



Epidemiology of COVID-19 in Ireland

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Summary characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland up to midnight 15/09/2020

	Number	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases	31,783	
National cumulative incidence of confirmed cases per 100,000 population	667.45	
Total number of cases hospitalised	3,477	10.94
Total number of cases admitted to ICU	454	1.43
Total number of deaths among confirmed cases	1,531	4.82
Case fatality ratio (CFR, %)	4.82	
National cumulative incidence of confirmed deaths per 100,000 population	32.15	
Total number of outbreaks/clusters	3,156	
Total number of cases associated with clusters	17,206	54.14
Total number of imported cases	570	1.79
Number of cases in healthcare workers	8,943	28.14
Males	14,083	44.31
Females	17,667	55.59
M:F ratio	0.8	
Median age (years)	45	
Mean age (years)	48	
Age range (years)	0 - 106	

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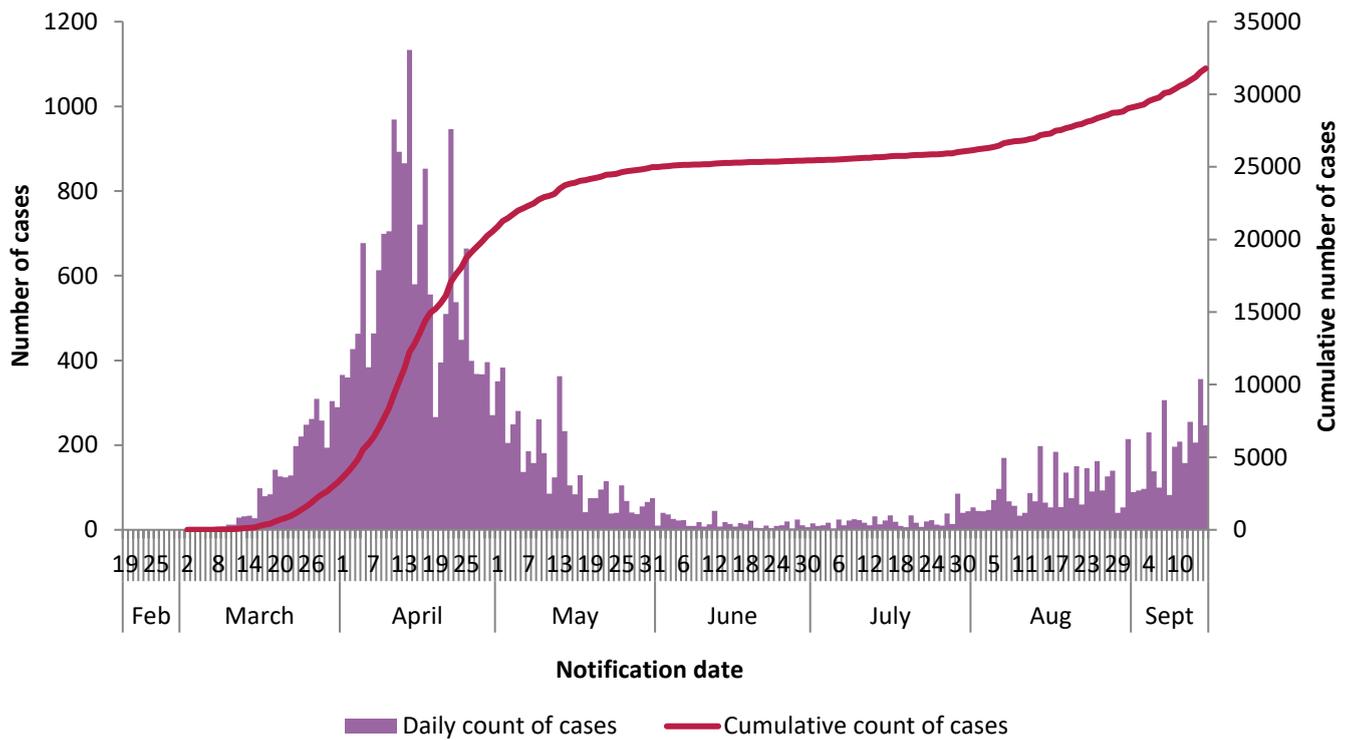


Figure 1a: Number* and cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by notification date* to midnight 15/09/2020

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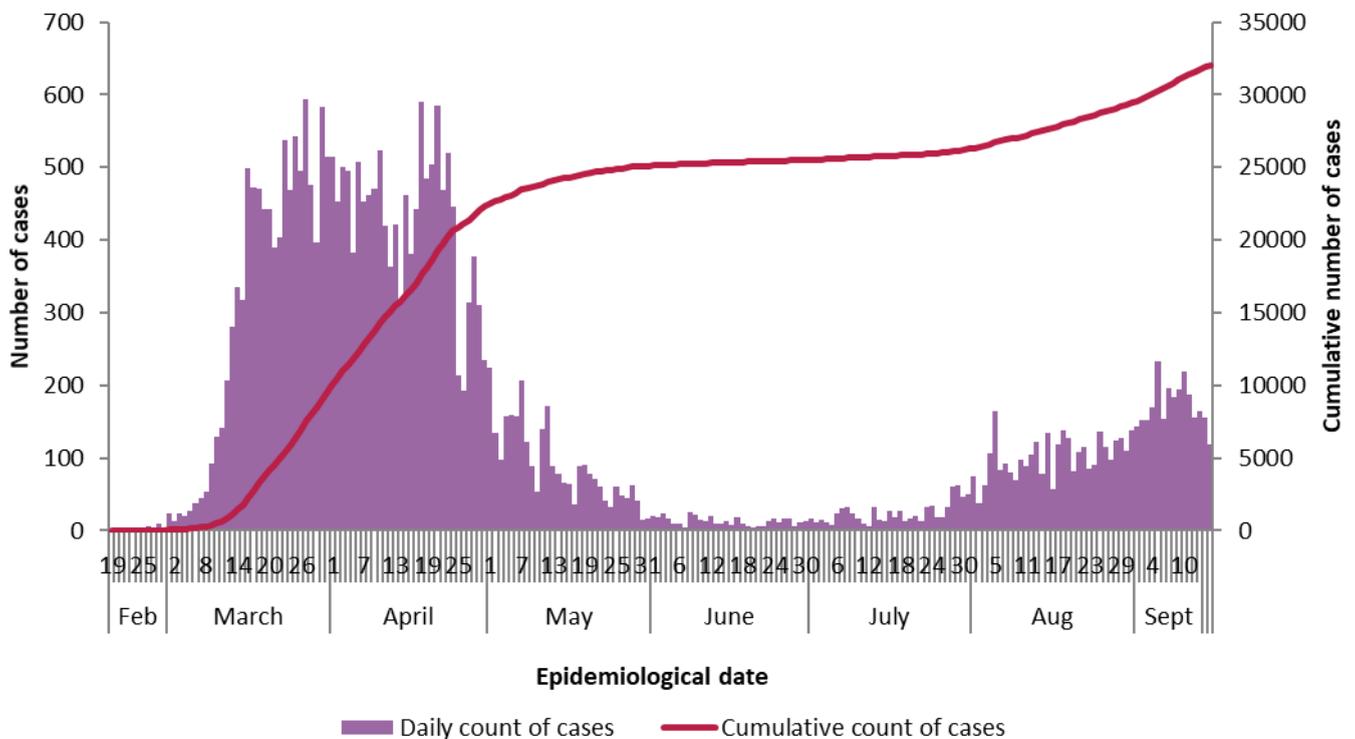


Figure 1b: Number and cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by epidemiological date to midnight 15/09/2020**

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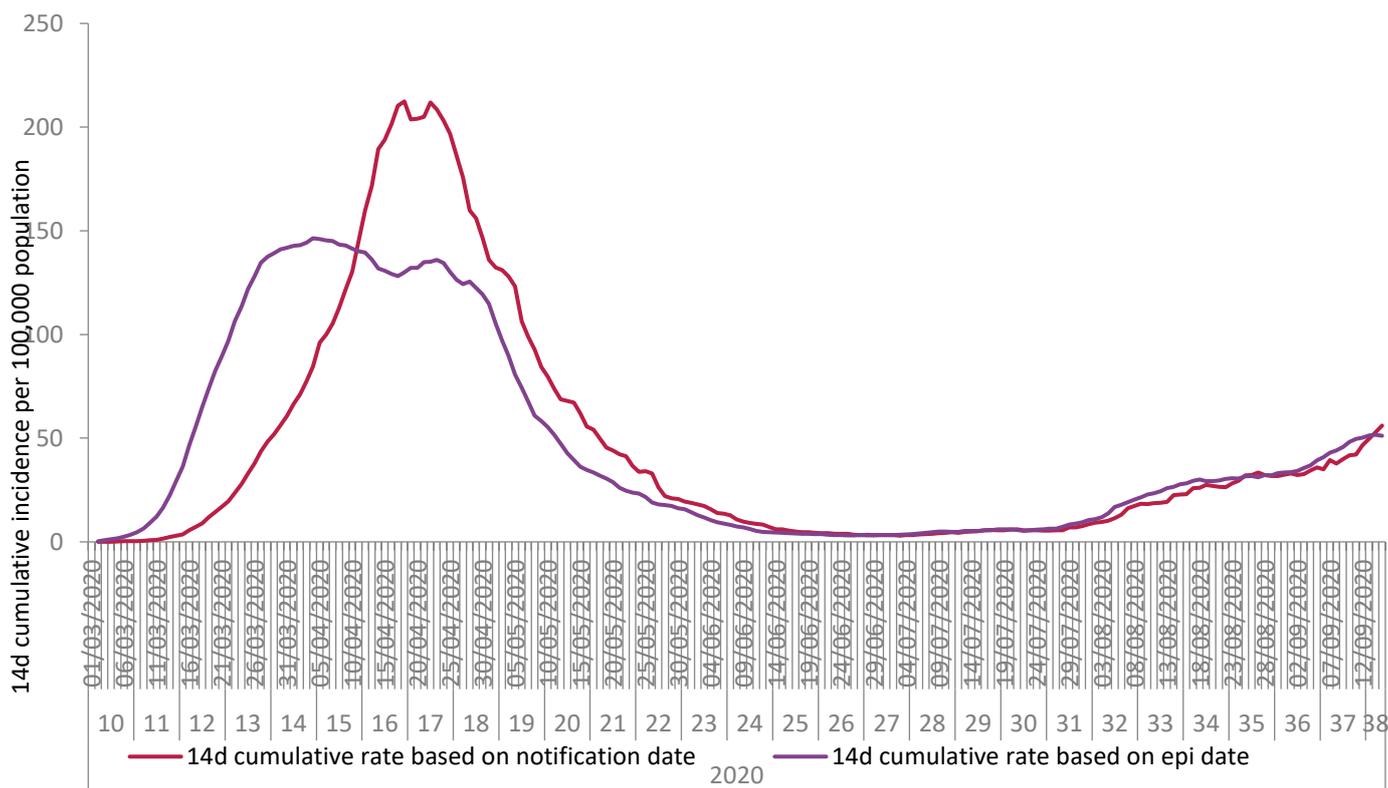


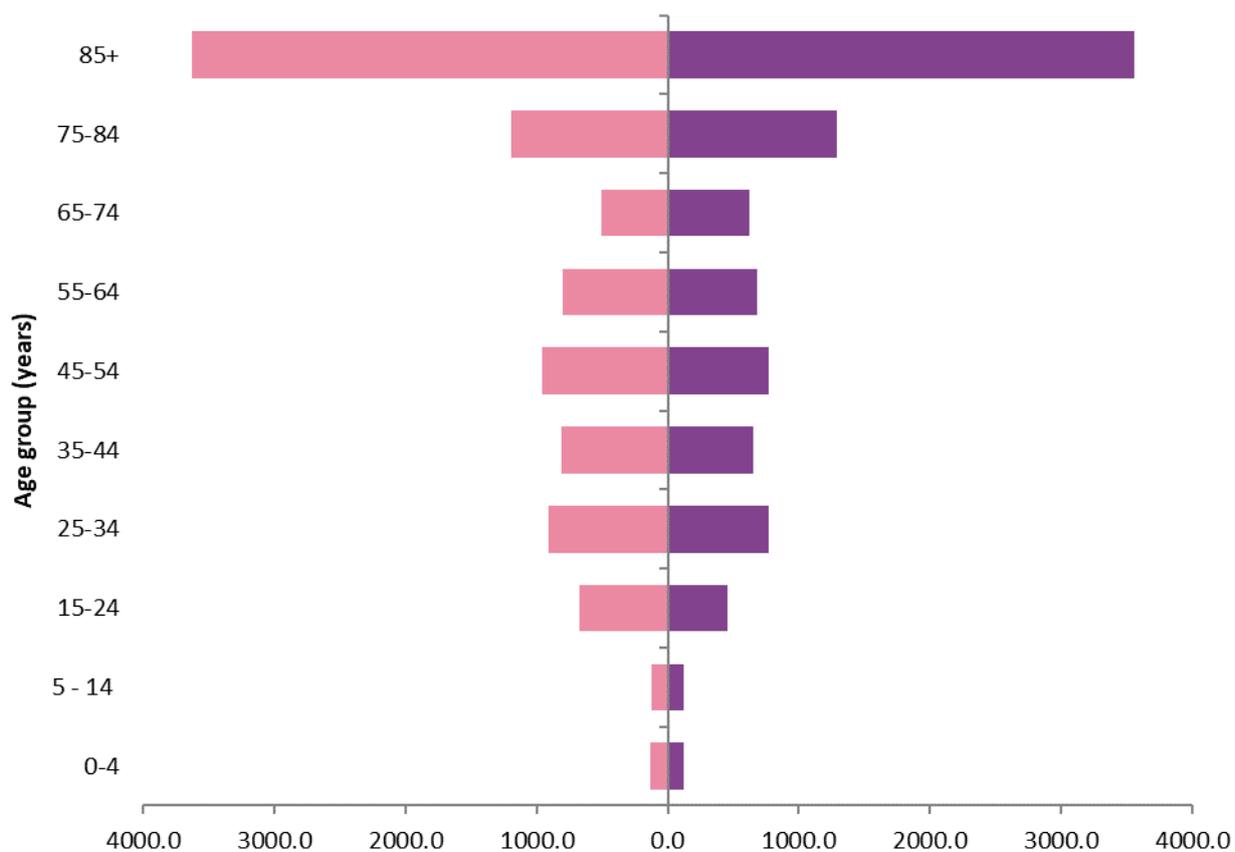
Figure 2: Cumulative 14 day incidence rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland by notification* and epidemiological date to midnight 15/09/2020**

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Table 1: Characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland up to midnight on 15/09/2020

Characteristic		Number of cases	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases		31,783	100
Sex	Male:Female ratio	0.8	
	Male	14,083	44.31
	Female	17,667	55.59
	Unknown	33	0.1
Age	Median age (years)	45	
	Mean age (years)	48	
	Age range (years)	0 - 106	
	0-4 yrs	413	1.3
	5-14 yrs	846	2.66
	15-24 yrs	3,253	10.24
	25-34 yrs	5,568	17.52
	35-44 yrs	5,475	17.23
	45-54 yrs	5,431	17.09
	55-64 yrs	3,797	11.95
	65-74 yrs	2,104	6.62
	75-84 yrs	2,432	7.65
	85+ yrs	2,440	7.68
	Unknown	24	0.08



	0-4	5 - 14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+
Female	129.8	123.6	676.5	905.5	811.9	963.1	804.6	506.8	1196.0	3634.3
Male	119.6	126.7	455.1	775.4	649.6	768.1	686.6	620.7	1287.6	3564.3

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 15/09/2020 (excluding 23 cases for whom age is unknown and 32 cases for whom sex is unknown and 1 case for whom both are unknown)

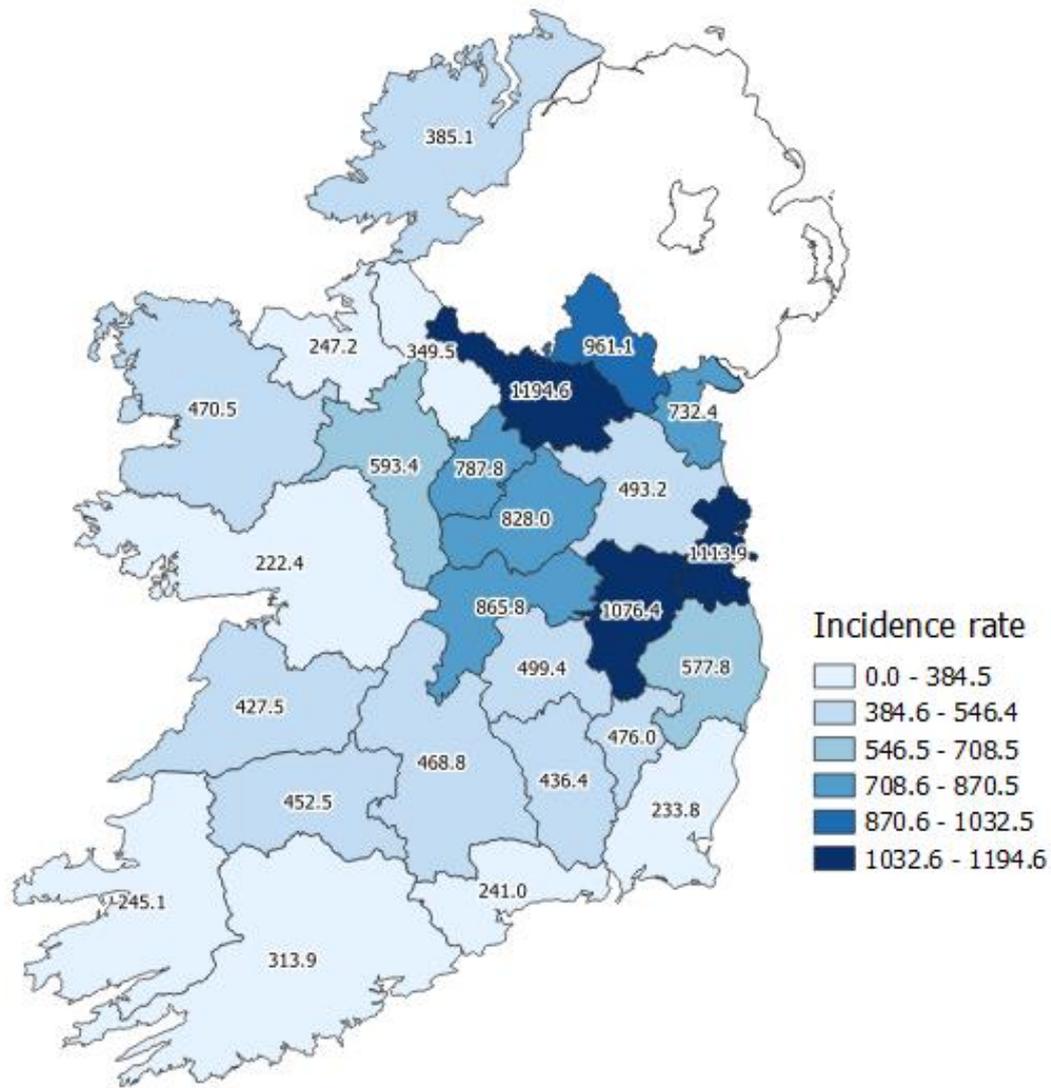


Figure 4: Cumulative incidence rates of confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population notified in Ireland to midnight 15/09/2020

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 15/09/2020

County Name	Number of cases	Percent
Carlow	271	0.85
Cavan	910	2.86
Clare	508	1.6
Cork	1,704	5.36
Donegal	613	1.93
Dublin	15,008	47.22
Galway	574	1.81
Kerry	362	1.14
Kildare	2,395	7.54
Kilkenny	433	1.36
Laois	423	1.33
Leitrim	112	0.35
Limerick	882	2.78
Longford	322	1.01
Louth	944	2.97
Mayo	614	1.93
Meath	962	3.03
Monaghan	590	1.86
Offaly	675	2.12
Roscommon	383	1.21
Sligo	162	0.51
Tipperary	748	2.35
Waterford	280	0.88
Westmeath	735	2.31
Wexford	350	1.1
Wicklow	823	2.59
Total	31,783	100

Table 3: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by WHO transmission classification notified to midnight 15/09/2020

Transmission classification*	Count of Events	%
Community transmission, incl. possible community transmission	9,481	29.83%
Local transmission, incl. possible local transmission	21,202	66.71%
Travel abroad, incl. possible travel abroad	773	2.43%
Unknown	327	1.03%
Total	31,783	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 15/09/2020

Age Group (years)	Number of cases (n)	Cases hospitalised (n)	Cases hospitalised (%)	Cases admitted to ICU (n)	Cases admitted to ICU (%)
0-4 yrs	413	29	0.83	1	0.22
5-14 yrs	846	19	0.55	2	0.44
15-24 yrs	3253	87	2.5	5	1.1
25-34 yrs	5568	212	6.1	17	3.74
35-44 yrs	5475	279	8.02	38	8.37
45-54 yrs	5431	468	13.46	93	20.48
55-64 yrs	3797	512	14.73	132	29.07
65-74 yrs	2104	618	17.77	112	24.67
75-84 yrs	2432	766	22.03	48	10.57
85+ yrs	2440	486	13.98	6	1.32
Unknown	24	1	0.03	0	0
Total	31,783	3,477	100	454	100

Table 5: Number and proportion of confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Ireland by age-group, hospitalisation and ICU admission 15/09/2020

	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)	413	846	3,253	5,568	5,475	5,431	3,797	2,104	2,432	2,440	24
Cases hospitalised (n)	29	19	87	212	279	468	512	618	766	486	1
Cases hospitalised (%)	7.02	2.25	2.67	3.81	5.1	8.62	13.48	29.37	31.5	19.92	4.17
Cases admitted to ICU (n)	1	2	5	17	38	93	132	112	48	6	0
Cases admitted to ICU (%)	0.24	0.24	0.15	0.31	0.69	1.71	3.48	5.32	1.97	0.25	0
Deaths (n)	0	0	1	5	12	26	71	228	524	664	0
Case fatality ratio (%)	0	0	0.03	0.09	0.22	0.48	1.87	10.84	21.55	27.21	0

Outbreaks of COVID-19

Table 6: Number of clusters/outbreaks COVID-19 by location and HSE area notified to midnight 15/09/2020

Outbreak Location	E	HPSC	M	MW	NE	NW	S	SE	W	Total
Private house	1,472		41	129	166	65	128	117	44	2,162
Nursing home	139		11	19	44	5	14	17	36	285
Other*	41	2	23	75	11	15	45	19	15	246
Residential institution	120		10	11	22	4	21	10	4	202
Workplace	37		11	14	19	8	12	9	7	117
Hospital	67		4	4	14	2	10	5	6	112
Comm. Hosp/Long-stay unit	4		4	2		4	6	5	5	30
Unknown	2									2
Total	1,882	2	104	254	276	103	236	182	117	3,156

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

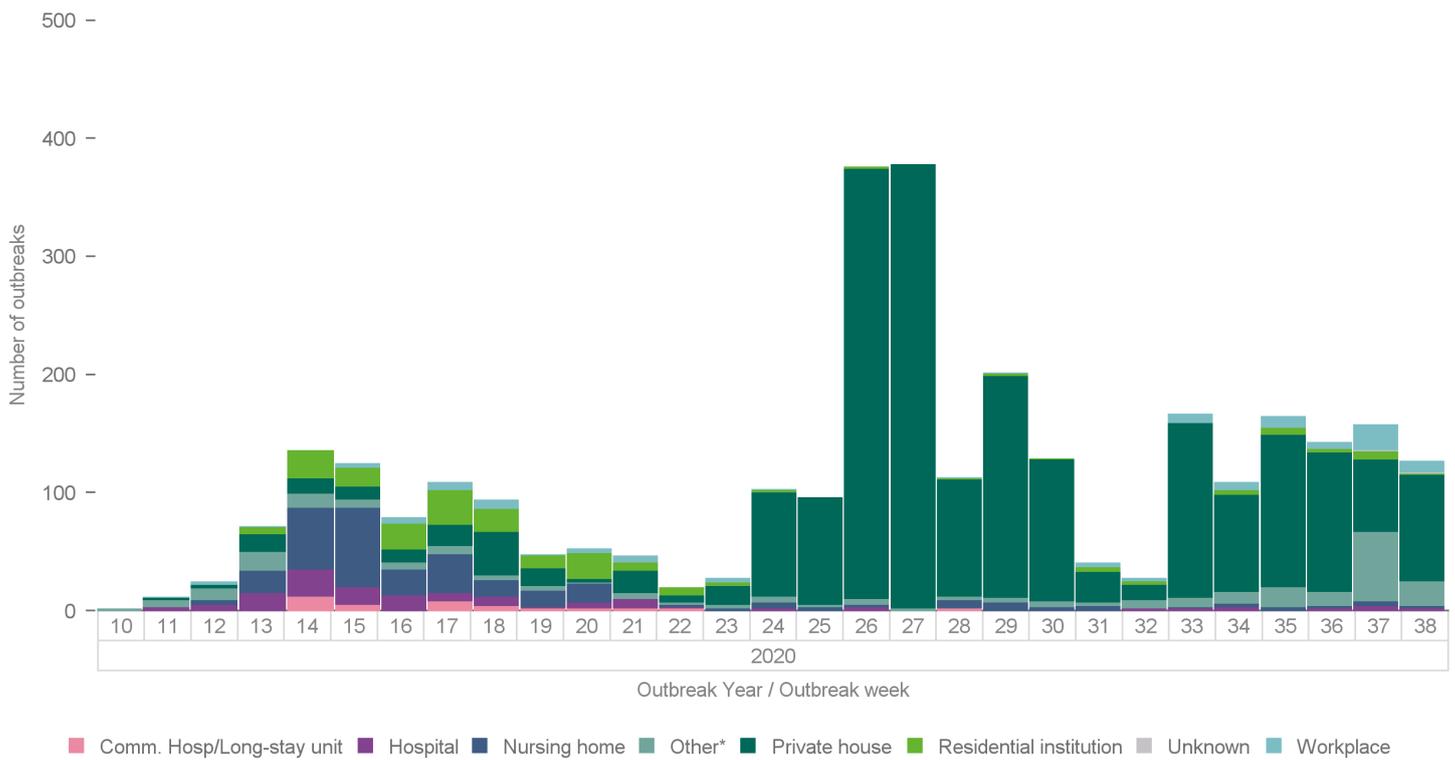


Figure 5: Trend in number of COVID-19 clusters by location and week notified to midnight 15/09/2020

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

Note: 2,318 COVID-19 outbreaks were reported on CIDR between week 24 and week 38 2020 to date (9th June to 15th September). Of these, 2,032 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 38 as a result of data validation: 1 occurred in February, 635 in March, 472 in April, 94 in May, 127 in June, 126 in July, 458 in August and 118 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 15/09/2020

	Number	Percent
Total number of deaths	1,788	
Confirmed	1,531	85.63
Probable	99	5.54
Possible	158	8.84
Total number of cases hospitalised	763	42.67
Cases admitted to ICU	97	5.43
Cases not admitted to ICU	666	37.25
Total number of imported cases	6	0.34
Number of cases in healthcare workers	8	0.45
Number with underlying clinical conditions	1,691	94.57
Total number of male cases	884	49.44
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 15/09/2020

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	1.57
55-64 yrs	26	50	76	4.25
65-74 yrs	94	159	253	14.15
75-84 yrs	279	329	608	34
85+ yrs	484	318	802	44.85
Unknown	<5	<5	2	0.11
Total	904	884	1,788	100
Percent	50.56	49.44		

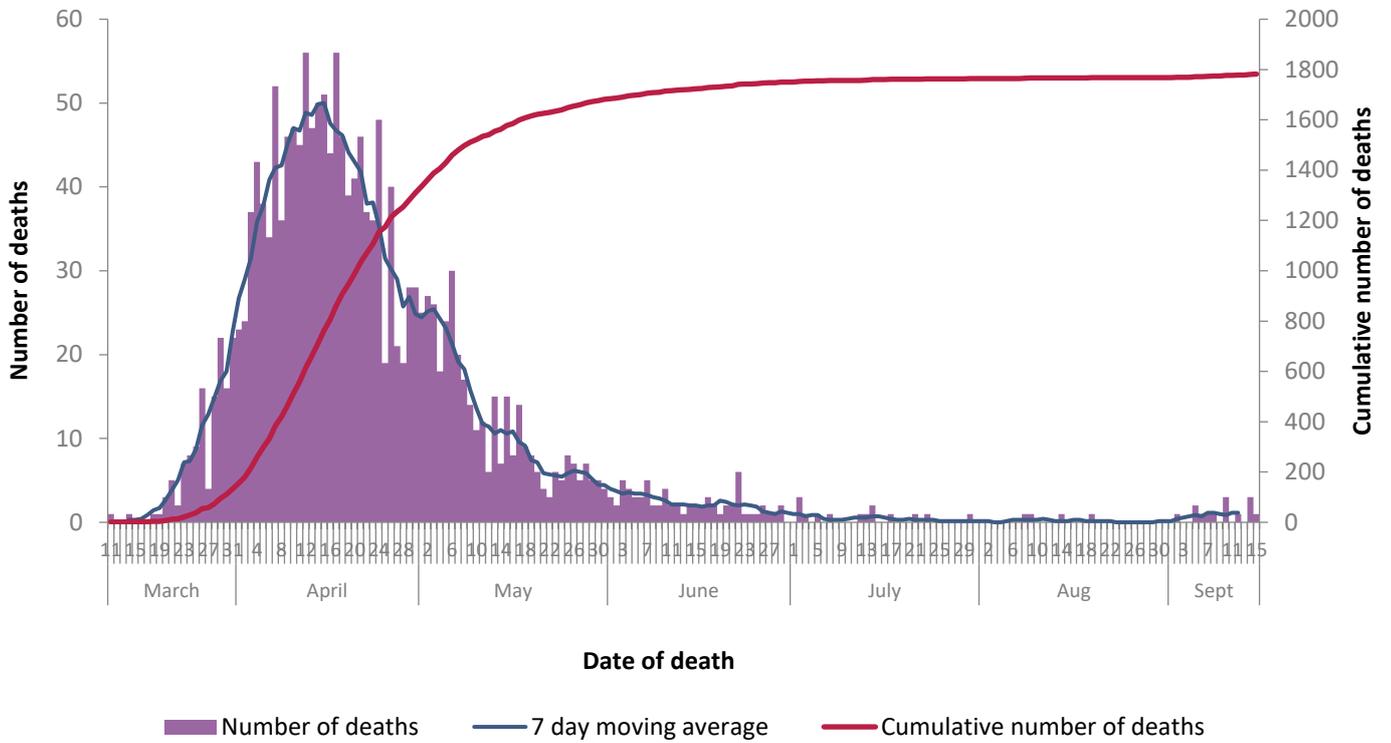


Figure 6a: Daily and 7 day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total to midnight 15/09/2020

* Date of death is not yet available for six cases

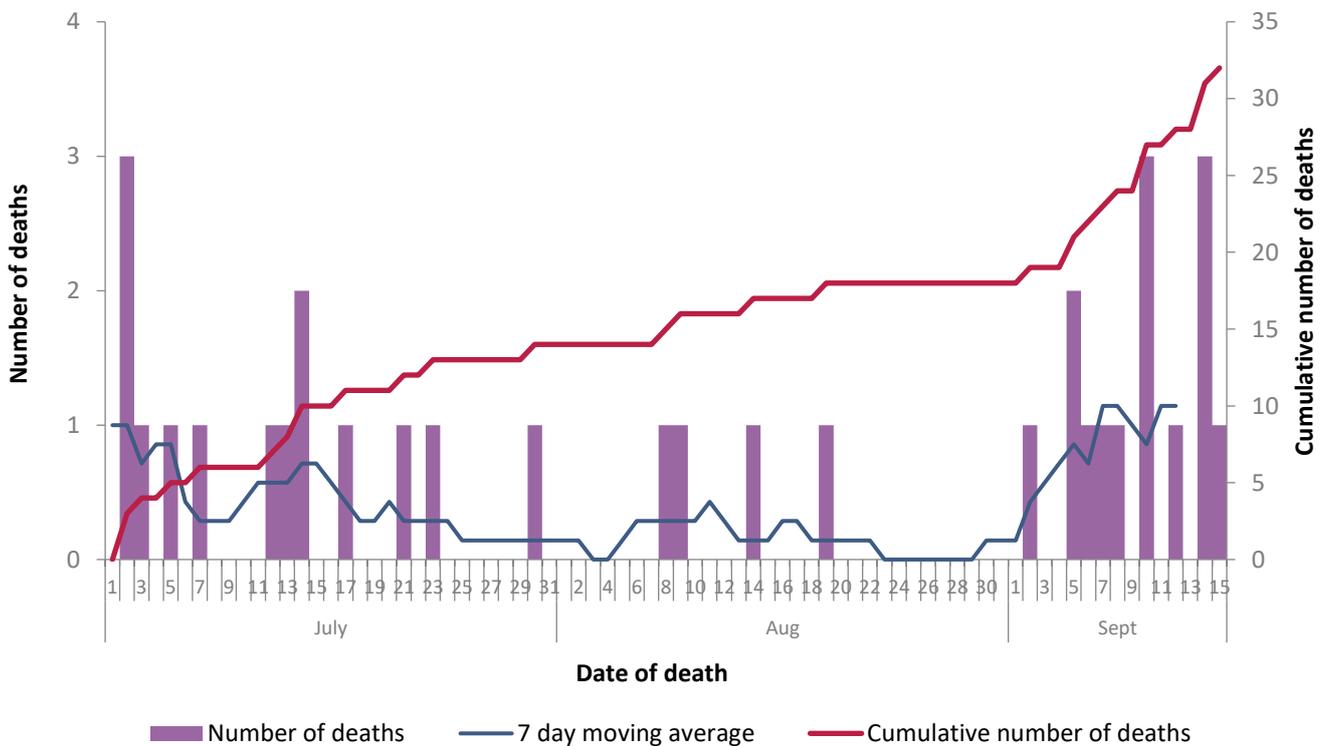


Figure 6b: Daily and 7 day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total, 01/07/2020 to midnight 15/09/2020

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.
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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.