

Corona: Five Official Facts

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1. All-time low clinic occupancy in 2020

In 2020, clinic occupancy fell to an all-time low, in some cases 30% below the previous year's figure. Link Bundesgesundheitsministerium (p. 4):

https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/C/Coronavirus/Analyse_Leistungen_Ausgleichszahlungen_2020_Corona-Krise.pdf

2. Few severe respiratory diseases

Respiratory diseases (SARI) were inconspicuous in 2020 and 2021. Peaks occurred in 2018 and at the end of 2022. Link Robert Koch-Institut (p. 6):

https://influenza.rki.de/Wochenberichte/2022_2023/2023-30.pdf

3. Deaths increased noticeably in 2021 not 2020

In 2020, the age-adjusted mortality rate was between the values of 2018 and 2019. It only increased noticeably with the start of vaccination in 2021. Link Gesundheitsberichterstattung des Bundes:

https://www.gbe-bund.de/gbe/isgbe.information?p_uid=gast&p_aid=8528963&p_sprache=D&p_thema_id=14187&p_thema_id2=3600&p_thema_id3=3800&p_thema_id4=3900

4. Corona deaths were older than other deaths

The median age of PCR fatalities was 83 years, Link Robert Koch-Institut (p. 20):

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Situationsberichte/Wochenbericht/Wochenbericht_2022-11-03.pdf?blob=publicationFile

The median age of total fatalities was 82 year. Link und Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung:

<https://www.bib.bund.de/DE/Fakten/Fakt/S30-Medialalter-Gestorbene-ab-1952.html>

5. Sweden performed better than Germany

The overall mortality rate per capita was lower in lockdown- and mask-free Sweden than in Germany. Link: World Health Organization:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-022-05522-2>