





# Epidemiology of COVID-19 in Ireland - 14 day report

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Summary characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland from 07/09/2020 up to midnight 20/09/2020

Number	Percent
3,353	
70.41	
97	2.89
9	0.27
4	0.12
0.12	
0.08	
1,575	46.97
28	0.84
226	6.74
1,659	49.48
1,688	50.34
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<sup>\*\*</sup>Cases may be associated with outbreaks notified outside the timeframe of this report 07/09/2020 - 20/09/2020

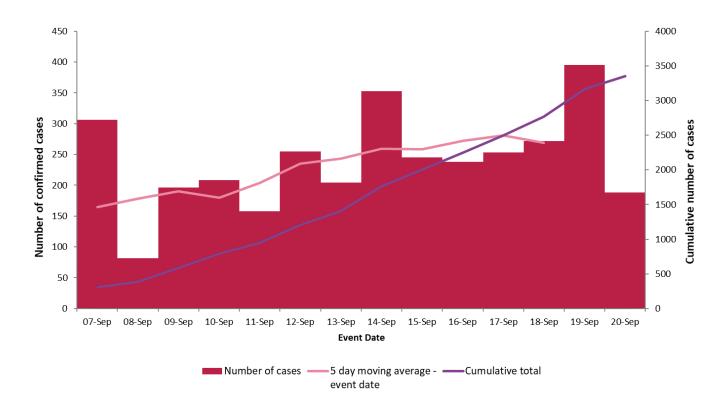


Figure 1. Daily number and cumulative number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 5-day moving average, by notification date (n=3,353)

Table 1: Characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland from 07/09/2020 up to midnight on 20/09/202

Characteristic		Number of cases	Percent	
Total number of confirmed cases		3,353	100	
Sex	Male:Female ratio			
	Male	1,659	49.48	
	Female	1,688	50.34	
	Unknown	6	0.18	
Age	Median age (years)	33		
	Mean age (years)	36		
	Age range (years)	0 - 98		
	0-4 yrs	128	3.82	
	5-14 yrs	298	8.89	
	15-24 yrs	727	21.68	
	25-34 yrs	596	17.78	
	35-44 yrs	494	14.73	
	45-54 yrs	459	13.69	
	55-64 yrs	319	9.51	
	65-74 yrs	213	6.35	
	75-84 yrs	77	2.3	
	85+ yrs	42	1.25	
Underlying clinical conditions	Yes	938	27.97	
	No	1,997	59.56	
	Unknown	418	12.47	

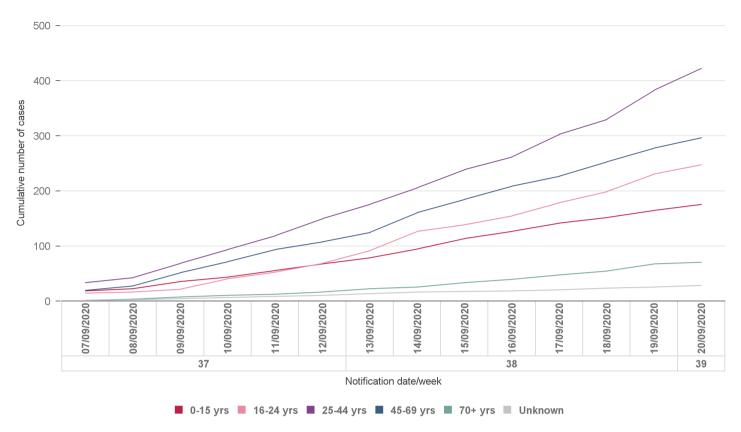


Figure 2: Cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date/week of notification and age group (years) from 07/09/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020

Table 2: Characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases by community healthcare organisation (CHO)\* notified from 07/09/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020

CHO Area	С	ases	M:F ratio	Mean age (years)	Healthcare workers		Associated with clusters	
	N	%			N	%	N	%
CHO1	218	6.5	1.09	34	9	4.13	115	52.75
CHO2	141	4.21	0.88	32	9	6.38	85	60.28
CHO3	151	4.5	1.14	42	7	4.64	109	72.19
CHO4	172	5.13	1.07	37	8	4.65	107	62.21
CHO5	223	6.65	1.28	34	9	4.04	141	63.23
CHO6	370	11.03	0.85	37	22	5.95	133	35.95
CHO7	768	22.9	1.04	35	54	7.03	278	36.2
CHO8	339	10.11	0.94	36	29	8.55	235	69.32
CHO9	968	28.87	0.91	37	78	8.06	372	38.43
Unknown	3	0.09	1	28	<5	33.33	0	0
National	3,353	100	0.98	36	226	6.74	1,575	46.97

Table 3: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by community healthcare organisation (CHO)

<sup>\*</sup> notified in Ireland from 07/09/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020

CHO Area	Number of confirmed cases	Incidence per 100,000 population
CHO1	218	55.7
CHO2	141	31.1
CHO3	151	39.2
CHO4	172	24.9
CHO5	223	43.7
CHO6	370	96.6
CHO7	768	108.5
CHO8	339	54.7
CHO9	968	155.8
Unknown	3	
Ireland	3,353	70.4

<sup>\*</sup>CHO1: Cavan, Donegal, Monaghan, Leitrim, Sligo

CHO2: Galway, Mayo, Roscommon

CHO3: Clare, Limerick, Tipperary North

CHO4: Cork, Kerry

CHO5: Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary South, Waterford, Wexford

CHO6: Dublin South East, Dun Laoghaire, Wicklow

CHO7: Dublin South City, Dublin South West, Dublin West, Kildare/West Wicklow

CHO8: Laois, Longford, Louth, Meath, Offaly, Westmeath

CHO9: Dublin North, Dublin North Central & Dublin North West

Table 4: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by county notified in Ireland from 07/09/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020

County	Number of confirmed cases	Incidence per 100,000 population
Carlow	21	36.9
Cavan	17	22.3
Clare	51	42.9
Cork	146	26.9
Donegal	154	96.7
Dublin	1860	138.0
Galway	79	30.6
Kerry	26	17.6
Kildare	148	66.5
Kilkenny	27	27.2
Laois	37	43.7
Leitrim	11	34.3
Limerick	89	45.7
Longford	15	36.7
Louth	131	101.6
Mayo	34	26.1
Meath	62	31.8
Monaghan	24	39.1
Offaly	47	60.3
Roscommon	28	43.4
Sligo	12	18.3
Tipperary	27	16.9
Waterford	109	93.8
Westmeath	46	51.8
Wexford	51	34.1
Wicklow	101	70.9
Ireland	3,353	70.4

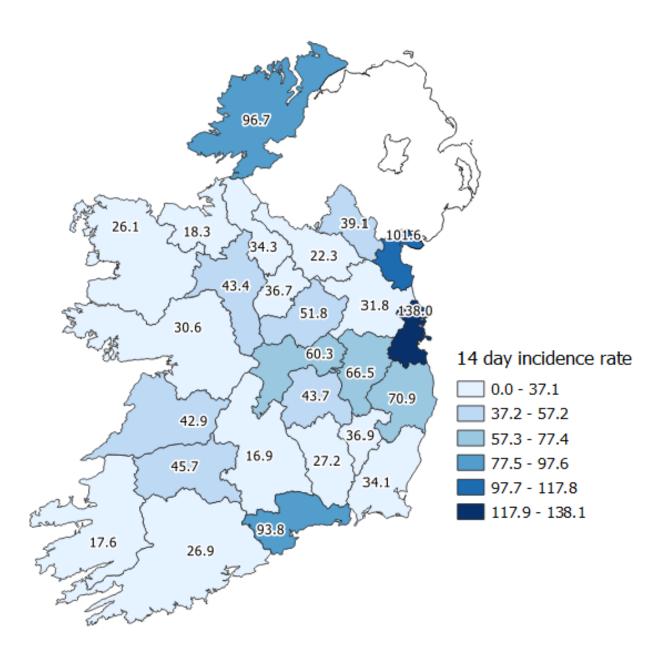


Figure 3: Cumulative incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population, by county, notified in Ireland from 07/09/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020

Please do not directly compared 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 5: Number and incidence of confirmed COVID-19 cases by Dublin Local Health Offices (LHOs) notified from 07/09/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020

CCA	Local Health Office	Number of cases in past 14 days based on event date	14 day incidence rates based on event dates
CCA1	Dublin South	85	62.5
CCA2	Dublin South East	186	150.4
CCA3	Dublin South City	171	114.0
CCA4	Dublin South West	229	142.3
CCA5	Dublin West	218	140.3
CCA6	Dublin North West	425	204.7
CCA7	Dublin North Central	240	155.3
CCA8	Dublin North	303	116.9
	Unknown	3	
	Dublin	1,860	138.0

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.

Table 6: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by most likely transmission source notified from 07/09/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020

Most likely transmission source	Number of cases	Percent
Travel related	103	3.07%
Close contact with a known confirmed case	1,812	54.04%
Healthcare setting acquired: patient	53	1.58%
Healthcare setting acquired: staff	52	1.55%
Community transmission	899	26.81%
Under investigation	434	12.94%
Total	3,353	100.00%

<sup>\*</sup>Travel related cases include cases who acquire COVID-19 infection outside of Ireland (imported cases) and cases who acquire COVID-19 infection directly from imported cases

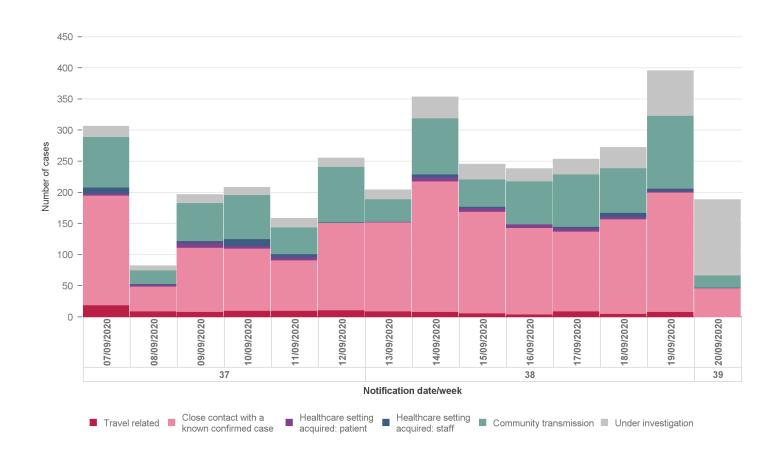


Figure 4: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date/week of notification and most likely transmission source from 07/09/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020

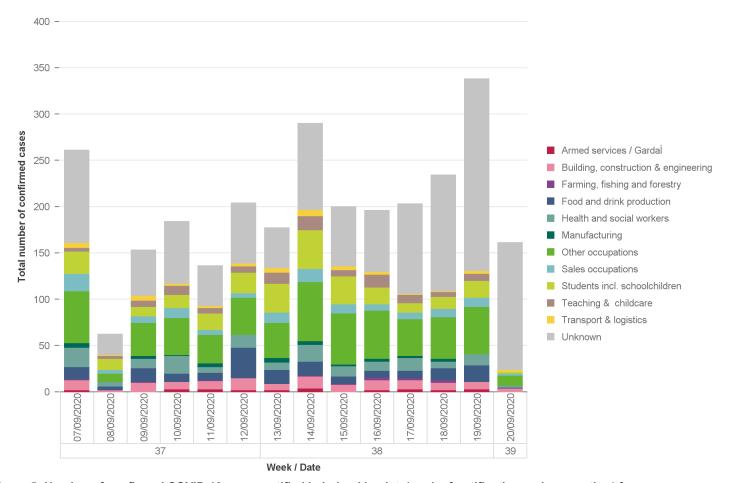


Figure 5: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date/week of notification and occupation\* from 07/09/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020

\*Among cases aged 16-69 years

Table 7: Cumulative number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Ireland from 07/09/2020 to midnight 20/09/2020 by age group and hospital, ICU\* and vital status

Age Group (years)	Number of cases (n)	Cases hospitalised (n)	Cases hospitalised (%)	Cases admitted to ICU (n)	Cases admitted to ICU (%)
0-4 yrs	128	5	5.15	0	0
5-14 yrs	298			0	0
15-24 yrs	727	5	5.15	0	0
25-34 yrs	596	4	4.12	0	0
35-44 yrs	494	2	2.06	0	0
45-54 yrs	459	15	15.46	2	22.22
55-64 yrs	319	14	14.43	5	55.56
65-74 yrs	213	27	27.84	2	22.22
75-84 yrs	77	15	15.46	0	0
85+ yrs	42	10	10.31	0	0
Total	3,353	97	100	9	100

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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.

Travel related cases include cases who acquire COVID-19 infection outside of Ireland (imported cases) and cases who acquire COVID-19 infection directly from imported cases.

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. 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.