

Mortality from dementia

Dementia disorders are fatal. On average, a person with a dementia disorder lives 5 to 8 years after the diagnosis.

Dementia disorders evolve gradually and are ultimately fatal. However, some people live for many years with dementia. It is believed that dementia is the fourth most common cause of death in Denmark with cancer, heart diseases and respiratory diseases being more frequent causes of death.

The table displays 1- and 5-years survival rates for women and men aged 65-69 years and 90+ years.

	Women		Men	
	65-69 y	90+ y	65-69 y	90+ y
1-year survival	90 %	60 %	88 %	50%
5-year survival	62%	10 %	54 %	5 %

[Taudorf L, et al.. *J Alzheimers Dis.* 2021]

The Danish Health Data Authority (Sundhedsdatastyrelsen)

eSundhed.dk

Vestergaard SV, Rasmussen TB, Stallknecht S, Olsen J, Skipper N, Sorensen HT, et al. Occurrence, mortality and cost of brain disorders in Denmark: a population-based cohort study. *BMJ Open.* 2020;10(11):e037564

[PubMed](#)

Taudorf L, Norgaard A, Waldemar G, Laursen TM. Mortality in Dementia from 1996 to 2015: A National Registry-Based Cohort Study. *J Alzheimers Dis.* 2021;79(1):289-300.

[PubMed](#)

Taudorf L, Norgaard A, Islamoska S, Laursen TM, Waldemar G. Causes of Death in People with Dementia from 2002 to 2015: A Nationwide Study. *J Alzheimers Dis.* 2021;82(4):1609-18.



[PubMed](#)

Taudorf L, Norgaard A, Brodaty H, Laursen TM, Waldemar G. Dementia increases mortality beyond effects of comorbid conditions: A national registry-based cohort study. *Eur J Neurol.* 2021;28(7):2174-84

[PubMed](#)

Latest update: 07. October 2021