



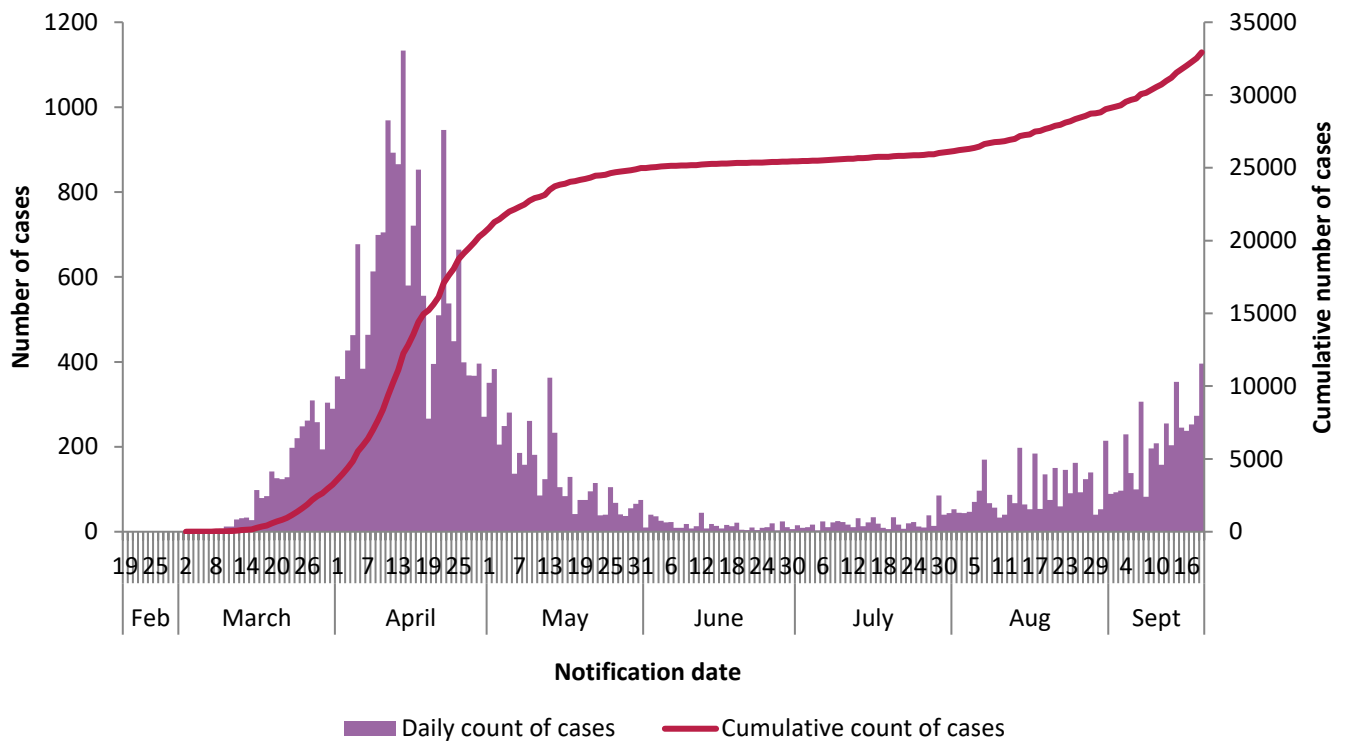
# Epidemiology of COVID-19 in Ireland

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

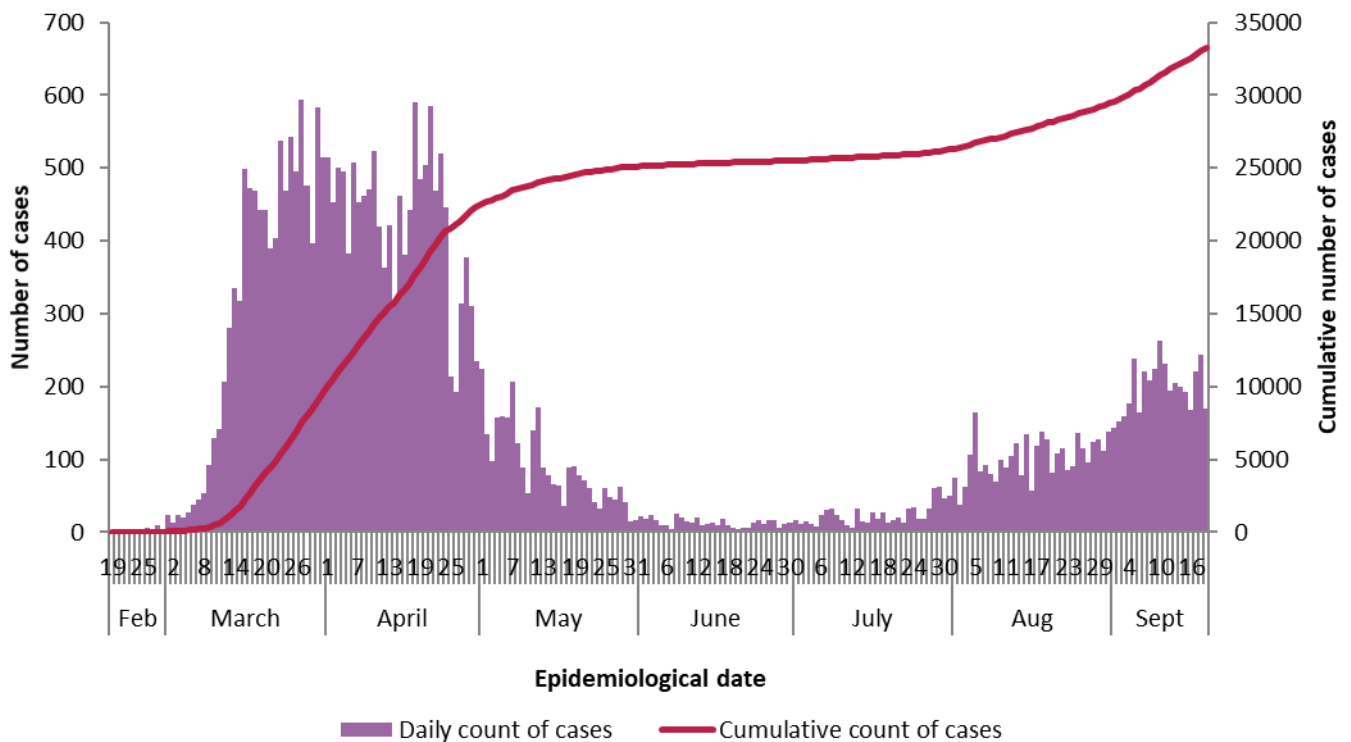
	Number	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases	32,933	
National cumulative incidence of confirmed cases per 100,000 population	691.6	
Total number of cases hospitalised	3,524	10.7
Total number of cases admitted to ICU	460	1.4
Total number of deaths among confirmed cases	1,535	4.66
Case fatality ratio (CFR, %)	4.66	
National cumulative incidence of confirmed deaths per 100,000 population	32.24	
Total number of outbreaks/clusters	3,499	
Total number of cases associated with clusters	18,128	55.05
Total number of imported cases	575	1.75
Number of cases in healthcare workers	9,011	27.36
Males	14,656	44.5
Females	18,245	55.4
M:F ratio	0.8	
Median age (years)	45	
Mean age (years)	47	
Age range (years)	0 - 106	

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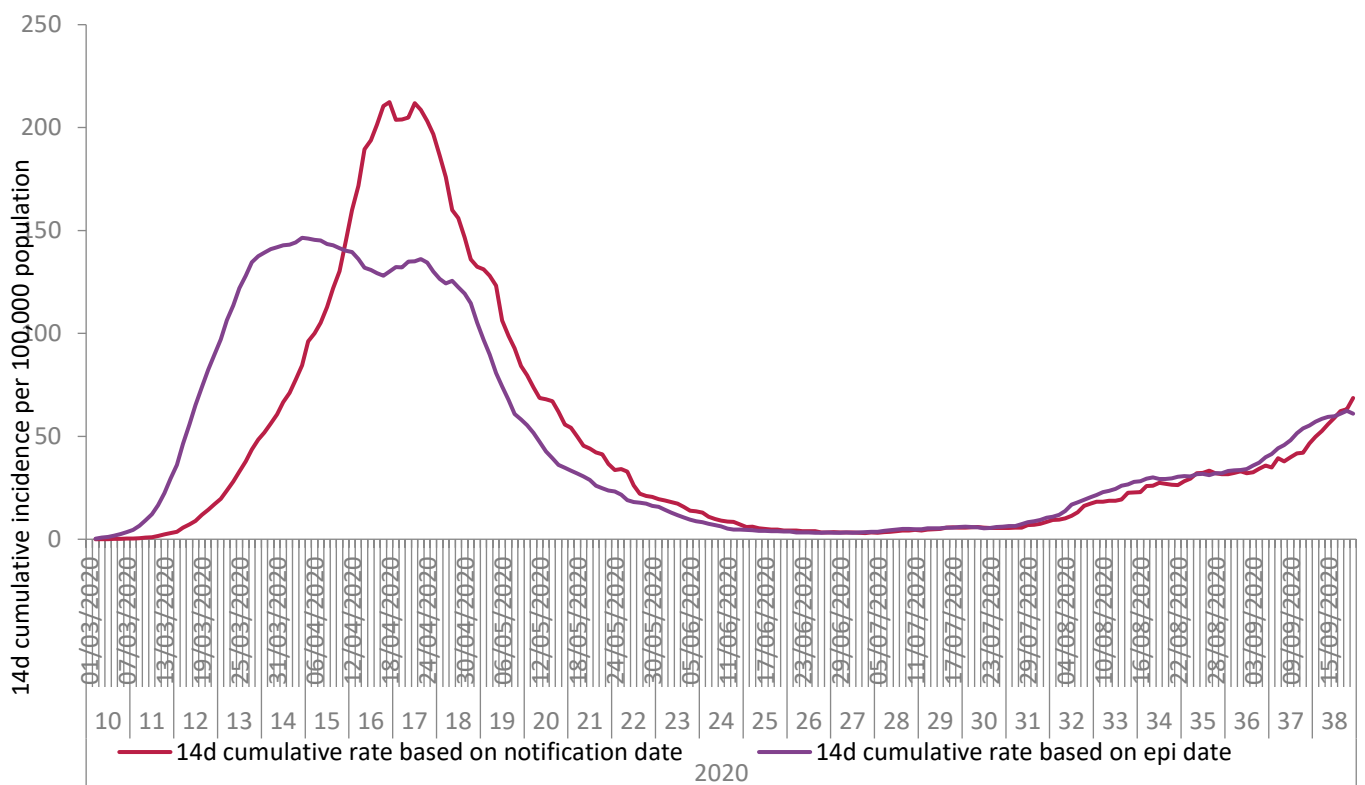
**Figure 1a: Number\* and cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by notification date\* to midnight 19/09/2020**

\*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 19/09/2020**

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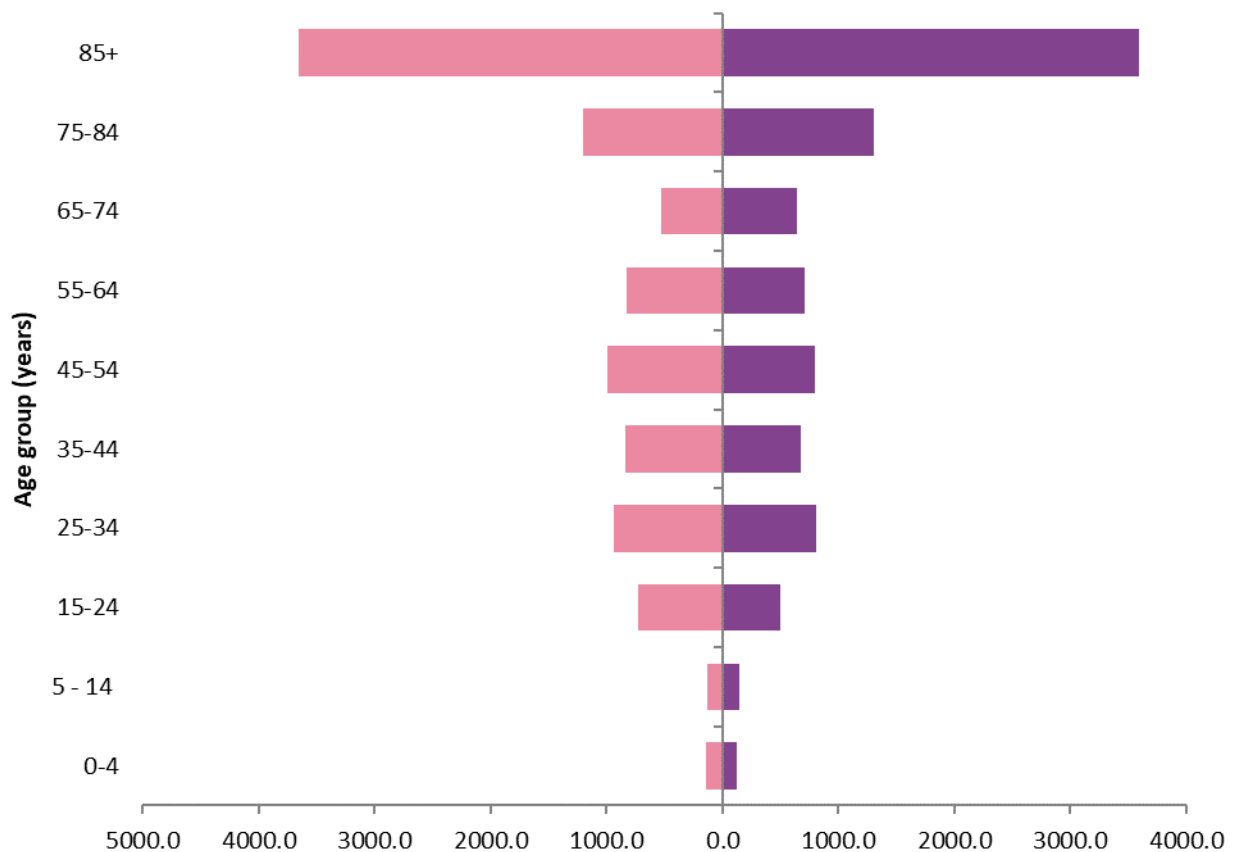
**Figure 2: Cumulative 14 day incidence rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland by notification\* and epidemiological date\*\* to midnight 19/09/2020**

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

Characteristic		Number of cases	Percent
<b>Total number of confirmed cases</b>		<b>32,933</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Sex</b>	Male:Female ratio	0.8	
	Male	14,656	44.5
	Female	18,245	55.4
	Unknown	32	0.1
<b>Age</b>	Median age (years)	45	
	Mean age (years)	47	
	Age range (years)	0 - 106	
	0-4 yrs	456	1.38
	5-14 yrs	933	2.83
	15-24 yrs	3,504	10.64
	25-34 yrs	5,763	17.5
	35-44 yrs	5,671	17.22
	45-54 yrs	5,591	16.98
	55-64 yrs	3,896	11.83
	65-74 yrs	2,179	6.62
	75-84 yrs	2,459	7.47
	85+ yrs	2,457	7.46
	Unknown	24	0.07

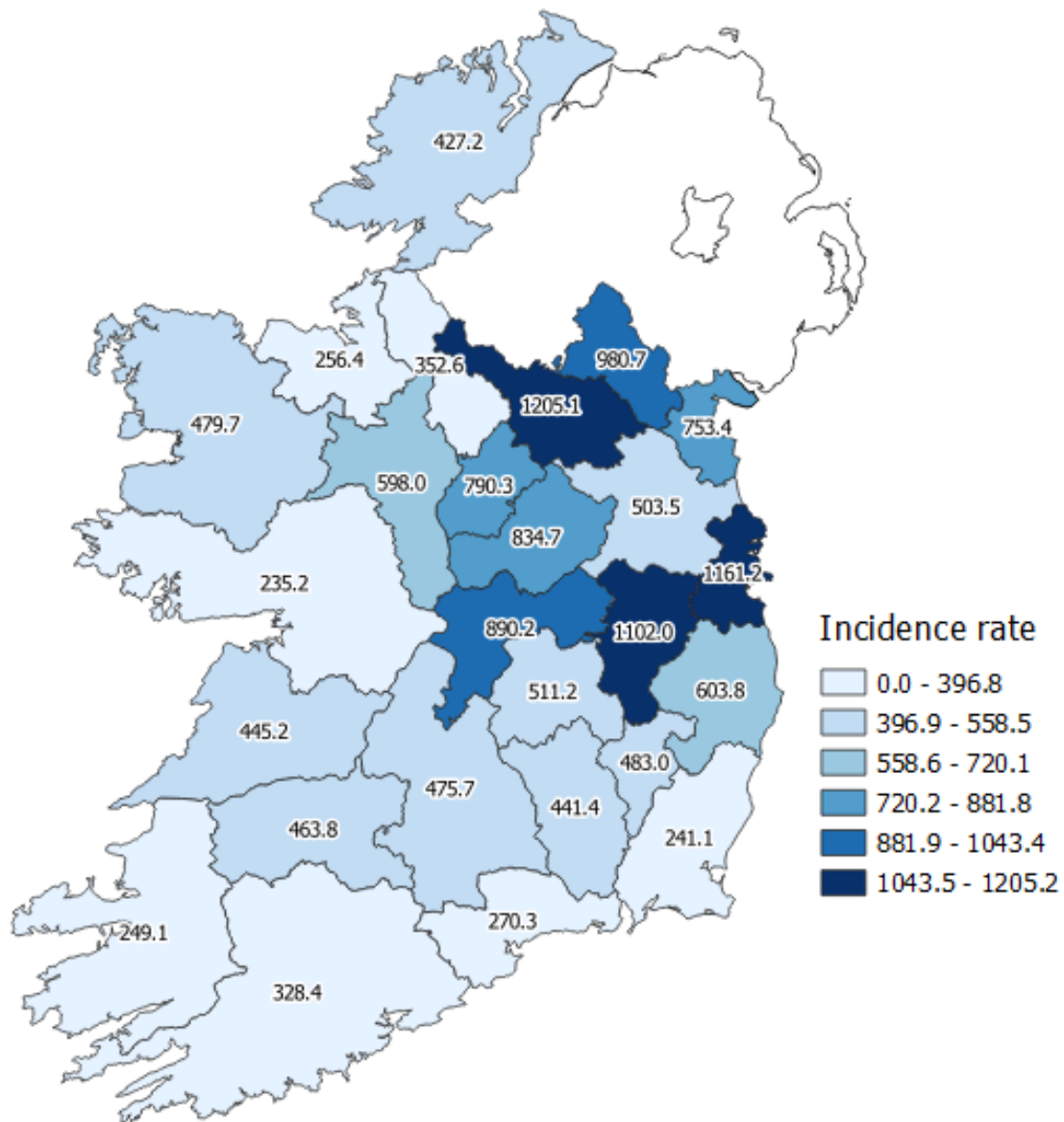


	0-4	5 - 14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+
Female	145.9	133.3	723.7	933.1	838.4	988.9	823.7	528.4	1206.3	3656.8
Male	129.6	142.4	495.1	807.5	675.4	793.8	706.4	639.7	1305.5	3594.7

**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 19/09/2020 (excluding 23 cases for whom age is unknown and 31 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 19/09/2020**

*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 19/09/2020**

County Name	Number of cases	Percent
Carlow	275	0.84
Cavan	918	2.79
Clare	529	1.61
Cork	1,783	5.41
Donegal	680	2.06
Dublin	15,646	47.51
Galway	607	1.84
Kerry	368	1.12
Kildare	2,452	7.45
Kilkenny	438	1.33
Laois	433	1.31
Leitrim	113	0.34
Limerick	904	2.74
Longford	323	0.98
Louth	971	2.95
Mayo	626	1.9
Meath	982	2.98
Monaghan	602	1.83
Offaly	694	2.11
Roscommon	386	1.17
Sligo	168	0.51
Tipperary	759	2.3
Waterford	314	0.95
Westmeath	741	2.25
Wexford	361	1.1
Wicklow	860	2.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,933</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Transmission classification*	Count of Events	%
Community transmission, incl. possible community transmission	9,612	29.19%
Local transmission, incl. possible local transmission	22,000	66.80%
Travel abroad, incl. possible travel abroad	788	2.39%
Unknown	533	1.62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,933</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*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 19/09/2020**

Age Group (years)	Number of cases (n)	Cases hospitalised (n)	Cases hospitalised (%)	Cases admitted to ICU (n)	Cases admitted to ICU (%)
0-4 yrs	456	31	0.88	1	0.22
5-14 yrs	933	19	0.54	2	0.43
15-24 yrs	3504	89	2.53	5	1.09
25-34 yrs	5763	212	6.02	17	3.7
35-44 yrs	5671	282	8	38	8.26
45-54 yrs	5591	474	13.45	95	20.65
55-64 yrs	3896	518	14.7	135	29.35
65-74 yrs	2179	629	17.85	113	24.57
75-84 yrs	2459	775	21.99	48	10.43
85+ yrs	2457	494	14.02	6	1.3
Unknown	24	1	0.03	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,933</b>	<b>3,524</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>100</b>



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

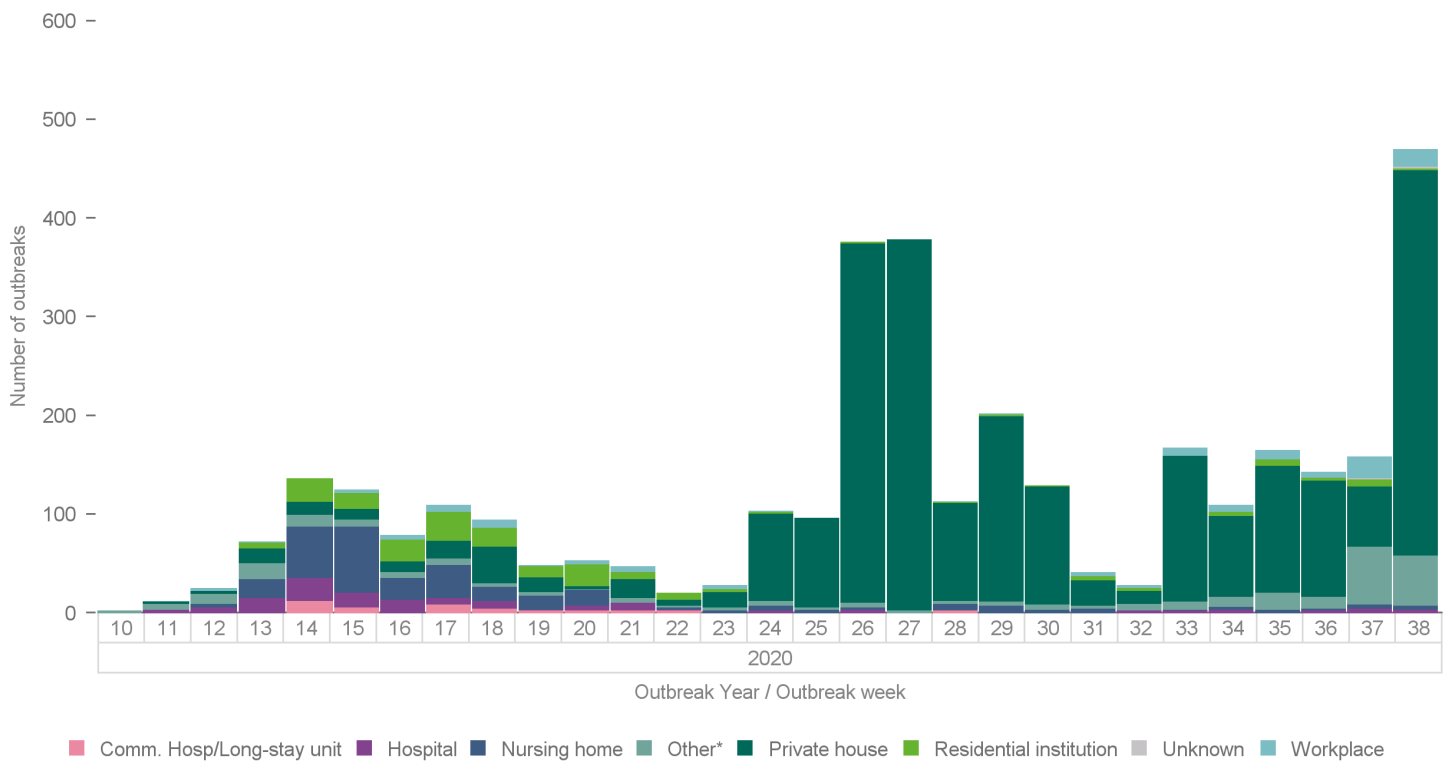
	0-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	15-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-54 yrs	55-64 yrs	65-74 yrs	75-84 yrs	85+ yrs	Unknown
Number of cases (n)	456	933	3,504	5,763	5,671	5,591	3,896	2,179	2,459	2,457	24
Cases hospitalised (n)	31	19	89	212	282	474	518	629	775	494	1
Cases hospitalised (%)	6.8	2.04	2.54	3.68	4.97	8.48	13.3	28.87	31.52	20.11	4.17
Cases admitted to ICU (n)	1	2	5	17	38	95	135	113	48	6	0
Cases admitted to ICU (%)	0.22	0.21	0.14	0.29	0.67	1.7	3.47	5.19	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	0.47	1.82	10.46	21.43	27.07	0

## Outbreaks of COVID-19

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

Outbreak Location	E	HPSC	M	MW	NE	NW	S	SE	W	Total
Private house	1,711		46	135	174	71	131	141	53	<b>2,462</b>
Nursing home	140		11	19	44	5	15	17	36	<b>287</b>
Other*	54	2	24	83	12	18	45	21	17	<b>276</b>
Residential institution	120		10	11	23	4	21	10	4	<b>203</b>
Workplace	39		11	16	20	10	12	9	8	<b>125</b>
Hospital	67		4	4	14	2	11	5	6	<b>113</b>
Comm. Hosp/Long-stay unit	4		4	2		4	6	5	5	<b>30</b>
Unknown	3									<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>3,499</b>

\*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 19/09/2020**

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

Note: 2,661 COVID-19 outbreaks were reported on CIDR between week 24 and week 38 2020 to date (9th June to 19th September). Of these, 2,341 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, 636 in March, 472 in April, 94 in May, 127 in June, 126 in July, 519 in August and 366 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 19/09/2020

	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	1,692	94.42
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 19/09/2020

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Percent</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>49.5</b>		

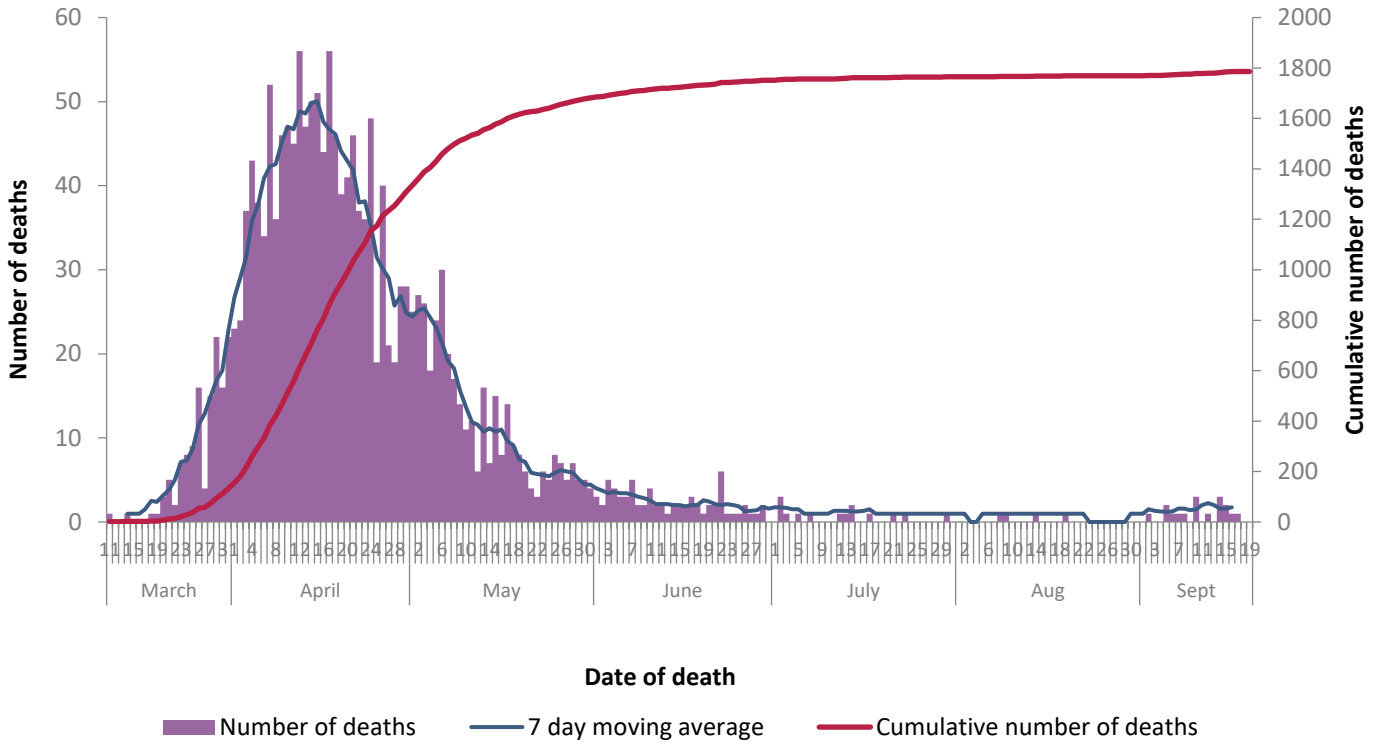


Figure 6a: Daily and 7 day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total to midnight 19/09/2020

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

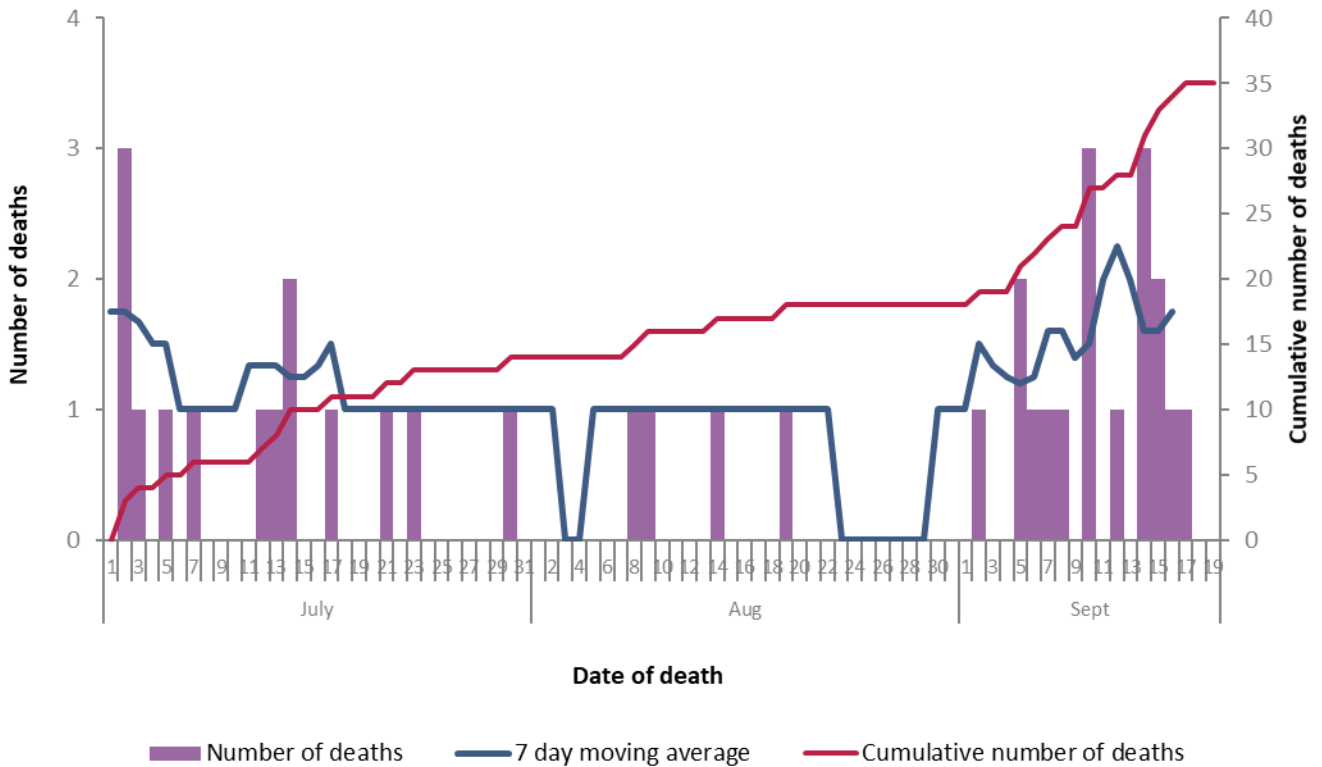


Figure 6b: Daily and 7 day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total, 01/07/2020 to midnight 19/09/2020

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

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### 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  $\geq 85$  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.

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