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# Weekly Report on the Epidemiology of COVID-19 in Ireland

## Week 7

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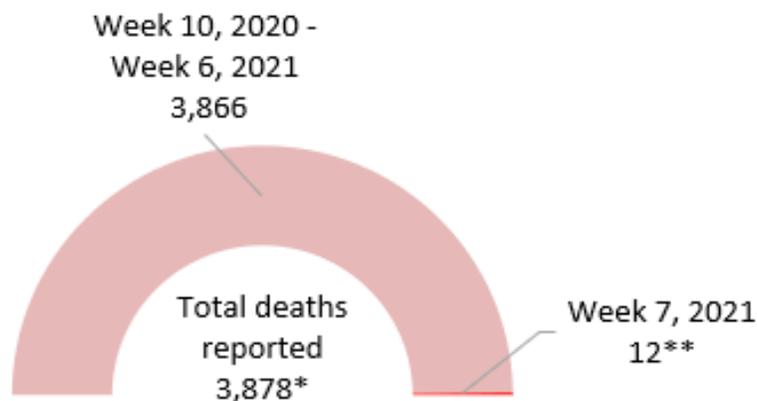
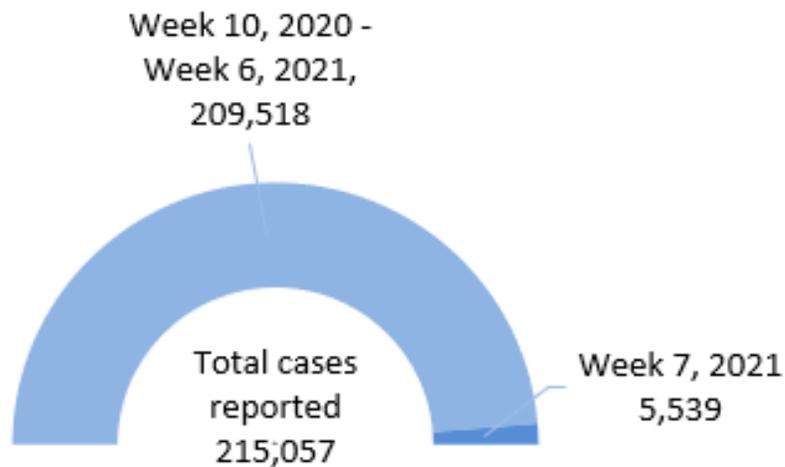
### Dates to note:

- Week 7 2021 (14<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021)
- Week 48 2020 (22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020)
- Week 10 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020) – The beginning of the pandemic in Ireland

**Note:** The epidemiological weeks in this report, run from Sunday to Saturday, please refer to appendix 1 for a complete list of epidemiological weeks with start and end dates.

*Note: Data were extracted from Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting (CIDR) system on 22/02/2021 and are provisional and subject to ongoing review, validation and update. As a result, figures in this report may differ from previously published figures.*

# Summary characteristics of COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland

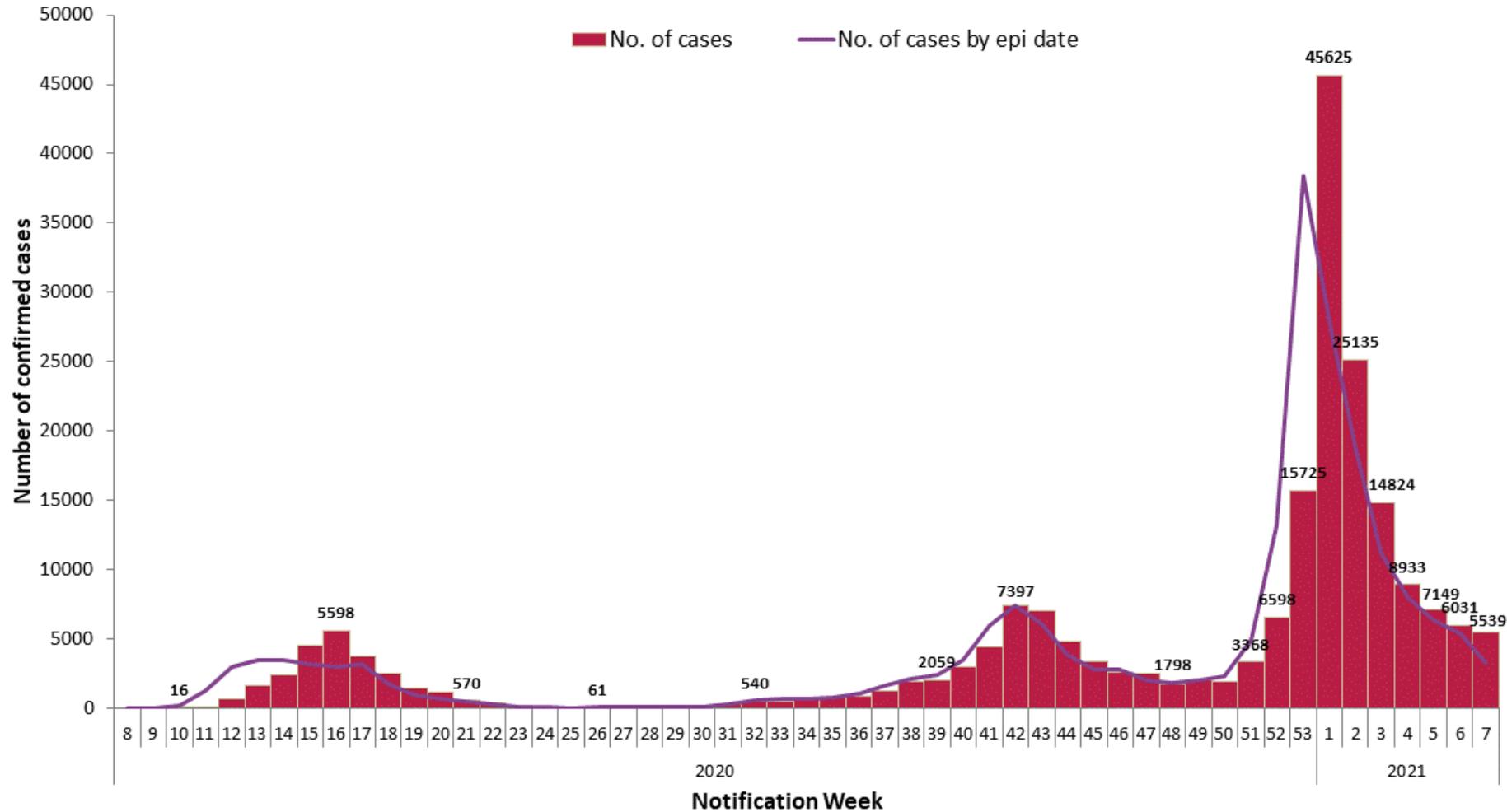


	Total (week 10, 2020-week 7, 2021 )		Week 7, 2021	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases	215,057		5,539	
Incidence rate of confirmed cases per 100,000 population	4516.2		116.3	
Number of cases hospitalised	12,513	5.82	374***	6.75
Number of cases admitted to ICU	1,253	0.58	7***	0.13
Number of deaths among confirmed cases	3,878	1.80	12	0.22
Case fatality ratio (CFR %)	1.80		0.22	
Incidence rate of confirmed deaths per 100,000 population	81.44		0.25	
Number of cases associated with clusters	61,808	28.74	429	7.75
Number of imported cases	904	0.42	3	0.05
Number of cases in healthcare workers	26,701	12.42	269	4.86
Males	102,007	47.43	2,802	50.59
Females	112,979	52.53	2,724	49.18
M:F ratio	0.90		1.03	
Median (years)	38		33	
Mean age (years)	40		36	
Age range (years)	0 - 108		0 - 102	

\*\*\*The number of cases who were hospitalised and the number of cases who were admitted to ICU relate only to cases who were notified and admitted to hospital or ICU in week 6. It does not include cases who were notified prior to week 6 and who were admitted to hospital or ICU in week 6.

\* Total deaths reported include deaths from confirmed cases only.

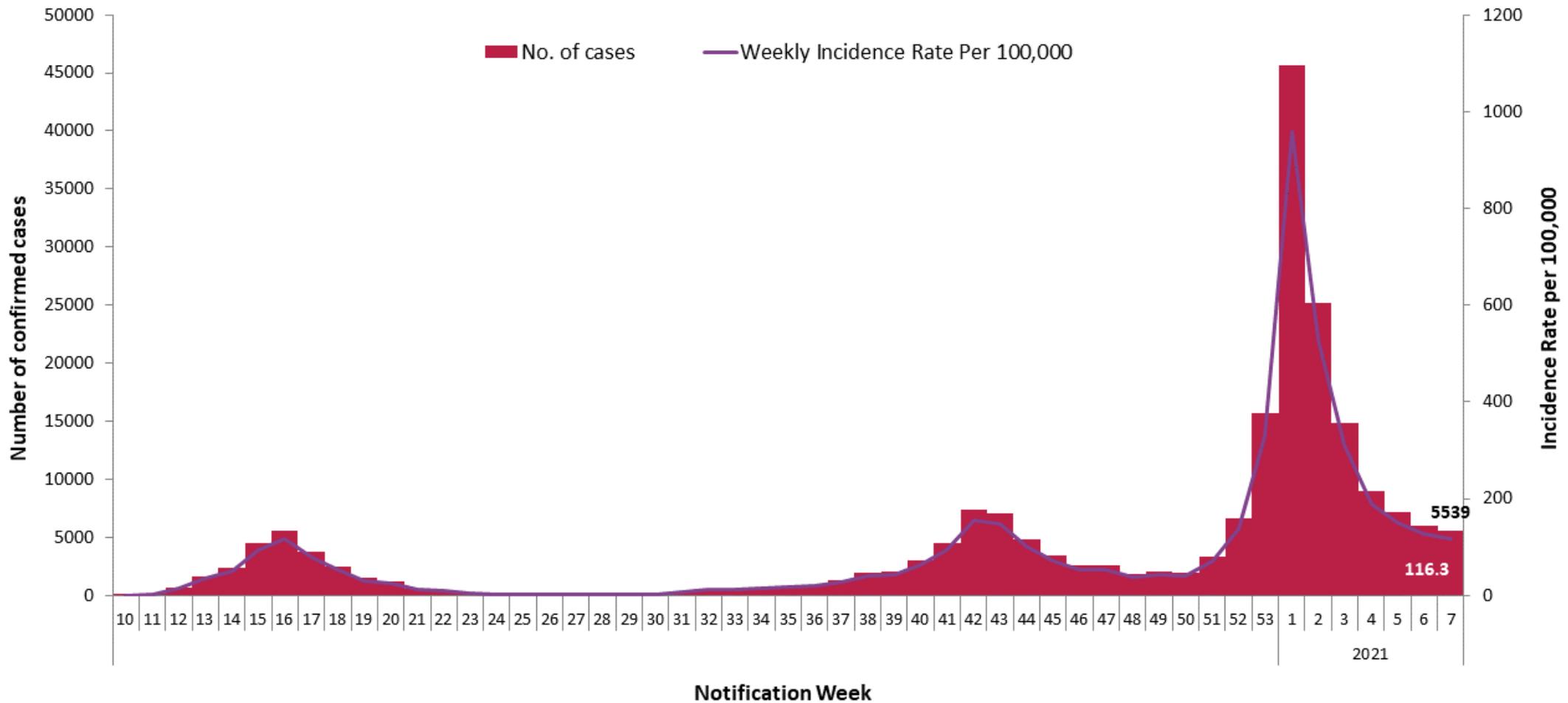
\*\*The number of deaths relate only to cases who were notified and who died in week 7. It does not include cases who were notified prior to week 7 and who died in week 7.



**Figure 1:** Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by notification week and epidemiological week in Ireland between week 8, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

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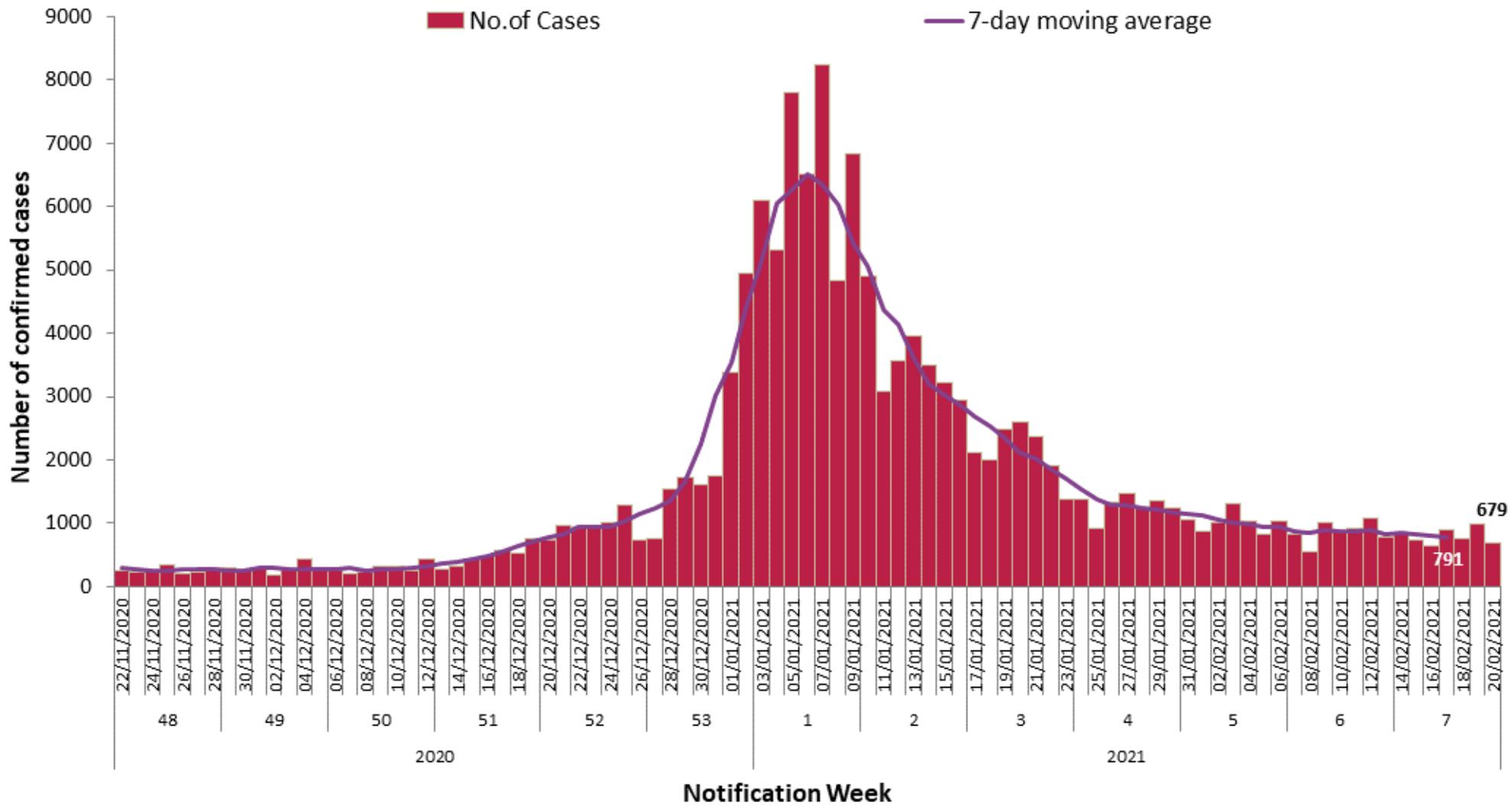
*In between week 15 and 16 (05/04/2020 – 19/04/2020) the daily number of COVID-19 events notified in Ireland is inflated due to batch reporting of cases with specimen dates between from 19/03/2020 – 01/04/2020 in addition to real-time reporting of cases with contemporaneous specimen dates*

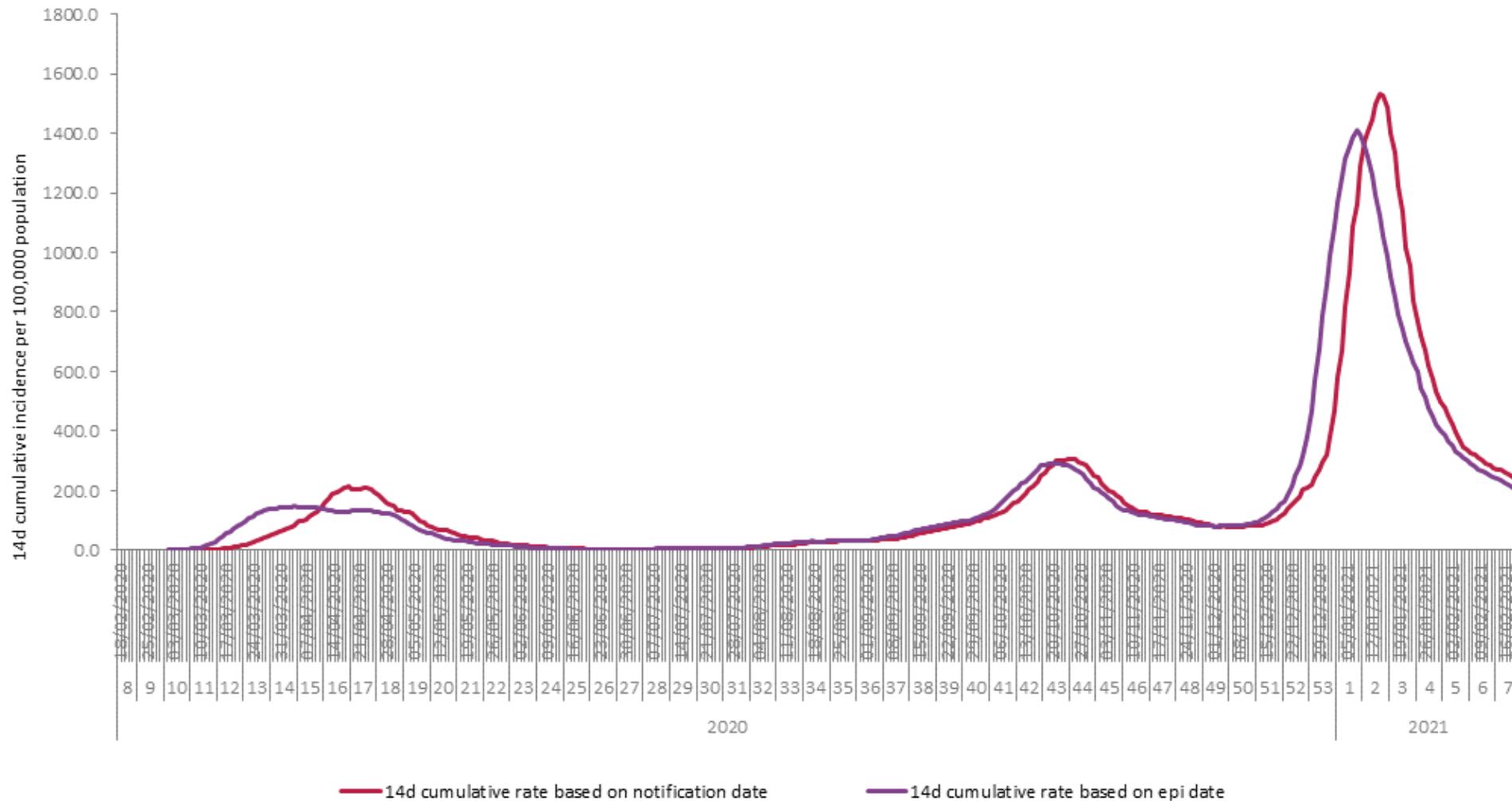


**Figure 2:** Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by notification week and weekly incidence rate per 100,000 population in Ireland between week 10, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

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Population data were taken from Census 2016

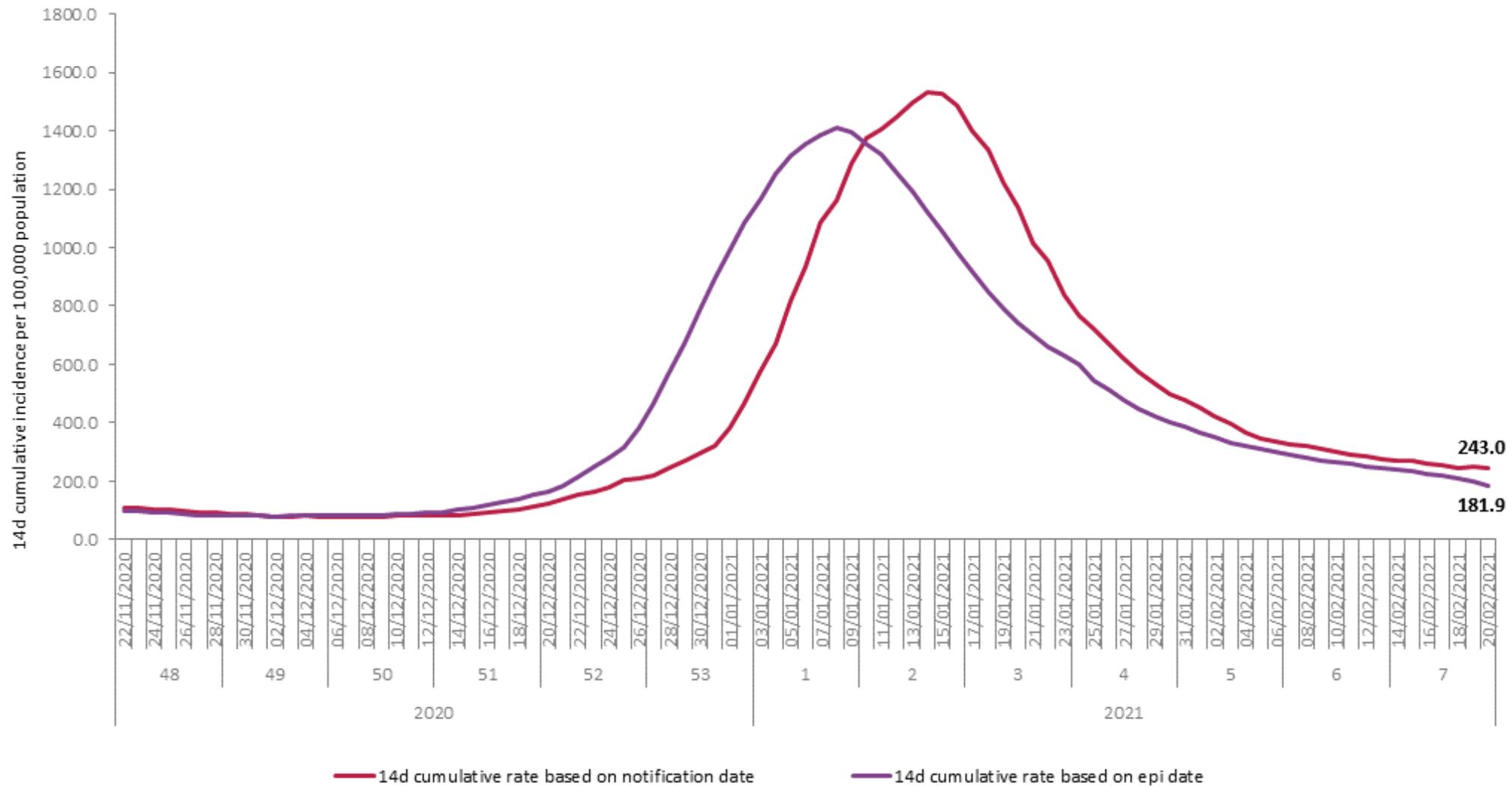




**Figure 4a:** Cumulative 14-day incidence rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland by notification and epidemiological date\* between week 8, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

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\*Epidemiological date: is based on the earliest of dates available on the case and taken from date of onset of symptoms, date of diagnosis, laboratory specimen collection date, laboratory received date, laboratory reported date or event creation date/notification date on CIDR. By using this date rather than event creation/notification date, adjusts for any delays in testing/notification. Please note that the trend in cases by epidemiological date will show a lag for recent days and therefore should be interpreted with caution.



**Figure 4b:** Cumulative 14-day incidence rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland by notification and epidemiological date between week 48, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

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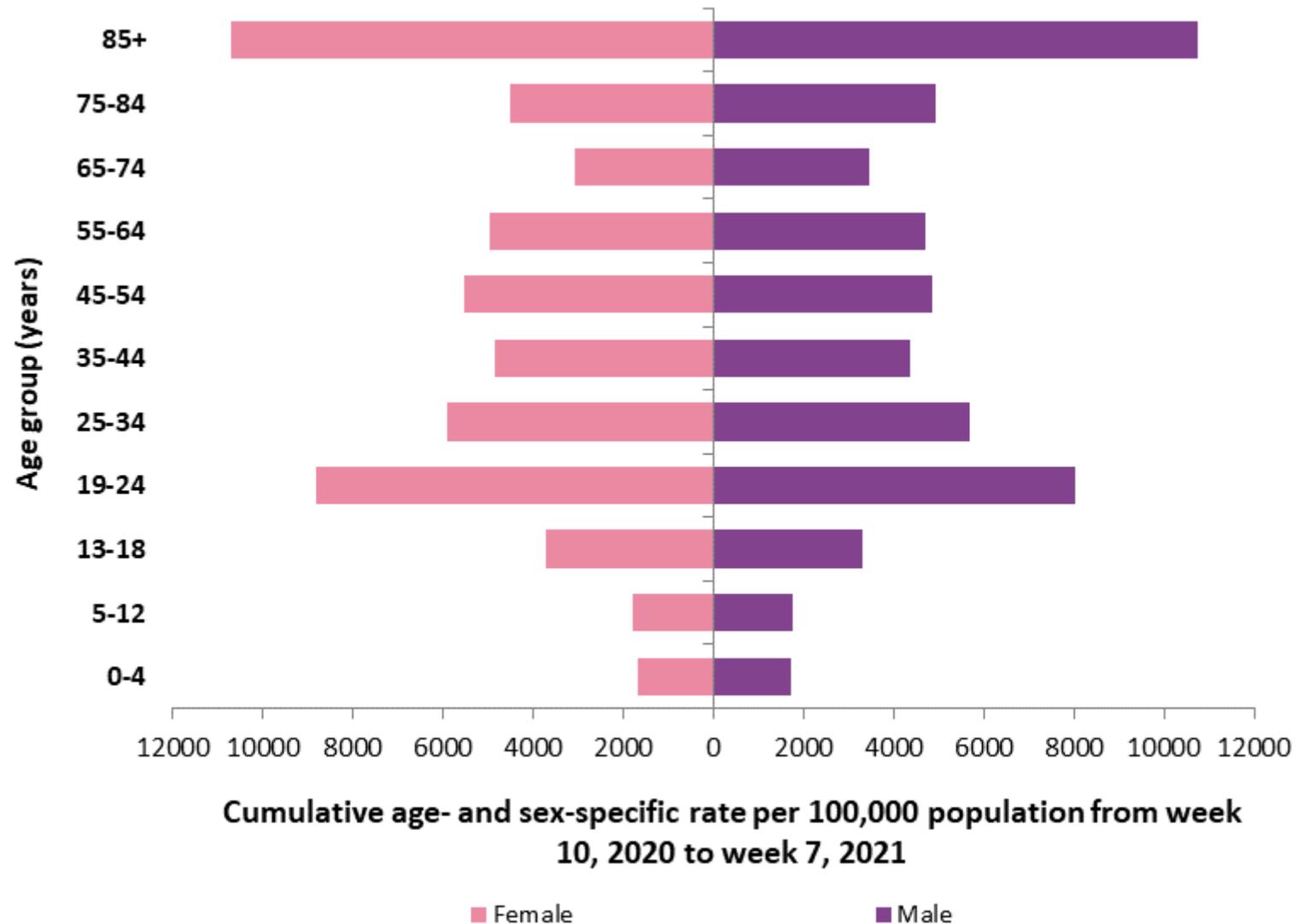
**Table 1:** Characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland during week 7, 2021.

Characteristic		Week 7	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases		5,539	100
<b>Sex</b>	Male:Female ratio	1.03	
	Male	2,802	50.6
	Female	2,724	49.2
	Unknown	13	0.2
<b>Age</b>	Mean age (years)	33	
	Median age (years)	36	
	Age range (years)	0 - 102	
	0-4 yrs	305	5.5
	5-12 yrs	436	7.9
	13-18 yrs	383	6.9
	19-24 yrs	935	16.9
	25-34 yrs	870	15.7
	35-44 yrs	869	15.7
	45-54 yrs	653	11.8
	55-64 yrs	484	8.7
	65-74 yrs	258	4.7
	75-84 yrs	211	3.8
85+ yrs	135	2.4	
<b>Symptomatic*</b>	Yes	3,437	62.1
	No	1,189	21.5
	Unknown	913	16.5

\*Symptom status is recorded at the time of test and is not updated; therefore, a proportion of the asymptomatic cases may subsequently develop symptoms however this will not be captured in the data.

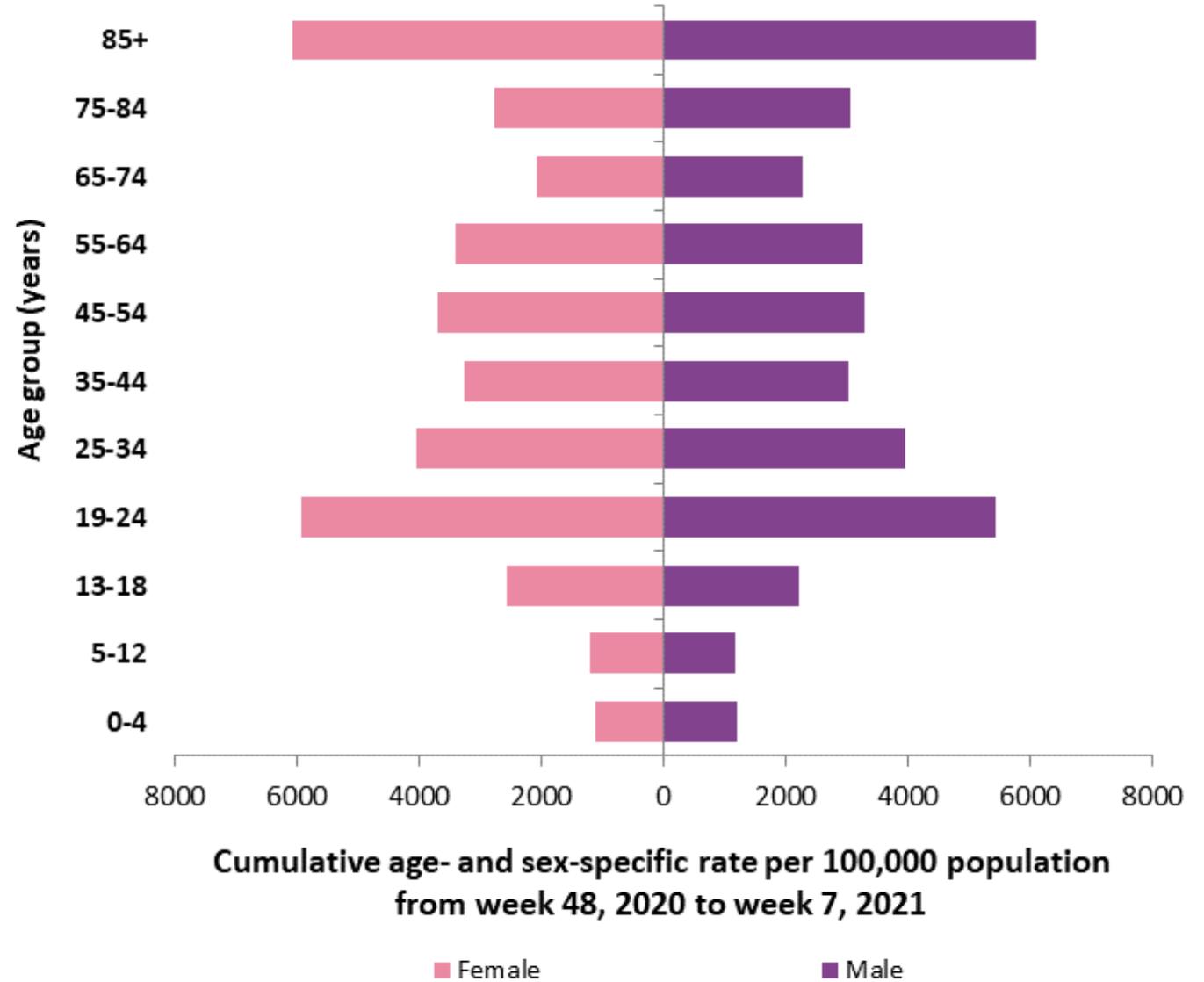
**Figure 5a:** Cumulative age- and sex-specific incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland between week 10, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

(excluding 43 cases for whom age is unknown, 70 cases for whom sex is unknown and one case for whom both are unknown)



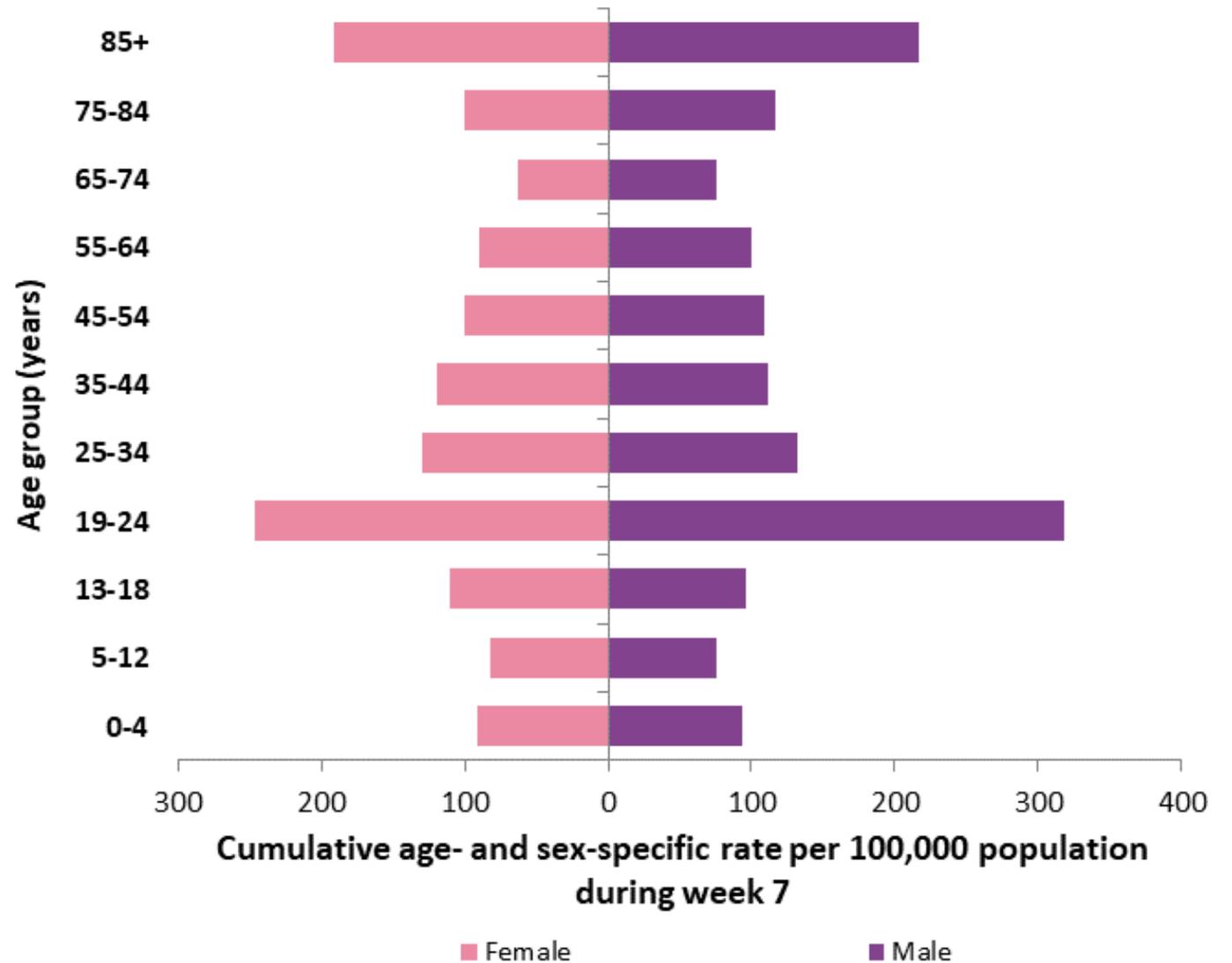
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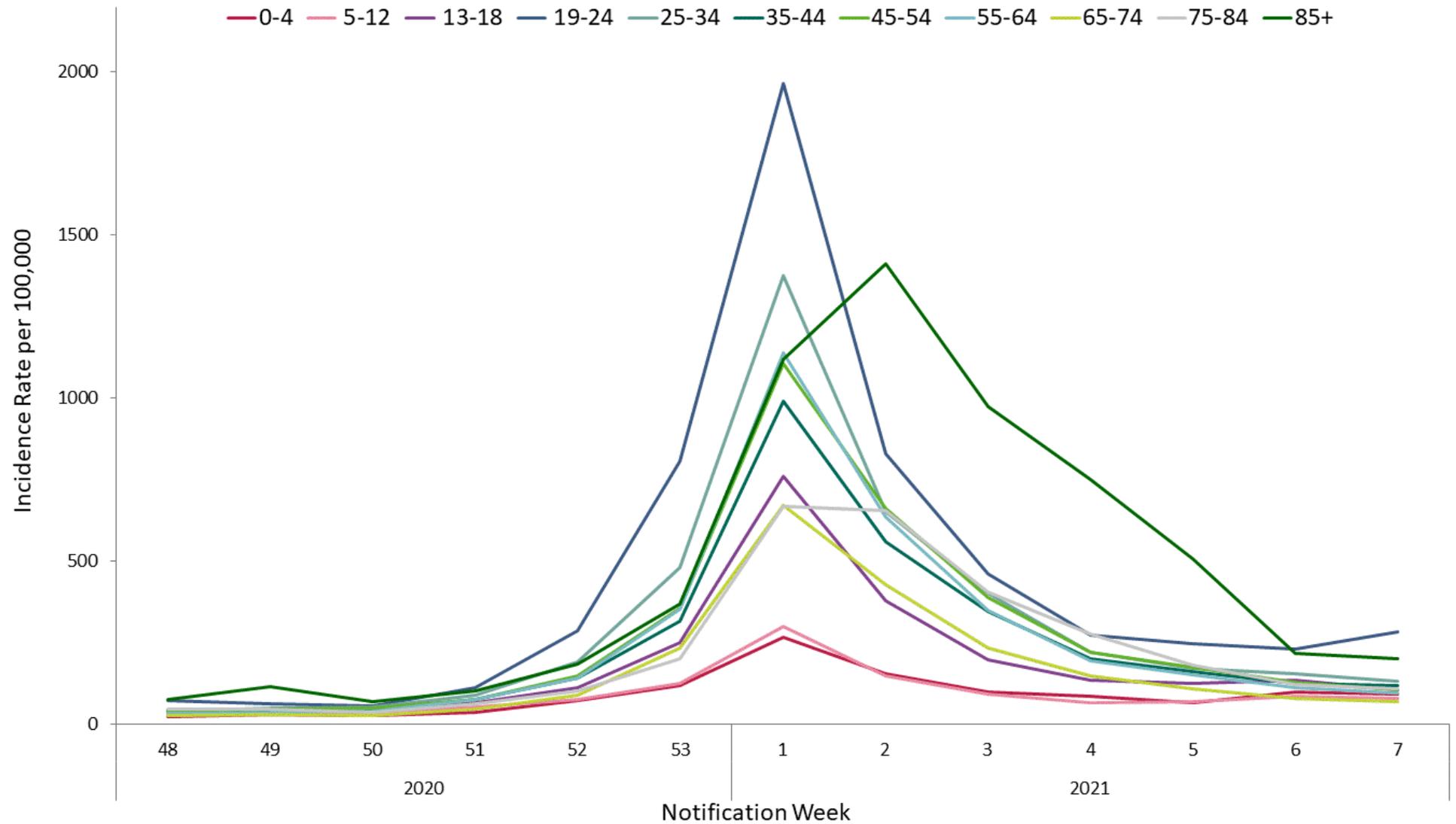
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**Figure 5c:** Cumulative age- and sex-specific incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland during week 7, 2021.

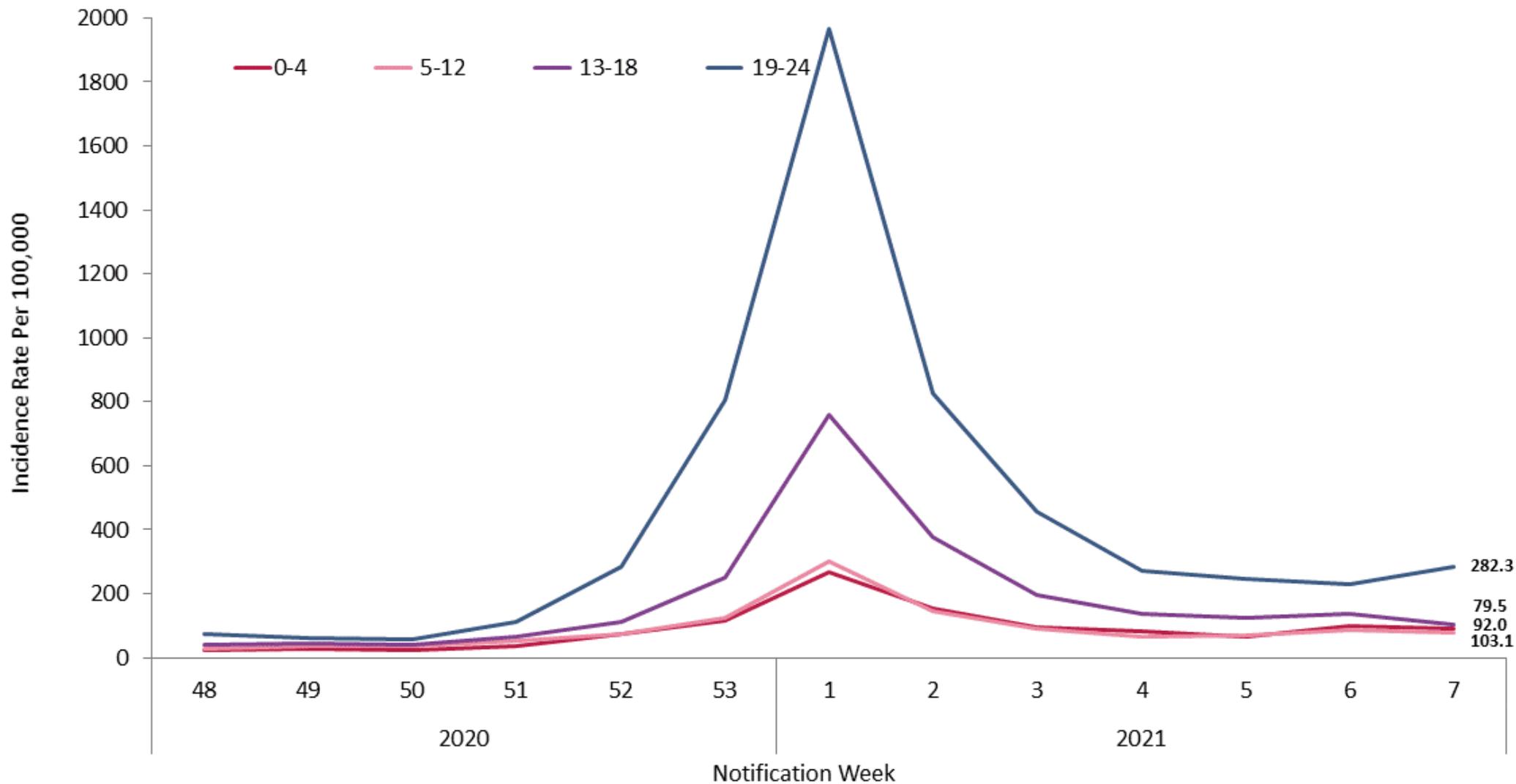
(excluding 13 cases for whom sex is unknown)





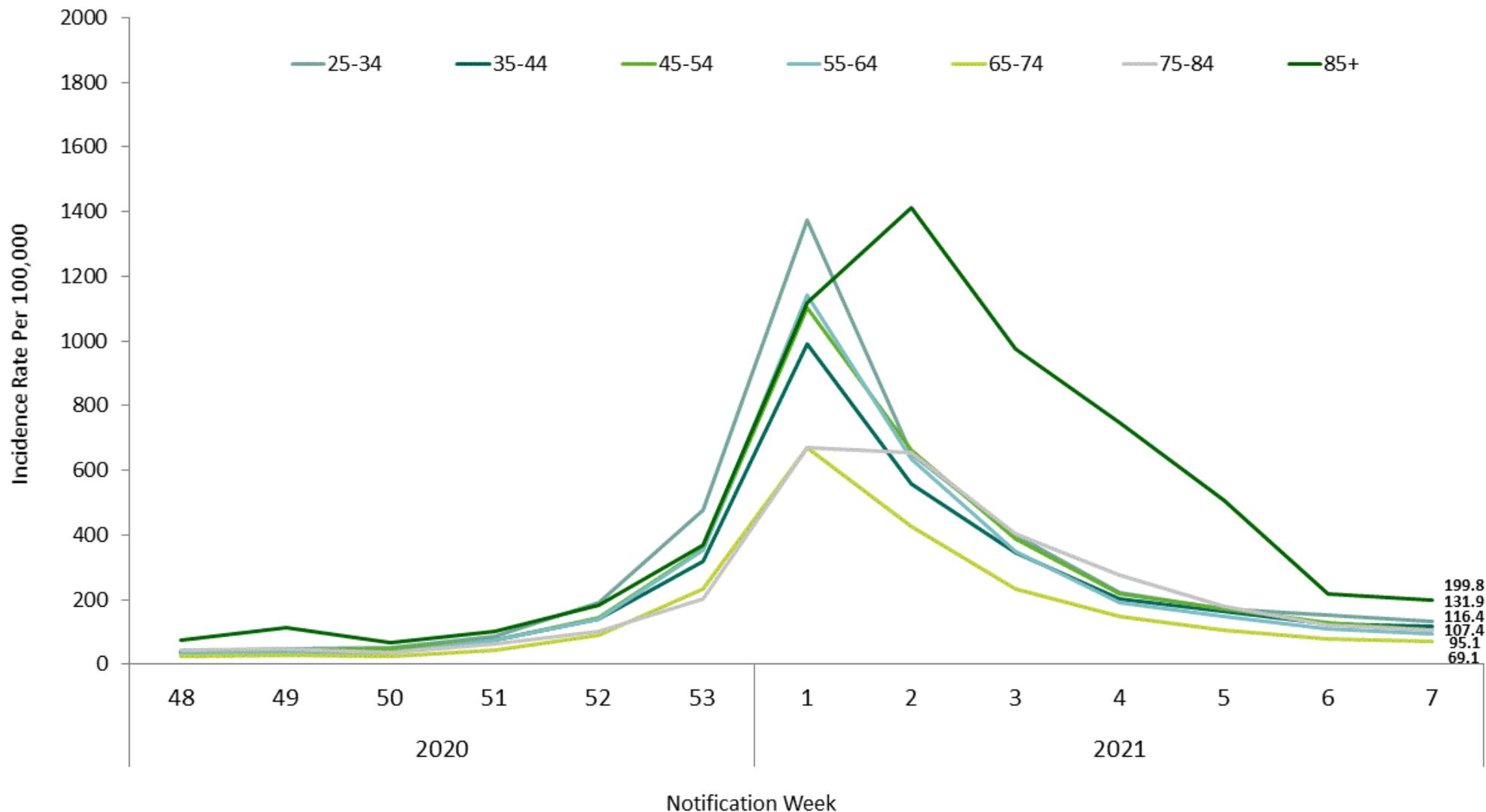
**Figure 6a:** Weekly age-specific incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

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		Age Range											
		0-4	5-12	13-18	19-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	National
2020	Notification Week 48	23.2	29.7	40.9	72.2	39.0	37.2	39.6	30.5	24.1	44.8	74.0	37.8
	49	28.7	38.3	43.1	60.7	48.8	40.3	44.2	35.6	30.3	46.3	114.0	42.6
	50	24.7	36.5	40.9	55.3	50.3	41.6	49.0	37.3	24.9	34.6	68.1	41.2
	51	35.3	51.4	65.1	112.0	88.0	75.8	75.4	75.3	44.2	62.1	100.7	70.7
	52	72.4	74.9	110.9	286.2	190.5	139.8	145.8	140.9	88.9	102.8	182.1	138.6
2021	Notification Week 53	117.9	125.4	250.0	806.4	478.5	316.4	355.2	352.7	231.6	201.0	367.1	330.2
	1	266.4	299.8	759.7	1964.9	1374.6	991.7	1104.6	1139.8	670.9	669.2	1119.1	958.1
	2	152.9	146.0	377.0	828.5	652.4	557.8	660.5	636.2	426.0	654.4	1412.2	527.8
	3	97.1	91.5	197.0	458.6	399.3	346.1	387.8	349.5	233.7	402.5	974.0	311.3
	4	84.2	64.0	135.4	271.1	221.0	201.0	218.8	192.6	146.7	274.8	749.0	187.6
	5	64.3	68.2	124.3	247.0	171.8	162.0	173.3	149.3	106.6	179.6	506.3	150.1
	6	98.3	85.3	135.1	231.0	152.4	124.0	128.3	109.8	77.6	121.6	217.6	126.7
7	92.0	79.5	103.1	282.3	131.9	116.4	104.3	95.1	69.1	107.4	199.8	116.3	

**Figure 7:** Heat map of weekly age-specific incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

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**Table 2:** Characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases by county notified in Ireland, during week 7, 2021.

County	Cases		M:F ratio	Median age	Incidence Rate per 100,000
	N	%		(years)	
Offaly	175	3.2	0.9	32	224.5
Galway	465	8.4	1.3	21	180.2
Monaghan	100	1.8	1.1	29	162.9
Longford	66	1.2	1.5	25.5	161.5
Dublin	2122	38.3	1.0	33	157.5
Laois	123	2.2	1.1	33	145.2
Kildare	322	5.8	1.0	36	144.7
Limerick	273	4.9	0.9	23	140.1
Waterford	160	2.9	0.9	29	137.7
Mayo	178	3.2	0.9	41.5	136.4
Louth	168	3.0	1.2	35.5	130.3
Meath	225	4.1	1.1	32	115.4
Cavan	86	1.6	1.0	40	112.9
Westmeath	97	1.8	1.3	36	109.3
Tipperary	172	3.1	0.7	37	107.8
Leitrim	30	0.5	1.5	42	93.6
Carlow	51	0.9	1.0	37	89.6
Donegal	129	2.3	1.2	36	81.0
Clare	96	1.7	1.5	37	80.8
Wexford	96	1.7	0.9	36	64.1
Wicklow	72	1.3	1.0	41.5	50.6
Kilkenny	48	0.9	0.8	54	48.4
Roscommon	31	0.6	0.9	43	48.0
Sligo	30	0.5	0.8	36	45.8
Cork	203	3.7	1.0	34	37.4
Kerry	21	0.4	1.3	22	14.2

		Carlow	Cavan	Clare	Cork	Donegal	Dublin	Galway	Kerry	Kildare	Kilkenny	Laois	Leitrim	Limerick	Longford	Louth	Mayo	Meath	Monaghan	Offaly	Roscommon	Sligo	Tipperary	Waterford	Westmeath	Wexford	Wicklow	National
2020	48	31.6	19.7	14.3	24.5	111.2	43.6	20.2	21.0	21.1	83.6	29.5	3.1	60.5	41.6	74.5	36.8	24.6	31.0	23.1	23.2	21.4	45.1	41.3	13.5	7.3	52.7	37.8
	49	73.8	40.7	19.4	13.4	112.4	50.9	31.0	12.2	27.4	85.7	26.0	12.5	80.6	44.0	83.0	43.7	25.1	97.7	34.6	24.8	15.3	44.5	21.5	13.5	12.0	68.1	42.6
	50	84.3	68.3	12.6	12.9	107.4	42.2	28.7	8.1	30.1	112.9	69.7	12.5	50.8	97.9	93.1	65.9	34.4	39.1	30.8	20.1	33.6	38.2	45.6	15.8	24.7	35.8	41.2
	51	110.7	106.3	14.3	38.9	154.5	81.9	23.3	99.5	54.8	84.7	105.1	12.5	99.5	46.5	144.3	50.6	74.3	86.3	34.6	21.7	59.5	27.0	58.5	28.2	143.6	32.3	70.7
	52	110.7	89.3	105.2	123.4	271.4	166.5	98.8	149.6	113.7	184.4	86.2	56.2	227.3	34.3	166.8	79.7	105.6	202.0	46.2	66.6	131.2	72.1	99.0	80.0	204.4	81.4	138.6
	53	242.4	506.7	397.2	282.4	553.4	276.5	276.3	299.2	164.5	305.3	335.3	287.1	613.7	340.1	773.6	491.2	372.2	858.5	310.4	311.4	497.4	196.8	233.3	247.8	281.2	118.7	330.2
2021	1	1082.0	976.7	989.8	1054.6	853.1	1196.9	454.9	761.0	807.2	851.5	541.9	424.4	1226.3	552.9	1430.0	667.4	768.5	1668.1	556.7	415.2	631.7	614.8	1302.3	463.0	1177.5	497.1	958.1
	2	669.2	449.0	471.3	527.6	532.1	562.0	630.5	280.3	398.2	315.4	430.9	149.8	644.9	166.4	810.0	970.1	459.9	1008.4	404.0	502.0	212.1	411.1	571.5	255.7	665.2	311.7	527.8
	3	430.3	347.9	196.1	273.0	294.0	372.6	251.9	156.4	306.5	152.2	240.9	137.3	313.5	198.2	450.8	350.9	317.9	658.1	304.0	147.2	218.2	246.3	395.1	183.6	394.1	220.5	311.3
	4	263.5	140.5	109.4	152.3	185.9	230.0	170.5	81.9	147.0	84.7	146.4	74.9	173.4	173.7	285.5	223.0	184.1	413.8	210.4	68.2	138.9	148.5	285.8	127.3	241.1	127.1	187.6
	5	187.9	116.8	74.9	120.3	128.1	181.8	163.9	71.1	156.0	73.6	159.4	84.3	140.6	124.8	183.9	155.5	163.0	347.0	137.2	62.0	112.9	73.3	206.6	123.9	209.7	105.3	150.1
	6	159.8	153.6	62.3	60.2	69.7	185.8	150.7	36.6	125.4	59.5	152.3	59.3	114.9	102.8	156.0	121.8	134.3	166.2	206.5	57.3	58.0	83.4	128.3	129.5	106.9	66.7	126.7
	7	89.6	112.9	80.8	37.4	81.0	157.5	180.2	14.2	144.7	48.4	145.2	93.6	140.1	161.5	130.3	136.4	115.4	162.9	224.5	48.0	45.8	107.8	137.7	109.3	64.1	50.6	116.3

**Figure 8:** Heat map of weekly incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population, by county, notified in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

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		HSE-E	HSE-M	HSE-MW	HSE-NE	HSE-NW	HSE-SE	HSE-S	HSE-W	National
2020	48	41.5	24.6	40.5	38.7	74.4	41.3	23.7	25.4	37.8
	49	49.3	27.4	51.2	53.7	74.8	43.7	13.2	33.8	42.6
	50	40.1	46.9	36.4	57.1	76.4	55.8	11.9	38.2	41.2
	51	74.3	54.7	59.7	101.0	112.0	89.0	51.8	30.9	70.7
	52	152.5	66.4	169.9	133.2	207.8	136.4	129.0	88.7	138.6
	53	248.8	302.8	483.1	572.4	504.0	245.9	286.0	343.2	330.2
2021	1	1088.1	523.4	1017.9	1106.8	745.5	1051.3	991.8	510.5	958.1
	2	519.9	333.6	552.5	629.6	402.4	529.1	474.7	710.0	527.8
	3	351.3	235.0	257.9	405.4	255.5	330.6	248.1	265.5	311.3
	4	210.7	161.5	155.8	236.4	159.3	202.2	137.3	171.0	187.6
	5	172.1	137.9	108.3	186.0	118.6	156.2	109.8	147.0	150.1
	6	168.1	153.3	87.5	148.2	65.1	108.2	55.2	129.1	126.7
	7	146.9	157.7	113.8	125.8	73.3	89.7	32.4	148.8	116.3

**Figure 9:** Weekly Incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population, by HSE area, notified in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

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		CHO1	CHO2	CHO3	CHO4	CHO5	CHO6	CHO7	CHO8	CHO9
2020	Notification Week 48	57.8	25.4	40.5	23.7	41.3	55.3	31.8	34.9	43.9
	49	72.6	33.8	51.2	13.2	43.7	66.3	34.1	38.1	56.2
	50	69.8	38.2	36.4	11.9	55.8	47.8	31.5	52.3	45.2
	51	108.1	30.9	59.7	51.8	89.0	74.4	51.4	79.3	100.3
	52	186.1	88.7	169.9	129.0	136.4	178.8	129.9	99.3	162.2
	53	565.3	343.2	483.1	286.0	245.9	260.5	189.1	421.1	309.6
	2021	Notification Week 1	938.7	510.5	1017.9	991.8	1051.3	1025.1	975.5	787.2
2		509.9	710.0	552.5	474.7	529.1	475.2	453.4	470.9	623.1
3		338.4	265.5	257.9	248.1	330.6	323.6	314.4	304.9	410.5
4		195.3	171.0	155.8	137.3	202.2	185.0	188.5	194.9	251.7
5		155.1	147.0	108.3	109.8	156.2	142.2	150.6	154.7	214.8
6		98.9	129.1	87.5	55.2	108.2	137.3	133.5	147.1	226.4
7		95.6	148.8	113.8	32.4	89.7	113.3	123.4	138.1	194.6

**Figure 10:** Weekly Incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population by CHO notified in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

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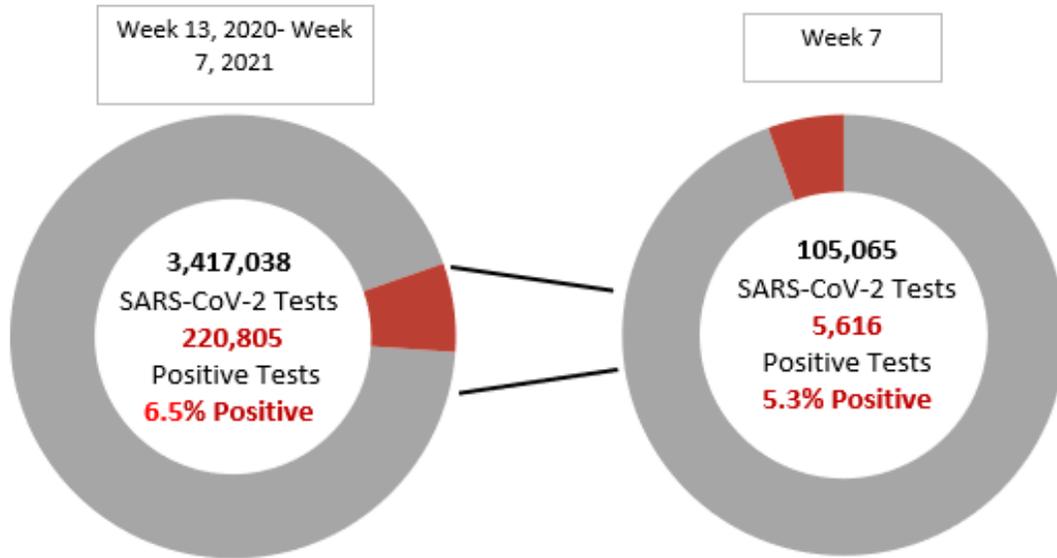
	CCA	CCA1	CCA2	CCA3	CCA4	CCA5	CCA6	CCA7	CCA8	
	LHO	Dublin South	Dublin South East	Dublin South City	Dublin South West	Dublin West	Dublin North West	Dublin North Central	Dublin North	
2020	Notification Week	48	38.2	69.5	34.0	44.1	35.4	43.8	64.0	32.0
		49	41.9	80.8	32.7	38.5	44.4	60.7	69.2	44.8
		50	29.4	75.2	30.7	26.7	42.5	34.7	62.1	43.6
		51	48.5	142.3	46.7	44.7	62.4	104.5	133.3	77.2
		52	127.1	321.7	120.1	134.9	171.9	172.4	241.3	106.9
		53	196.2	459.2	217.4	205.7	198.9	328.0	415.3	231.9
2021		1	798.1	1742.1	954.4	1147.3	1165.2	1441.2	1449.1	990.5
		2	318.2	773.6	389.5	518.3	574.2	731.2	705.1	487.7
		3	234.4	499.6	290.8	285.3	410.1	503.8	501.3	281.7
		4	149.2	266.8	132.7	202.6	307.1	307.3	295.6	181.0
		5	81.6	230.4	108.7	148.5	203.4	263.0	268.5	144.3
		6	85.2	256.3	89.4	134.9	201.5	257.7	360.3	121.6
		7	65.4	223.1	72.0	109.4	169.9	190.7	331.9	115.8

**Figure 11:** Weekly Incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population cases by Dublin Local Health Offices (LHOs) notified in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

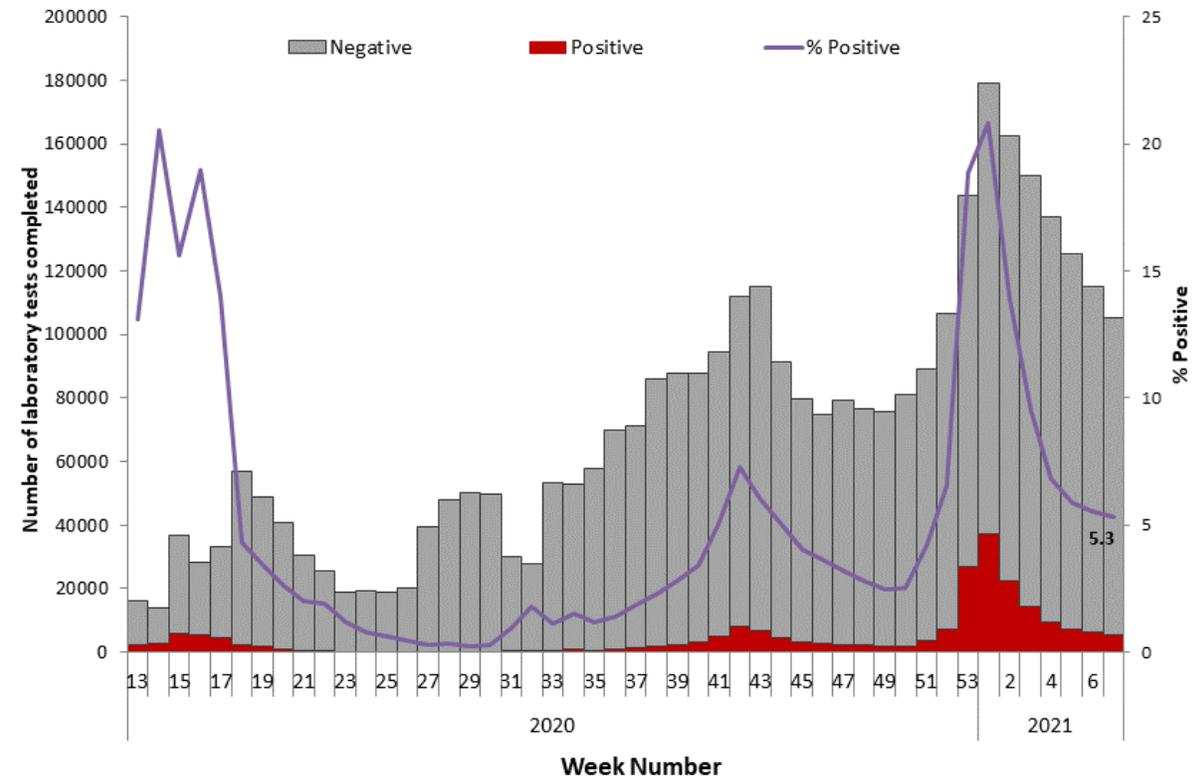
At the end of week 53 a significant number of cases were awaiting processing, as a result the incidence rates reported in week 53 are reduced and the incidence rates reported in week 1 are inflated.

**Note:** Local health offices (LHOs) came into operation on 1st September 2005, replacing Community Care Areas (CCAs). LHO population denominators are used in this report rather than CCA population denominators. The LHO rates were calculated using Census 2016 LHO denominator data extracted from the HSE Health Atlas and are not a direct match to the corresponding CCAs.

# Laboratory data for COVID-19 cases



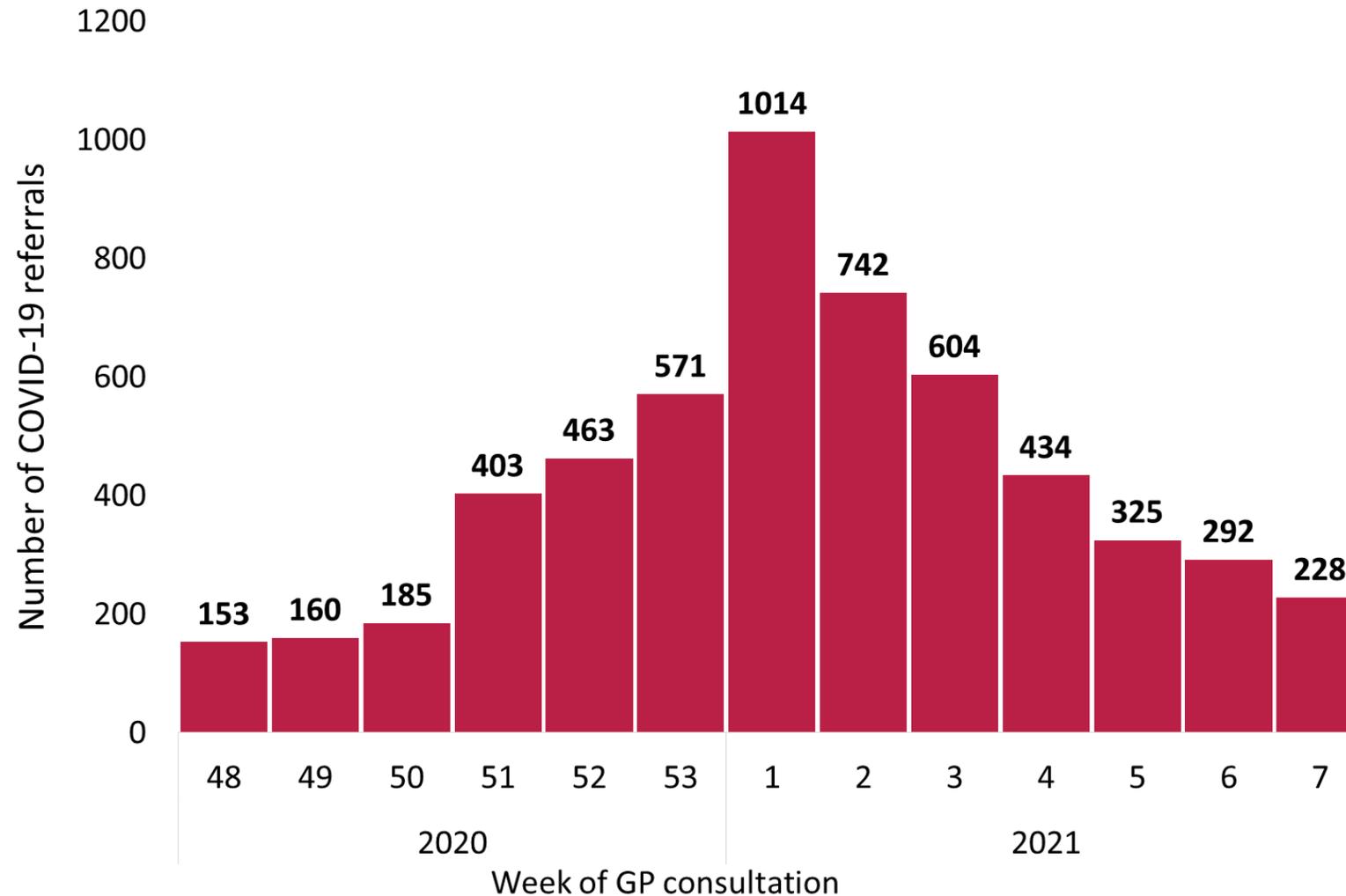
**Figure 12a:** Number of SARS-CoV-2 tests and positive tests\* in Ireland between week 13, 2020 and week 7, 2021.



**Figure 12b:** Number of SARS-CoV-2 negative and positive tests\* completed in Ireland between week 13, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

\*Positive tests refers to all positive specimens and includes duplicates and individuals who were retested

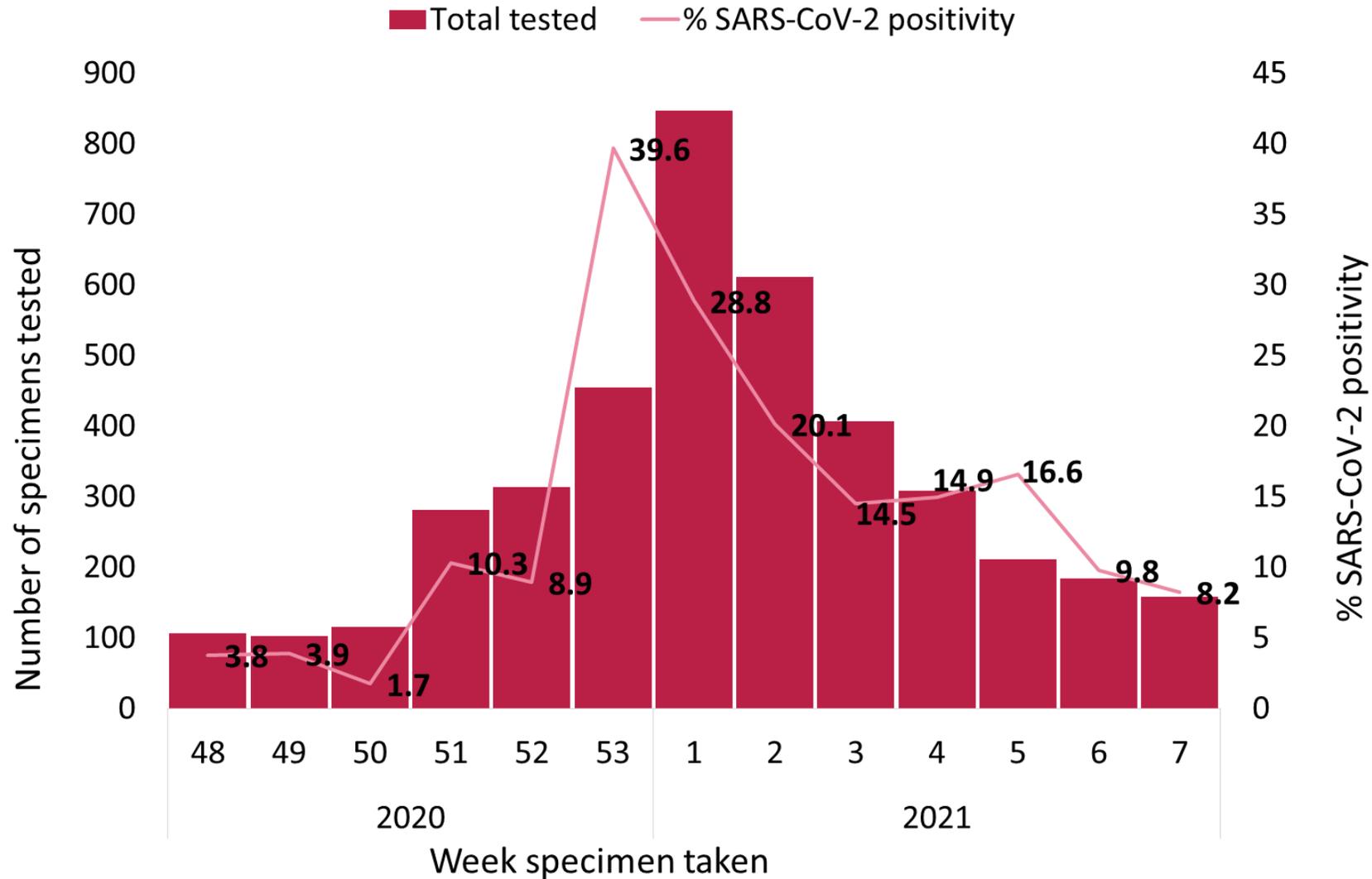
# Number of sentinel GP COVID-19 referrals by week of consultation



- The Irish Sentinel GP Surveillance Scheme is a collaboration between the Health Protection Surveillance Centre, the National Virus Reference Laboratory and the Irish College of General Practitioners.
- The sentinel GP network comprises 60 general practices and 166 practitioners, covering 6.6% of the national population (CSO Census 2016).

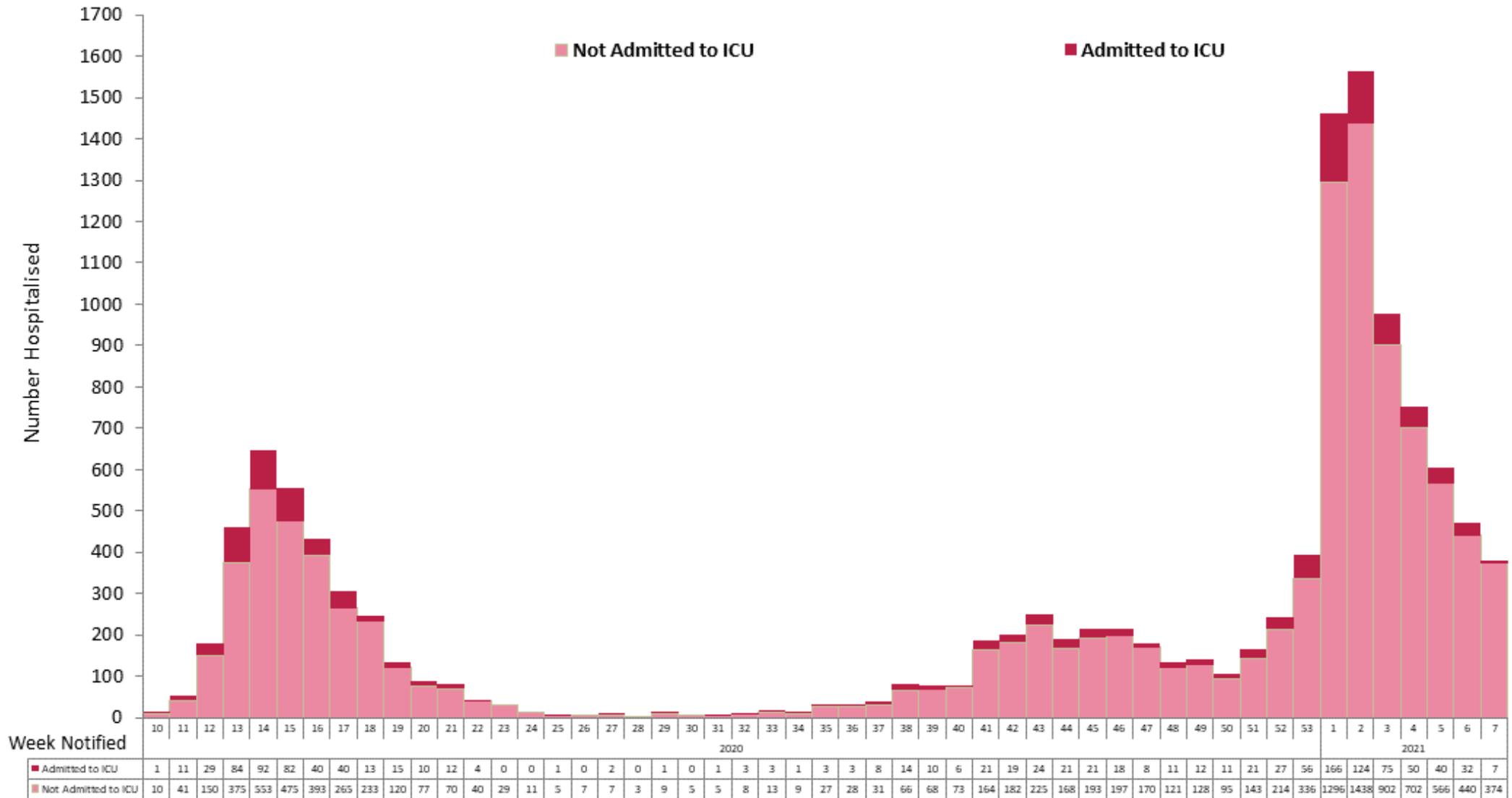
**Figure 13a:** Number of sentinel GP COVID-19 referrals by week of consultation, weeks 48 2020-7 2021, Ireland. The epidemiological week is Monday-Sunday (ISO week) in line with influenza/COVID-19 international reporting to European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

# % SARS-CoV-2 positivity data from sentinel GP COVID-19 referrals tested by NVRL



**Figure 13b:** % SARS-CoV-2 positivity data from sentinel GP COVID-19 referrals tested by the NVRL by week specimen was taken, weeks 48 2020 to 7 2021. The Epidemiological week is Monday to Sunday (ISO week) in line with influenza/COVID-19 international reporting to ECDC.

# Hospitalisations and ICU admissions among COVID-19 cases



**Figure 14:** Number of hospitalised COVID-19 cases based on ICU admission status in Ireland between week 10, 2020 and week 7, 2021\*

\*Please note that the most recent weeks may not yet reflect all admissions.

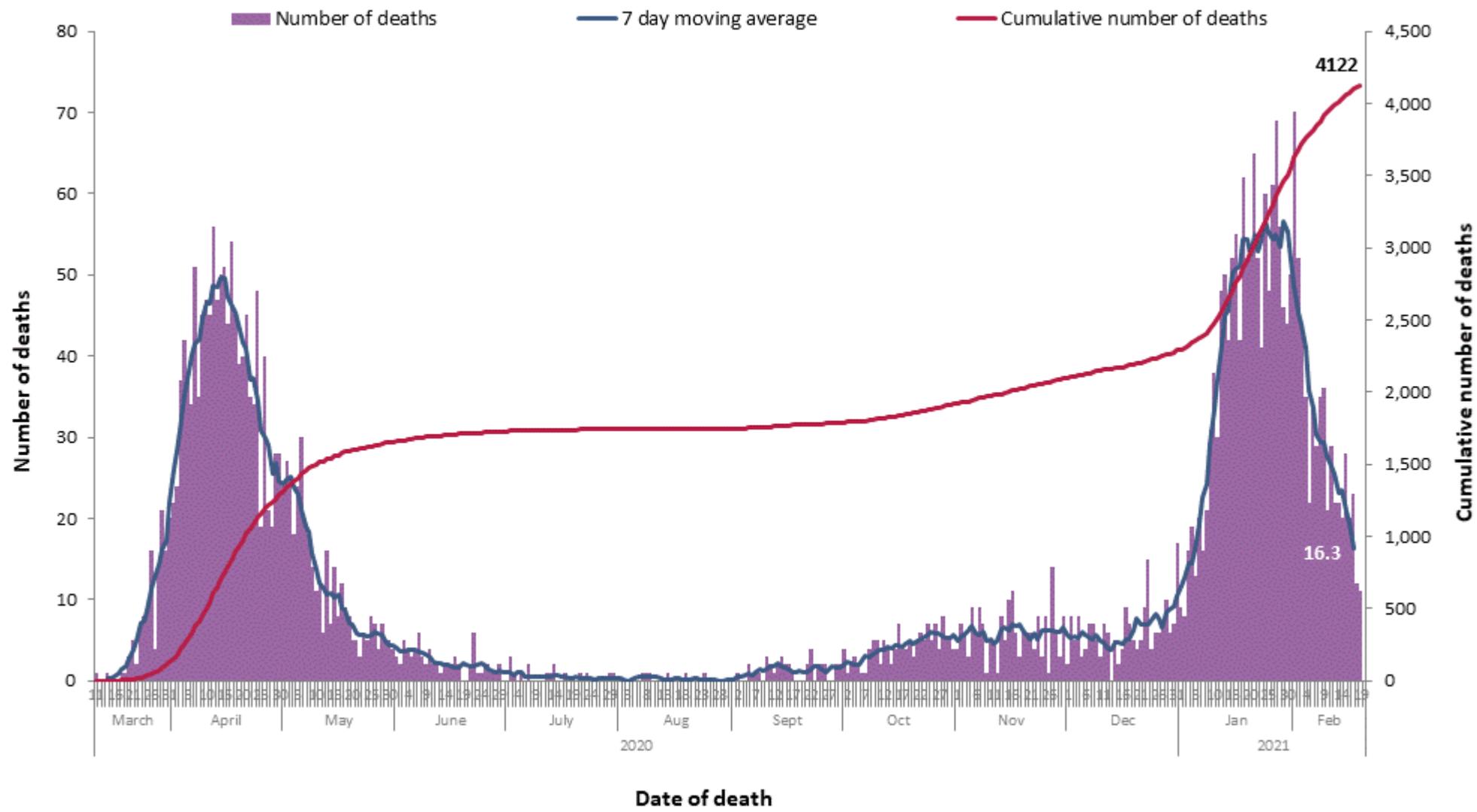
## Deaths among COVID-19 cases

	Number	Percent
Total number of deaths	4,137	
confirmed	3,878	93.7
probable	93	2.2
possible	166	4.0
Number hospitalised who died	2059	49.8
admitted to ICU who died	332	8.0
not admitted to ICU who died	1727	41.7
Number of imported cases who died	5	0.1
Number of HCWs who died	15	0.4
Number with underlying conditions who died	3,454	83.5
Males who died	2170	52.5
M:F ratio	1.10	
Median age (years)	83	
Mean age (years)	81	
Age range (years)	17 - 105	

**Table 3:** Summary of deaths in all COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland between week 10, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

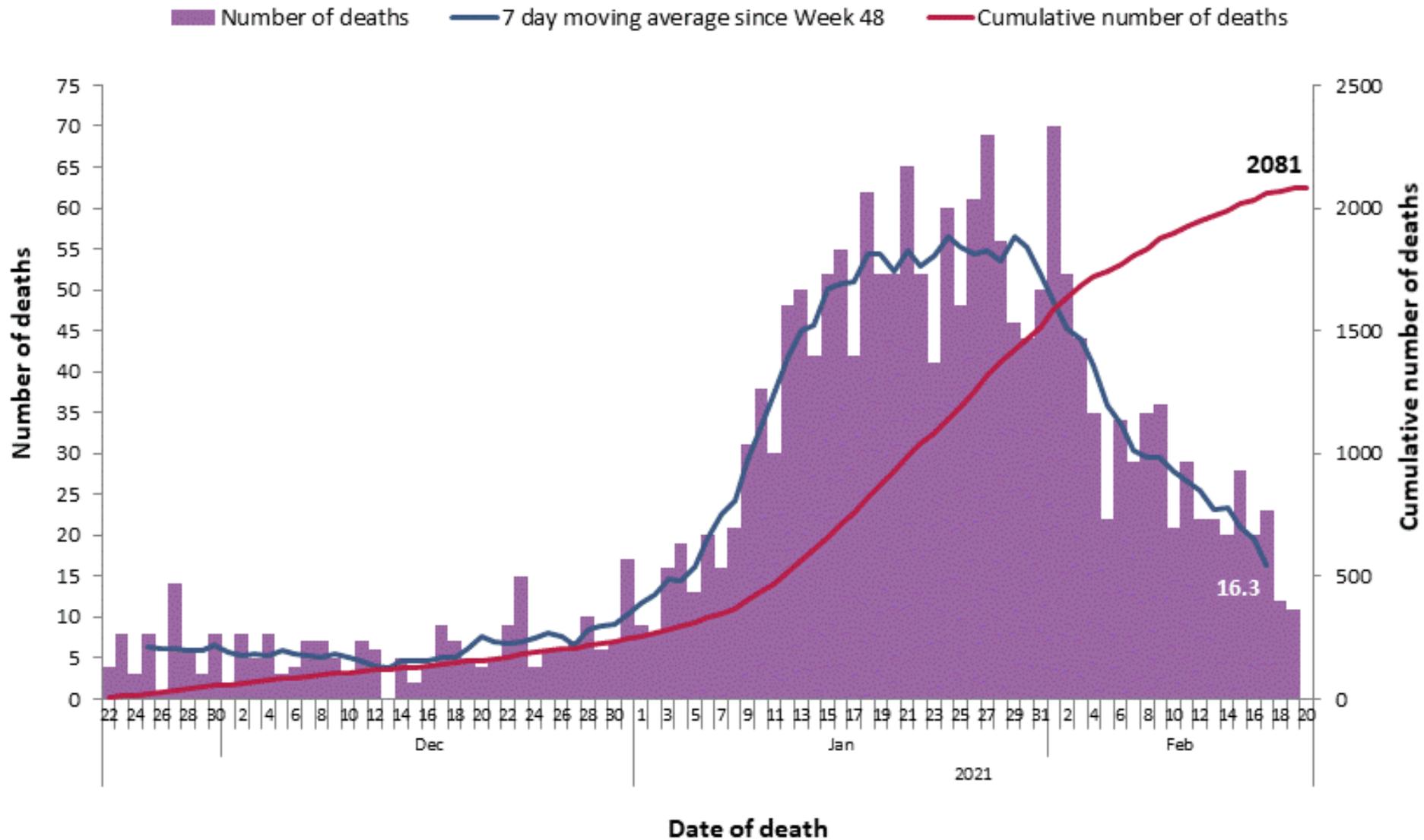
Age group (years)	Female	Male	Total	Percent
<45 yrs	20	19	39	<b>0.9</b>
45-54 yrs	23	39	62	<b>1.5</b>
55-64 yrs	73	123	196	<b>4.7</b>
65-74 yrs	220	410	630	<b>15.2</b>
75-84 yrs	599	812	1411	<b>34.1</b>
85+ yrs	1030	767	1797	<b>43.4</b>
Unknown	2		2	<b>0.0</b>
Total	1967	2170	4137	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Percent</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>52.5</b>		

**Table 4:** Number of deaths in all COVID-19 cases by sex and age group notified in Ireland between week 10, 2020 and week 7, 2021.



**Figure 15a:** Daily and 7-day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total between week 10, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

\* Date of death is not yet available for 15 cases



**Figure 15b:** Daily and 7-day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total, between week 48, 2020 and week 7, 2021.

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.

**Please refer to the Health Protection Surveillance (HPSC) website for specific reports on**

- [14 Day report](#) epidemiology of COVID-19 in Ireland
- [Outbreaks/clusters](#) in Ireland COVID-19 weekly report
- [Underlying Conditions](#) in confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland weekly report
- [Healthcare Workers](#) in Ireland COVID-19 weekly report

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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 09:30 on 18/01/2021. Data are provisional and subject to ongoing review, validation and update. As a result, figures in this report may differ from previously published figures.
- Slides 23 and 24 include data reported from the Irish sentinel GP network.

### 2. Epidemiological date

- Epidemiological date is based on the earliest of dates available on the case and taken from date of onset of symptoms, date of diagnosis, laboratory specimen collection date, laboratory received date, laboratory reported date or event creation date/notification date on CIDR. By using this date rather than event creation/ notification date, adjusts for any delays in testing/notification.

### 3. Population data

- Population data were taken from Census 2016. Data were aggregated into the following age groups for the analysis: 0-4 years, 5-12 years, 13-18 years, 19-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-54 years, 55-64 years, 65-74 years, 75-84 years and  $\geq 85$  years.

## Appendix 1: Epidemiological weeks, start and end dates, 2021

- Note: Epidemiological week is from Sunday to Saturday in line with the [Infectious Disease Regulations 1981](#) and subsequent amendments

Year	Week	Start date	End date
2021	1	03/01/2021	09/01/2021
2021	2	10/01/2021	16/01/2021
2021	3	17/01/2021	23/01/2021
2021	4	24/01/2021	30/01/2021
2021	5	31/01/2021	06/02/2021
2021	6	07/02/2021	13/02/2021
2021	7	14/02/2021	20/02/2021
2021	8	21/02/2021	27/02/2021
2021	9	28/02/2021	06/03/2021
2021	10	07/03/2021	13/03/2021
2021	11	14/03/2021	20/03/2021
2021	12	21/03/2021	27/03/2021
2021	13	28/03/2021	03/04/2021
2021	14	04/04/2021	10/04/2021
2021	15	11/04/2021	17/04/2021
2021	16	18/04/2021	24/04/2021
2021	17	25/04/2021	01/05/2021
2021	18	02/05/2021	08/05/2021
2021	19	09/05/2021	15/05/2021
2021	20	16/05/2021	22/05/2021
2021	21	23/05/2021	29/05/2021
2021	22	30/05/2021	05/06/2021
2021	23	06/06/2021	12/06/2021
2021	24	13/06/2021	19/06/2021
2021	25	20/06/2021	26/06/2021
2021	26	27/06/2021	03/07/2021

Year	Week	Start date	End date
2021	27	04/07/2021	10/07/2021
2021	28	11/07/2021	17/07/2021
2021	29	18/07/2021	24/07/2021
2021	30	25/07/2021	31/07/2021
2021	31	01/08/2021	07/08/2021
2021	32	08/08/2021	14/08/2021
2021	33	15/08/2021	21/08/2021
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2021	35	29/08/2021	04/09/2021
2021	36	05/09/2021	11/09/2021
2021	37	12/09/2021	18/09/2021
2021	38	19/09/2021	25/09/2021
2021	39	26/09/2021	02/10/2021
2021	40	03/10/2021	09/10/2021
2021	41	10/10/2021	16/10/2021
2021	42	17/10/2021	23/10/2021
2021	43	24/10/2021	30/10/2021
2021	44	31/10/2021	06/11/2021
2021	45	07/11/2021	13/11/2021
2021	46	14/11/2021	20/11/2021
2021	47	21/11/2021	27/11/2021
2021	48	28/11/2021	04/12/2021
2021	49	05/12/2021	11/12/2021
2021	50	12/12/2021	18/12/2021
2021	51	19/12/2021	25/12/2021
2021	52	26/12/2021	01/01/2022