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## DEATH STATISTICS

### Legal basis

The legal basis for the implementation of the deaths statistic is Law on Official Statistics and the system of official statistics ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", no. 18/12 and 47/19) and the Annual plan of official statistics which is developed for each calendar year.

The Law on Registers ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", no. 47/2008, 41/2010, 40/2011 – other Law and 55/2016) establishes and regulates the registration of births, deaths and other legally defined data related to or in connection with personal and family status of Montenegrin citizens incurred in Montenegro and in the other state, and citizens of other countries and stateless persons, incurred in Montenegro.

Data are collected on the basis of the Agreement on cooperation in the field of statistics of births and deaths (concluded in Podgorica on 03.03.2010) between the Ministry of Interior and the Statistical Office of Montenegro - MONSTAT.

## METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

### Aim and content of the survey

Statistics of deaths aims to produce data on demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the deceased. On the basis of these data the monitoring and studying the overall mortality rate is enabled. Obtained data are required for the analysis of natural changes in population at the national and municipal level. Data represent the basis for calculating a set of analytical demographic indicators used for the purpose of assessing whether present or future structure of the population.

### Data sources

The data source for the statistics of deaths is administrative - Registry of deaths led by state authority responsible for internal affairs (Ministry of Interior).

### Coverage

Statistics of deaths covers all deaths cases registered in the Registry of deaths. In processing the data are grouped according to place of residence of the deceased person.

### Protection of individual data

Individual data on natural, legal persons and households is confidential and represent an official secret. (Article 56 of the Law on Official Statistics and the system of official statistics).

Based on the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of statistics, birth and death data from the registry of births that are submitted do not contain any feature which allows the identification of person.

### **Definitions of basic features – indicators**

**Dead person** is person who died any time after birth.

**A dead infant** is every child that after was live-born died before reaching one year of age.

**Age** is expressed in completed years of life. It is calculated on the basis of date of birth and date of death of the deceased person. It is presented by individual age and by five-year age groups.

**Citizenship** is a legal relationship between persons and the state and does not indicate any national or ethnic origin.

### **The level of data dissemination**

Data on deaths are presented at the national and municipalities level.

### **Deadlines for data collection and publication**

Data are collected monthly, and processed annually. Deadlines for submission and publication of data are defined in the Annual Plan of official statistics.

Preliminary monthly data are published in the Monthly Statistical Review. The final annual data are published in the Press Release.