



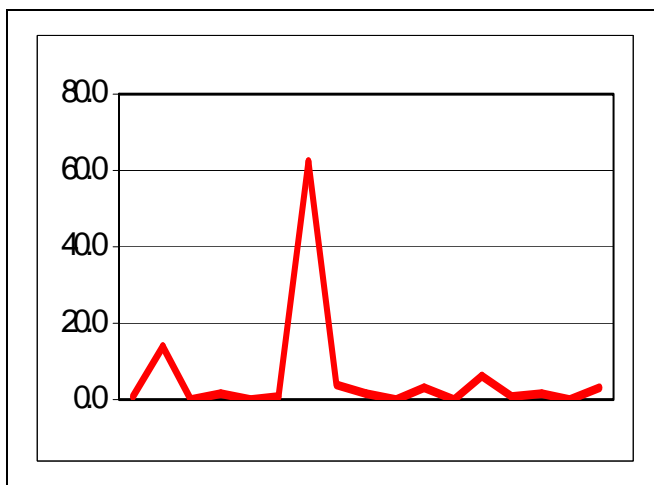
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Foreword

The Statistical Office of Kosovo (SOK), the Department of Population Statistics (DPS), has processed and released the results of the causes of death for 2008 and 2009 in an analytical way, through tables and standards in accordance with classifications recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and Eurostat.

The Publishing of the findings on causes of death for 2008/2009 have been done based on the processing of the part “Medical death certificate”, along with the statistical questionnaire of death, DEM-2.

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The processing of information over the causes of death offers wide opportunities for medical analyses in respective fields of interest. The death questionnaire- DEM-2, containing the “Medical death certificate” and the question on cause of death enables the right recording of the disease, trauma or the wounding that caused the death, a data that can be processed afterwards and tabled according to ICD-10.

The standard grouping and table presentation enables the analyzing and comparison with other Countries. The Coding of diseases according to the International Codification of Diseases, third revision (ICD-10), is valued by WHO as an advanced analytic encoding applicable today in the developed Countries.

In order to undertake this relevant statistical research it is necessary that doctors in hospitals, clinics, medical centers, health facilities, etc do the right diagnose description in the statistical questionnaire DEM-2 and the question 23 - The Cause of death from the “history” of the people cured at the hospitals, from the “medical file” of the people cured at other health facilities or from other valid documents that clearly show the diagnose of the dead person. By using the data released in this publication, the SOK’s Department for Population Statistics will accept suggestions, proposals and eventual critical observations that will help us to enrich the content of this publication in the future.

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List of Symbols

SOK Statistical Office of Kosovo (SOK)

DPS Department of Population Statistics

UNFPA United Nations Fund for Population

NIPH National Institute of Public Health

WHO World Health Organization

ICD-10 International Classification of Diseases - 10

Methodology

Definitions related to cause of deaths:

Cause of death is a disease or symptoms that caused or stimulated the death, as well as the circumstances of accident that caused such traumas. (prescription in the death certificate)

Preliminary cause means the disease or trauma that helps the development of disease that caused the death, as well as the circumstances of accident or violence that caused the deadly trauma.

Other Relevant Conditions that could have caused the death but are related to main cause of death.

Death means sustainable elimination of all signs of life in any moment after live births (end of life functions with no possibility of reanimation). Such definition excludes the fetal death.

Perinatal death is a death of a child born alive which occurs within six first days of life after the birth (168 hours).

Neonatal death is a death of a child born alive and occurs after first seven days of life after the birth (over 168 hours, but before 28 days after the birth).

Postneonatal death is a death of a child born alive and which occurs after 27 days of life after birth (but before reaching age 1 of life after birth).

Maternal death is a death of a woman during pregnancy or within 42 days after the end of pregnancy due to whatever determined cause, but excluding accidental or unexpected deaths.

Mortality expresses deaths as one of the components of population change which happens to every inhabitant.

Coefficient of mortality per cause is calculated by the death for 100,000 inhabitants since for many causes of deaths the percentage of occurrence is very low.

Number of deaths from specific group of cause is expressed as percentage of deaths occurred within certain group in relation with their total number.

Coefficient of infant mortality is a number of dead children under age 1 for 1,000 alive births per respective year.

Coefficient of maternal mortality is a number of women who die as a result of pregnancy during one respective year for 100,000 alive births within that year.

The SOK will continue with publication of findings and data for 2008, 2009 as part of its regular research.

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Respected doctors!

For quality of data for publication "The cause of death in Kosovo" it is necessary the commitment of professional medical personnel in a determination and description of the DIAGNOSIS in the appropriate documentation (death certificate) for all cases of deaths, based on the "International Classification of Diseases ", revision 3 (KNS - 10).

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Vital phenomena in Kosovo by years

Year	Population in (000) inhabitants	Born alive	Deaths		Natural growth	Marriages	Divorces
			Total	Infants			
2002	1,985	36,136	5,654	403	30,482	18,280	:
2003	2,016	31,994	6,417	483	25,577	17,034	:
2004	2,041	35,063	6,399	415	28,664	16,989	1,293
2005	2,070	37,218	7,207	357	30,011	15,732	1,445
2006	2,100	34,187	7,479	410	26,708	15,825	1,480
2007	2,126	33,112	6,681	366	26,431	16,824	1,558
2008	2153	34399	6852	339	27547	17950	1026
2009	2181	34240	7030	288	27210	20209	1555