

Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors): Data on average daily mortality per each month over the last years in European Mediterranean countries and other selected countries worldwide.

Country Period	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Average number of deaths per day (\pmSD)												
<i>European countries</i>												
Cyprus 1996, 1998-2000, 2002-2006	17 (2)	16 (1)	16 (1)	14 (1)	13 (1)	13 (1)	14 (2)	14 (2)	12 (1)\$	13 (1)	14 (1)	15 (1)
France 1995-2006 (excl. 2004)	1699 (136)	1649 (102)	1568 (89)	1497 (56)	1413 (28)	1396 (31)	1391 (37)	1395 (155)	1366 (22)\$	1418 (19)	1464 (23)	1580 (70)
Greece 1960-2005	282 (44)	278 (39)	264 (40)	240 (40)	225 (40)	220 (43)	226 (49)	216 (45)	200 (37)\$	215 (31)	238 (38)	259 (37)
Italy 1950-2007	1721 (188)	1706 (187)	1597 (166)	1428 (122)	1341 (118)	1318 (127)	1332 (144)	1280 (148)	1235 (117)\$	1340 (115)	1444 (94)	1579 (174)
Spain 1960-1970, 1975-2007	1070 (146)	1018 (135)	941 (121)	872 (107)	815 (101)	788 (112)	801 (125)	775 (127)	746 (109)\$	790 (115)	864 (102)	979 (101)
Sweden 1987-2007	292 (18)	272 (13)	269 (15)	258 (11)	246 (7)	242 (8)	242 (6)	237 (6)\$	241 (6)	244 (6)	253 (8)	281 (26)
<i>North America</i>												
Canada 1991-2006	656 (48)	637 (48)	624 (41)	591 (31)	574 (27)	560 (28)	552 (27)	546 (28)\$	552 (27)	583 (29)	592 (29)	626 (33)
USA* 1973, 1975-2007	6574 (692)	6608 (613)	6306 (639)	6066 (535)	5796 (511)	5685 (464)	5698 (453)	5560 (479)\$	5628 (496)	5808 (495)	5869 (522)	6158 (566)
<i>Oceania</i>												
Australia 1997-2006	327 (8)	325 (8)	324 (10)\$	336 (8)	353 (9)	383 (10)	404 (14)	408 (16)	386 (15)	359 (8)	344 (9)	337 (11)
New Zealand 1980-2003#	66	65	67	70	74	80	86	84	80	74	70	69
<i>Asia</i>												
Japan 2006-2007	3457 (99)	3133 (260)	3187 (141)	3047 (35)	2883 (35)	2724 (25)	2701 (37)\$	2766 (105)	2727 (57)	2871 (112)	3108 (70)	3302 (66)

Abbreviations: ADD = average deaths per day, SD = standard deviation.

\$ Month with lowest observed average daily mortality

* Provisional data included as reported.

Only cumulative monthly data for the whole period were publicly available.