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Number of deaths remains at high level in early December

Vienna, 2021-12-16 – According to preliminary results by Statistics Austria, the number of deaths in Austria remained at an elevated level in the first week of December. In calendar week 48 (from 29 November to 5 December 2021), a total of 2 156 people died, 19 more than in the previous week. This continues the trend of increasing deaths that has been in place since the beginning of October (from calendar week 40). However, the number of deaths in calendar week 48 is about 11% lower than in the same week of 2020, when 2 428 people died.

"The trend towards an increased number of deaths that has been in place since early October continues to slow. In the first week of December, the number of deaths was 39% above the five-year average of the same calendar week of the pre-Corona period 2015 to 2019, but significantly below the mortality of the same calendar week of the previous year," said Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Further information on [deaths](#) can be found on our website, where an interactive web application – [the Atlas of Deaths](#) – also graphically illustrates the development and regional distribution. Detailed results can be found in Statistics Austria's [open data repository](#).

For more detailed information, please refer to the [German version](#).