



CMI mortality monitor – week 13 of 2025

This update is for week 13 of 2025, ending on 28 March 2025 and published on 9 April 2025. The [CMI website](#) has details of the calculation methods and previous updates. Results are based on the date of registration of deaths. Using date of occurrence, if available, may give different results.

Note: Comparisons to other years are affected by bank holidays in week 13 of 2024 and weeks 12 and 13 of the 2015-2024 average.

Note: Death certification reforms on 9 September 2024 affect results since that date. [Our analysis published in November 2024](#) suggested that the cumulative standardised mortality rate for 2024 may be around 0.25% lower if the reforms had not been implemented. More recent data indicate even longer registration delays over the holiday period. It is reasonable to expect that longer registration delays are typical over this period and it is difficult to estimate a revised impact without further information about delays in previous years. We are actively exploring data availability with the ONS.

Chart 1: Weekly standardised mortality rates in England & Wales for 2011-2019 and 2023-2025

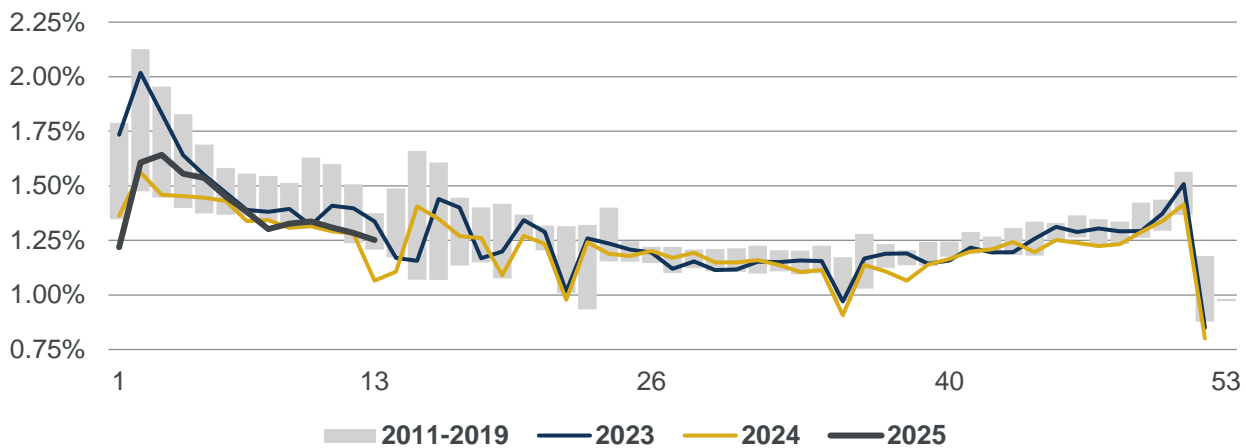


Chart 2 shows cumulative standardised mortality rates relative to the ten-year average for 2015-2024, as a proportion of the full year's mortality for the 2015-2024 average. While we compare to a ten-year average, this is not intended as a measure of likely or 'normal' deaths.

Under this measure, cumulative standardised mortality to 28 March 2025 is 1.6% below the ten-year average.

Chart 2: Cumulative standardised mortality rate compared to the 2015-2024 average

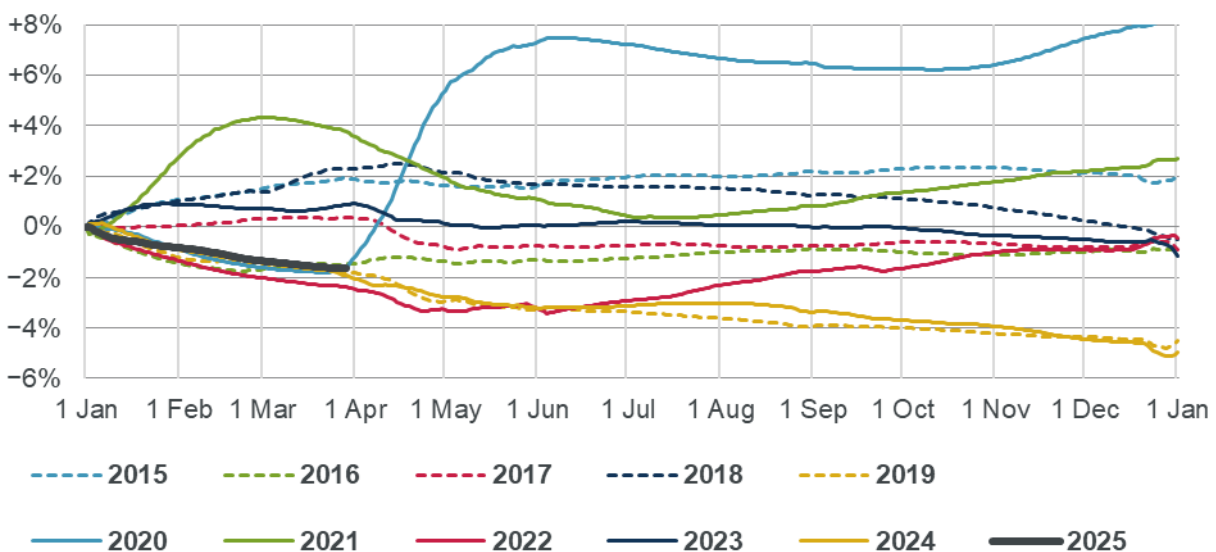




Chart 3 shows the cumulative annual standardised mortality improvement for 2025 and the previous ten years. The cumulative improvement for year N is the reduction in cumulative mortality from year N–1 to year N, as a proportion of full-year mortality for year N–1.

The cumulative mortality improvement to 28 March 2025 (relative to 2024) is -0.3%.

Chart 3: Cumulative annual standardised mortality improvement

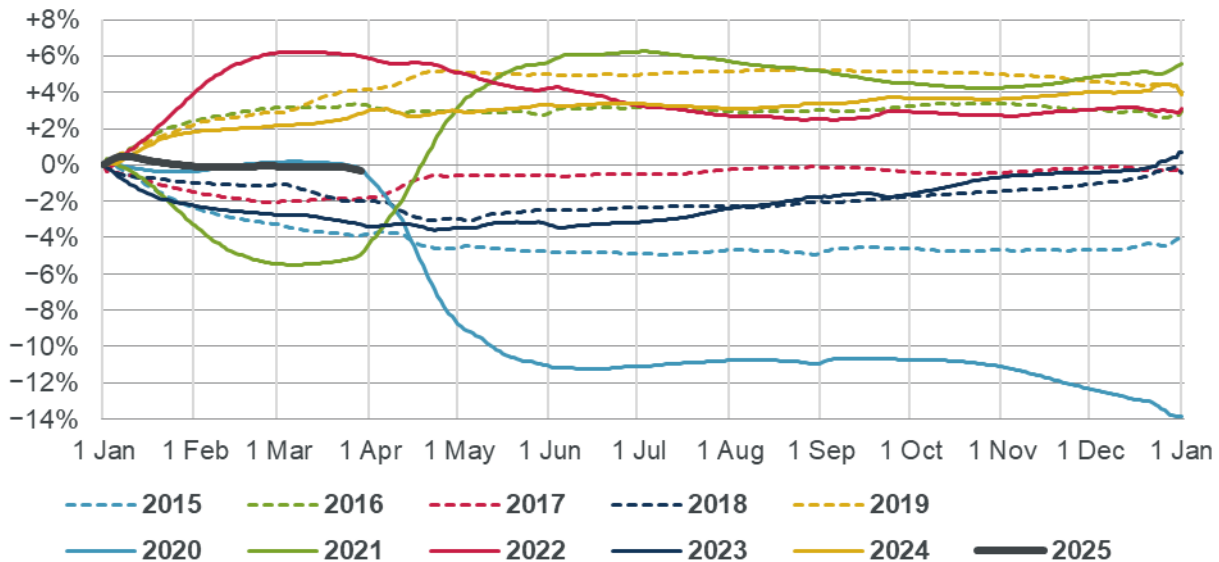


Chart 4: Weekly deaths involving COVID-19 in 2023-2025

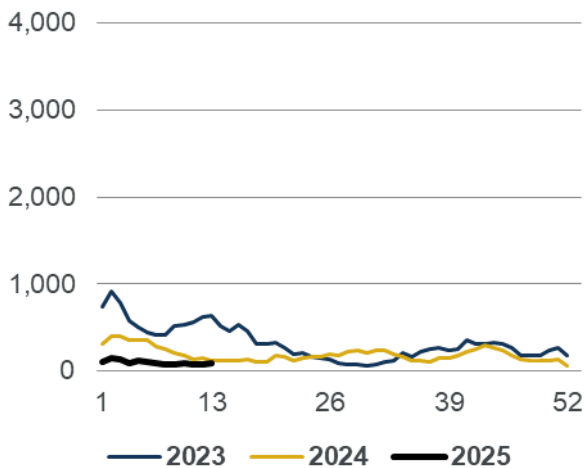
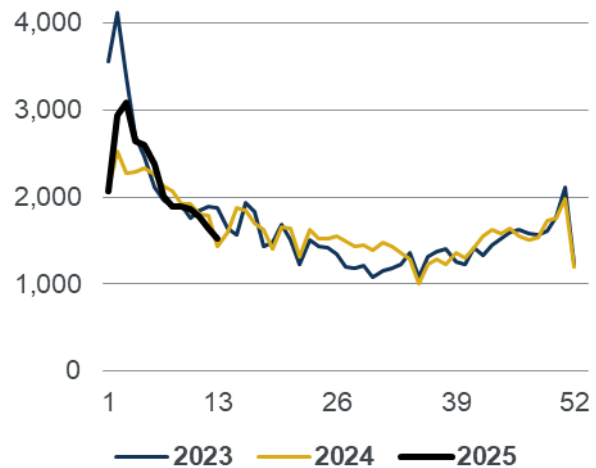


Chart 5: Weekly deaths involving influenza or pneumonia in 2023-2025





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 gender 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. The mortality monitor webpage includes a note setting out the most recent changes, which were implemented in the week 9 of 2025 monitor.

Our calculations rely on data for registered deaths. Comparisons of mortality between years may not be entirely on a like-for-like basis due to changes in the timing of registration of deaths – including differences in the timing of public holidays in different years. [Our analysis published in November 2024](#) considered the impact of death certification reforms on 9 September 2024 on the results of the mortality monitor.

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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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