

# The changes of mortality pattern in a capital of Serbia in 2020

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# Background

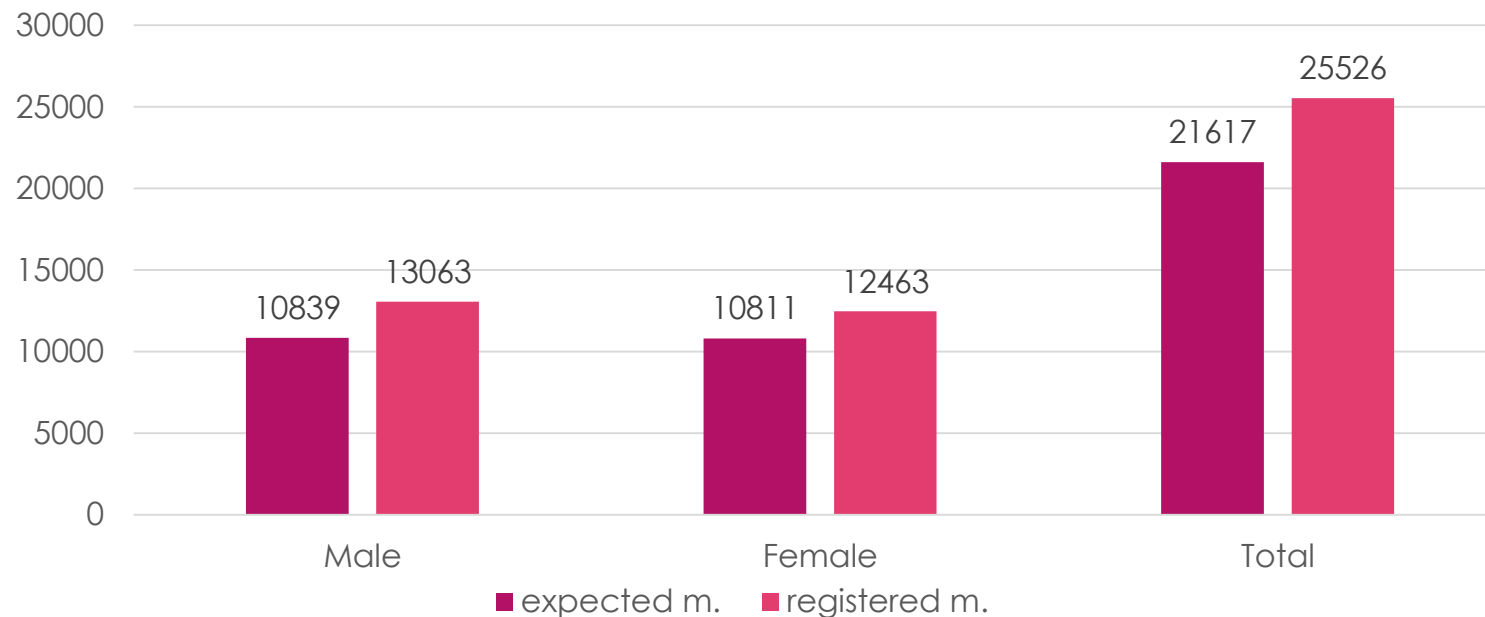
- ▶ Current subject of widespread analysis is the influence of COVID-19 pandemic on mortality patterns and excess mortality. We aimed to identify the differences between the registered and expected mortality in 2020, in capital of Serbia, Belgrade.

# Methods

- ▶ A five-year period from 2015 to 2019 was considered as a baseline for estimating the expected number of deaths in 2020.
- ▶ The Statistical Office of Republic of Serbia provided the registered mortality data 2015 - 2020 disaggregated by cause and sex.
- ▶ Registered deaths were compared with estimates of all-cause mortality using percentage changes for all-causes and different causes of death for both sexes.

# Results

- ▶ Compared to expected, the increase in registered mortality from all causes in 2020 amounted to 3909 deaths (15.3%), of which 2224 (17.0%) in men and 1652 (13.0%) in women.

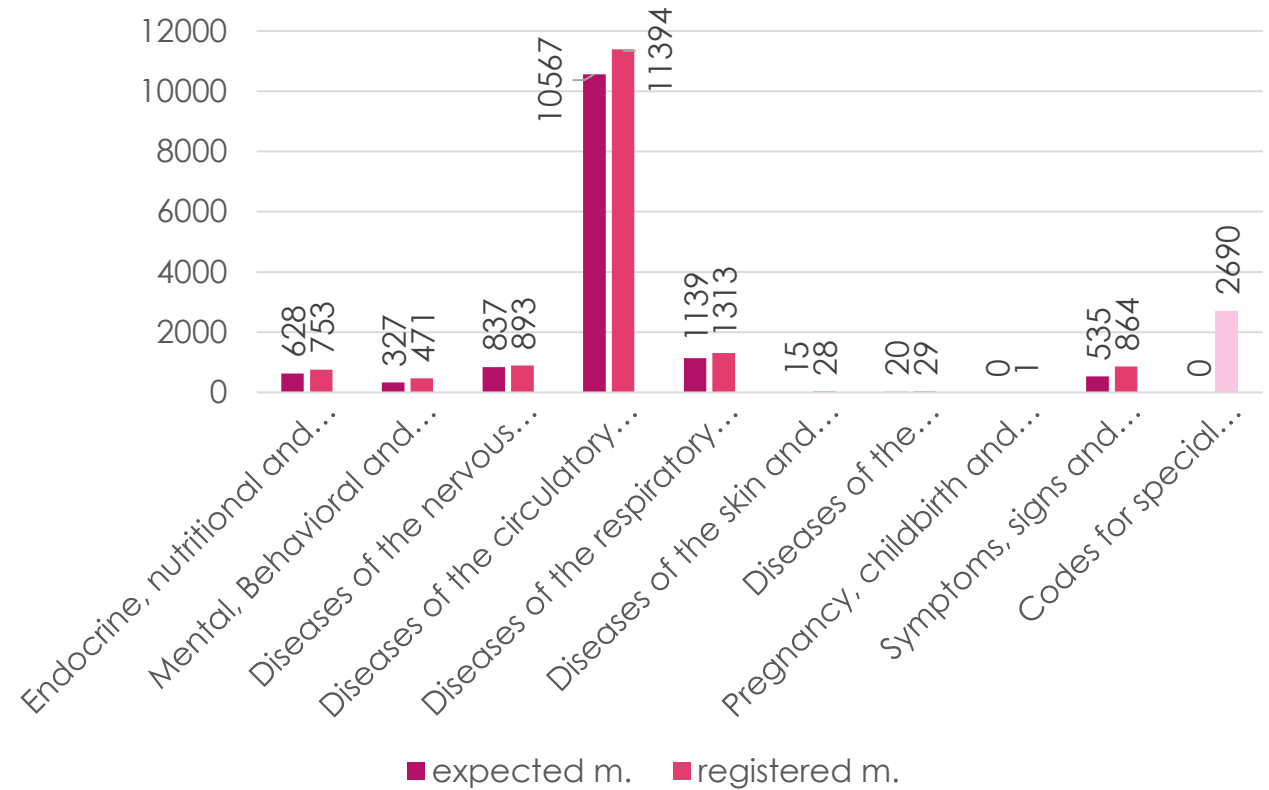


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- ▶ Nine disease groups showed an increase in the number of deaths.
  - ▶ E00-E89 Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases
  - ▶ F00-F99 Mental, Behavioral and Neurodevelopmental disorders
  - ▶ G00-G99 Diseases of the nervous system
  - ▶ I00-I99 Diseases of the circulatory system
  - ▶ J00-J99 Diseases of the respiratory system
  - ▶ L00- L99 Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue
  - ▶ M00-M99 Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue
  - ▶ O00-O9 Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
  - ▶ R00-R99 Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified

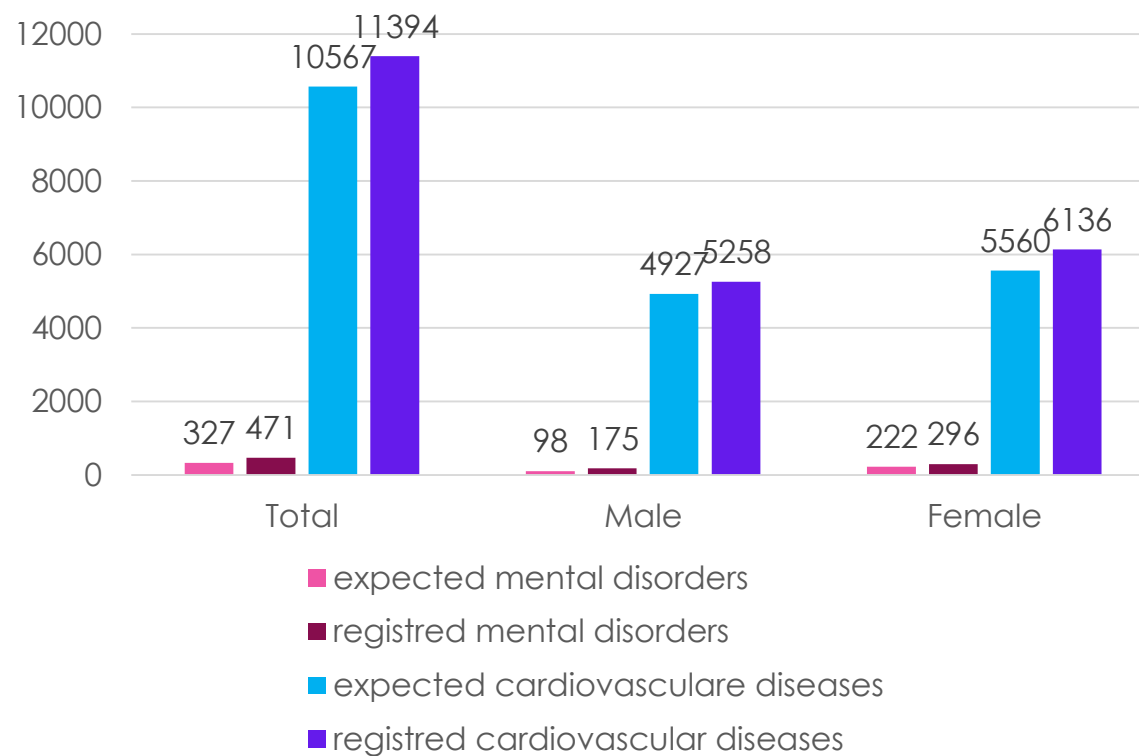
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- ▶ Of the total increase, 68.8 percent, or 2,690 deaths, were registered as deaths from COVID-19
- ▶ COVID 19 became the **third** leading cause of death in 2020



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- ▶ Mental disorders had a significant increase of 30.6%.
- ▶ In the group of cardiovascular diseases, the increase in deaths was higher in women (576, 9.4%) than in men (331, 6.3%).



# Conclusion

- ▶ In 2020, COVID-19 has changed the expected pattern of leading causes of deaths in Belgrade.
- ▶ Further research is needed to comprehensively assess the influence of COVID-19 pandemic on the burden of cardiovascular, malignant and mental diseases among different population groups.



# Key messages

- ▶ In Belgrade, COVID-19 had a higher than expected mortality rate for men in 2020.
- ▶ Mortality from mental disorders during the pandemic in Belgrade requires further analysis.

# Questions?

- ▶ Thank you for the attention!