

3 . Deaths registered by age group

In Week 47, the number of deaths involving the coronavirus (COVID-19) in England and Wales increased or remained similar across all age groups compared with [Week 46](#). The biggest increase was seen in those aged 90 years and over (79 more deaths). Three-quarters of deaths involving COVID-19 were in people aged 75 years and over.

Across Weeks 1 to 47 of 2020, 55.4% of all deaths involving COVID-19 were in males. There were more deaths in females aged 85 years and over (14,301) than males aged 85 years and over (12,288). However, these numbers do not account for the [population structure](#) where there are more women aged over 85 years than men.

Looking at excess deaths by age group, the number of deaths up to 20 November 2020 was above the five-year average for all age groups above 14 years. While the number of deaths for age groups under 44 years was below the five-year average (Figure 4).

