

FACTSHEET 38: Voluntary Assisted Dying: Voluntary Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Dying, Global Data

Country/State	Title of Act	Year commenced	VE/Physician Assisted Dying (PAD) *	Population	Number of Assisted Deaths	Assisted Deaths as % of Requests (for medication)	% of Total Deaths
Switzerland	Article 115 of the Swiss Criminal Code (1942)	1942/1980's	PAD	8.4m	956 (2015)	na	0.46%
Oregon (USA) (CIR)	<i>Death with Dignity Act</i> (1994)	1997	PAD	4.2m	168 (2018)	68%	0.005%
Netherlands	<i>Termination of Life on Request and Assisted Suicide (Review Procedures) Act</i> (2000)	2002	VE and PAD	17.0m	6585 (2017)	na	4%
Belgium	Act on Euthanasia (2002)	2002	VE	11.4m	4337 (2017)	na	na
Luxembourg	Law of March 16 2009 on <i>Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide</i>	2009	VE and PAD	0.6m	14 (2011 & 2012)	na	0.16%

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Washington (USA) (CIR)	<i>Death with Dignity Act (2008)</i>	2009	PAD	7.5m	164 (2017)	75%	0.0023%
Montana (USA)	Court rulings – Supreme Court ruled 5-2, <i>Baxter v Montana</i>	2009	PAD	1m	No data	na	na
Colombia	Court ruling 1997; Regulations approved 2012	2012	VE	49.8m	No data	na	na
Quebec – superseded by Canada Medical Assistance in Dying Act (2016)	Bill 52, An Act Respecting End-of-life Care	2014	VE and PAD	8.4m	No data	na	na
Vermont (USA)	Act 39 <i>S77 Patient Choice and Control at End of Life</i>	2013	PAD	0.6m	29 (in first 4 years)	68%	na
California	<i>End of Life Option Act</i>	2016	PAD	39.6m	374 (2017)	63%	0.0013%
Canada	<i>Medical Assistance in Dying Act</i>	2016	VE and PAD (all but 5 deaths were physician administration)	37m	1982 (12 months July 2016-June 2017)	na	0.9%

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Colorado (CIR)	<i>Proposition 106, End of Life Options Act</i>	2016	PAD	5.7m	50 (2017)	72% (69 prescriptions)	0.0012%
Washington DC	<i>Death with Dignity Act</i>	2017	PAD	0.75m	No data	na	na
Hawaii	<i>Our Care, Our Choice</i>	2018	PAD	1.5m	No data	na	na
New Jersey	<i>Medical Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act</i>	2019	PAD	8.9m	No data	na	na
Maine	<i>Death with Dignity Act</i>	2019	PAD	1.3m	No data	na	na
Victoria, Australia	<i>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act (2017)</i>	2019	PAD and VE (VE if PAD not possible)	6.4m	No Data	na	na

Further information comparing different jurisdictions provided in Australia 21 background paper November 2012, White & Willmott, <http://www.australia21.org.au/publication-archive/how-should-australia-regulate-voluntary-euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/#.U9cFCVZEATt>

*VE – drug administered by physician

*PAD – physician provides a prescription, but final step in the process is self administration