



Epidemiology of COVID-19 in Ireland

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Summary characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland up to midnight 26/09/2020

	Number	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases	34,987	
National cumulative incidence of confirmed cases per 100,000 population	734.73	
Total number of cases hospitalised	3,583	10.24
Total number of cases admitted to ICU	469	1.34
Total number of deaths among confirmed cases	1,545	4.42
Case fatality ratio (CFR, %)	4.42	
National cumulative incidence of confirmed deaths per 100,000 population	32.45	
Total number of outbreaks/clusters	3,961	
Total number of cases associated with clusters	19,473	55.66
Total number of imported cases	594	1.7
Number of cases in healthcare workers	9,128	26.09
Males	15,693	44.85
Females	19,265	55.06
M:F ratio	0.81	
Median age (years)	44	
Mean age (years)	46	
Age range (years)	0 - 106	

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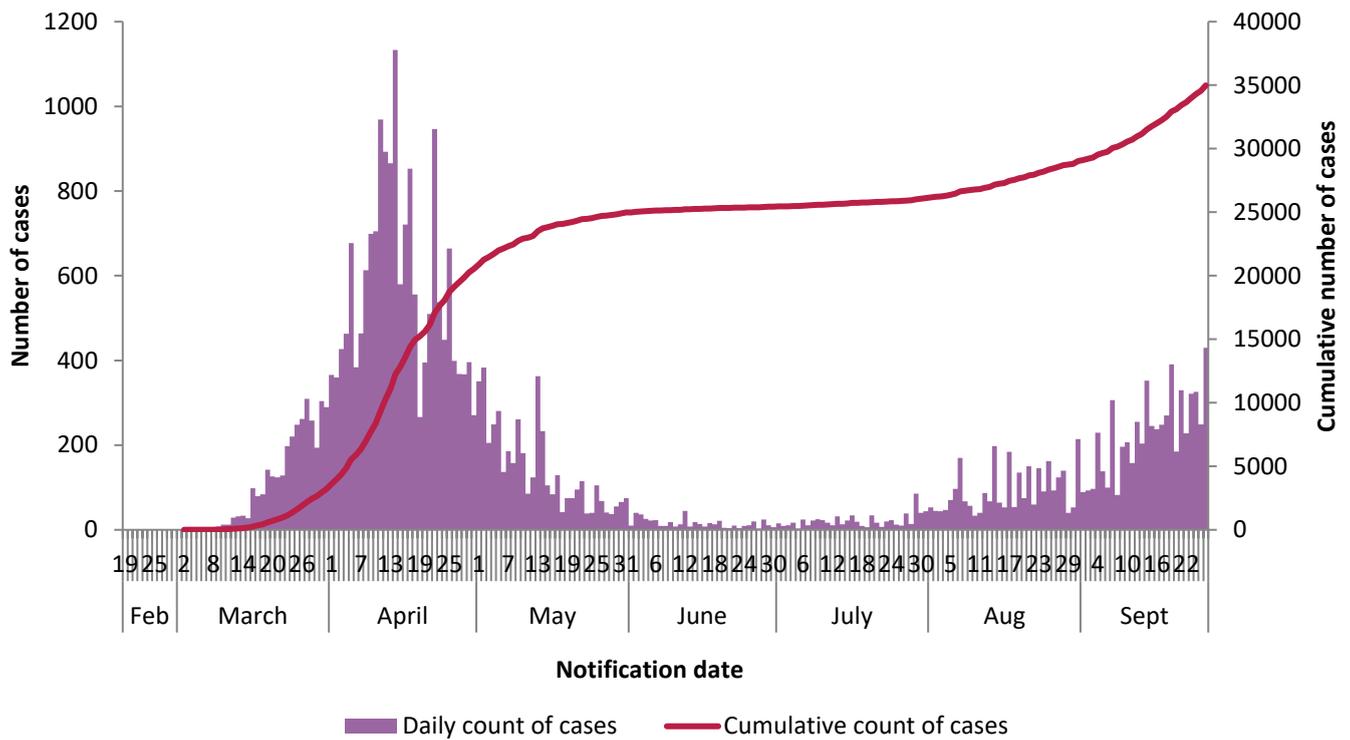


Figure 1a: Number* and cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by notification date* to midnight 26/09/2020

*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

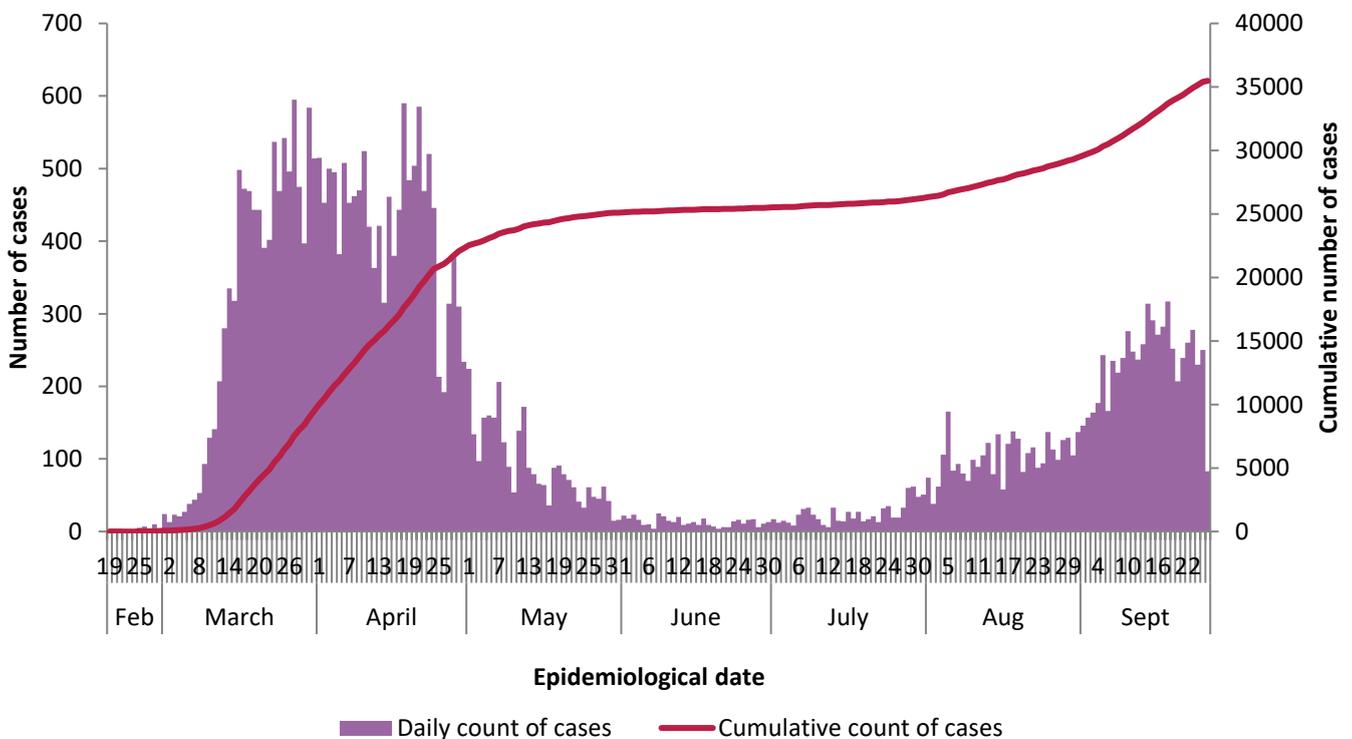


Figure 1b: Number and cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by epidemiological date to midnight 26/09/2020**

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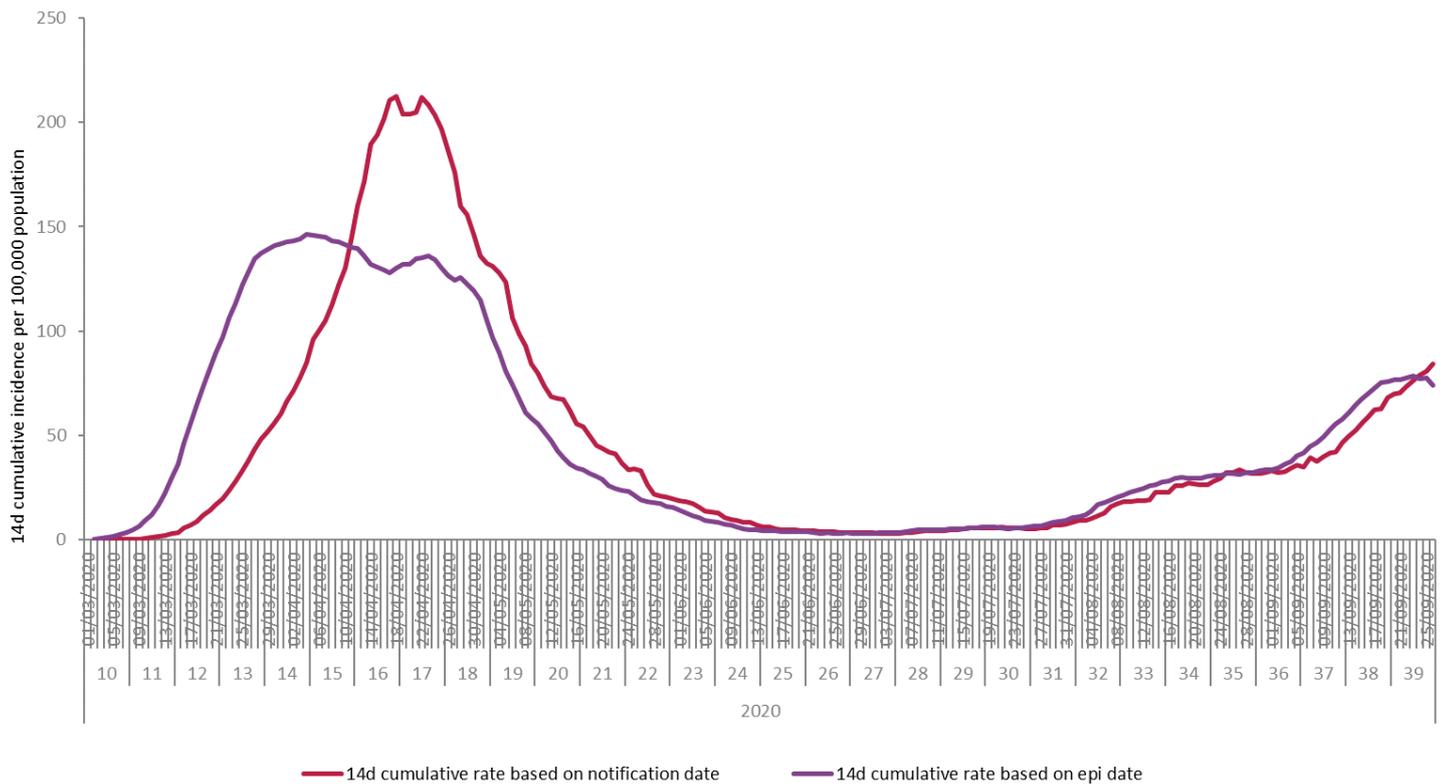


Figure 2: Cumulative 14 day incidence rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland by notification* and epidemiological date to midnight 26/09/2020**

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Table 1: Characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland up to midnight on 26/09/2020

Characteristic		Number of cases	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases		34,987	100
Sex	Male:Female ratio	0.81	
	Male	15,693	44.85
	Female	19,265	55.06
	Unknown	29	0.08
Age	Median age (years)	44	
	Mean age (years)	46	
	Age range (years)	0 - 106	
	0-4 yrs	500	1.43
	5-14 yrs	1,097	3.14
	15-24 yrs	4,029	11.52
	25-34 yrs	6,159	17.6
	35-44 yrs	5,958	17.03
	45-54 yrs	5,855	16.73
	55-64 yrs	4,078	11.66
	65-74 yrs	2,286	6.53
	75-84 yrs	2,517	7.19
	85+ yrs	2,482	7.09
	Unknown	26	0.07

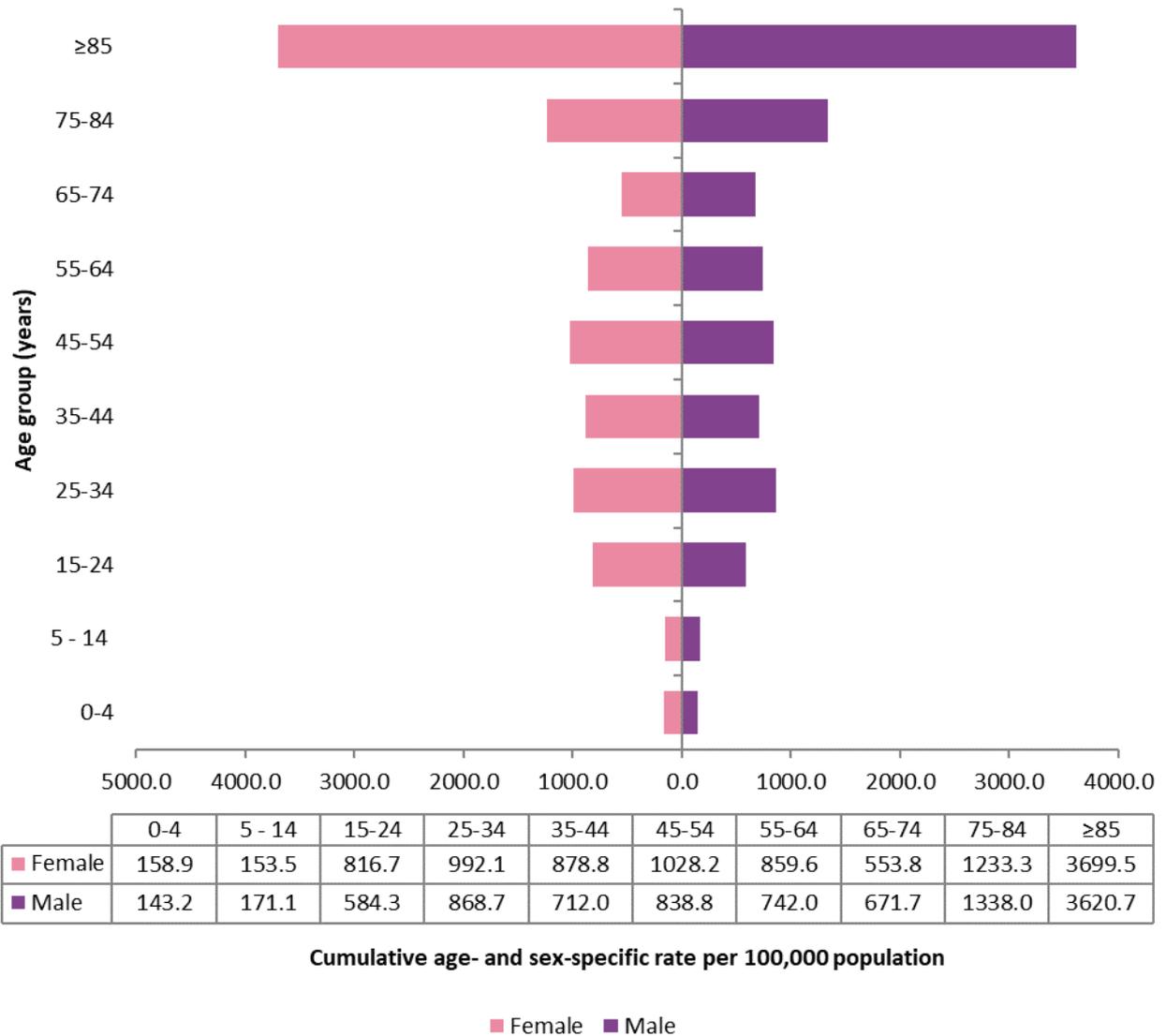


Figure 3: Cumulative age- and sex-specific incidence rates of confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population notified in Ireland to midnight 26/09/2020 (excluding 25 cases for whom age is unknown and 28 cases for whom sex is unknown and 1 case for whom both are unknown)

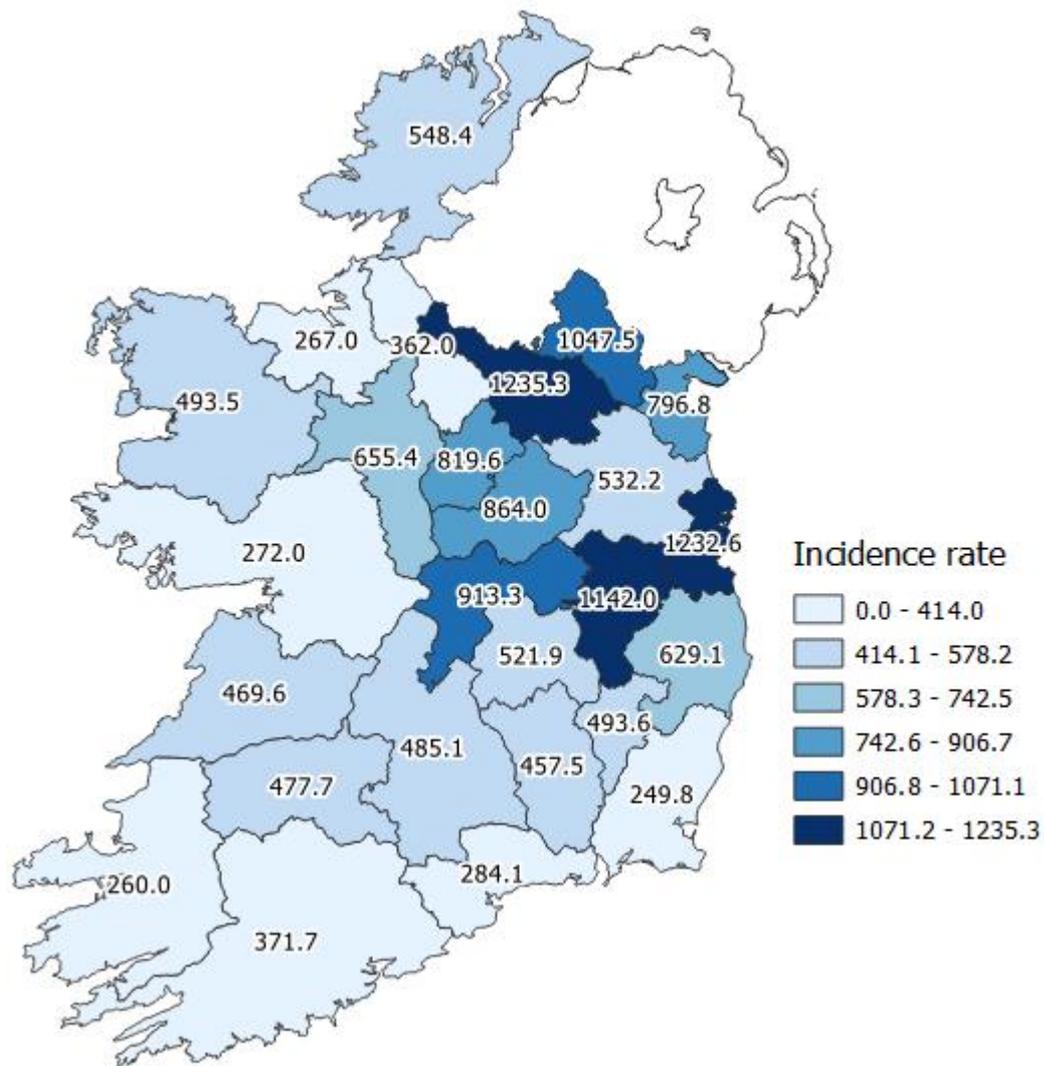


Figure 4: Cumulative incidence rates of confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population notified in Ireland to midnight 26/09/2020

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 26/09/2020

County Name	Number of cases	Percent
Carlow	281	0.8
Cavan	941	2.69
Clare	558	1.59
Cork	2,018	5.77
Donegal	873	2.5
Dublin	16,608	47.47
Galway	702	2.01
Kerry	384	1.1
Kildare	2,541	7.26
Kilkenny	454	1.3
Laois	442	1.26
Leitrim	116	0.33
Limerick	931	2.66
Longford	335	0.96
Louth	1,027	2.94
Mayo	644	1.84
Meath	1,038	2.97
Monaghan	643	1.84
Offaly	712	2.04
Roscommon	423	1.21
Sligo	175	0.5
Tipperary	774	2.21
Waterford	330	0.94
Westmeath	767	2.19
Wexford	374	1.07
Wicklow	896	2.56
Total	34,987	100

Table 3: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by WHO transmission classification notified to midnight 26/09/2020

Transmission classification*	Count of Events	%
Community transmission, incl. possible community transmission	10,128	28.95%
Local transmission, incl. possible local transmission	23,526	67.24%
Travel abroad, incl. possible travel abroad	816	2.33%
Unknown	517	1.48%
Total	34,987	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 26/09/2020

Age Group (years)	Number of cases (n)	Cases hospitalised (n)	Cases hospitalised (%)	Cases admitted to ICU (n)	Cases admitted to ICU (%)
0-4 yrs	500	29	0.81	1	0.21
5-14 yrs	1097	20	0.56	2	0.43
15-24 yrs	4029	92	2.57	5	1.07
25-34 yrs	6159	217	6.06	17	3.62
35-44 yrs	5958	290	8.09	42	8.96
45-54 yrs	5855	482	13.45	97	20.68
55-64 yrs	4078	536	14.96	136	29
65-74 yrs	2286	639	17.83	115	24.52
75-84 yrs	2517	783	21.85	48	10.23
85+ yrs	2482	494	13.79	6	1.28
Unknown	26	1	0.03	0	0
Total	34,987	3,583	100	469	100

Table 5: Number and proportion of confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Ireland by age-group, hospitalisation and ICU admission 26/09/2020

	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)	500	1,097	4,029	6,159	5,958	5,855	4,078	2,286	2,517	2,482	26
Cases hospitalised (n)	29	20	92	217	290	482	536	639	783	494	1
Cases hospitalised (%)	5.8	1.82	2.28	3.52	4.87	8.23	13.14	27.95	31.11	19.9	3.85
Cases admitted to ICU (n)	1	2	5	17	42	97	136	115	48	6	0
Cases admitted to ICU (%)	0.2	0.18	0.12	0.28	0.7	1.66	3.33	5.03	1.91	0.24	0
Deaths (n)	0	0	1	6	12	28	72	230	529	667	0
Case fatality ratio (%)	0	0	0.02	0.1	0.2	0.48	1.77	10.06	21.02	26.87	0

Outbreaks of COVID-19

Table 6: Number of clusters/outbreaks COVID-19 by location and HSE area notified to midnight 26/09/2020

Outbreak Location	E	HPSC	M	MW	NE	NW	S	SE	W	Total
Private house	1,943		48	143	206	86	161	164	58	2,809
Other*	69	2	32	94	18	31	58	24	29	357
Nursing home	143		11	19	44	5	15	17	37	291
Residential institution	127		11	11	24	5	22	10	4	214
Workplace	46		12	17	21	12	10	11	10	139
Hospital	70		5	4	14	2	11	5	6	117
Comm. Hosp/Long-stay unit	6		4	2		4	6	5	5	32
Unknown	2									2
Total	2,406	2	123	290	327	145	283	236	149	3,961

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

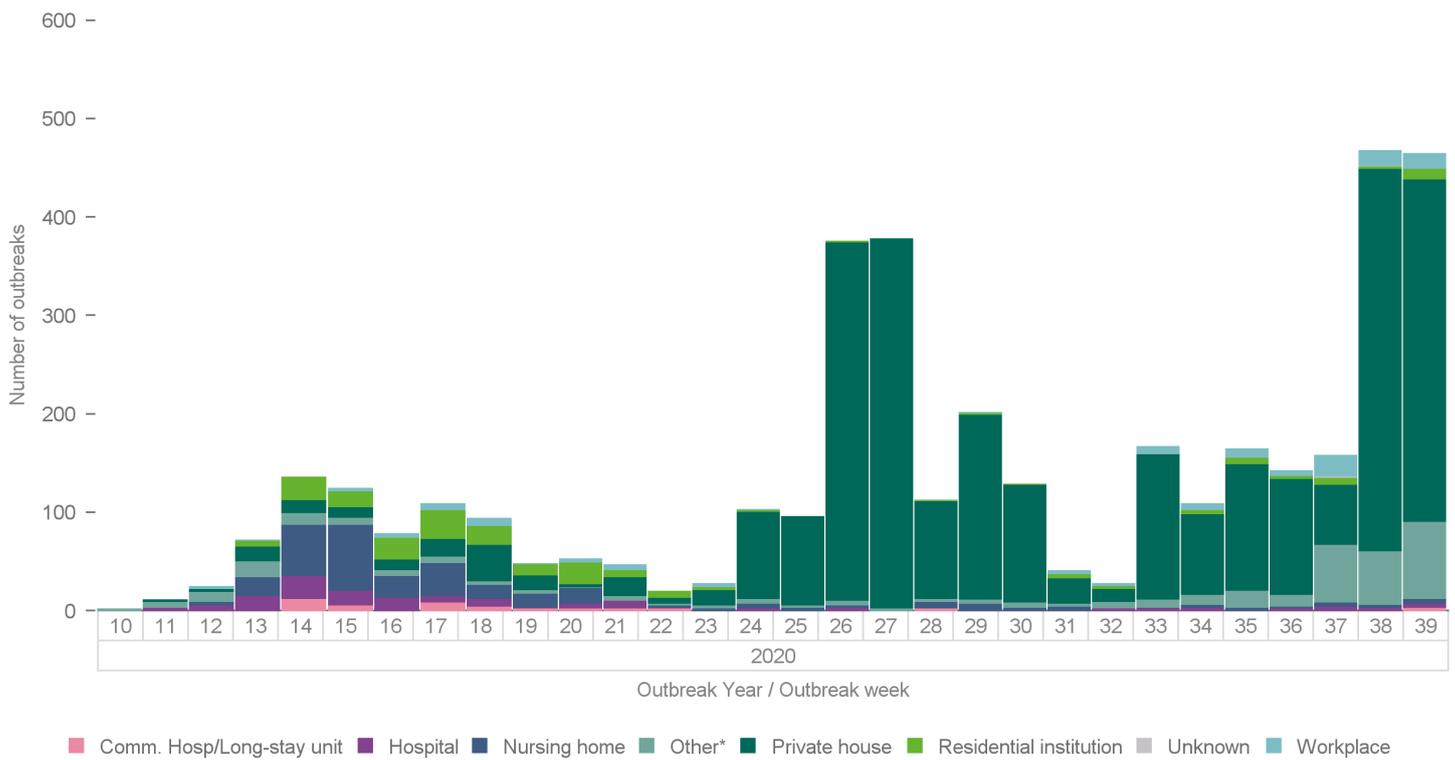


Figure 5: Trend in number of COVID-19 clusters by location and week notified to midnight 26/09/2020

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

Note: 3,123 COVID-19 outbreaks were reported on CIDR between week 24 and week 39 2020 to date (9th June to 26th September). Of these, 2,697 were family outbreaks. Based on the earliest date associated with each outbreak, a large proportion of these family outbreaks occurred earlier and were reported between weeks 24 and 39 as a result of data validation: 1 occurred in February, 636 in March, 473 in April, 94 in May, 126 in June, 127 in July, 528 in August and 712 in September to date.

Deaths among COVID-19 cases

Table 7: Summary of deaths in all COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland up to midnight 26/09/2020

	Number	Percent
Total number of deaths	1,802	
Confirmed	1,545	85.74
Probable	99	5.49
Possible	158	8.77
Total number of cases hospitalised	768	42.62
Cases admitted to ICU	98	5.44
Cases not admitted to ICU	670	37.18
Total number of imported cases	6	0.33
Number of cases in healthcare workers	8	0.44
Number with underlying clinical conditions	1,706	94.67
Total number of male cases	892	49.5
M:F ratio	0.98	
Median age (years)	83	
Mean age (years)	81	
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 26/09/2020

Age group (years)	Female	Male	Total	Percent
15-24 yrs	<5	<5	1	0.06
25-34 yrs	<5	<5	6	0.33
35-44 yrs	6	7	13	0.72
45-54 yrs	11	19	30	1.66
55-64 yrs	26	51	77	4.27
65-74 yrs	96	159	255	14.15
75-84 yrs	280	333	613	34.02
85+ yrs	486	319	805	44.67
Unknown	<5	<5	2	0.11
Total	910	892	1,802	100
Percent	50.5	49.5		

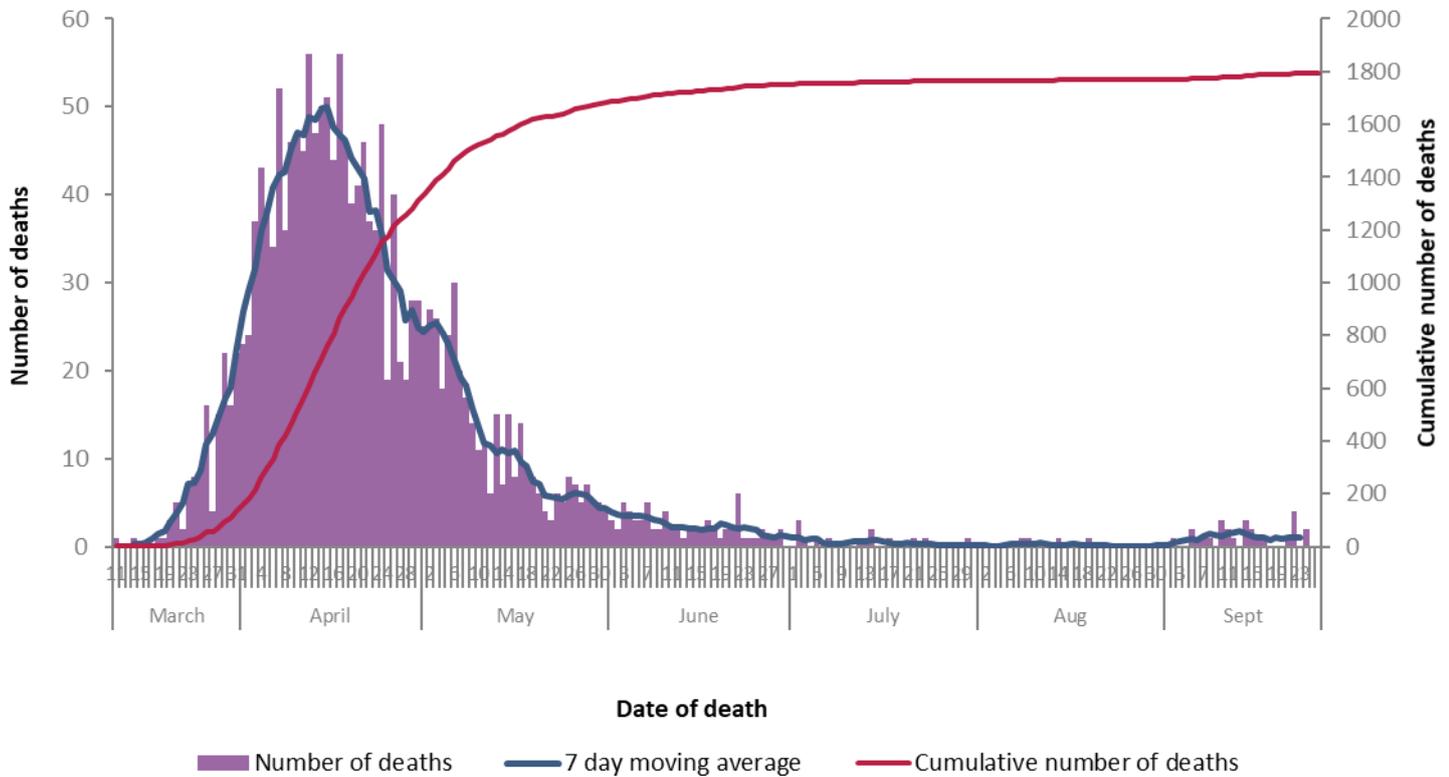


Figure 6a: Daily and 7 day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total to midnight 26/09/2020

* Date of death is not yet available for six cases

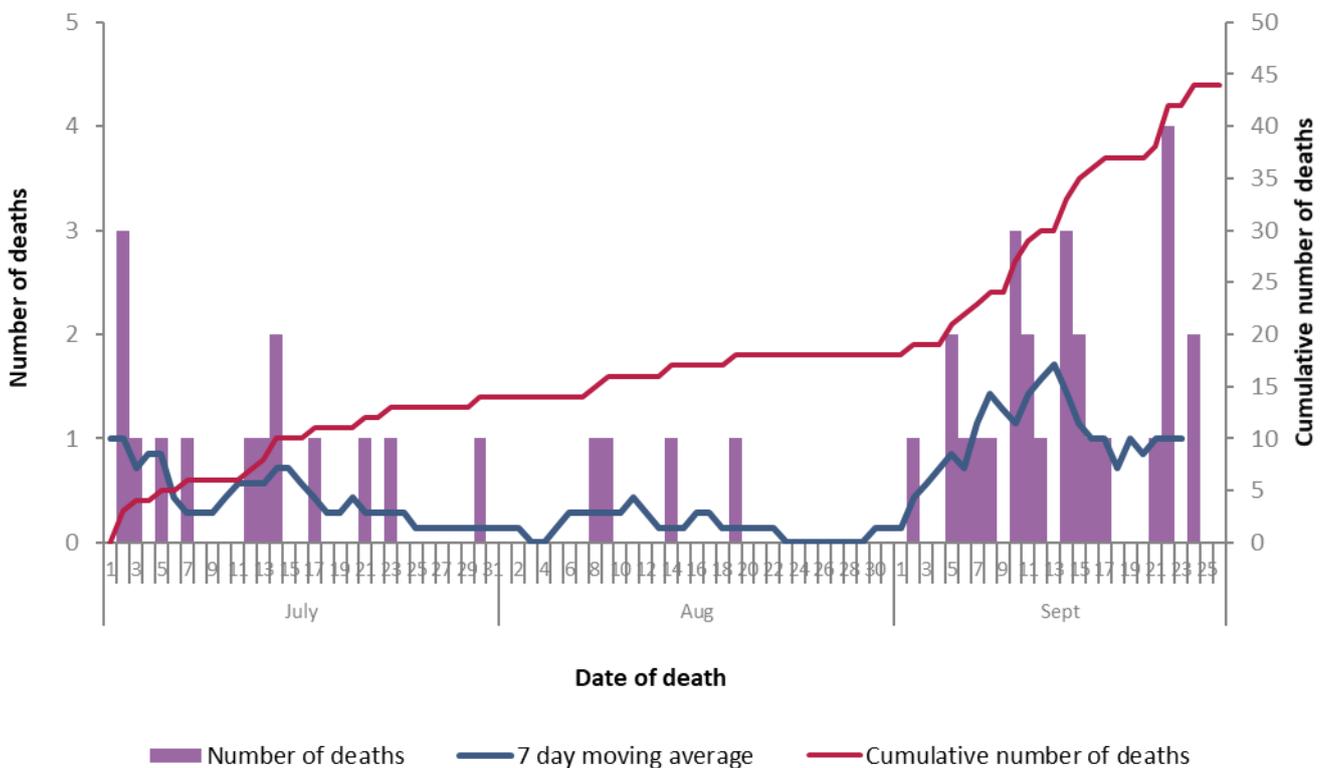


Figure 6b: Daily and 7 day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total, 01/07/2020 to midnight 26/09/2020

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

Data are based on statutory notifications and were extracted from Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting (CIDR) system at 09:31 on 28/09/2020. 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. 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.