



Epidemiology of COVID-19 in Ireland

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Summary characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland up to midnight 20/09/2020

	Number	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases	33,110	
National cumulative incidence of confirmed cases per 100,000 population	695.32	
Total number of cases hospitalised	3,535	10.68
Total number of cases admitted to ICU	462	1.4
Total number of deaths among confirmed cases	1,535	4.64
Case fatality ratio (CFR, %)	4.64	
National cumulative incidence of confirmed deaths per 100,000 population	32.24	
Total number of outbreaks/clusters	3,521	
Total number of cases associated with clusters	18,282	55.22
Total number of imported cases	575	1.74
Number of cases in healthcare workers	9,030	27.27
Males	14,747	44.54
Females	18,335	55.38
M:F ratio	0.8	
Median age (years)	45	
Mean age (years)	47	
Age range (years)	0 - 106	

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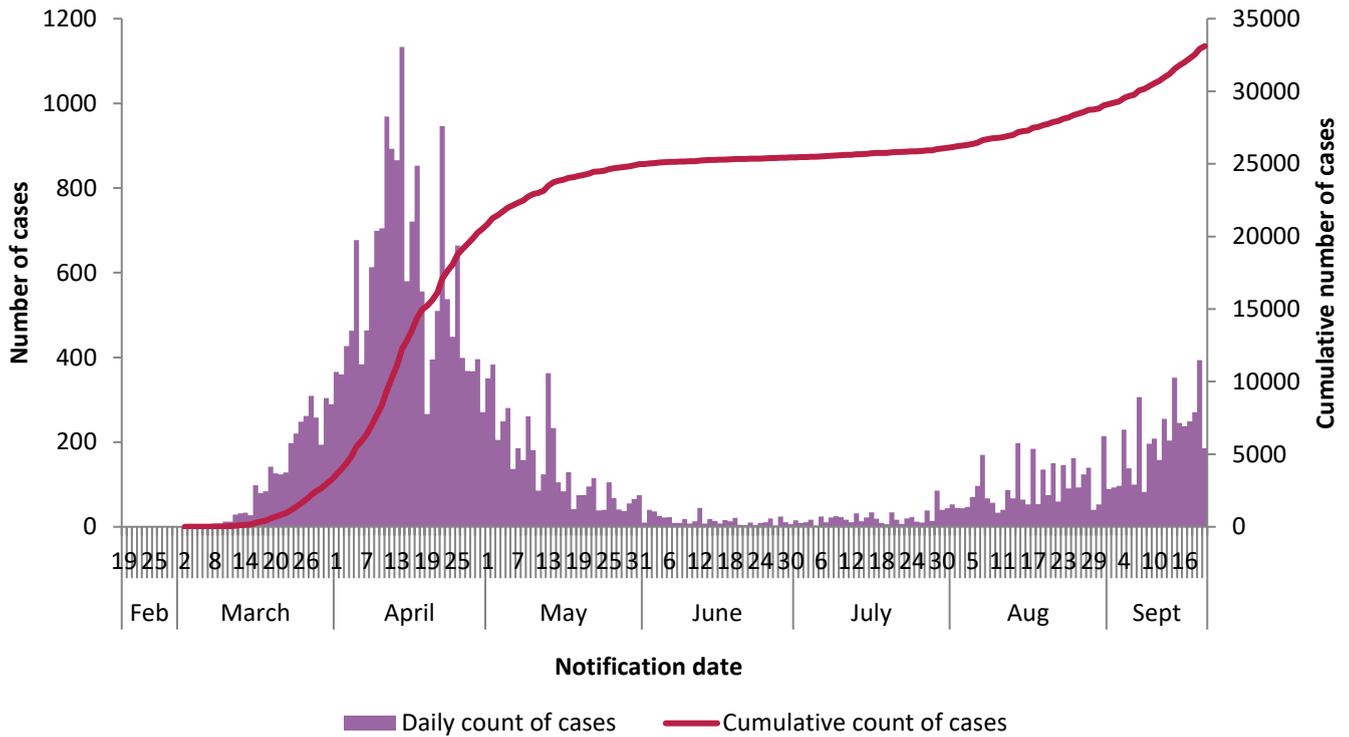


Figure 1a: Number* and cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by notification date* to midnight 20/09/2020

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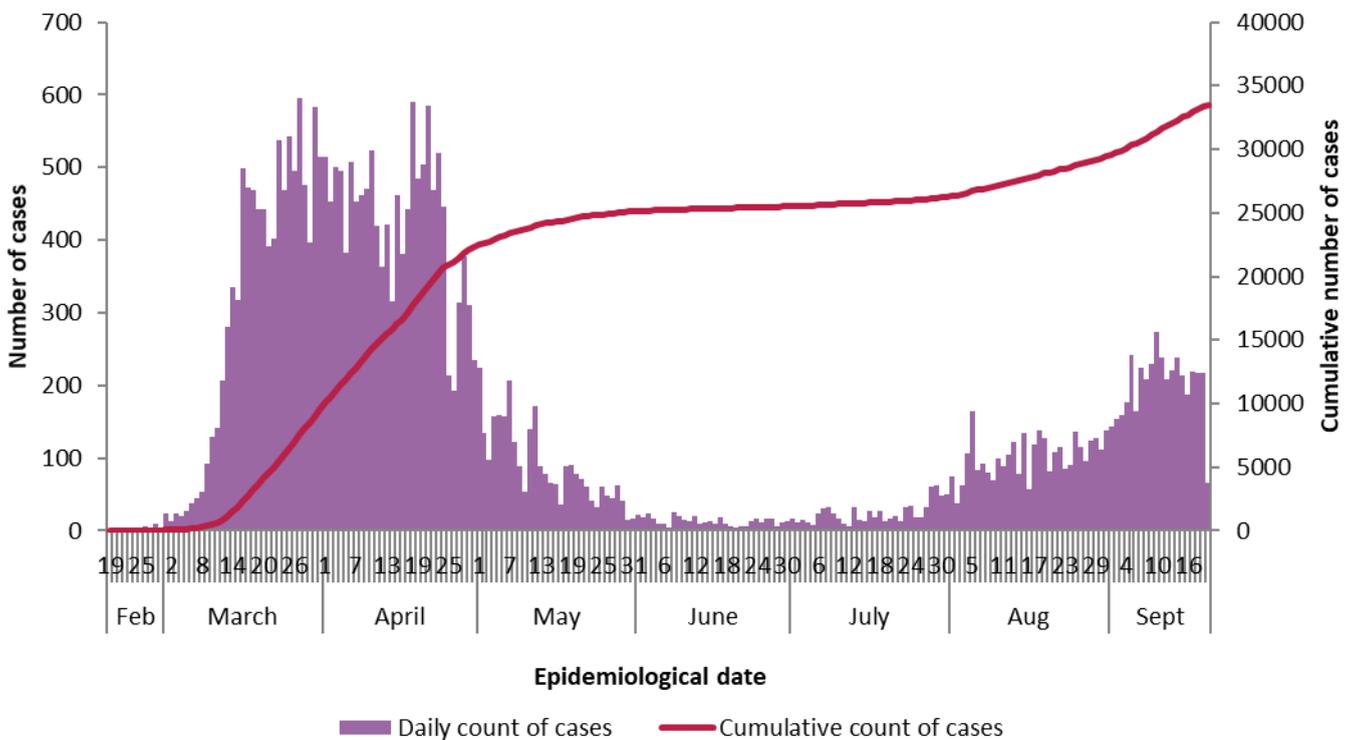


Figure 1b: Number and cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by epidemiological date to midnight 20/09/2020**

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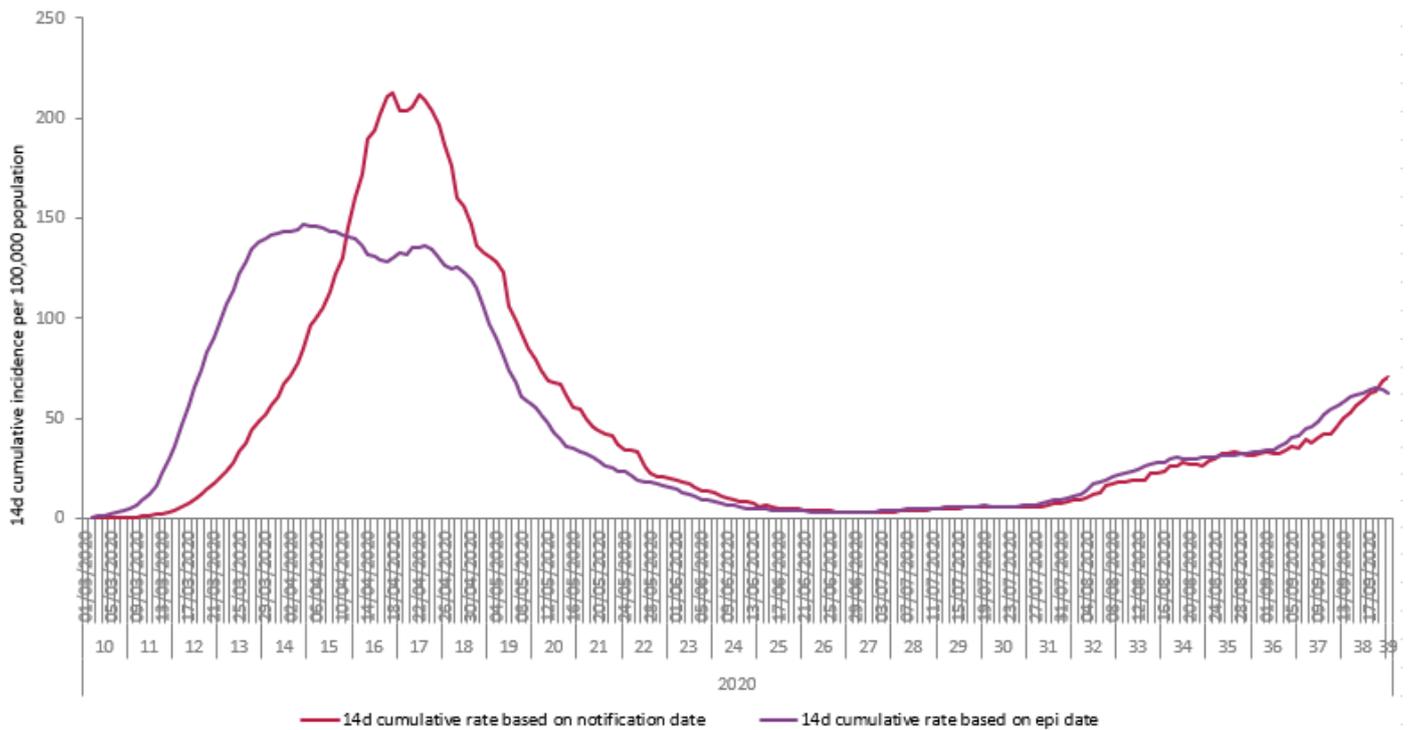


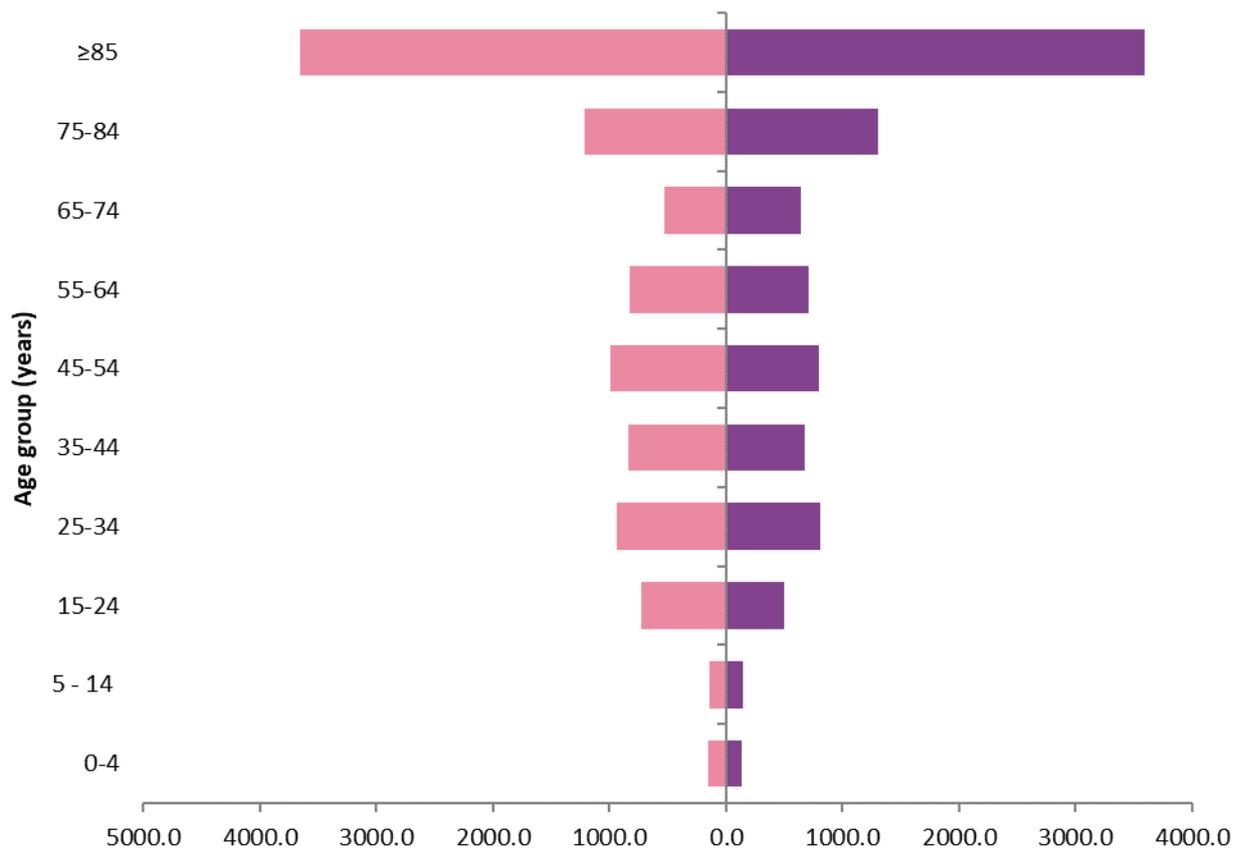
Figure 2: Cumulative 14 day incidence rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland by notification* and epidemiological date to midnight 20/09/2020**

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Table 1: Characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland up to midnight on 20/09/2020

Characteristic		Number of cases	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases		33,110	100
Sex	Male:Female ratio	0.8	
	Male	14,747	44.54
	Female	18,335	55.38
	Unknown	28	0.08
Age	Median age (years)	45	
	Mean age (years)	47	
	Age range (years)	0 - 106	
	0-4 yrs	460	1.39
	5-14 yrs	948	2.86
	15-24 yrs	3,542	10.7
	25-34 yrs	5,807	17.54
	35-44 yrs	5,694	17.2
	45-54 yrs	5,615	16.96
	55-64 yrs	3,907	11.8
	65-74 yrs	2,190	6.61
	75-84 yrs	2,464	7.44
	85+ yrs	2,459	7.43
	Unknown	24	0.07



	0-4	5 - 14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	≥85
Female	147.1	136.9	731.1	939.0	842.1	991.4	824.5	532.1	1209.1	3659.0
Male	130.8	143.8	500.9	815.3	678.1	798.9	709.9	641.9	1307.8	3599.0

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 20/09/2020 (excluding 23 cases for whom age is unknown and 27 cases for whom sex is unknown and 1 case for whom both are unknown)

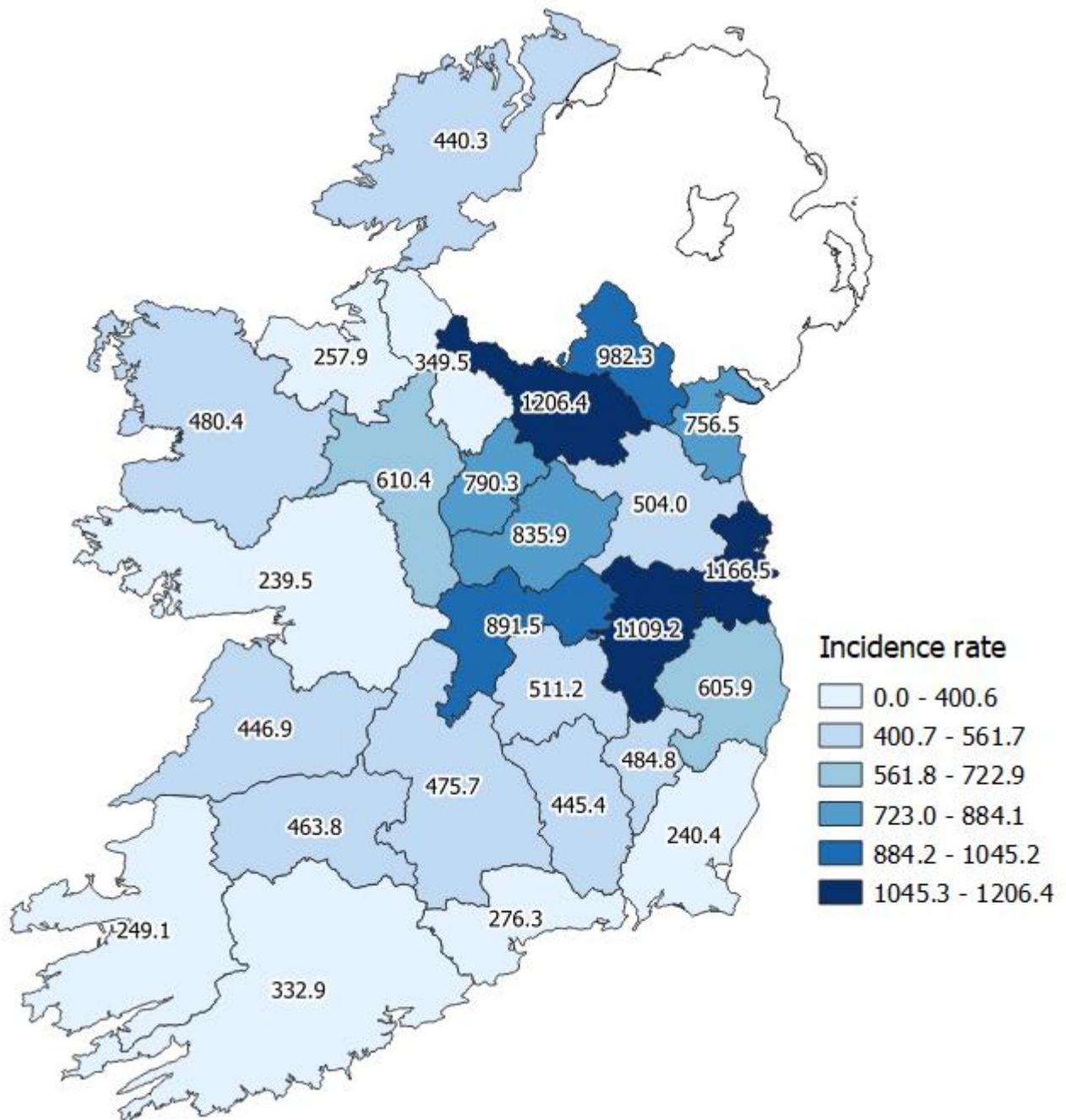


Figure 4: Cumulative incidence rates of confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population notified in Ireland to midnight 20/09/2020

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 20/09/2020

County Name	Number of cases	Percent
Carlow	276	0.83
Cavan	919	2.78
Clare	531	1.6
Cork	1,807	5.46
Donegal	701	2.12
Dublin	15,717	47.47
Galway	618	1.87
Kerry	368	1.11
Kildare	2,468	7.45
Kilkenny	442	1.33
Laois	433	1.31
Leitrim	112	0.34
Limerick	904	2.73
Longford	323	0.98
Louth	975	2.94
Mayo	627	1.89
Meath	983	2.97
Monaghan	603	1.82
Offaly	695	2.1
Roscommon	394	1.19
Sligo	169	0.51
Tipperary	759	2.29
Waterford	321	0.97
Westmeath	742	2.24
Wexford	360	1.09
Wicklow	863	2.61
Total	33,110	100

Table 3: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by WHO transmission classification notified to midnight 20/09/2020

Transmission classification*	Count of Events	%
Community transmission, incl. possible community transmission	9,577	28.92%
Local transmission, incl. possible local transmission	22,291	67.32%
Travel abroad, incl. possible travel abroad	790	2.39%
Unknown	452	1.37%
Total	33,110	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 20/09/2020

Age Group (years)	Number of cases (n)	Cases hospitalised (n)	Cases hospitalised (%)	Cases admitted to ICU (n)	Cases admitted to ICU (%)
0-4 yrs	460	30	0.85	1	0.22
5-14 yrs	948	18	0.51	2	0.43
15-24 yrs	3542	89	2.52	5	1.08
25-34 yrs	5807	212	6	17	3.68
35-44 yrs	5694	285	8.06	39	8.44
45-54 yrs	5615	477	13.49	95	20.56
55-64 yrs	3907	523	14.79	135	29.22
65-74 yrs	2190	632	17.88	114	24.68
75-84 yrs	2464	776	21.95	48	10.39
85+ yrs	2459	492	13.92	6	1.3
Unknown	24	1	0.03	0	0
Total	33,110	3,535	100	462	100

Table 5: Number and proportion of confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Ireland by age-group, hospitalisation and ICU admission 20/09/2020

	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)	460	948	3,542	5,807	5,694	5,615	3,907	2,190	2,464	2,459	24
Cases hospitalised (n)	30	18	89	212	285	477	523	632	776	492	1
Cases hospitalised (%)	6.52	1.9	2.51	3.65	5.01	8.5	13.39	28.86	31.49	20.01	4.17
Cases admitted to ICU (n)	1	2	5	17	39	95	135	114	48	6	0
Cases admitted to ICU (%)	0.22	0.21	0.14	0.29	0.68	1.69	3.46	5.21	1.95	0.24	0
Deaths (n)	0	0	1	5	12	26	71	228	527	665	0
Case fatality ratio (%)	0	0	0.03	0.09	0.21	0.46	1.82	10.41	21.39	27.04	0

Outbreaks of COVID-19

Table 6: Number of clusters/outbreaks COVID-19 by location and HSE area notified to midnight 20/09/2020

Outbreak Location	E	HPSC	M	MW	NE	NW	S	SE	W	Total
Private house	1,711		46	135	175	71	131	150	54	2,473
Nursing home	141		11	19	44	5	15	17	36	288
Other*	54	2	28	83	12	18	47	21	22	287
Residential institution	120		10	11	23	4	21	10	4	203
Workplace	40		11	16	20	10	10	9	8	124
Hospital	67		4	4	14	2	11	5	6	113
Comm. Hosp/Long-stay unit	5		4	2		4	6	5	5	31
Unknown	2									2
Total	2,140	2	114	270	288	114	241	217	135	3,521

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

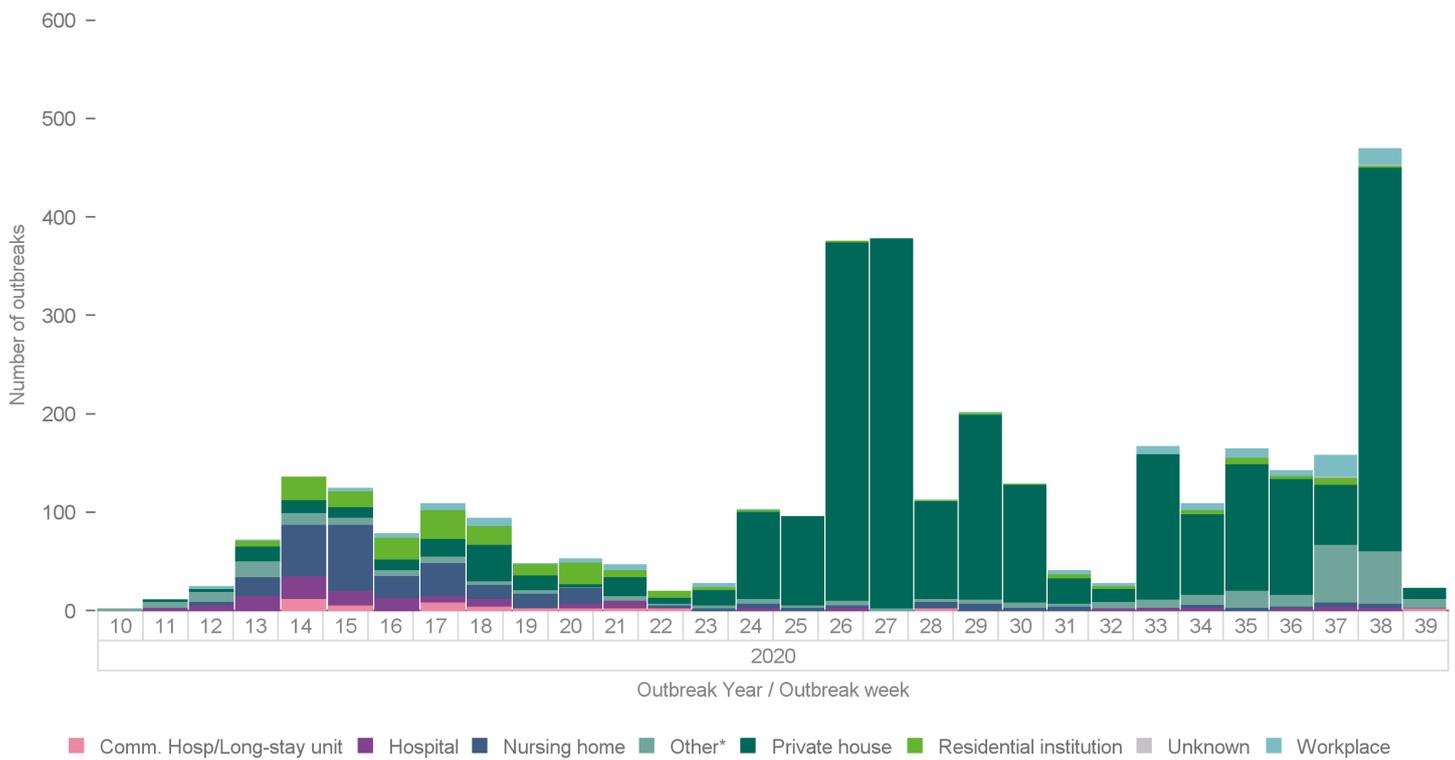


Figure 5: Trend in number of COVID-19 clusters by location and week notified to midnight 20/09/2020

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

Note: 2,683 COVID-19 outbreaks were reported on CIDR between week 24 and week 39 2020 to date (9th June to 20th September). Of these, 2,351 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, 126 in July, 520 in August and 375 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 20/09/2020

	Number	Percent
Total number of deaths	1,792	
Confirmed	1,535	85.66
Probable	99	5.52
Possible	158	8.82
Total number of cases hospitalised	765	42.69
Cases admitted to ICU	97	5.41
Cases not admitted to ICU	668	37.28
Total number of imported cases	6	0.33
Number of cases in healthcare workers	8	0.45
Number with underlying clinical conditions	1,699	94.81
Total number of male cases	887	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 20/09/2020

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	0.73
45-54 yrs	10	18	28	1.56
55-64 yrs	26	50	76	4.24
65-74 yrs	94	159	253	14.12
75-84 yrs	279	332	611	34.1
85+ yrs	485	318	803	44.81
Unknown	<5	<5	2	0.11
Total	905	887	1,792	100
Percent	50.5	49.5		

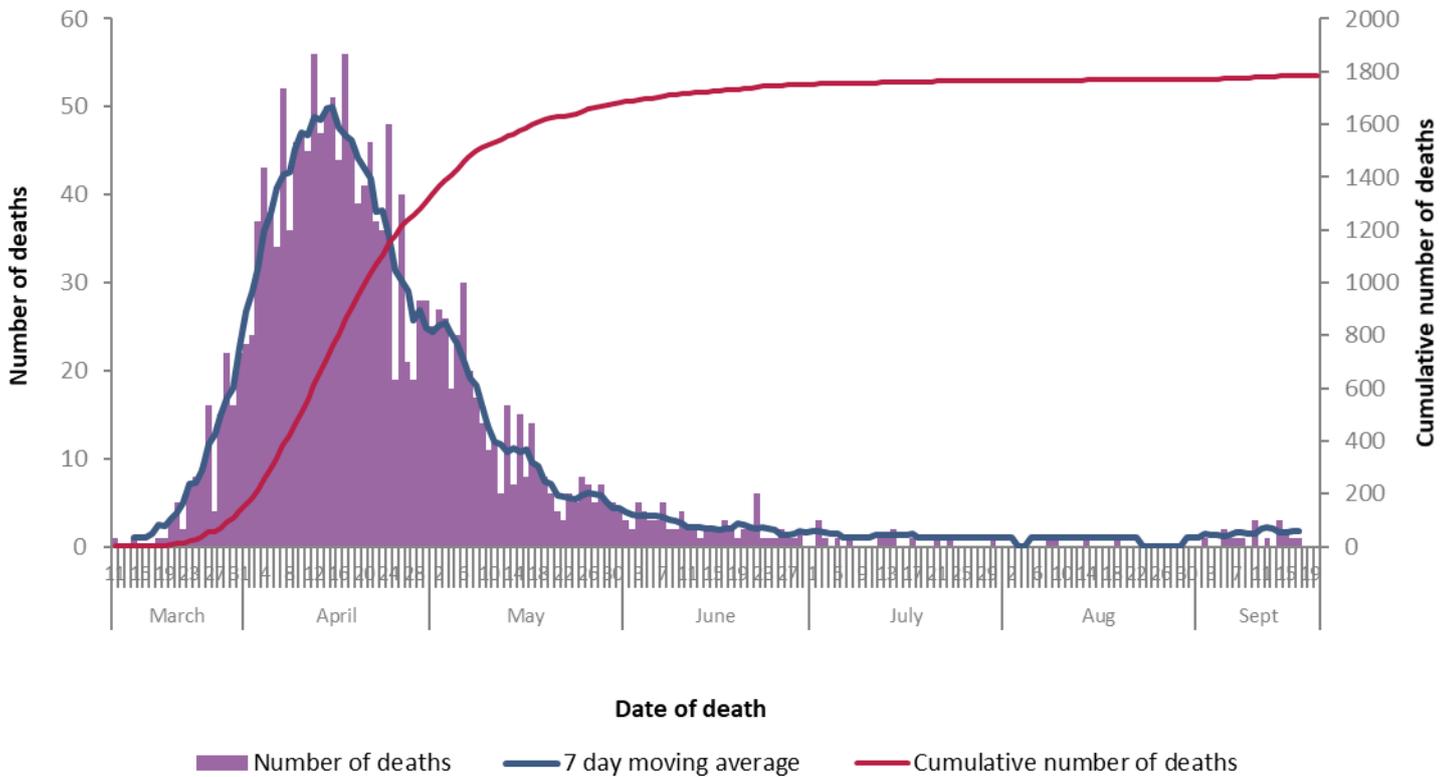


Figure 6a: Daily and 7 day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total to midnight 20/09/2020

* Date of death is not yet available for six cases

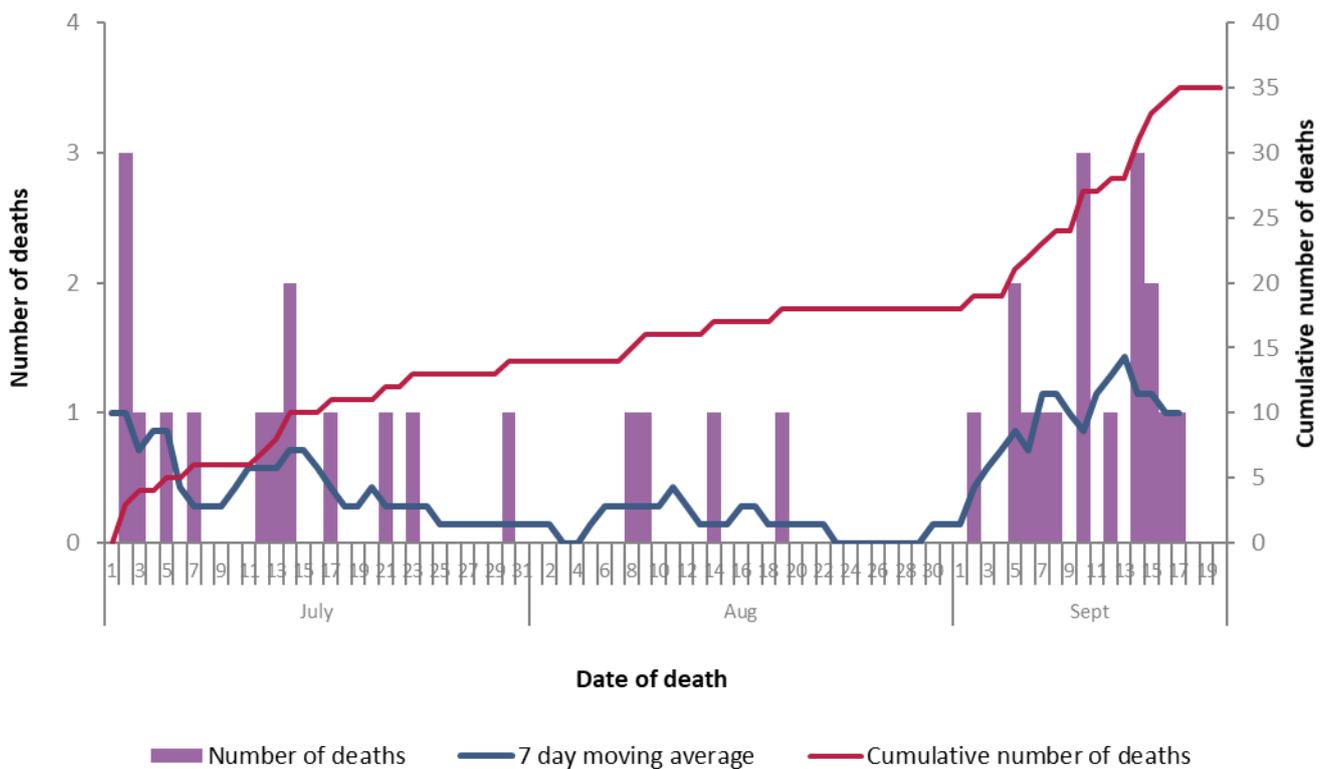


Figure 6b: Daily and 7 day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total, 01/07/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020

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

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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.