



COVID-19 DEATHS IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

Although less than one percent of Americans live in long-term care facilities, the percentage of COVID-19 deaths from this population is far higher.¹ While this higher percentage is partly due to the elderly having the highest risk of dying of COVID-19, Congress should investigate why some states had a far higher percentage of their COVID-19 deaths concentrated in long-term care facilities compared to other states.²

The following chart shows the percentage of COVID-19 deaths in long-term care facilities compared to total deaths on a state-by-state basis.³

State	Total COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Deaths in Long-Term Care Facilities	% of COVID-19 Deaths in Long-Term Care Facilities
Alabama	10,094	1,625	16%
Alaska	303	7	2%
Arizona	16,185	2,505	15%
Arkansas	5,273	1,986	38%
California	53,048	12,869	24%
Colorado	5,974	2,512	42%
Connecticut	7,693	4,340	56%
Delaware	1,444	701	49%
Florida	31,955	10,713	34%
Georgia	17,750	4,178	24%
Hawaii	441	28	6%
Idaho	1,876	762	41%
Illinois	22,902	9,857	43%
Indiana	12,663	6,052	48%
Iowa	5,536	2,188	40%
Kansas	4,816	1,833	38%
Kentucky	4,732	2,235	47%
Louisiana	9,686	2,984	31%
Maine	705	372	53%
Maryland	7,922	3,453	44%
Massachusetts	16,296	8,647	53%

Michigan	16,589	5,074	31%
Minnesota	6,521	4,070	62%
Mississippi	6,764	1,954	29%
Missouri	8,150	2,169	27%
Montana	1,375	476	35%
Nebraska	2,092	1,003	48%
Nevada	5,005	737	15%
New Hampshire	1,178	817	69%
New Jersey	23,491	7,969	34%
New Mexico	3,769	976	26%
New York	38,796	14,450	37%
North Carolina	11,399	5,009	44%
North Dakota	1,478	878	59%
Ohio	17,189	6,602	38%
Oklahoma	4,534	1,110	24%
Oregon	2,252	1,210	54%
Pennsylvania	24,219	12,565	52%
Rhode Island	2,539	1,610	63%
South Carolina	8,660	1,871	22%
South Dakota	1,896	866	46%
Tennessee	11,501	2,605	23%
Texas	43,878	10,373	24%
Utah	1,955	652	33%
Vermont	207	125	60%
Virginia	9,357	3,741	40%
Washington	5,012	2,481	50%
Washington, D.C.	1,024	246	24%
West Virginia	2,309	686	30%
Wisconsin	7,082	1,956	28%
Wyoming	682	192	28%
Total	508,197	174,320	34%

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/nursing-home-care.htm> and <https://covidtracking.com/nursing-homes-long-term-care-facilities#-152.2782,64.0685,3>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/older-adults.html>

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