



Epidemiology of COVID-19 in Ireland

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Summary characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland up to midnight 27/07/2020

	Number	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases	25,928	
National cumulative incidence of confirmed cases per 100,000 population	544.49	
Total number of cases hospitalised	3,349	12.92
Total number of cases admitted to ICU	438	1.69
Total number of deaths among confirmed cases	1,506	5.81
Case fatality ratio (CFR, %)	5.81	
National cumulative incidence of confirmed deaths per 100,000 population	31.63	
Total number of outbreaks/clusters	2,291	
Total number of cases associated with clusters	13,890	53.57
Total number of imported cases	442	1.7
Number of cases in healthcare workers	8,401	32.4
Males	11,112	42.86
Females	14,788	57.03
M:F ratio	0.75	
Median age (years)	48	
Mean age (years)	50	
Age range (years)	0 - 106	

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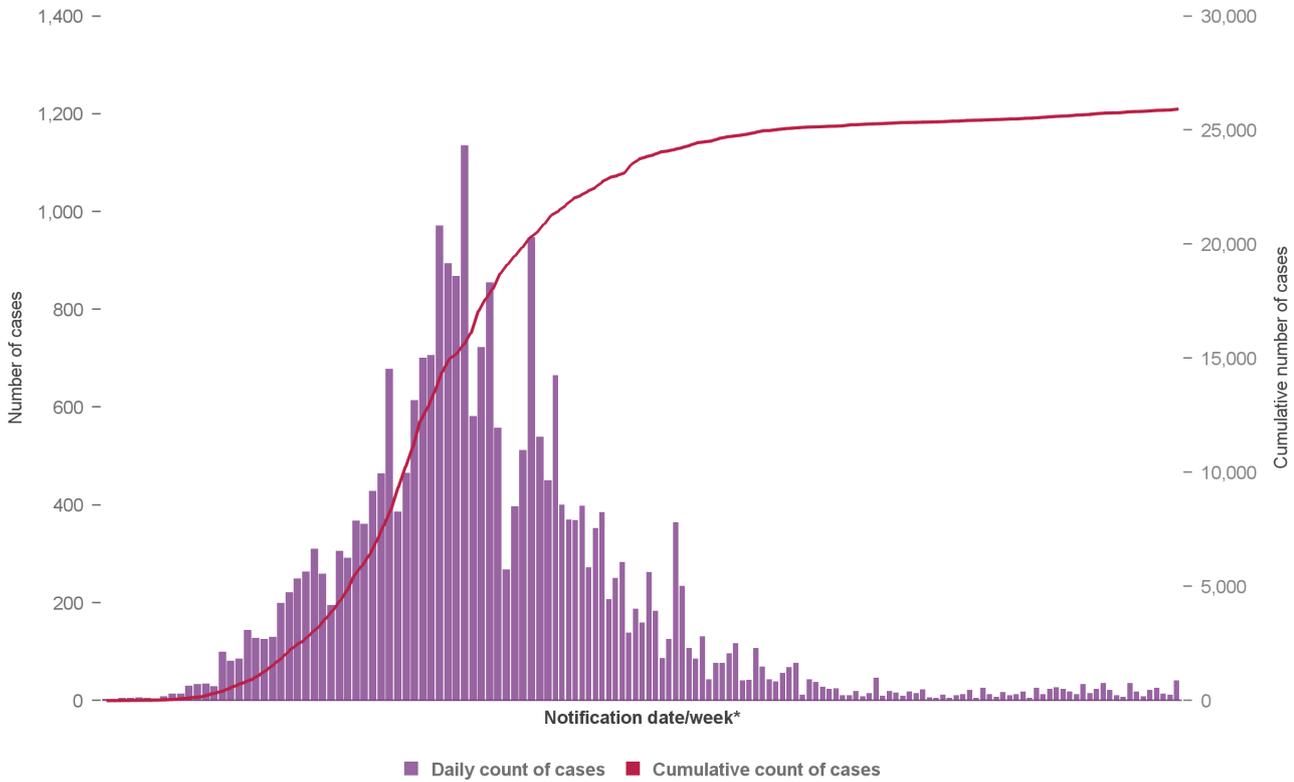


Figure 1a: Number* and cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by notification date* to midnight 27/07/2020

*Between 05/04/2020 – 19/04/2020, the daily number of COVID-19 events notified in Ireland is inflated due to batch reporting of cases with specimen dates between from 19/03/2020 – 01/04/2020 in addition to real-time reporting of cases with contemporaneous specimen dates

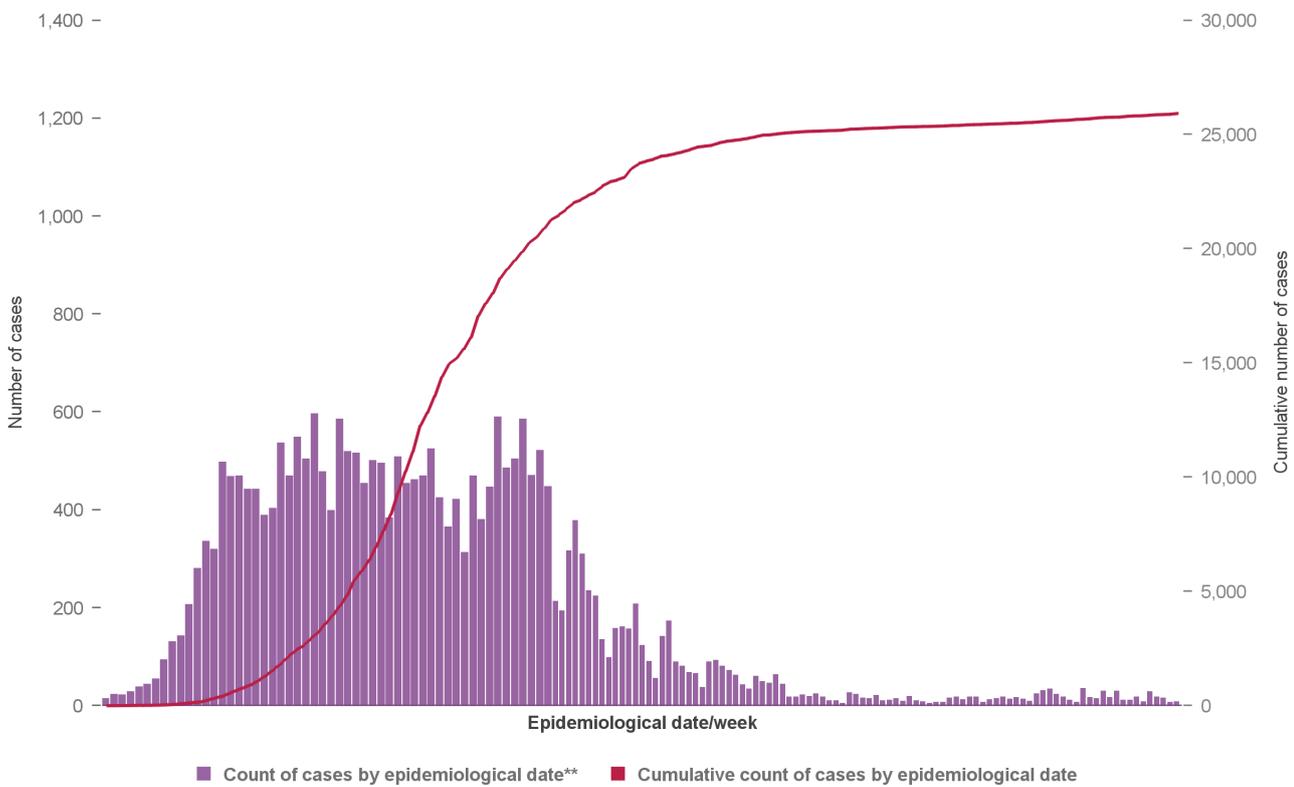


Figure 1b: Number and cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by epidemiological date to midnight 27/07/2020**

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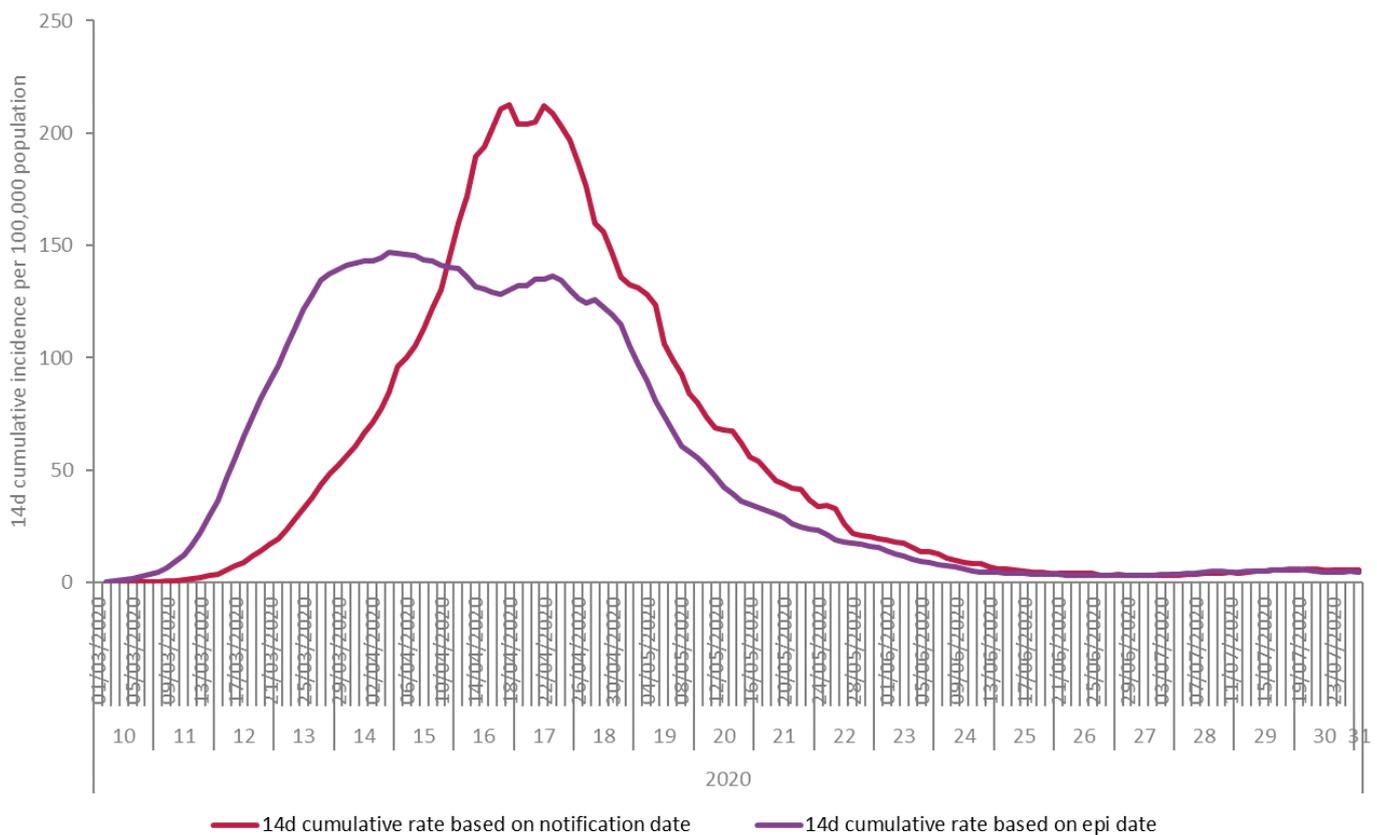


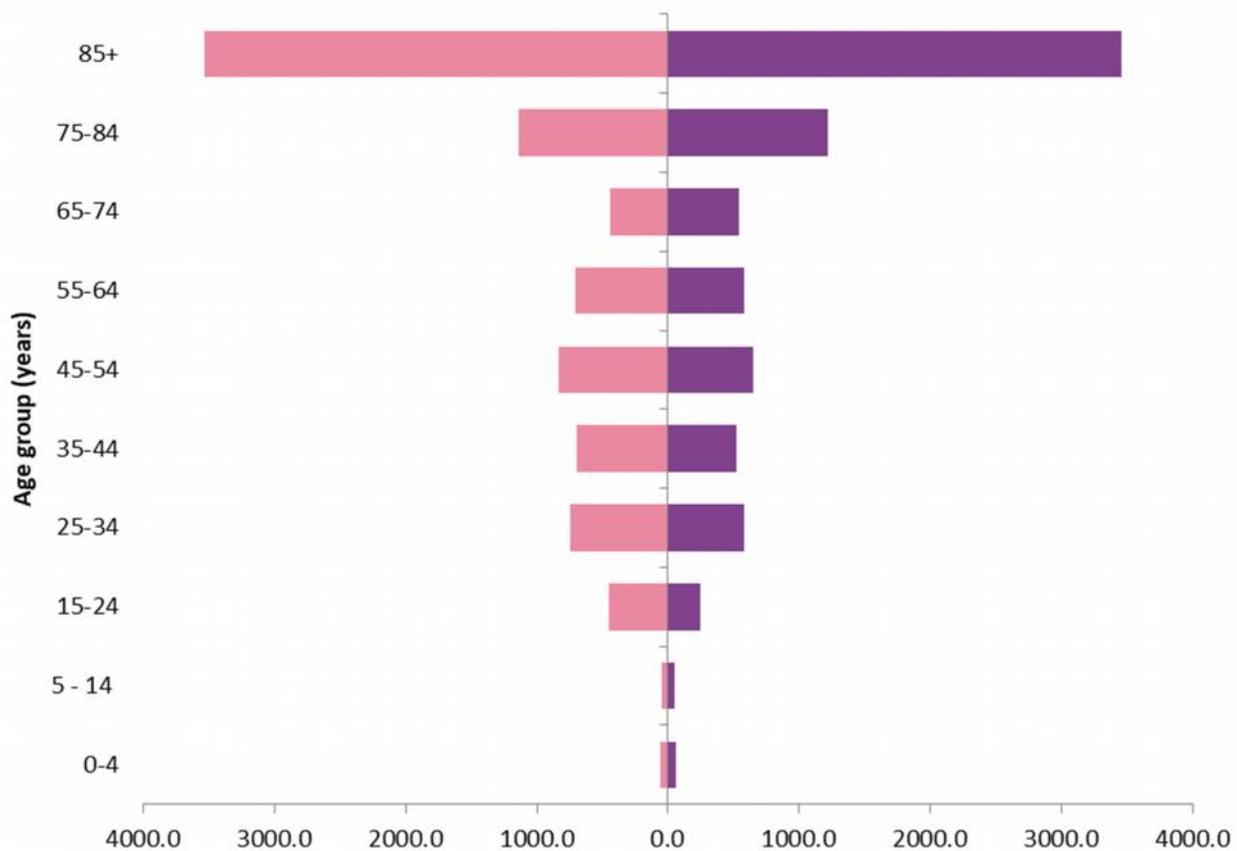
Figure 2: Cumulative 14 day incidence rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland by notification* and epidemiological date to midnight 26/07/2020**

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Table 1: Characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland up to midnight on 27/07/2020

Characteristic		Number of cases	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases		25,928	100
Sex	Male:Female ratio	0.75	
	Male	11,112	42.86
	Female	14,788	57.03
	Unknown	28	0.11
Age	Median age (years)	48	
	Mean age (years)	50	
	Age range (years)	0 - 106	
	0-4 yrs	189	0.73
	5-14 yrs	346	1.33
	15-24 yrs	1,984	7.65
	25-34 yrs	4,397	16.96
	35-44 yrs	4,563	17.6
	45-54 yrs	4,634	17.87
	55-64 yrs	3,285	12.67
	65-74 yrs	1,831	7.06
	75-84 yrs	2,305	8.89
	85+ yrs	2,373	9.15
	Unknown	21	0.08



	0-4	5 - 14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+
Female	59.3	52.4	448.3	746.0	695.9	832.0	706.3	439.6	1136.3	3539.9
Male	54.8	50.2	242.7	579.8	521.0	644.6	583.6	542.1	1217.1	3455.9

Cumulative age- and sex-specific rate per 100,000 population

Female Male

Figure 3: Cumulative age- and sex-specific incidence rates of confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population notified in Ireland to midnight 27/07/2020 (excluding 20 cases for whom age is unknown and 27 cases for whom sex is unknown and 1 case for whom both are unknown)

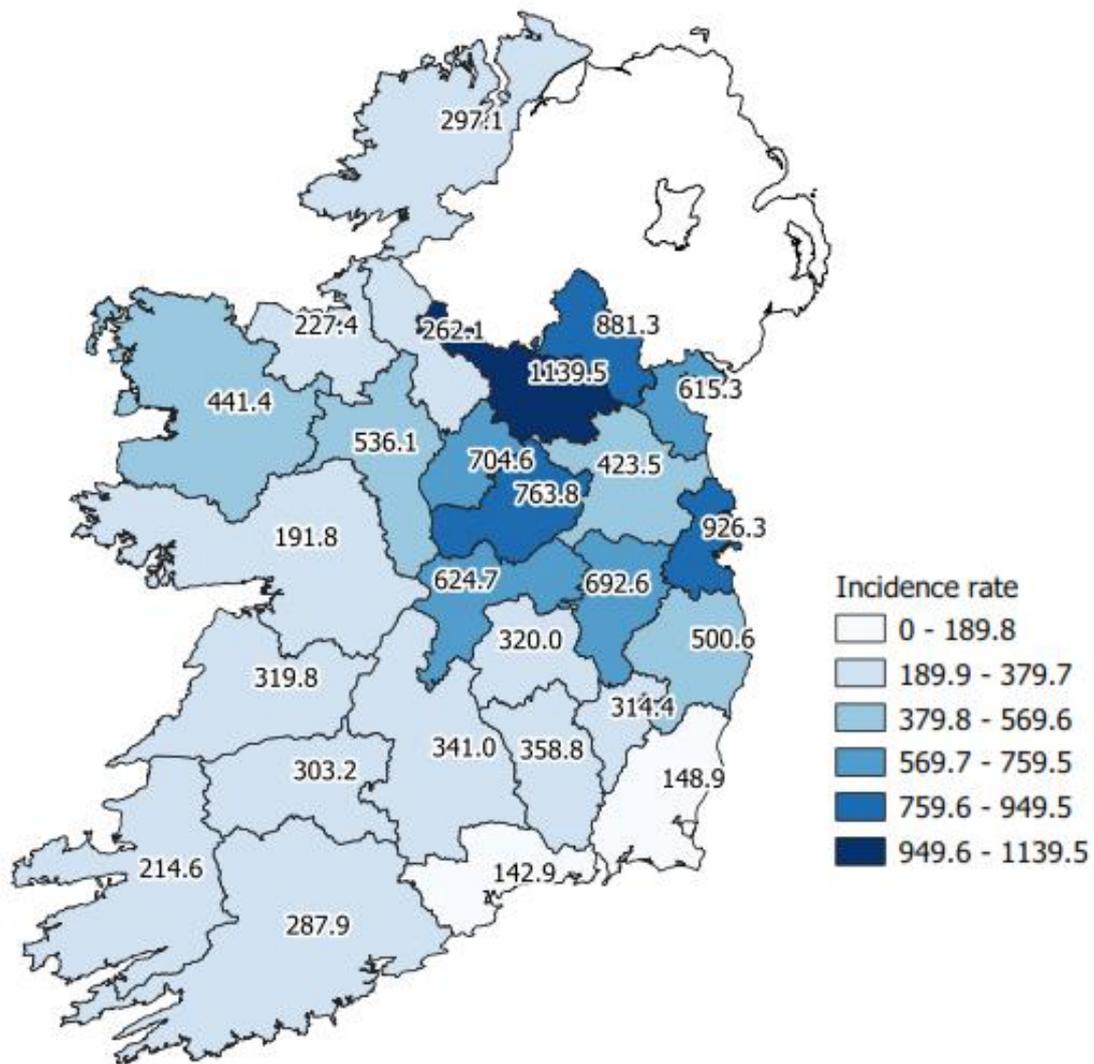


Figure 4: Cumulative incidence rates of confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population notified in Ireland to midnight 27/07/2020

Please do not directly compare county shades to previous maps. The numbers of cases by county are increasing and as such the categories listed will broaden which may result in changes to the map shading.

Table 2: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by county notified to midnight 27/07/2020

County Name	Number of cases	Percent
Carlow	179	0.69
Cavan	868	3.35
Clare	380	1.47
Cork	1,563	6.03
Donegal	473	1.82
Dublin	12,480	48.13
Galway	495	1.91
Kerry	317	1.22
Kildare	1,541	5.94
Kilkenny	356	1.37
Laois	271	1.05
Leitrim	84	0.32
Limerick	591	2.28
Longford	288	1.11
Louth	793	3.06
Mayo	576	2.22
Meath	826	3.19
Monaghan	541	2.09
Offaly	487	1.88
Roscommon	346	1.33
Sligo	149	0.57
Tipperary	544	2.1
Waterford	166	0.64
Westmeath	678	2.61
Wexford	223	0.86
Wicklow	713	2.75
Total	25,928	100

Table 3: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by WHO transmission classification notified to midnight 27/07/2020

Transmission classification*	Count of Events	%
Community transmission, incl. possible community transmission	8,176	31.53%
Local transmission, incl. possible local transmission	17,092	65.92%
Travel abroad, incl. possible travel abroad	637	2.46%
Unknown	23	0.09%
Total	25,928	100.00%

*See technical note 3 for definition of WHO transmission classification

Cases which were notified more than 2 weeks ago and have not yet been reported as imported or linked to an outbreak are classified as possible community transmission.

Table 4: Cumulative number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Ireland by age group and hospital, ICU and vital status as of midnight 27/07/2020

Age Group (years)	Number of cases (n)	Cases hospitalised (n)	Cases hospitalised (%)	Cases admitted to ICU (n)	Cases admitted to ICU (%)
0-4 yrs	189	23	0.69	0	0
5-14 yrs	346	18	0.54	2	0.46
15-24 yrs	1984	76	2.27	5	1.14
25-34 yrs	4397	198	5.91	15	3.42
35-44 yrs	4563	274	8.18	36	8.22
45-54 yrs	4634	451	13.47	91	20.78
55-64 yrs	3285	499	14.9	128	29.22
65-74 yrs	1831	587	17.53	109	24.89
75-84 yrs	2305	745	22.25	46	10.5
85+ yrs	2373	477	14.24	6	1.37
Unknown	21	1	0.03	0	0
Total	25,928	3,349	100	438	100

Table 5: Number and proportion of confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Ireland by age-group, hospitalisation and ICU admission 27/07/2020

	0-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	15-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-54 yrs	55-64 yrs	65-74 yrs	75-84 yrs	85+ yrs	Unknown
Number of cases (n)	189	346	1,984	4,397	4,563	4,634	3,285	1,831	2,305	2,373	21
Cases hospitalised (n)	23	18	76	198	274	451	499	587	745	477	1
Cases hospitalised (%)	12.17	5.2	3.83	4.5	6	9.73	15.19	32.06	32.32	20.1	4.76
Cases admitted to ICU (n)	0	2	5	15	36	91	128	109	46	6	0
Cases admitted to ICU (%)	0	0.58	0.25	0.34	0.79	1.96	3.9	5.95	2	0.25	0
Deaths (n)	0	0	1	5	12	24	67	225	515	657	0
Case fatality ratio (%)	0	0	0.05	0.11	0.26	0.52	2.04	12.29	22.34	27.69	0

Outbreaks of COVID-19

Table 6: Number of clusters/outbreaks COVID-19 by location and HSE area notified to midnight 27/07/2020

Outbreak Location	E	HPSC	M	MW	NE	NW	S	SE	W	Total
Private house	1,083		6	80	118	52	113	71	27	1,550
Nursing home	129		10	17	41	5	13	17	37	269
Residential institution	104		9	7	17	4	21	10	4	176
Other*	14	1	8	30	6	7	26	9	9	110
Hospital	61		3	3	14	2	10	4	6	103
Workplace	9		5	5	14	1	8	2	4	48
Comm. Hosp/Long-stay unit	4		4	2		4	6	5	5	30
Unknown	2					1	1	1		5
Total	1,406	1	45	144	210	76	198	119	92	2,291

*Other outbreak location includes community, extended family, hotel, public house, retail outlet, travel related and all other locations.

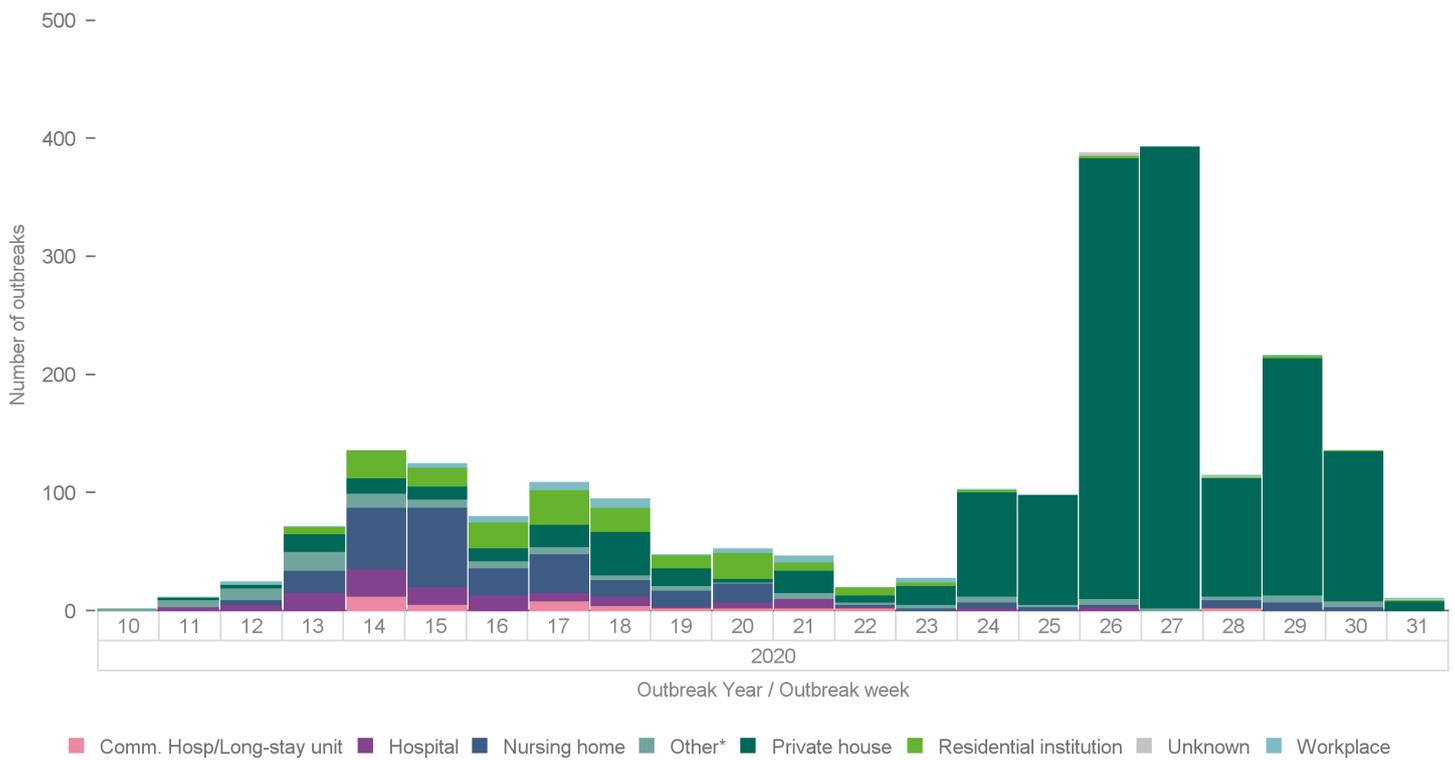


Figure 5: Trend in number of COVID-19 clusters by location and week notified to midnight 27/07/2020

*Other outbreak location includes community, extended family, hotel, public house, retail outlet, travel related and all other locations.

Note: 1452 COVID-19 outbreaks were reported on CIDR between week 24 and week 31 2020 (June 7th to July 27th). Of these, 1,397 were family outbreaks. Most of these family outbreaks occurred earlier and were reported between weeks 24 and 31 as a result of data validation: 1 occurred in February, 608 in March, 447 in April, 97 in May, 13 in June and 8 in July.

Deaths among COVID-19 cases

Table 7: Summary of deaths in all COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland up to midnight 27/07/2020

	Number	Percent
Total number of deaths	1,764	
Confirmed	1,506	85.37
Probable	101	5.73
Possible	157	8.9
Total number of cases hospitalised	748	42.4
Cases admitted to ICU	92	5.22
Cases not admitted to ICU	656	37.19
Total number of imported cases	6	0.34
Number of cases in healthcare workers	8	0.45
Number with underlying clinical conditions	1,662	94.22
Total number of male cases	869	49.26
M:F ratio	0.97	
Median age (years)	84	
Mean age (years)	82	
Age range (years)	17 - 105	

Table 8: Number of deaths in all COVID-19 cases by sex and age group notified in Ireland up to midnight 27/07/2020

Age group (years)	Female	Male	Total	Percent
15-24 yrs	<5	<5	1	0.06
25-34 yrs	<5	<5	5	0.28
35-44 yrs	6	7	13	0.74
45-54 yrs	10	16	26	1.47
55-64 yrs	25	47	72	4.08
65-74 yrs	92	158	250	14.17
75-84 yrs	276	324	600	34.01
85+ yrs	481	314	795	45.07
Unknown	<5	<5	2	0.11
Total	895	869	1,764	100
Percent	50.74	49.26		

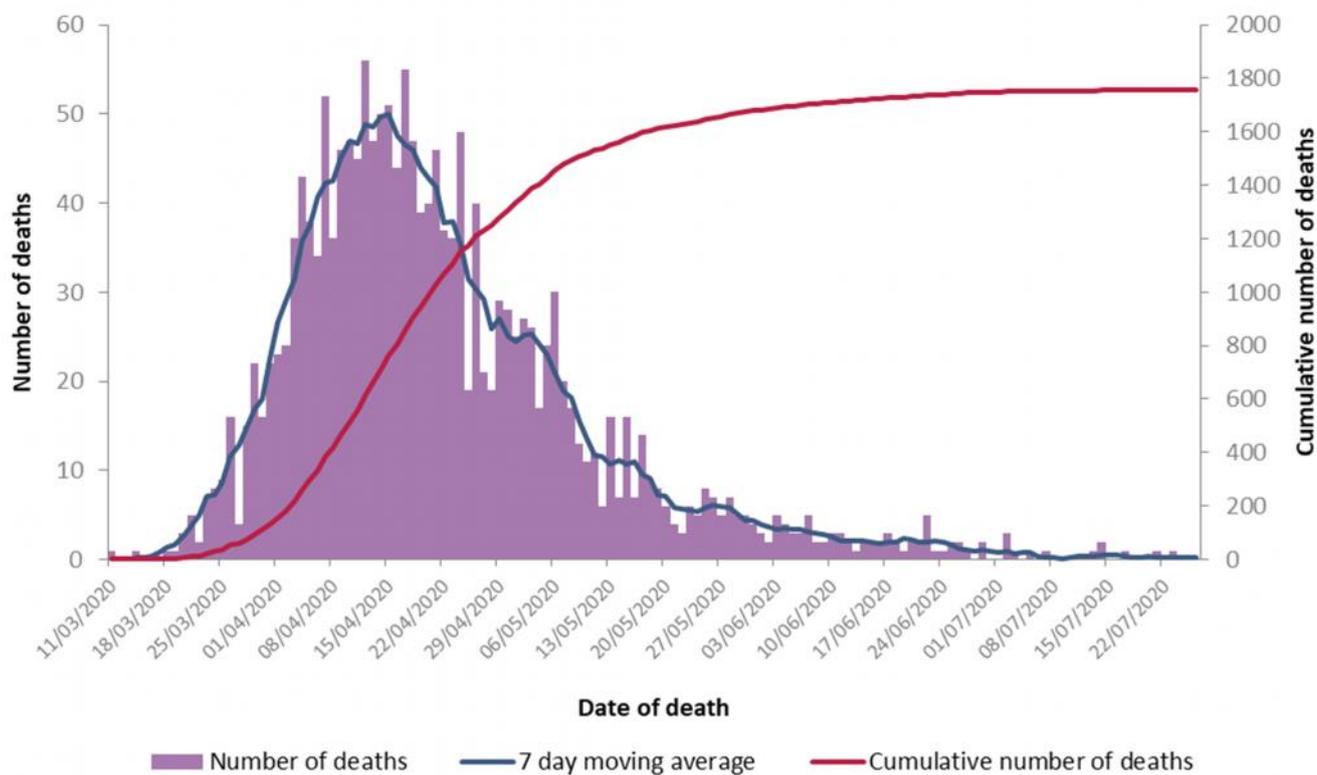


Figure 6: Daily and 7 day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total to midnight 27/07/2020

* Date of death is not yet available for five cases

Please note: a lag in time between reporting of deaths and data extraction is expected and as such most recent dates will not yet reflect all deaths on that date

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Technical Notes

1. Data Source

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2. Epidemiological date

Epidemiological date is derived from epidemiological date, which is the earliest of onset date, date of diagnosis, laboratory specimen collection date, laboratory received date, laboratory reported date, event creation/notification date.

3. Population data

Population data were taken from Census 2016. Data were aggregated into the following age groups for the analysis: 0-4 years, 5-14 years, 15-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-54 years, 55-64 years, 65-74 years, 75-84 years and ≥ 85 years.

3. Transmission classification

Transmission classification is based on country of infection as well as enhanced exposure data (international travel; close contact of a case) recorded in CIDR. Transmission is classified as 'unknown' due to incomplete data on CIDR.

WHO definition of transmission classification is specified below:

- Community transmission is evidenced by the inability to relate confirmed cases through chains of transmission for a large number of cases, or by increasing positive tests through routine screening of sentinel samples.
- Local transmission indicates locations where the source of infection is within the reporting location.
- Imported cases only indicates locations where all cases have been acquired outside the location of reporting.

4. HSE areas

The counties covered by each HSE area are as follows:

- HSE East (E): Dublin, Kildare & Wicklow;
- HSE Midlands (M): Laois, Longford, Offaly & Westmeath;
- HSE Midwest (MW): Clare, Limerick & N. Tipperary;
- HSE Northeast (NE): Cavan, Louth, Meath & Monaghan;
- HSE Northwest (NW): Donegal, Leitrim & Sligo;
- HSE South (S): Kerry & Cork;
- HSE Southeast (SE): Carlow, Kilkenny, S. Tipperary, Waterford & Wexford;
- HSE West (W): Galway, Mayo & Roscommon.

5. Outbreak location

Where an outbreak location is reported as a residential facility (RF) this includes nursing homes, community hospitals, long-stay units and residential institutions including mental health facilities, prisons and direct provision centres.

Other outbreak location includes community, extended family, hotel, public house, retail outlet, travel related and all other locations.