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Number of deaths continues to be high

Vienna, 2020-12-18 – In calendar week 49 (from 30 November to 6 December 2020), 2 536 people died in Austria, according to preliminary results from Statistics Austria. "In the 49th calendar week, the number of deaths broke another sad record – it was 58% higher than the average for the same calendar week of the years 2015 to 2019. In total, 82 610 people have died so far this year. That is 8.6% more than the five-year average", says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

The increase in deaths during the first 49 weeks of 2020 affected men (+11.5%) to a much greater extent than women (+5.9%). Since calendar week 43 this year, the discrepancies in absolute deaths have also been visible in the age-standardized death rates, in which the deaths were adjusted for age and population structure using a standard population.

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