

Bridge coding in [cause-of-death](#) statistics is an exercise in which the same group of [deaths](#) are independently classified according to two different classifications or coding methods.

Usually, the group of deaths consists of the total or a sample of one year's deaths. The different classifications can be:

- [ICD-9 versus ICD-10](#)
- manual coding versus automated coding;
- different ICD-10 updates.

Comparing the differences in the underlying cause-of-death statistics resulting from two methods, makes it possible to better understand the impact of changing classification on cause-specific [mortality](#) trends.

Further information

- [World Health Organization - ICD-10](#)

Related concepts

- [Cause of death](#)
- [Death](#)
- [Dual coding](#)
- [International classification of diseases \(ICD\)](#)

Statistical data

- [Causes of death statistics](#)