



# Weekly report on COVID-19 deaths reported in Ireland

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This report includes data as of 11/05/2021 for COVID-19 deaths notified on CIDR up to and including midnight on 08/05/2021 00:00:00

Note: Data were extracted from Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting (CIDR) system on 11/05/2021 and are provisional and subject to ongoing review, validation and update. As a result, figures in this report may differ from previously reported figures.

Table 1: Summary characteristics of COVID-19 deaths notified in Ireland with date of death in the past week, from 02/05/2021 up until midnight 08/05/2021

Characteristics	Number of deaths	Percentage
<b>Total number of deaths</b>	9	
<b>Sex</b>	Female	5 55.56
	Male	4 44.44
	Unknown	0 0
	M:F ratio	0.8
<b>Age</b>	Mean age (Years)	67
	Median age (Years)	68
	Age range (Years)	47-85
<b>Age groups</b>	<65 years	3 33.33
	65-84 years	5 55.56
	85+ years	1 11.11
	Unknown	0 0

The number of deaths described in the above table relate only to COVID-19 cases who died within this time period and who have been reported to CIDR up to midnight 08/05/2021. It does not include deaths of COVID-19 cases reported to CIDR in the last week but with an earlier date of death. It also does not reflect the final number of deaths occurring for this period as the outcome may not yet have occurred, or is yet to be reported to CIDR.

**Table 2: Summary characteristics of COVID-19 deaths notified in Ireland, from 01/03/2020 up until midnight 08/05/2021**

Characteristics		Number of Deaths	Percentage
<b>Total number of deaths</b>		4,929	
<b>Sex</b>	Female	2,338	47.43
	Male	2,591	52.57
	Unknown	0	0
	M:F ratio	1.11	
<b>Case classification*</b>	Possible	174	3.53
	Probable	95	1.93
	Confirmed	4,660	94.54
<b>Healthcare Worker</b>	Yes	17	0.34
	No	4,332	87.88
	Unknown	580	11.77
<b>Underlying Conditions</b>	Yes	4,336	87.97
	No	358	7.26
	Unknown	235	4.77
<b>ICU Admission</b>	Yes	487	9.88
	No	4,442	90.12

\* [Case definition](#)

**Table 3: Number and percentage of COVID-19 deaths and mortality rate per 100,000 notified in Ireland by age group, from 01/03/2020 up until midnight 08/05/2021**

Characteristics		Number of Deaths	Percentage	Mortality rate per 100,000
<b>Age</b>	Median Age (Years)	83		
	Mean Age (Years)	81		
	Age range (Years)	0-105		
<b>Age group</b>	<25 yrs	7	0.14	0.44
	25-34 yrs	13	0.26	1.97
	35-44 yrs	33	0.67	4.42
	45-54 yrs	88	1.79	14.06
	55-64 yrs	266	5.4	52.26
	65-74 yrs	765	15.52	204.81
	75-84 yrs	1,665	33.78	847.31
	85+ yrs	2,089	42.38	3,092.3
	Unknown	3	0.06	
	Total	4,929	100	103.51

**Table 4: Number and percentage of COVID-19 deaths and mortality rate per 100,000 notified in Ireland by county of notification, from 01/03/2020 up until midnight 08/05/2021**

County	Number of deaths	Percentage	Mortality rate per 100,000
Carlow	67	1.36	117.68
Cavan	110	2.23	144.4
Clare	120	2.43	101
Cork	419	8.5	77.18
Donegal	168	3.41	105.53
Dublin	1,788	36.28	132.7
Galway	125	2.54	48.44
Kerry	56	1.14	37.91
Kildare	316	6.41	142.02
Kilkenny	75	1.52	75.58
Laois	82	1.66	96.82
Leitrim	15	0.3	46.81
Limerick	227	4.61	116.47
Longford	22	0.45	53.83
Louth	182	3.69	141.21
Mayo	198	4.02	151.72
Meath	150	3.04	76.91
Monaghan	92	1.87	149.87
Offaly	73	1.48	93.64
Roscommon	51	1.03	79.02
Sligo	23	0.47	35.1
Tipperary	98	1.99	61.42
Waterford	111	2.25	95.54
Westmeath	71	1.44	79.98
Wexford	148	3	98.85
Wicklow	142	2.88	99.7

**Table 5: Number and percentage of COVID-19 deaths and mortality rate per 100,000 notified in Ireland by CHO area of notification, from 01/03/2020 up until midnight 08/05/2021**

CHO	Number of deaths	Percentage	Mortality rate per 100,000
CHO1	408	8.28	104.27
CHO2	374	7.59	82.54
CHO3	404	8.2	104.94
CHO4	475	9.64	68.78
CHO5	442	8.97	86.61
CHO6	485	9.84	126.58
CHO7	932	18.91	131.69
CHO8	580	11.77	93.66
CHO9	829	16.82	133.41

**Table 6: Place of death for COVID-19 deaths notified in Ireland, from 01/03/2020 up until midnight 08/05/2021**

Place of death	Number of deaths*	Percentage
Hospital	2,363	47.94
Residential Institution**	1,875	38.04
Hospice	49	0.99
Home	180	3.65
Other	73	1.48
Unknown	389	7.89

\*Place of death unknown for 389 of the deaths.

\*\*Residential institution includes: community hospital/long stay unit, homeless facility, mental health facility and nursing homes.

**Table 7: Summary of COVID-19 deaths linked to outbreaks notified in Ireland, from 01/03/2020 up until midnight 08/05/2021**

	Number of Deaths	Percentage
<b>Deaths linked to outbreaks</b>	3,270	66.34
<b>Outbreaks by location</b>		
Nursing homes	2,051	62.72
Hospital	750	22.94
Community Hospitals/Long-stay units	121	3.7
Residential institutions	111	3.39
Other locations*	237	7.25

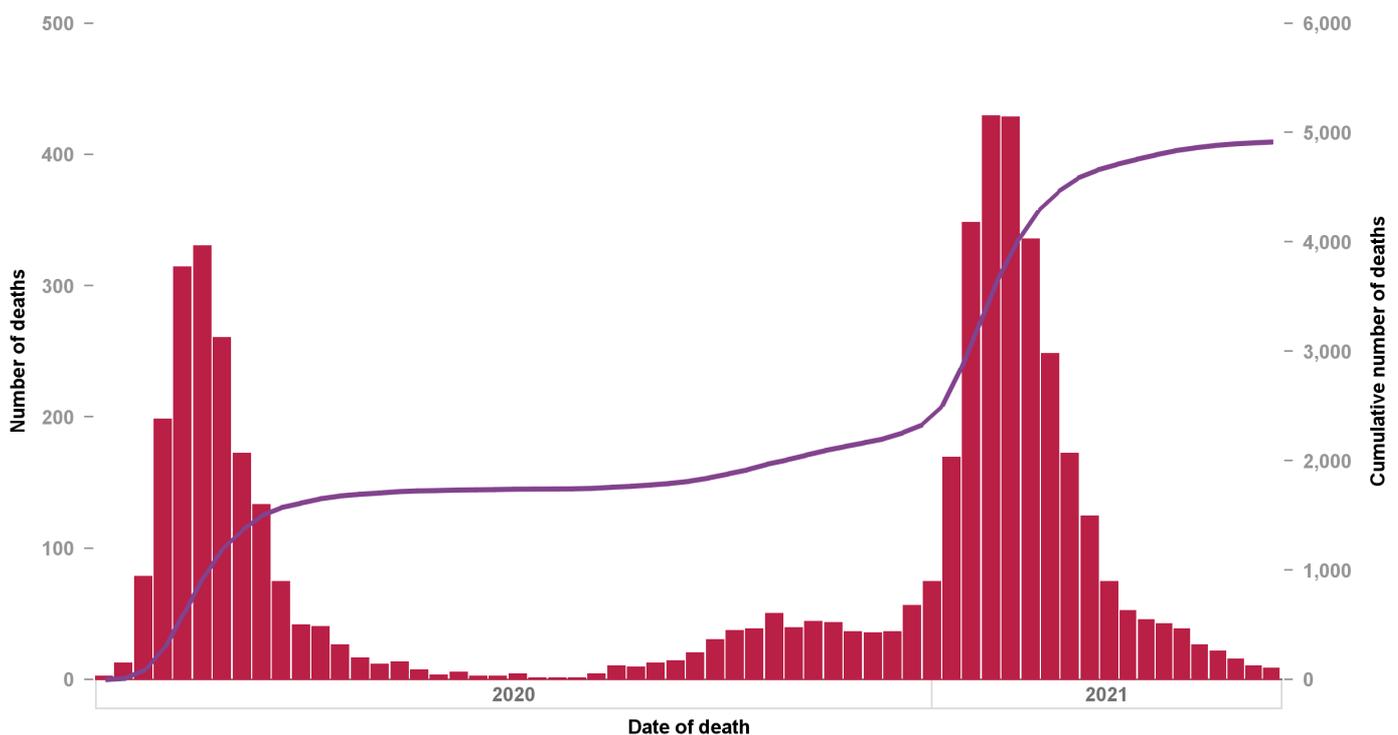
\* Other locations include community outbreak, extended family, hotel, other, other healthcare service, private house, public house, religious/other ceremony, workplace

**Table 8: Number of COVID-19 deaths notified in Ireland by month of death, from March 2020 to May 2021**

Year	Month	Number of deaths *
2020	March	128
2020	April	1,162
2020	May	364
2020	June	68
2020	July	17
2020	August	7
2020	September	39
2020	October	131
2020	November	188
2020	December	195
2021	January	1,408
2021	February	879
2021	March	235
2021	April	85
2021	May	11

\* Date of death reported for 4,917 of the deaths.

Number of deaths for May 2021 is incomplete.



**Figure 1: Total number of COVID-19 deaths notified in Ireland and cumulative number by week of death, from 01/03/2020 up until midnight 08/05/2021. Date of death reported for 4,917 of deaths.**

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## Technical Notes

### 1. Data Source

Data are based on statutory notifications and were extracted from Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting (CIDR) system at 11:26 on 11/05/2021. Data are provisional and subject to ongoing review, validation and update. As a result, figures in this report may differ from previously published figures.

### 2. Population Data

Population data were taken from Census 2016. Data were aggregated into the following age groups for the analysis of deaths for the entire pandemic: 0-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-54 years, 55-64 years, 65-74 years, 75-84 years and  $\geq 85$  years. Data were aggregated into the following age groups for the analysis of deaths with date of death in the past 7 days: 0-64 years, 65-74 years, 75-84 years and  $\geq 85$  years.

### 3. CHO Areas

The counties covered by each CHO area are as follows:

CHO 1: Donegal, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan, and Cavan/Monaghan;

CHO 2: Galway, Roscommon, and Mayo;

CHO 3: Clare, Limerick, and North Tipperary/East Limerick;

CHO 4: Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, and West Cork;

CHO 5: South Tipperary, Carlow/Kilkenny, Waterford, and Wexford;

CHO 6: Wicklow, Dun Laoghaire, and Dublin South East;

CHO 7: Kildare/West Wicklow, Dublin West, Dublin South City, and Dublin South West;

CHO 8: Laois/Offaly, Longford/Westmeath, Louth, and Meath;

CHO 9: Dublin North, Dublin North Central, and Dublin North West

### 5. Definition of a COVID-19 death used by HPSC

For surveillance purposes, COVID-19 deaths include deaths in all possible, probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases (as per the COVID-19 case definition) and all should be notified, unless there is a clear alternative cause of death that cannot be related to COVID-19 infection (e.g. trauma). There should be no period of complete recovery\* from COVID-19 between the illness and death. All COVID-19 deaths are notified regardless of the setting, including home, community and hospital settings. HPSC reports all deaths among these COVID-19 cases as outlined above and does not just confine the death reporting to those who die within 28 days of a positive test. This is in line with how COVID-19 cases are reported by the majority of European countries and follows WHO guidance for COVID-19 death surveillance.

\*Please note that discharge from ICU or hospital is not in itself evidence of recovery. To determine if the case had recovered, it should be based on clinical assessment or alternatively a period of  $\geq 3$  months must have elapsed since the case was initially diagnosed with COVID-19 and the case must have no evidence of COVID-19 infection prior to death as assessed by a clinician.

Deaths not reported as COVID-19 deaths:

1. Persons with COVID-19 may die directly due to accidents. Such deaths are not due to COVID-19 and should not be certified as such. This decision not to certify as COVID-19 death will be based on clinical judgement.

2. In some instances, a death due to COVID-19 may not be attributed to another disease (e.g. cancer) and would be counted as a COVID-19 death independently of pre-existing conditions that are suspected of triggering a severe course of COVID-19.

More resources:

[COVID-19 interim case definition](#)

[Epidemiology of COVID-19 in Ireland Frequently Asked Questions](#)