deaths of non-residents.

⁵³ Based on date a death was registered rather than occurred.

⁵⁴ Figures for the four countries individually exclude deaths of non-residents, as place of residence is used to assign to a country. A small difference to the UK total will therefore be observed as the UK figure also includes deaths of non-residents.

March 2020 to June 2020	25.5%	27.3%	14.3%	21.3%	11.1%
August 2020 to December 2020	5.8%	5.8%	10.5%	3.5%	10.1%
January 2021 to May 2021	2.8%	4.0%	-0.6%	-4.1%	-4.6%

Excess deaths by region of England

136. When looking at both percentage of excess deaths based on numbers and age-standardised mortality rates, London has the highest excess of the period March 2020 to February 2022 with the number of deaths registered being 16.5% above average and the age-standardised mortality rate being 12.6% above average. This was also the region with the highest rate of deaths involving Covid-19.

137. All regions showed above average mortality when looking across the period, but the South West showed the lowest with the number of deaths being 7.1% above average and the age-standardised rate being 1.1% above average. This was also the region with the lowest age-standardised mortality rate of deaths involving Covid-19.

Table 14: Excess deaths (deaths above average) in regions of England, March 2020 to February 2022^{55, 56}

	Number of excess deaths	Percentage above average	
		Numbers	ASMRs
North East	6,374	11.3%	6.4%
North West	19,029	13.2%	8.3%
Yorkshire and The Humber	11,956	11.4%	6.3%
East Midlands	11,731	12.9%	6.8%
West Midlands	15,938	14.4%	8.9%
East of England	11,711	10.2%	4.7%
London	16,503	16.5%	12.6%
South East	17,164	10.5%	4.9%
South West	8,097	7.1%	1.1%

Excess deaths by setting

138. The ONS published deaths registered weekly in England and Wales by place of death, which includes excess deaths for England and Wales combined. Data for the individual countries of England and Wales have been published independently of the deaths registered weekly in England and Wales release.

⁵⁵ Figures exclude deaths of non-residents.

⁵⁶ Based on date a death was registered rather than occurred.