

# Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 1997–2015

## Metadata

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The metadata file contains the following information for each variable:

- **Descriptive name of variables:**  
A brief description of the variable name.
- **Variable name:**  
The name of the variable (provided in brackets) and as heading for the value labels.
- **Type and position of the variable:**  
The type and position of a variable within a record is recorded in the format *type (@xxx L)*. The *type* specifies if the variable is numeric or a character (string/alphanumeric variables). *@xxx* indicates the position (column) at which the variable starts. *L* indicates the length of the field.
- **Note to users:**  
The note is provided for each variable to provide additional information for further clarity on questions and definition of concepts.

Other relevant information is available on the Statistics South Africa website ([www.statssa.gov.za](http://www.statssa.gov.za)) or from User Information Services:

- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 1997–2003: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2004: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2005: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2006: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2007: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2008: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2009: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2010: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2011: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2012: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2013: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2014: Findings from death notification
- Statistical release on Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2015: Findings from death notification

## Methodology

### 1. System design

The registration of deaths is governed by the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1992 (Act No. 51 of 1992 as amended), and is administered by the Department of Home Affairs using Forms BI-1663 and DHA-1663 (Notification/Register of death/stillbirth). After a death is registered, the Department of Home Affairs issues a death certificate and, where applicable, updates the population register. The forms are then collected by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) for processing.

The processing of death notification forms includes sorting, pasting, pre-coding, coding and capturing. The process of sorting involves sorting the forms by year of death, month, day and finally by surname of the deceased in alphabetical order. The main purpose of sorting is to identify and remove duplicates. During data processing, unique identifiers (serial numbers) are developed for each form for the purpose of tracking the forms through the different processing phases. Because of the complexity of the coding of diseases, Stats SA decided that all demographic and socio-economic variables on the forms, except the actual causes of death, should be pre-coded to expedite the process. Thereafter, the causes of death are manually coded.

Coding the information on causes of death followed a two-step process entailing initial coding and verification by more experienced coders. The causes of death data presented were coded by procedures described in the Stats SA manual guidelines for coders using ICD-10. The ICD-10 (10th revision of the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems) coding provides the basic guidance used in virtually all countries to code and classify causes of death data. It provides information on coding in terms of disease, injury and poisoning categories. It also provides the rules for selecting the underlying cause of death from the several diagnoses that may be reported on the death certificate, as well as definitions, tabulation lists, guidelines for the death notification form, and regulations on the use of the classification.

After all processes have been undertaken, the data are captured and duplicates verified to ensure that all the death notification forms removed as duplicates during sorting were indeed duplicates, and to identify any that were mistakenly taken out as duplicates. The data are then edited and inconsistent cases manually verified.

The underlying cause of death is then derived automatically using a software program called Automated Classification of Medical Entities (ACME 2011) developed by the United States National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). The ACME program applies World Health Organization rules on the selection of underlying causes of death. The ACME program is used as the international standard in the automated coding of causes of death. Additional software (IRIS) was used to derive the underlying cause of death. IRIS is an automated system for coding multiple causes of death and for the selection of the underlying cause of death. IRIS is based on the international form of death certificate provided by the World Health Organization (WHO), and coding of causes of death follows ICD-10 rules and guidelines.

The Stats SA coding manual prescribes the use of three-character codes while the ACME program requires four-character codes in deriving the underlying cause of death. A conversion program was

therefore applied to the codes for the ACME system to recognise the data as valid input. In most of the cases, the fourth character was '9' or '8', indicating that the detail of the coded disease was not specified.

The preparation of the ACME 2011 input file involved the following:

- a) Conversion of the captured ICD-10 codes into the required ACME format.
- b) Comparison of coded value sets for the up to five causes of death (Cause A, B, C, D and other causes of death, with the associated injury when necessary) with the valid value sets in the ACME instruction manual, and editing where necessary.

## 2. Coverage

The target population is all deaths that occurred between 1997 and 2015 and were registered at the Department of Home Affairs. It therefore excludes death occurrences that might not be registered, possible late registrations, and deaths that have been registered but had not reached Stats SA during the processing phases.

## 3. Confidentiality

The information remains confidential to Stats SA. The Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999) prohibits the disclosure of information regarding individuals to any person concerned or his/her lawful representative. Therefore, the information on mortality and causes of death published does not include personal information about the deceased or informants and is released in such a way that no individual can be identified.

## 4. Contents of the CD

### 4.1 The data file provided contains 47 variables.

Users are cautioned that the following variables had a high percentage of cases where information was unspecified or unknown:

- (a) Place of death, e.g. hospital, home, nursing home, etc.
- (b) Was the deceased a smoker?
- (c) Was the deceased pregnant 42 days prior to death?
- (d) Province of birth
- (e) Population group
- (f) Marital status of deceased
- (g) Education of deceased
- (h) Occupation classified as occupations unspecified and occupations not elsewhere classified
- (i) Industry

**Note: Unknown:** Refers to cases where more than one option was marked or the response was not legible.

**Unspecified:** Refers to cases where no response was given.

### 4.2 The use of processing year

Processing year refers to the year in which the unit record was added into the trends dataset. It is useful for reproducing tables published in a particular year of interest. For example, when selecting

processing year equal or less than 2004, the tables on *Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2004: Findings from death notification* can be reproduced.

## A. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

### **Unique sequence number (Serial\_No)**

Numeric: (@1 11)

1.	<b>Serial_No</b>
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#### **Note to users**

This variable is derived from a pasted label automatically created to provide a unique identifier for each death notification form.

Valid range: 19969882401–20150503600

### **Type of death (DeathType)**

Numeric: (@12 1)

2.	<b>DeathType</b> 1 = Individual death 2 = Stillbirth
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#### **Note to users**

Individual death is a death that occurred any time after a live birth had taken place. Stillbirth is the intra-uterine death of a foetus of at least 26 weeks of gestation that showed no sign of life after complete birth.

#### **Final code list**

1 = Individual death

2 = Stillbirth

8 = Unknown

9 = Unspecified

### **Year of death (DeathYear)**

Numeric: (@13 4)

3.	<b>DeathYear</b>
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#### **Note to users**

This variable refers to the year in which the death occurred.

Valid range: 1997–2015

**Month of death (DeathMonth)**

Numeric: (@17 2)

<b>4.</b>	<b>DeathMonth</b> 1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the month in which the death occurred.

**Final code list**

1 = January  
2 = February  
3 = March  
4 = April  
5 = May  
6 = June  
7 = July  
8 = August  
9 = September  
10 = October  
11 = November  
12 = December

**Day of death (DeathDay)**

Numeric: (@19 2)

<b>5.</b>	<b>DeathDay</b>
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the day on which the death occurred.

Valid range: 1–31

**Year of birth (BirthYear)**

Numeric: (@21 4)

<b>6.</b>	<b>BirthYear</b>
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**Note to users**

This variable refers to the year in which the deceased was born.

Valid range: 1861–2015

**Final code list**

9999 = Unspecified

**Month of birth (BirthMonth)**

Numeric: (@25 2)

<b>7.</b>	<b>BirthMonth</b> 1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the month in which the deceased was born.

**Final code list**

1 = January  
2 = February  
3 = March  
4 = April  
5 = May  
6 = June  
7 = July  
8 = August  
9 = September  
10 = October  
11 = November  
12 = December  
99 = Unspecified

**Day of birth (BirthDay)**

Numeric: (@27 2)

<b>8.</b>	<b>BirthDay</b>
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the day on which the deceased was born.  
Valid range: 1–31

**Final code list**

99 = Unspecified

**Age in completed years (AgeYear)**

Numeric: (@29 3)

9.	AgeYear
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**Note to users**

This variable refers to the age of the deceased in completed years at the time of death.  
Valid range: 0–131

**Final code list**

999 = Unspecified

**Year of death registration (RegistrationYear)**

Numeric: (@32 4)

10.	RegistrationYear
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**Note to users**

This variable refers to the year in which a death was registered.  
Valid range: 1997–2016

**Final code list**

9999 = Unspecified

**Month of registration (RegistrationMonth)**

Numeric: (@36 2)

11.	<b>BirthMonth</b> 1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the month in which the deceased was born.

**Final code list**

1 = January  
2 = February  
3 = March  
4 = April  
5 = May  
6 = June  
7 = July  
8 = August  
9 = September  
10 = October  
11 = November

12 = December  
99 = Unspecified

**Day of death registration (RegistrationDay)**

Numeric: (@38 2)

12.	RegistrationDay
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the day on which the death was registered.  
Valid range: 1–31

**Final code list**

99 = Unspecified

**Sex of deceased (Sex)**

Numeric: (@40 1)

13.	Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the sex of the deceased.

**Final code list**

1 = Male  
2 = Female  
8 = Unknown  
9 = Unspecified

**Marital status of deceased (MStatus)**

Numeric: (@41 1)

14.	MStatus 1 = Never married 2 = Married 3 = Widowed 4 = Divorced
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the marital status of the deceased.

**Final code list**

1 = Never married  
2 = Married  
3 = Widowed  
4 = Divorced  
5 = Not applicable  
8 = Unknown  
9 = Unspecified

**Relationship of informant to deceased (Relationship)**

Numeric: (@42 1)

<b>15.</b>	<b>Relationship</b> 1 = Parent 2 = Spouse 3 = Child 4 = Other kin 5 = Other
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the relationship of the informant to the deceased.

**Final code list**

- 1 = Parent
- 2 = Spouse
- 3 = Child
- 4 = Other kin
- 5 = Other
- 8 = Unknown
- 9 = Unspecified

**Next of kin a smoker (NextKinSmoker)**

Numeric: (@43 1)

<b>16.</b>	<b>NextKinSmoker</b> 1 = Smoking 2 = Not smoking 3 = Refused to answer
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the smoking status of the next of kin of the deceased.

**Final code list**

- 1 = Smoking
- 2 = Not smoking
- 3 = Refused to answer
- 8 = Unknown
- 9 = Unspecified

**Education of deceased (EduCode)**

Numeric: (@44 2)

<b>17.</b>	<b>EduCode</b> 0 = None 1 = Grade R 2 = Sub A Gr1 3 = Sub B Gr2 4 = Std 1 Gr3 5 = Std 2 Gr4 6 = Std 3 Gr5 7 = Std 4 Gr6 8 = Std 5 Gr7 9 = Std 6 Gr8 10 = Std 7 Gr9 11 = Std 8 Gr10 Form3 NTC1 12 = Std 9 Gr11 Form4 NTC2 13 = Std 10 Gr12 Form5 NTC3 14 = University / Tech
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the highest level of education that the deceased completed or achieved.

**Final code list**

0 = None  
1 = Grade R  
2 = Sub A Gr1  
3 = Sub B Gr2  
4 = Std 1 Gr3  
5 = Std 2 Gr4  
6 = Std 3 Gr5  
7 = Std 4 Gr6  
8 = Std 5 Gr7  
9 = Std 6 Gr8  
10 = Std 7 Gr9  
11 = Std 8 Gr10 Form3 NTC1  
12 = Std 9 Gr11 Form4 NTC2  
13 = Std 10 Gr12 Form5 NTC3  
14 = University / Tech  
97 = Unknown  
98 = Not applicable  
99 = Unspecified

**Groups of occupation of deceased (OccupationGrp)**

Numeric: (@46 2)

<b>18.</b>	<p><b>OccupationGrp</b></p> <p>0 = Armed forces, occupations unspecified and not elsewhere classified, and not economically active persons</p> <p>1 = Legislators, senior officials and managers</p> <p>2 = Professionals</p> <p>3 = Technicians and associate professionals</p> <p>4 = Clerks</p> <p>5 = Service workers, shop and market sales workers</p> <p>6 = Skilled agricultural and fishery workers</p> <p>7 = Craft and related trade workers</p> <p>8 = Plant and machine operators and assemblers</p> <p>9 = Elementary occupations</p>
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the usual occupation of the deceased. Usual occupation refers to the type of work done by the deceased most of his or her working life.

**Final code list**

- 0 = Armed forces, occupations unspecified and not elsewhere classified, and not economically active persons
- 1 = Legislators, senior officials and managers
- 2 = Professionals
- 3 = Technicians and associate professionals
- 4 = Clerks
- 5 = Service workers, shop and market sales workers
- 6 = Skilled agricultural and fishery workers
- 7 = Craft and related trade workers
- 8 = Plant and machine operators and assemblers
- 9 = Elementary occupations
- 99 = Not applicable

**Industry of deceased (Industry)**

Numeric: (@48 3)

<b>19.</b>	<p><b>Industry</b></p> <p>0 = Private households, extritorial organisations, representatives of foreign governments and other activities not adequately defined</p> <p>1 = Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing</p> <p>2 = Mining and quarrying</p> <p>3 = Manufacturing</p> <p>4 = Electricity, gas and water supply</p> <p>5 = Construction</p> <p>6 = Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles, motor cycles and personal and households goods, hotels and restaurants</p> <p>7 = Transport, storage and communication</p> <p>8 = Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services</p> <p>9 = Community, social and personal services</p>
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the type of business or industry where the deceased worked most of his or her working life.

**Industry final code list**

0 = Private households, extritorial organisations, representatives of foreign governments and other activities not adequately defined

1 = Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing

2 = Mining and quarrying

3 = Manufacturing

4 = Electricity, gas and water supply

5 = Construction

6 = Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles, motor cycles and personal and households goods, hotels and restaurants

7 = Transport, storage and communication

8 = Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services

9 = Community, social and personal services

98 = Not applicable

**Smoking status of deceased (Smoker)**

Numeric: (@51 1)

<b>20.</b>	<b>Smoker</b> 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Do not know 4 = Not applicable
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the smoking status of the deceased five years before death. A smoker is defined as someone who smoked any form of tobacco on most days (an average of more than six months a year, or four or more days a week), five years ago. If smoking started less than five years before death, the answer is No. If smoking started more than five years before death, but for less than six months, then the answer is No.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
3 = Do not know  
4 = Not applicable  
8 = Unknown  
9 = Unspecified

**Pregnancy status of deceased 42 days prior to death (Pregnancy)**

Numeric: (@52 1)

<b>21.</b>	<b>Pregnancy</b> 1 = Yes 2 = No
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on whether or not females of reproductive age (10–55) were pregnant 42 days prior to death.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
3 = Not applicable  
8 = Unknown  
9 = Unspecified

**Citizenship of deceased (Citizenship)**

Numeric: (@53 2)

<b>22.</b>	<b>Citizenship</b> 1 = South Africa 2 = Zimbabwe 3 = Swaziland 4 = Botswana 5 = Lesotho 6 = Mozambique 7 = Namibia 8 = Mauritius 9 = Angola 10 = Zambia 11 = Malawi 12 = Tanzania 13 = Madagascar 14 = DRC 15 = Other
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the place of citizenship of the deceased.

**Final code list**

- 1 = South Africa
- 2 = Zimbabwe
- 3 = Swaziland
- 4 = Botswana
- 5 = Lesotho
- 6 = Mozambique
- 7 = Namibia
- 8 = Mauritius
- 9 = Angola
- 10 = Zambia
- 11 = Malawi
- 12 = Tanzania
- 13 = Madagascar
- 14 = DRC
- 15 = Other
- 97 = Unknown
- 99 = Unspecified

## B. PLACE NAMES

**Province of birth of the deceased (BirthProv\_2011)**

Numeric: (@55 2)

<b>23.</b>	<b>BirthProv_2011</b> 1 = Western Cape 2 = Eastern Cape 3 = Northern Cape 4 = Free State 5 = KwaZulu-Natal 6 = North West 7 = Gauteng 8 = Mpumalanga 9 = Limpopo 98 = Outside South Africa
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### Note to users

This variable provides information on the province of birth of the deceased based on the 2011 municipal boundaries. It was derived from the place code of birth.

### Final code list

- 1 = Western Cape
- 2 = Eastern Cape
- 3 = Northern Cape
- 4 = Free State
- 5 = KwaZulu-Natal
- 6 = North West
- 7 = Gauteng
- 8 = Mpumalanga
- 9 = Limpopo
- 97 = Unknown
- 98 = Outside South Africa
- 99 = Unspecified

**Province of death occurrence (DeathProv\_2011)**

Numeric: (@57 2)

<b>24.</b>	<b>DeathProv</b> 1 = Western Cape 2 = Eastern Cape 3 = Northern Cape 4 = Free State 5 = KwaZulu-Natal 6 = North West 7 = Gauteng 8 = Mpumalanga 9 = Limpopo 98 = Outside South Africa
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the province of death of the deceased based on the 2011 municipal boundaries. It was derived from the place code of death.

**Final code list**

- 1 = Western Cape
- 2 = Eastern Cape
- 3 = Northern Cape
- 4 = Free State
- 5 = KwaZulu-Natal
- 6 = North West
- 7 = Gauteng
- 8 = Mpumalanga
- 9 = Limpopo
- 97 = Unknown
- 98 = Outside South Africa
- 99 = Unspecified

**Province of usual residence of the deceased (ResProv\_2011)**

Numeric: (@59 2)

<b>25.</b>	<b>ResProv_2011</b> 1 = Western Cape 2 = Eastern Cape 3 = Northern Cape 4 = Free State 5 = KwaZulu-Natal 6 = North West 7 = Gauteng 8 = Mpumalanga 9 = Limpopo 98 = Outside South Africa
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the province of usual residence of the deceased based on the 2011 municipal boundaries. It was derived from the place code of usual residence.

**Final code list**

- 1 = Western Cape
- 2 = Eastern Cape
- 3 = Northern Cape
- 4 = Free State
- 5 = KwaZulu-Natal
- 6 = North West
- 7 = Gauteng
- 8 = Mpumalanga
- 9 = Limpopo
- 97 = Unknown
- 98 = Outside South Africa
- 99 = Unspecified

**Country of usual residence of deceased (ResCountry)**

Numeric: (@61 2)

<b>26.</b>	<b>ResCountry</b> 1 = South Africa 2 = Zimbabwe 3 = Swaziland 4 = Botswana 5 = Lesotho 6 = Mozambique 7 = Namibia 8 = Mauritius 9 = Angola 10 = Zambia 11 = Malawi 12 = Tanzania 13 = Madagascar 14 = DRC 15 = Other
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the country of usual residence of the deceased.

**Final code list**

- 1 = South Africa
- 2 = Zimbabwe
- 3 = Swaziland
- 4 = Botswana
- 5 = Lesotho
- 6 = Mozambique
- 7 = Namibia
- 8 = Mauritius
- 9 = Angola
- 10 = Zambia
- 11 = Malawi
- 12 = Tanzania
- 13 = Madagascar
- 14 = DRC
- 15 = Other
- 97 = Unknown
- 99 = Unspecified

## C. CAUSES OF DEATH

### *Ascertainment of the cause of death (Ascertainment)*

Numeric: (@63 2)

<b>27.</b>	<b>Ascertainment</b> 1 = Autopsy 2 = Post-mortem examination 3 = Opinion of attending medical practitioner 4 = Opinion of attending medical practitioner on duty 5 = Opinion of registered professional nurse 6 = Interview of family member 7 = Other 8 = Autopsy results may be available later 9 = Autopsy not performed
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#### **Note to users**

This variable provides information on the method used to ascertain the cause of death.

#### **Final code list**

- 1 = Autopsy
- 2 = Post-mortem examination
- 3 = Opinion of attending medical practitioner
- 4 = Opinion of attending medical practitioner on duty
- 5 = Opinion of registered professional nurse
- 6 = Interview of family member
- 7 = Other
- 8 = Autopsy results may be available later
- 9 = Autopsy not performed
- 98 = Unknown
- 99 = Unspecified

### *Place of death (DeathInst)*

Numeric: (@65 1)

<b>28.</b>	<b>DeathInst</b> 1 = Hospital 2 = Emergency room/Outpatient 3 = Dead on arrival 4 = Nursing home 5 = Home 6 = Other
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#### **Note to users**

This variable provides information on the place or institution at which the person died.

#### **Final code list**

- 1 = Hospital
- 2 = Emergency room/Outpatient
- 3 = Dead on arrival
- 4 = Nursing home
- 5 = Home
- 6 = Other
- 8 = Unknown
- 9 = Unspecified

**Immediate cause of death (CauseA)**

Character: (@66 4)

<b>29.</b>	<b>CauseA</b> (see attached ICD-10 code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the immediate cause of death.

**Injury codes for the immediate cause of death (InjuryA)**

Character: (@70 4)

<b>30.</b>	<b>InjuryA</b> (see attached Injury code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the injury codes for non-natural causes of death.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = First condition leading to death not mentioned

**Second condition leading to death (CauseB)**

Character: (@74 4)

<b>31.</b>	<b>CauseB</b> (see attached ICD-10 code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the second condition leading to death.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = Second condition leading to death not mentioned

**Injury codes for the second condition leading to death (InjuryB)**

Character: (@78 4)

<b>32.</b>	<b>InjuryB</b> (see attached Injury code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the injury codes for non-natural causes of death.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = Second condition leading to death not mentioned

**Third condition leading to death (CauseC)**

Character: (@82 4)

<b>33.</b>	<b>CauseC</b> (see attached ICD-10 code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the third condition leading to death.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = Third condition leading to death not mentioned

**Injury codes for the third condition leading to death (InjuryC)**

Character: (@86 4)

<b>34.</b>	<b>InjuryC</b> (see attached Injury code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the injury codes for non-natural causes of death.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = Third condition leading to death not mentioned

**Fourth condition leading to death (CauseD)**

Character: (@90 4)

<b>35.</b>	<b>CauseD</b> (see attached ICD-10 code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the fourth condition leading to death.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = Fourth condition leading to death not mentioned

**Injury codes for the fourth condition leading to death (InjuryD)**

Character: (@94 4)

<b>36.</b>	<b>InjuryD</b> (see attached Injury code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the injury codes for non-natural causes of death.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = Fourth condition leading to death not mentioned

**Other conditions leading to death (OtherCause)**

Character: (@98 4)

<b>37.</b>	<b>OtherCause</b> (see attached ICD-10 code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on other conditions leading to death.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = Other condition leading to death not mentioned

**Injury codes for other conditions leading to death (OtherInjury)**

Character: (@102 4)

<b>38.</b>	<b>OtherInjury</b> (see attached Injury code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the injury codes for non-natural causes of death.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = Other condition leading to death not mentioned

**First cause provided on part 2 of the DNF (Part2\_CauseA)**

Character: (@106 4)

<b>39.</b>	<b>Part2_CauseA</b> (see attached ICD-10 code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on conditions leading to death provided on the first line of part 2 of the death notification form.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = First cause of death on part 2 not mentioned

**Injury codes for first cause on part 2 (Part2\_InjuryA)**

Character: (@110 4)

<b>40.</b>	<b>Part2_InjuryA</b> (see attached Injury code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the injury codes for non-natural causes of death provided on the first line of part 2 of the death notification form.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = First cause of death on part 2 not mentioned

**Second cause provided on part 2 of the Form (Part2\_CauseB)**

Character: (@114 4)

<b>41.</b>	<b>Part2_CauseB</b> (see attached ICD-10 code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on conditions leading to death provided on the second line of part 2 of the death notification form.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = Second cause of death on part 2 not mentioned

**Injury codes for second cause on part 2 (Part2\_InjuryB)**

Character: (@118 4)

<b>42.</b>	<b>Part2_InjuryB</b> (see attached Injury code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the injury codes for non-natural causes of death provided on the second line of part 2 of the death notification form.

**Final code list**

111 = Natural cause (no injury code)

888 = Second cause of death on part 2 not mentioned.

**Underlying cause of death (Underlyingcause)**

Character: (@122 3)

<b>43.</b>	<b>Underlyingcause</b> (see attached ICD-10 code list)
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**Note to users**

This variable provides information on the underlying cause of death. An underlying cause of death is defined as the disease or injury which initiated the train of morbid events leading directly to death, or the circumstances of the accident or violence which produced the fatal injury.

**Final code list**

888 = Stillbirth

**Broad groups of the underlying causes of death (Underlying\_Broad\_Grp)**

Character: (@125 7)

<b>44.</b>	<b>Underlying_Broad_Grp</b> (See attached list of ICD10 categories list)
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**Note to users**

This variable groups the underlying causes of death into broad groups of death. It is derived from the underlying cause of death.

**Main groups of the underlying causes of death  
(Underlying\_Main\_Grp)**

Character: (@132 7)

<b>45.</b>	<b>Underlying_Main_Grp</b>
	A00-B99 = Certain infectious and parasitic diseases (A00-B99)
	C00-D48 = Neoplasms (C00-D48)
	D50-D89 = Diseases of the blood and immune mechanism (D50-D89)
	E00-E90 = Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases (E00-E90)
	F00-F99 = Mental and behavioural disorders (F00-F99)
	G00-G99 = Diseases of the nervous system (G00-G99)
	H00-H59 = Diseases of the eye and adnexa (H00-H59)
	H60-H95 = Diseases of the ear and mastoid process (H60-H95)
	I00-I99 = Diseases of the circulatory system (I00-I99)
	J00-J99 = Diseases of the respiratory system (J00-J99)
	K00-K93 = Diseases of the digestive system (K00-K93)
	L00-L99 = Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (L00-L99)
	M00-M99 = Diseases of the musculoskeletal system etc. (M00-M99)
	N00-N99 = Diseases of the genitourinary system (N00-N99)
	O00-O99 = Pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium (O00-O99)
	P00-P96 = Perinatal conditions (P00-P96)
	Q00-Q99 = Congenital malformations (Q00-Q99)
	R00-R99 = Symptoms and signs not elsewhere classified (R00-R99)
	V01-Y98 = External causes of morbidity and mortality (V01-Y98)

**Note to users**

This variable groups the underlying causes of death into main groups. It is derived from the underlying cause of death.

**Natural/non-natural underlying causes of death (NaturalUnnatural)**

Numeric: (@139 1)

<b>46.</b>	<b>NaturalUnnatural</b>
	1 = Natural underlying cause
	2 = Non-natural underlying cause

**Note to users**

This variable groups the underlying causes of death into natural and non-natural causes. It is derived from the underlying cause of death.

**Final code list**

- 1 = Natural underlying cause
- 2 = Non-natural underlying cause
- 8 = Stillbirth

**Year of processing (ProcessingYear)**

Numeric: (@140 4)

<b>47.</b>	<b>ProcessingYear</b>
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**Note to users**

This variable provides the year in which the death notification was received and processed by Statistics South Africa.