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ADDITIONAL MORTALITY IN RUSSIA AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Abstract. The article attempts to compare additional mortality in Russia during the pandemic with official data on deaths from Covid and with the situation in other countries, using several different sources. The author's hypothesis is that additional mortality rates more accurately characterize mortality from Covid. The ranking of countries was carried out according to the official data ratio on mortality from Covid with additional deaths indicators. The study revealed that Russia is among the countries where Covid mortality statistics differ significantly from additional mortality statistics, it is lower than additional mortality; as well as the fact that Russia is among the “leaders” of countries in excess mortality. Using econometric analysis, the author also found that the most important factor that determined the differences in the additional mortality level in the world was the older population proportion, which was most vulnerable to coronavirus. The conclusion is made about the presence of errors in the public administration of Russia, which failed to cope with the task of minimizing the citizens' death during the pandemic.

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