



## CMI mortality monitor – Week 13 of 2026

This update is for week 13 of 2026, ending on 27 March 2026 and published on 10 April 2026. The [CMI website](#) has details of the calculation methods and previous updates.

**Note: Week 13 of 2024 and Weeks 12 and 13 of the 2016-2025 average are affected by Easter bank holidays.**

Our calculations are based on the dates when deaths are registered rather than when they occurred. Therefore, results for individual weeks may not be consistent between years due to the timing of public holidays and changes in registration patterns. We have included analysis of the impact in the Q1 2026 quarterly monitor.

**Chart 1: Weekly standardised mortality rates in England & Wales for 2024-2026 relative to the 2016-2025 range with and without 2020-2021**

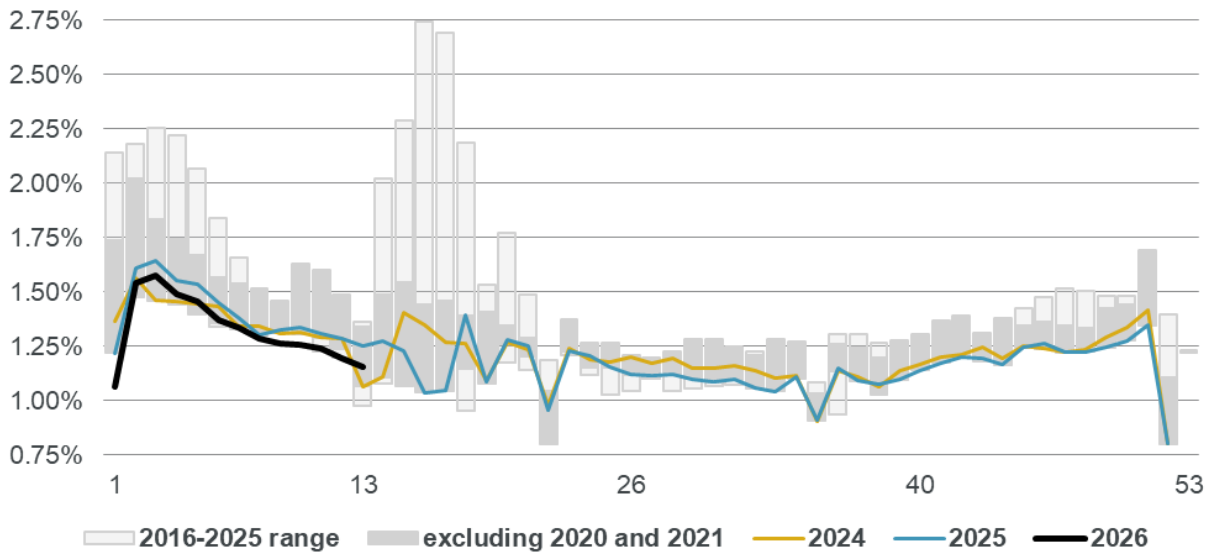


Chart 2 shows cumulative standardised mortality rates relative to the ten-year average for 2016-2025, as a proportion of the full year’s mortality for the 2016-2025 average. While we compare to a ten-year average, this is not intended as a measure of likely or ‘normal’ deaths for 2026. Under this measure, cumulative standardised mortality to 27 March 2026 is 2.8% below the ten-year average.

**Chart 2: Cumulative standardised mortality rate compared to the 2016-2025 average**

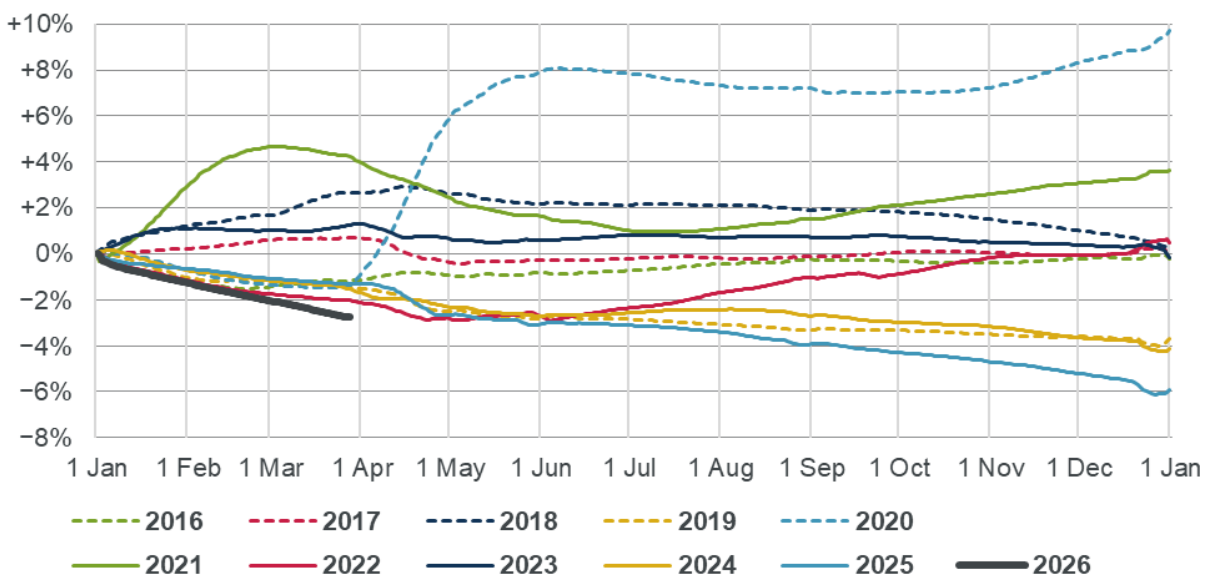
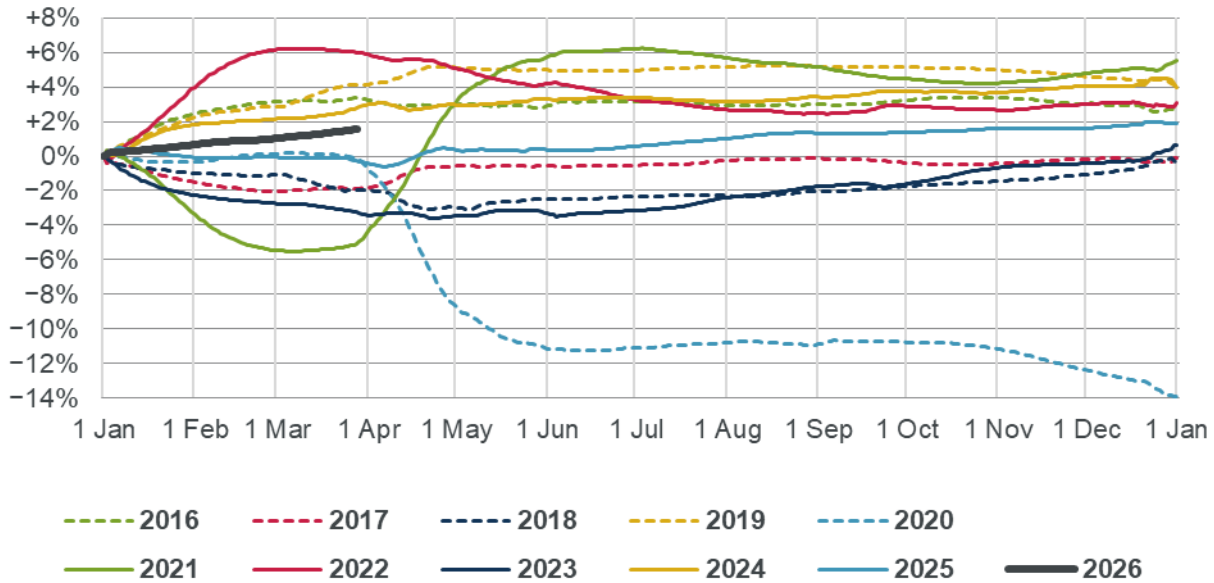




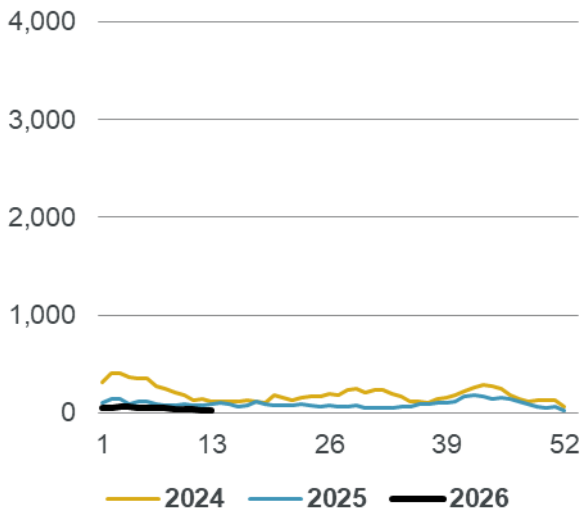
Chart 3 shows the cumulative annual standardised mortality improvement for 2026 and the previous ten years. The cumulative improvement for year N is the reduction in cumulative mortality from year N–1 to year N, as a proportion of full-year mortality for year N–1.

The cumulative mortality improvement to 27 March 2026 (relative to 2025) is +1.6%.

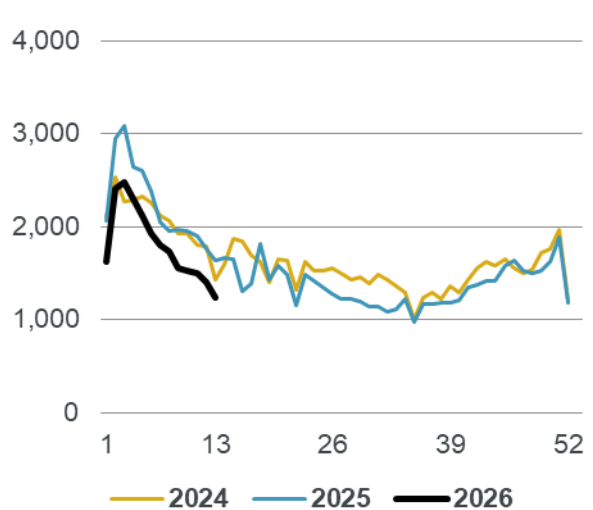
**Chart 3: Cumulative annual standardised mortality improvement**



**Chart 4: Weekly deaths involving COVID-19 in 2024-2026**



**Chart 5: Weekly deaths involving influenza or pneumonia in 2024-2026**





## Data source

The provisional weekly deaths are available from the ONS:

- <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/datasets/weeklyprovisionalfiguresondeathsregisteredinenglandandwales>

## Notes on methods and data

Full details of the methods used are included in [Working Paper 111](#). Our analysis is based on Standardised Mortality Rates (SMRs). These adjust the provisional weekly deaths data published by the ONS to control for changes in the size, age and sex distribution of the population over time. We note that mortality rates and mortality improvements vary by age, and the results shown are sensitive to the age distribution of the chosen standard population (the 2013 European Standard Population).

We have revised the population data used to produce the mortality monitor from time to time, primarily to reflect results of the 2021 census. The mortality monitor webpage includes [a note](#) setting out the most recent changes, which were implemented in the week 9 of 2026 monitor.

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Since 9 September 2024, death certification reforms means that the five-day period for registering a death starts on the date that the registrar receives a signed medical certificate of cause of death from the medical examiner, or relevant notification from the coroner. Previously, deaths should legally have been registered within five days of the death occurring or the date on which a body was found (including weekends and bank holidays), unless a coroner was involved.

We published analysis of the impact of using data based on registrations rather than occurrences in the Q1 2026 quarterly mortality monitor. This analysis showed that the time taken to register deaths has increased since 2021, with a further increase following the reform in September 2024. Using estimated occurrences deaths rather than registered deaths can affect ASMRs and improvements in individual years.

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## Reliances and limitations

The purpose of the mortality monitor is to provide regular updates on standardised mortality in England & Wales during the coronavirus pandemic, adjusting ONS data to allowing for changes in the size and age of the population.

The mortality monitor reports on all-cause, COVID-19, and influenza and pneumonia mortality. It does not offer any view on other causes of death or reasons for changes in mortality rates.



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- We cannot guarantee their accuracy (see the Disclaimer).
- There is a reliance on the data published by the ONS which is described as “provisional”. We are unable to quantify the impact on the results of the monitor of any future revisions to provisional data.
- We have also applied judgement and assumptions in deciding on the calculation methods and the presentation of results.
- Anyone using the results of the mortality monitor should ensure that it is appropriate for their particular use and note that care is needed when estimating full year experience from partial year experience. This is particularly true during the coronavirus pandemic.
- Population estimates for the latest years reflect our own estimates and are less certain than published ONS figures for earlier years.

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