



# Weekly Report on the Epidemiology of COVID-19 in Ireland Week 11, 2021

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#### Dates to note:

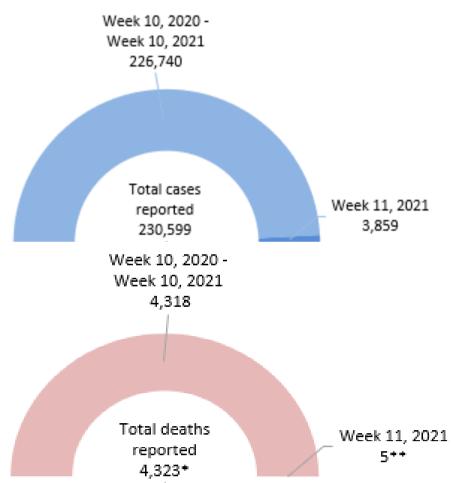
- Week 11 2021 (14th to 20th March 2021)
- Week 48 2020 (22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020)
- Week 10 2020 (1st to 7th March 2020) The beginning of the pandemic in Ireland

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 22/03/2021 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



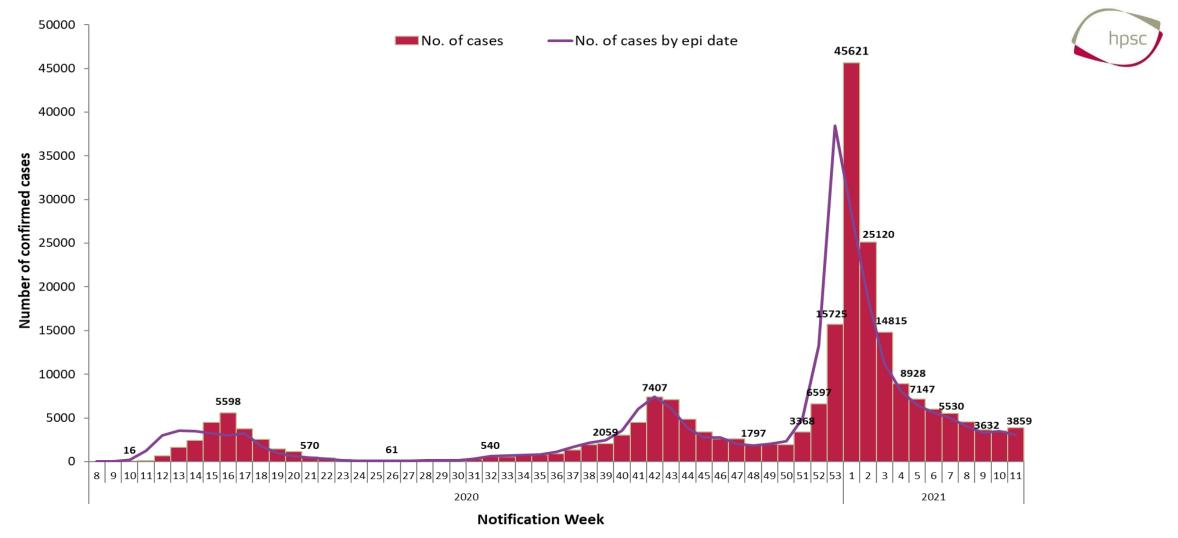


<sup>\*</sup> Total deaths reported include deaths from confirmed cases only

	Total (week 10, 2020- week 11, 2021 )		Week 1	1, 2021
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total number of confirmed cases	230,599		3,859	
Incidence rate of confirmed cases per 100,000 population	4842.6		81.0	
Number of cases hospitalised	13,313	5.77	199***	5.16
Number of cases admitted to ICU	1,402	0.61	7***	0.18
Number of deaths among confirmed cases	4,323	1.87	5	0.13
Case fatality ratio (CFR %)	1.87		0.13	
ncidence rate of confirmed deaths per 100,000 population	90.78		0.11	
Number of cases associated with clusters	69,709	30.23	571	14.80
Number of imported cases	1251	0.54	21	0.54
Number of cases in healthcare workers	27,901	12.10	96	2.49
Males	109,745	47.59	1,907	49.42
Females	120,767	52.37	1,947	50.45
M:F ratio	0.91		0.98	
Median (years)	38		32	
Mean age (years)	40		33	
Age range (years)	0 - 108		0 - 99	

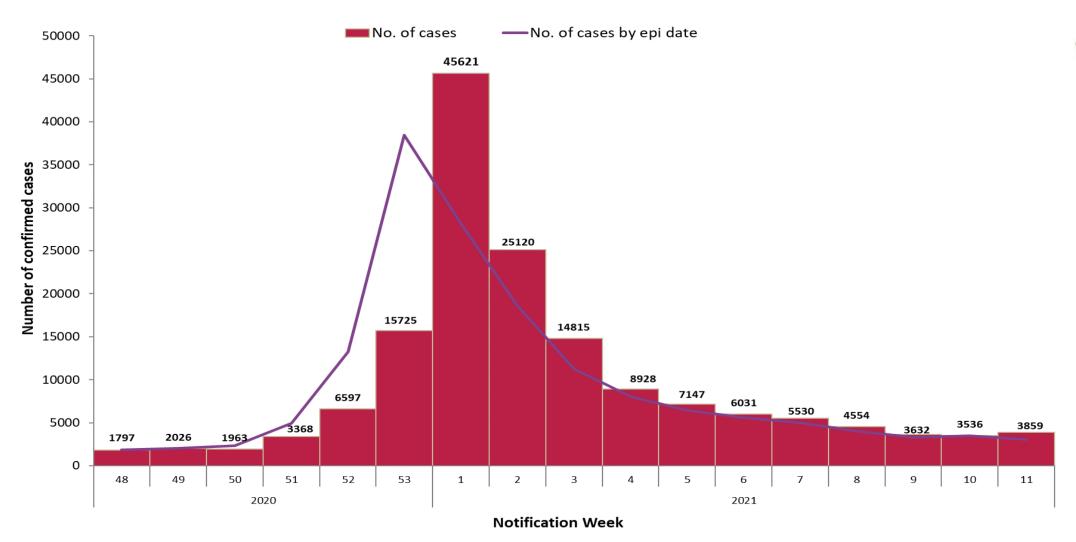
<sup>\*\*\*</sup>The number of cases who were hospitalised and the number of cases who were admitted to ICU relate only to cases who were notified and admitted to hospital or ICU in week 11, 2021. It does not include cases who were notified prior to week 11, 2021 and who were admitted to hospital or ICU in week 11, 2021.

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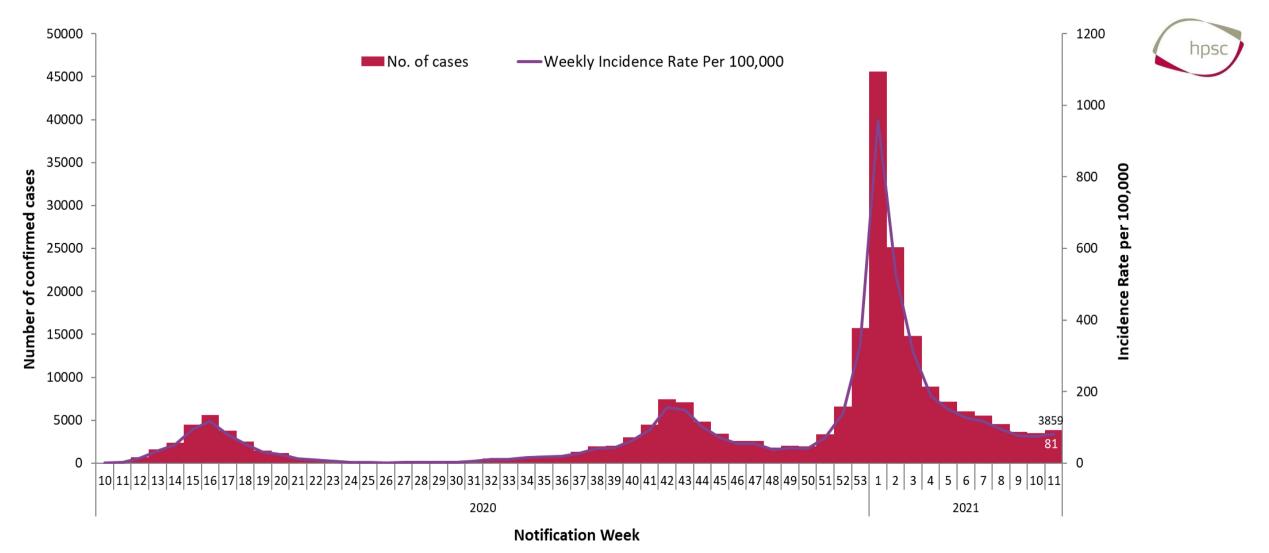


**Figure 1a:** Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by notification week and epidemiological week in Ireland between week 8, 2020 and week 11, 2021

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 1b:** Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by notification week and epidemiological week in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 11, 2021



**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 11, 2021

Population data were taken from Census 2016

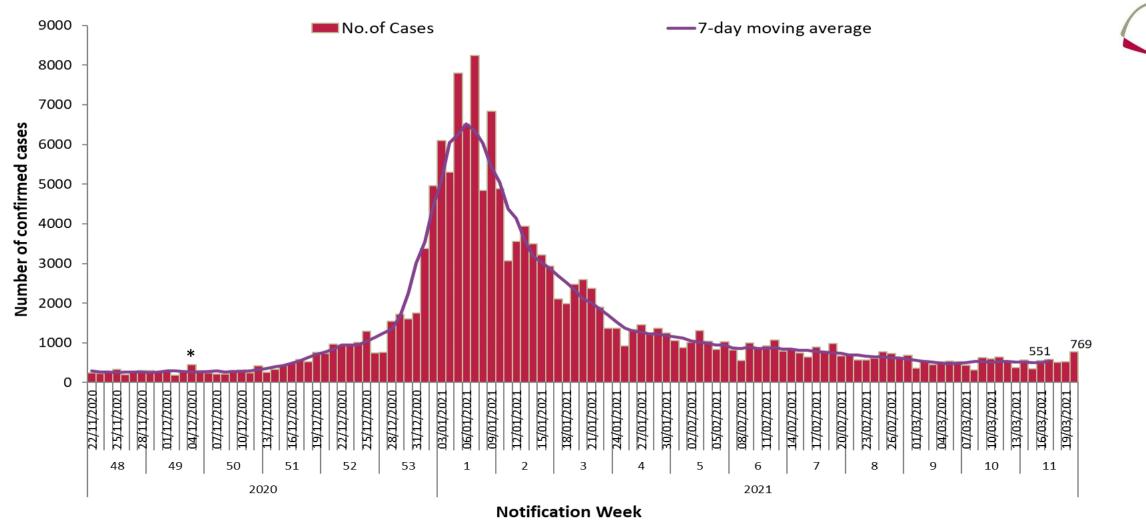
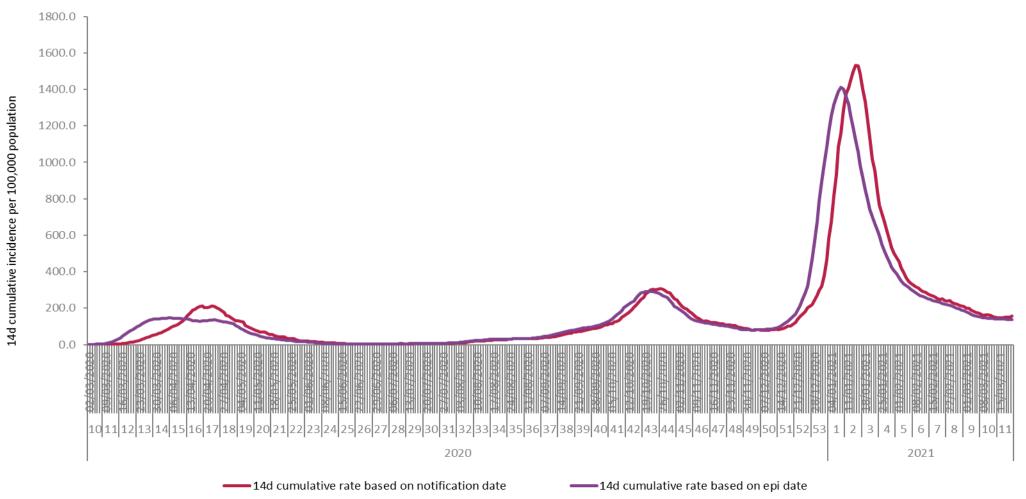
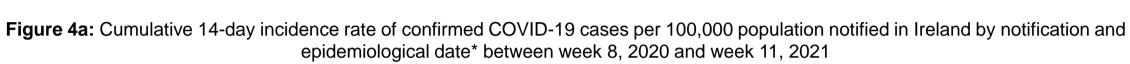


Figure 3: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 7-day moving average, by notification date in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 11, 2021

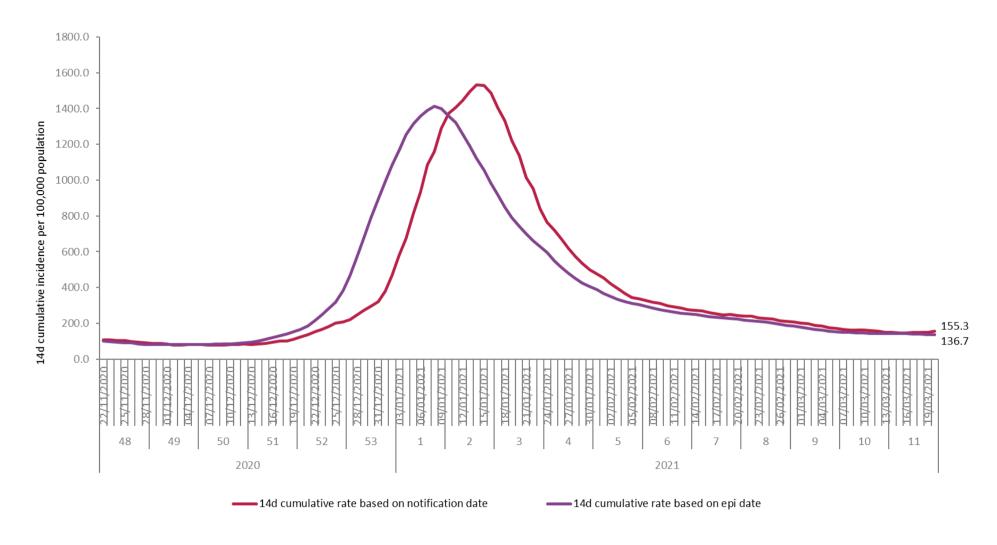
\*On the 04/12/2020 the number of COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland is inflated due to the inclusion of cases notified earlier in week 49 which were batch reported following an IT issue on 02/12/2020





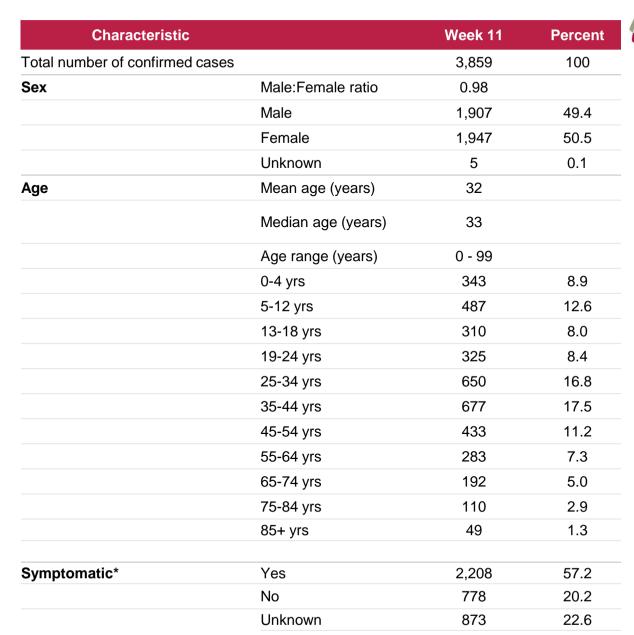
<sup>\*</sup>Epidemiological date: is based on the earliest of dates available on the case and taken from date of onset of symptoms, date of diagnosis, laboratory specimen collection date, laboratory received date, laboratory reported date or event creation date/notification date on CIDR. By using this 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 11, 2021

**Table 1:** Characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland during week 11, 2021



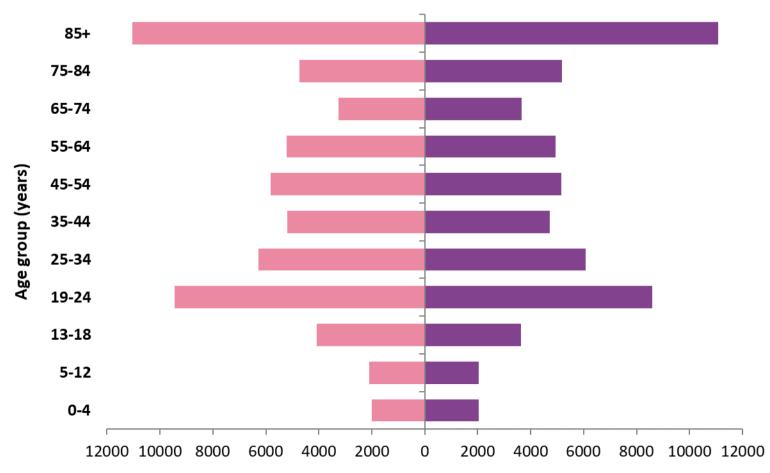


<sup>\*</sup>Symptom status is recorded at the time of test and is not updated; therefore, a proportion of the asymptomatic cases may subsequently develop symptoms however this will not be captured in the data



**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 11, 2021

(excluding 43 cases for whom age is unknown, 86 cases for whom sex is unknown and one case for whom both are unknown)



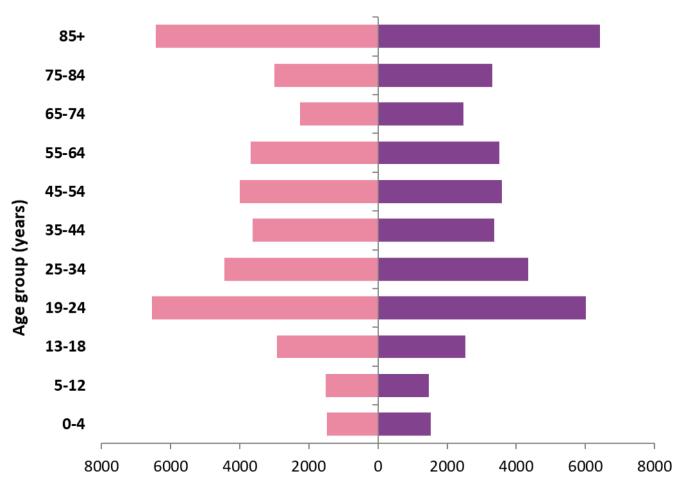
Cumulative age- and sex-specific rate per 100,000 population from week 10, 2020 to week 11, 2021

■ Female ■ Male



**Figure 5b:** Cumulative age- and sex-specific incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 11, 2021

(excluding 18 cases for whom age is unknown, and 78 cases for whom sex is unknown)



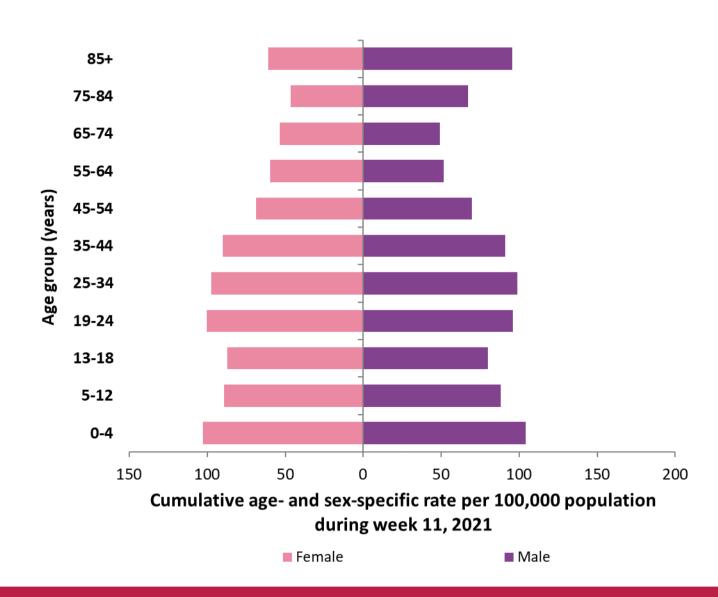
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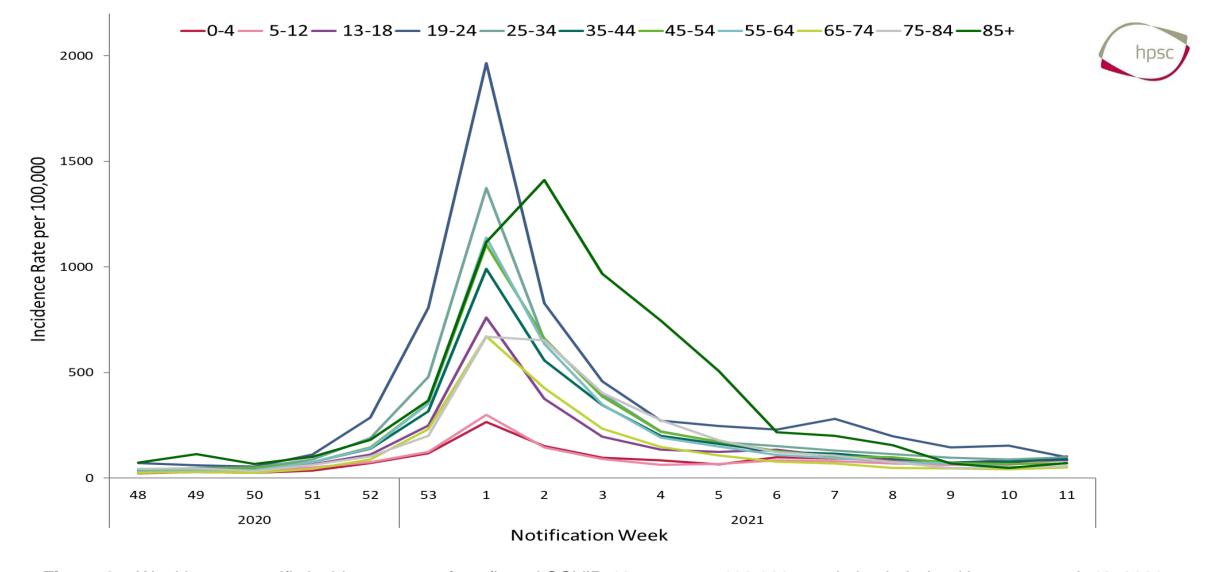
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**Figure 5c:** Cumulative age- and sex-specific incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population notified in Ireland during week 11, 2021

(excluding 5 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 11, 2021

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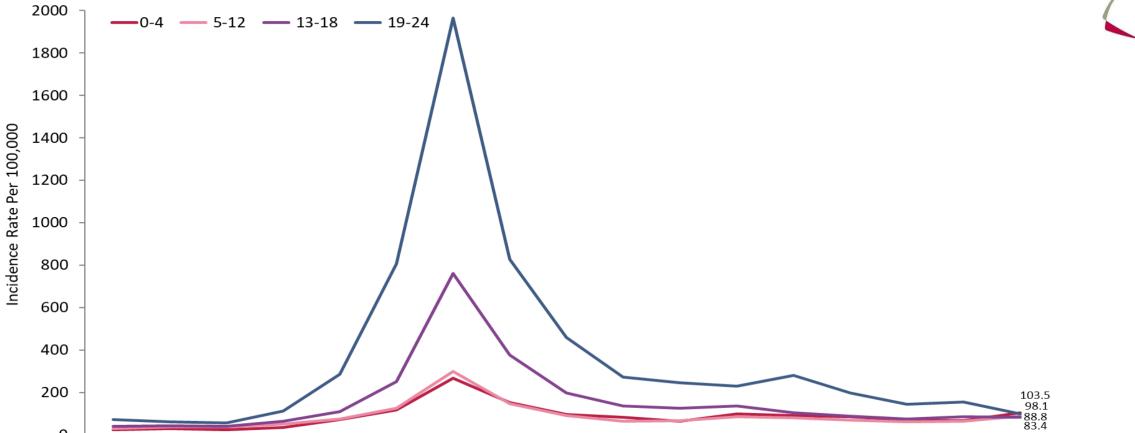




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Data source: CIDR March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

**Notification Week** 

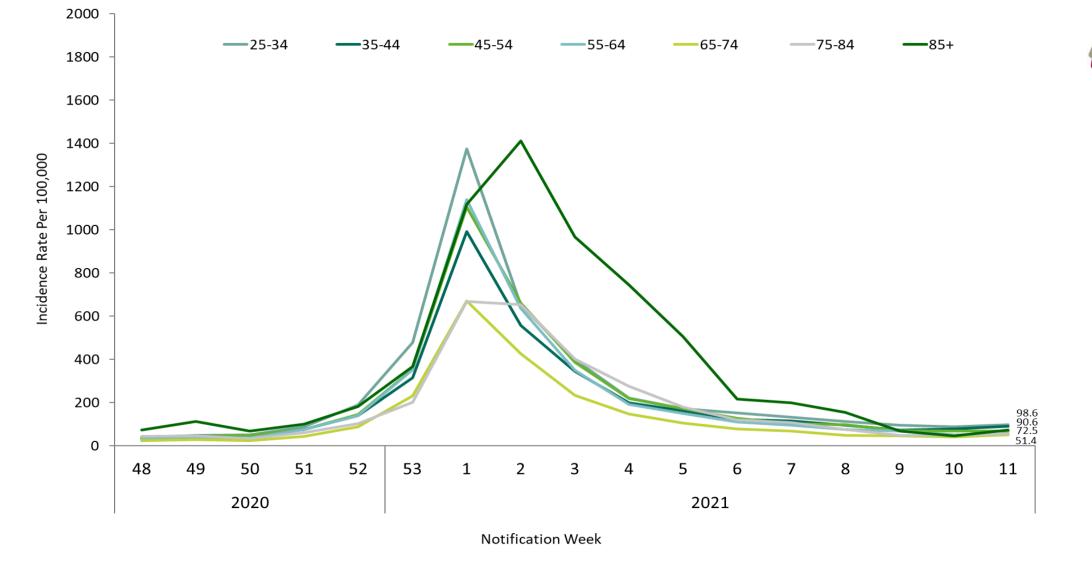


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						P	Age Range	<b>)</b>					
		0-4	5-12	13-18	19-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	National
	48	23.2	29.7	40.9	72.2	39.0	37.1	39.6	30.5	24.1	44.8	74.0	37.7
	49	28.7	38.1	43.1	60.7	48.8	40.3	44.2	35.6	30.3	45.8	114.0	42.5
2020	50	24.7	36.5	40.9	55.3	50.3	41.6	49.0	37.3	24.9	34.1	68.1	41.2
2020	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	190.2	139.8	145.8	141.1	88.9	102.8	182.1	138.5
	<b>☆</b> 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
	¥ 53	266.4	299.8	759.7	1964.6	1374.4	991.7	1104.4	1139.8	670.9	669.2	1117.6	958.0
	_	152.6	146.0	376.2	828.5	652.1	557.5	660.7	635.8	425.7	653.4	1410.7	527.5
	Notification 2 2 2	97.1	91.5	197.0	458.6	399.1	345.8	387.5	349.3	234.0	402.5	968.1	311.1
	<u>:</u>	84.2	63.8	135.4	271.4	221.0	200.4	218.8	192.6	146.7	275.3	746.1	187.5
	<b>9</b> 5	64.9	68.2	124.3	247.0	171.7	161.9	173.2	149.1	106.6	179.6	506.3	150.1
2021	6	98.3	85.3	135.1	231.0	152.4	124.0	128.1	110.0	77.6	121.6	217.6	126.7
	7	91.7	79.5	103.3	281.7	131.8	115.8	104.3	95.1	68.8	106.9	199.8	116.1
	8	86.0	68.7	87.7	198.7	112.8	95.5	99.2	77.0	48.5	76.8	155.4	95.6
	9	70.9	62.7	74.3	145.2	96.0	73.1	71.2	69.6	46.3	48.9	69.6	76.3
	10	66.4	64.2	85.0	153.7	87.8	77.8	68.4	51.9	42.0	49.9	47.4	74.3
	11	103.5	88.8	83.4	98.1	98.6	90.6	69.2	55.6	51.4	56.0	72.5	81.0

**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 11, 2021

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## COVID-19 cases in children 18 years and under



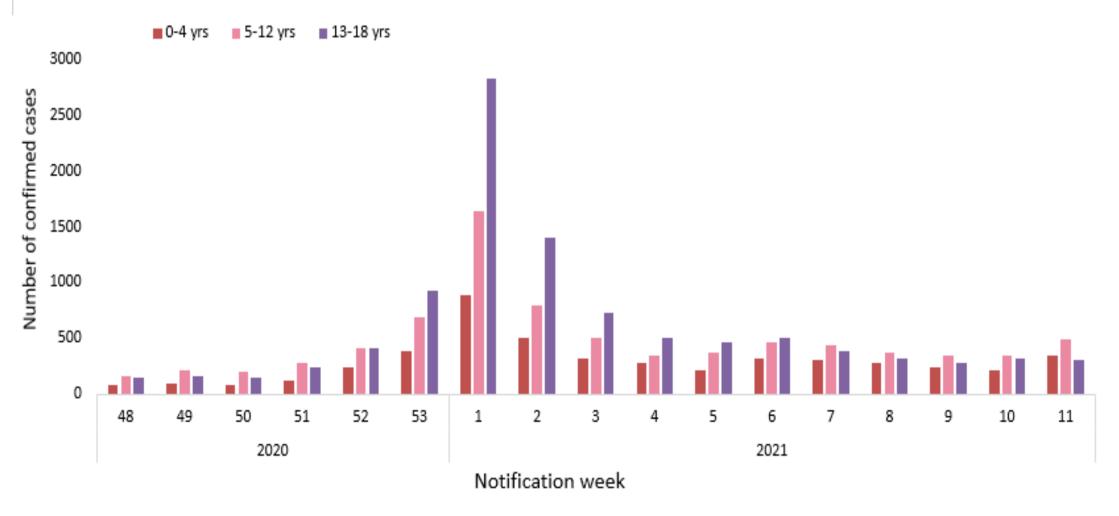
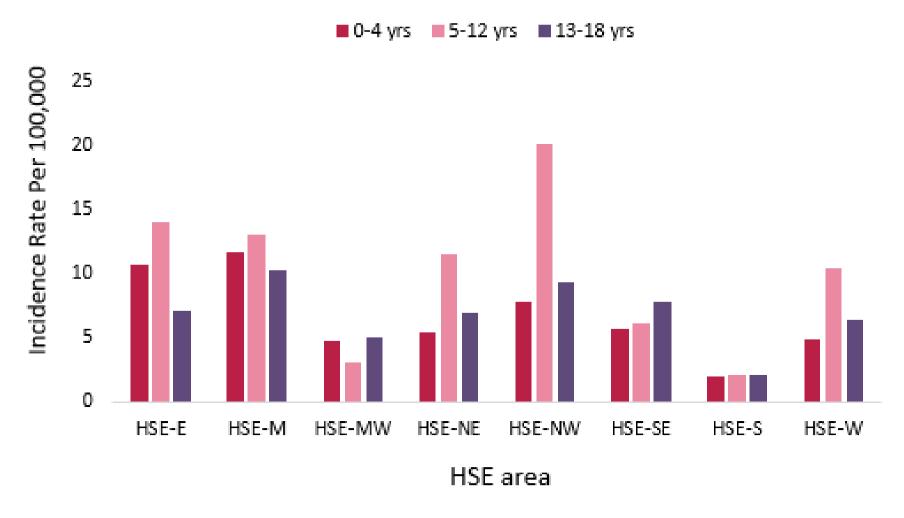


Figure 8: Weekly number of age-specific confirmed COVID-19 cases by notification week in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 11, 2021

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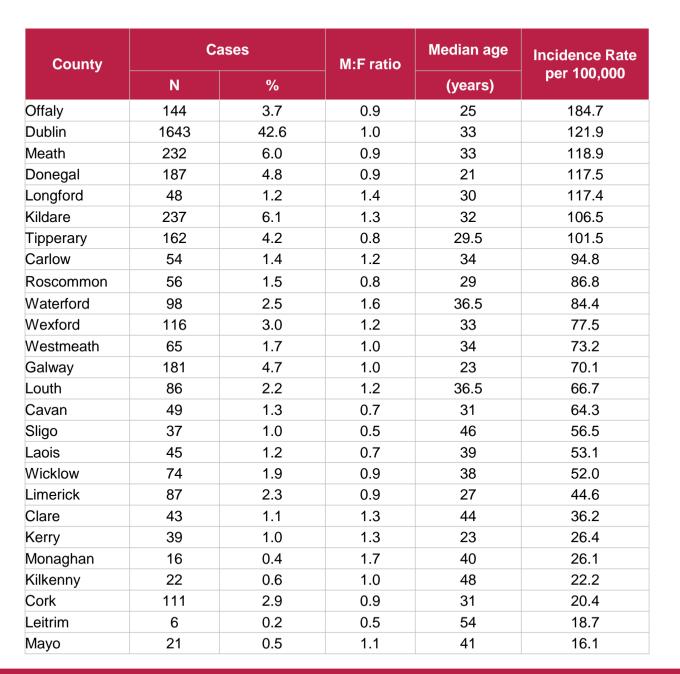
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**Figure 9:** Age-specific incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population, by HSE area, notified in Ireland during week 11, 2021

**Table 2:** Characteristics of confirmed COVID-19 cases by county notified in Ireland, during week 11, 2021







		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
	48	31.6	19.7	14.3	24.5	111.2	43.6	20.2	21.0	21.1	83.6	28.3	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	37.7
	49	72.0	40.7	19.4	13.4	112.4	50.9	31.0	12.2	27.4	86.7	26.0	12.5	79.5	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	42.5
2020	50	82.6	68.3	12.6	12.9	107.4	42.2	28.7	8.1	30.1	111.9	69.7	12.5	50.8	97.9	93.1	65.9	34.4	39.1	30.8	20.1	33.6	38.9	46.5	15.8	24.0	35.8	41.2
2020	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	59.4	28.2	142.9	32.3	70.7
	<b>→</b> 52	108.9	89.3	105.2	123.4	271.4	166.5	98.8	148.9	113.7	185.4	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	138.5
	₩ 53	244.2	506.7	397.2	282.4	553.4	276.5	276.3	299.2	164.9	305.3	331.8	287.1	613.7	340.1	773.6	491.2	372.2	858.5	310.4	311.4	497.4	197.4	233.3	247.8	281.2	118.7	330.2
	Φ 1	1082.0	976.7	990.6	1054.4	853.1	1196.9	454.2	761.0	806.3	851.5	541.9	424.4	1225.8	565.2	1430.0	668.9	768.5	1668.1	556.7	416.8	631.7	614.8	1302.3	452.9	1177.5	498.5	958.0
	Z	669.2	447.6	471.3	527.6	532.1	561.5	630.1	280.3	397.7	314.4	429.8	149.8	643.9	178.6	810.8	970.8	458.9	1008.4	405.3	503.5	212.1	410.5	571.5	244.5	665.2	313.8	527.5
	Notification 9 9 9 9 9	430.3	347.9	194.4	273.0	294.0	372.1	251.9	156.4	307.0	153.2	236.1	137.3	313.0	215.3	450.8	350.9	318.9	659.8	311.7	147.2	218.2	246.3	395.1	169.0	393.4	221.2	311.1
	ig 4   S _	263.5	141.8	110.3	152.0	185.9	229.9	170.5	81.9	147.0	84.7	146.4	74.9	172.4	181.0	284.8	223.0	184.1	413.8	215.5	68.2	138.9	147.9	285.8	119.4	241.1	127.8	187.5
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2021	<u> 5</u> 6	158.1	153.6	63.1	60.2	70.4	185.3	150.7	36.6	126.7	59.5	155.8	59.3	114.9	119.9	156.0	121.8	136.9	166.2	203.9	57.3	58.0	83.4	128.3	119.4	106.9	66.7	126.7
	'	89.6	112.9	81.6	37.2	80.4	157.1	180.2	12.9	144.7	48.4	147.6	96.7	139.0	176.2	135.0	136.4	111.3	164.5	223.2	48.0	45.8	109.7	136.9	100.3	64.1	50.6	116.1
	8	100.1	61.7	70.7	28.9	107.4	131.4	97.7	36.6	105.2	33.3	113.3	59.3	139.6	195.7	131.9	91.9	111.3	78.2	180.9	55.8	42.7	82.1	73.2	139.7	39.4	47.7	95.6
	9	58.0	48.6	55.5	27.6	53.4	116.7	54.3	27.8	73.3	30.2	63.8	21.8	73.9	217.7	105.5	69.0	109.2	52.1	166.8	58.9	33.6	62.7	38.7	103.6	34.7	49.9	76.3
	10	52.7	21.0	21.0	26.2	94.2	107.0	64.7	26.4	143.8	14.1	31.9	18.7	71.3	178.6	67.5	55.9	96.4	44.0	225.8	68.2	44.3	43.2	61.1	66.5	44.7	39.3	74.3
	11	94.8	64.3	36.2	20.4	117.5	121.9	70.1	26.4	106.5	22.2	53.1	18.7	44.6	117.4	66.7	16.1	118.9	26.1	184.7	86.8	56.5	101.5	84.4	73.2	77.5	52.0	81.0

Figure 10: 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 11, 2021

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		HSE-E	HSE-M	HSE-MW	HSE-NE	HSE-NW	HSE-SE	HSE-S	HSE-W	National
	48	41.5	24.3	40.5	38.7	74.4	41.3	23.7	25.4	37.7
	49	49.3	27.4	50.6	53.7	74.8	43.7	13.2	33.8	42.5
2020	50	40.1	46.9	36.4	57.1	76.4	55.6	11.9	38.2	41.2
2020	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	128.9	88.7	138.5
	<u>¥</u> 53	248.8	302.1	483.4	572.4	504.0	245.9	286.0	343.2	330.2
	% 53 1	1088.1	522.1	1017.9	1106.8	745.5	1051.3	991.6	510.7	958.0
	2	519.6	331.8	551.7	629.1	402.4	528.9	474.7	710.2	527.5
	Notification 9 4 2	351.1	233.7	257.1	406.0	255.5	330.6	248.1	265.5	311.1
	<u>2</u> 4	210.6	161.5	155.3	236.4	159.3	202.2	137.0	171.0	187.5
	<u>jj</u> 5	172.0	137.2	109.1	186.2	118.6	156.0	109.6	146.8	150.1
2021	6	167.8	152.6	87.8	149.2	65.5	108.2	55.2	129.1	126.7
	7	146.6	157.4	114.3	125.6	73.3	89.5	32.0	148.8	116.1
	8	121.1	150.9	106.0	104.7	84.5	61.3	30.6	90.0	95.6
	9	105.5	124.9	66.5	90.8	44.2	41.9	27.7	59.1	76.3
	10	106.2	114.6	50.9	69.1	71.7	42.9	26.2	62.7	74.3
	11	114.1	103.3	52.7	83.2	89.2	74.3	21.7	56.9	81.0



**Figure 11:** Weekly Incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population, by HSE area, notified in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 11, 2021

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		CHO1	CHO2	CHO3	CHO4	CHO5	CHO6	CHO7	CHO8	CHO9
	48	57.8	25.4	40.5	23.7	41.3	55.3	31.8	34.7	43.9
	49	72.6	33.8	50.6	13.2	43.7	66.3	34.1	38.1	56.2
2020	50	69.8	38.2	36.4	11.9	55.6	47.8	31.5	52.3	45.2
2020	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	128.9	136.4	178.8	129.9	99.3	162.2
	<del>∑</del> 53	565.3	343.2	483.4	286.0	245.9	260.2	189.2	420.8	309.8
	¥ 53	938.7	510.7	1017.9	991.6	1051.3	1025.7	975.4	786.6	1254.9
	2	509.6	710.2	551.7	474.7	528.9	475.2	453.3	469.9	622.5
	Notification 5 7 8 8	338.6	265.5	257.1	248.1	330.6	322.6	314.4	304.5	410.4
	4 <u>i</u> ji	195.5	171.0	155.3	137.0	202.2	185.3	188.2	194.7	251.7
	5 5	155.1	146.8	109.1	109.6	156.0	142.5	150.5	154.5	214.7
2021	6	99.2	129.1	87.8	55.2	108.2	135.4	133.8	147.6	226.4
	7	95.8	148.8	114.3	32.0	89.5	112.7	123.5	137.6	193.9
	8	80.0	90.0	106.0	30.6	61.3	89.5	94.2	133.7	171.1
	9	46.8	59.1	66.5	27.7	41.9	91.1	67.7	115.3	157.4
	10	58.3	62.7	50.9	26.2	42.9	78.8	89.6	98.5	141.9
	11	75.4	56.9	52.7	21.7	74.3	98.7	80.3	100.1	162.2

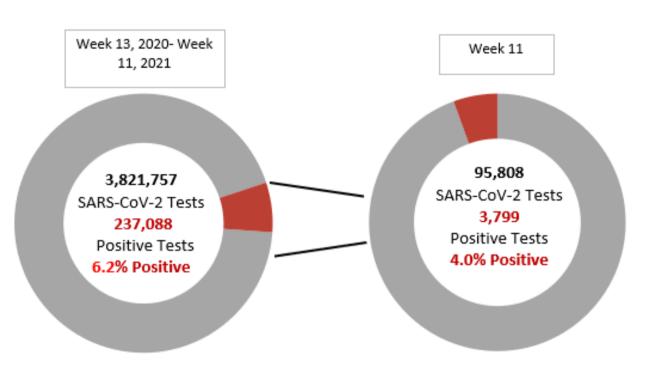


**Figure 12**: Weekly Incidence rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population by CHO notified in Ireland between week 48, 2020 and week 11, 2021

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## **Laboratory data for COVID-19 cases**





200000 ■ Negative Positive ——% Positive 180000 160000 140000 120000 100000 Number of laborat 80000 60000 40000 20000 17 19 21 23 25 27 29 31 33 2020 2021 **Week Number** 

**Figure 13a**: Number of SARS-CoV-2 tests and positive tests\* in Ireland between week 13, 2020 and week 11, 2021

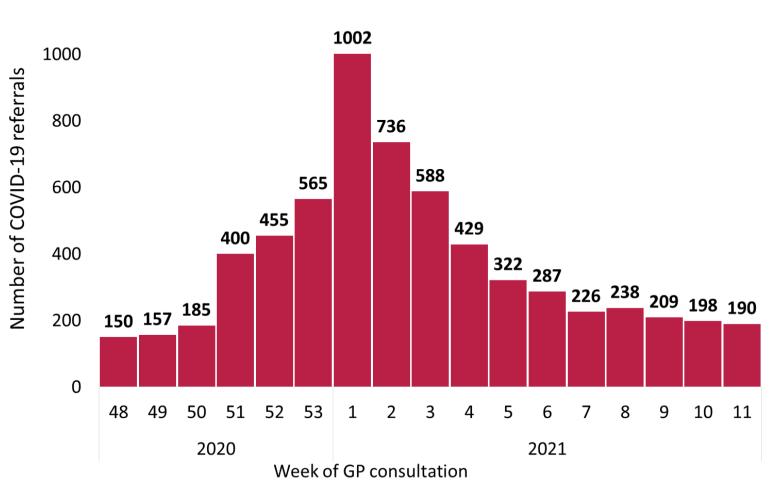
**Figure 13b:** Number of SARS-CoV-2 negative and positive tests\* completed in Ireland between week 13, 2020 and week 11, 2021

Data source: Deloitte Ireland LLP March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

<sup>\*</sup>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





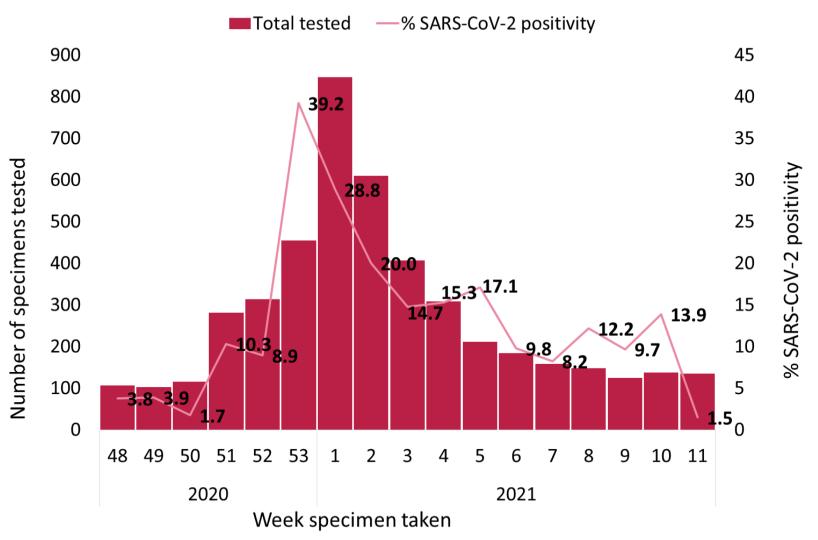
- The Irish Sentinel GP
   Surveillance Scheme is a
   collaboration between the
   Health Protection Surveillance
   Centre, the National Virus
   Reference Laboratory and the
   Irish College of General
   Practitioners.
- The sentinel GP network comprises 60 general practices and 166 practitioners,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

**Figure 14a:** Number of sentinel GP COVID-19 referrals by week of consultation, weeks 48 2020-11 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).

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

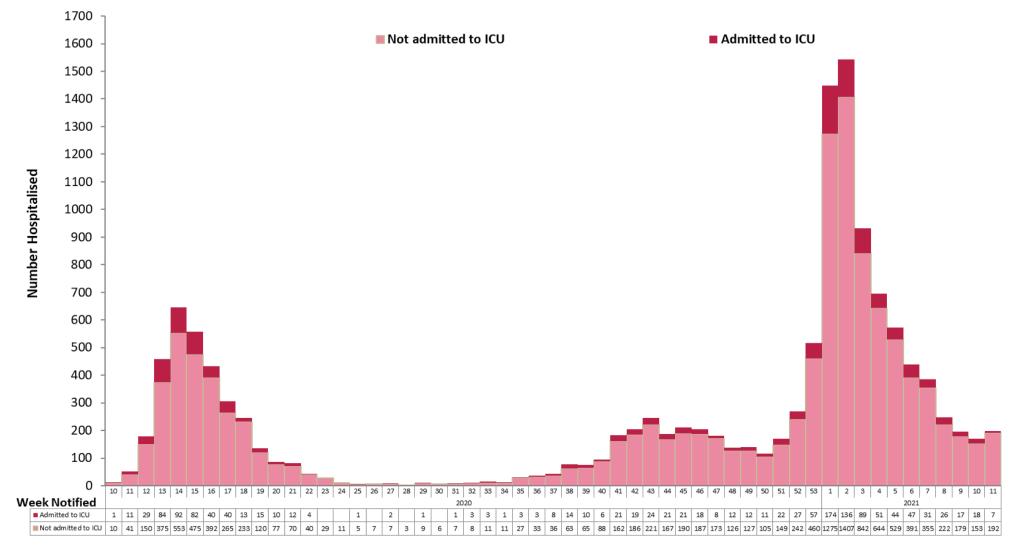




**Figure 14b:** % SARS-CoV-2 positivity data from sentinel GP COVID-19 referrals tested by the NVRL by week specimen was taken, weeks 48 2020 to 11 2021. The Epidemiological week is Monday to Sunday (ISO week) in line with influenza/COVID-19 international reporting to ECDC.

## **Hospitalisations and ICU admissions among COVID-19 cases**





**Figure 15:** Number of hospitalised COVID-19 cases based on ICU admission status in Ireland between week 10, 2020 and week 11, 2021\*
\*Please note that the most recent weeks may not yet reflect all admissions.



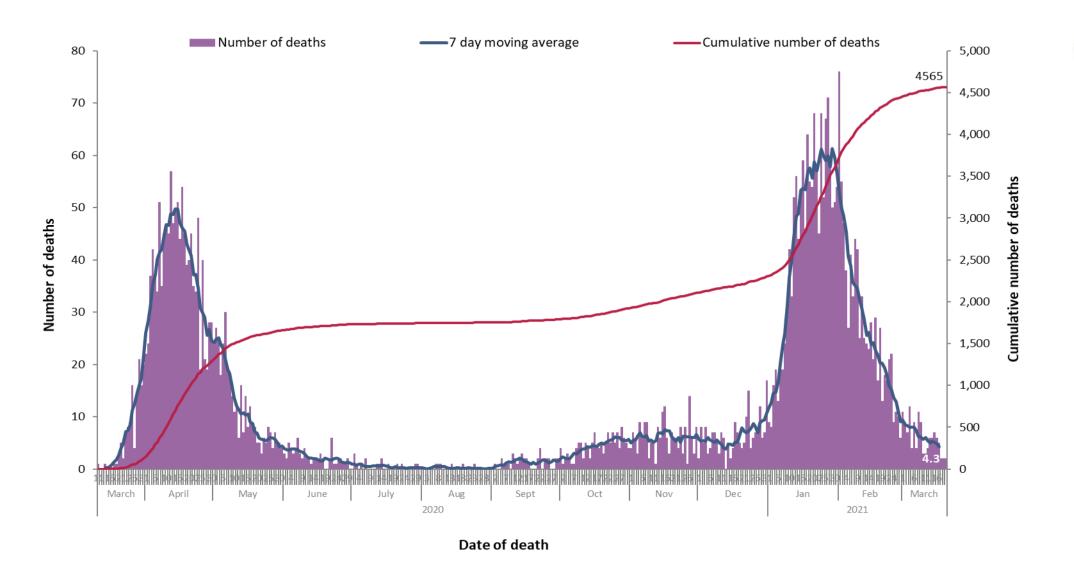


	Number	Percent
Total number of deaths	4,588	
confirmed	4,323	94.2
probable	94	2.0
possible	171	3.7
Number hospitalised who died	2,372	51.7
admitted to ICU who died	412	9.0
not admitted to ICU who died	1,960	42.7
Number of imported cases who died	5	0.1
Number of HCWs who died	15	0.3
Number with underlying conditions who died	3,946	86.0
Males who died	2,414	52.6
M:F ratio	1.11	
Median age (years)	83	
Mean age (years)	81	
Age range (years)	0 - 105	

**Table 3:** Summary of deaths in all COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland between week 10, 2020 and week 11, 2021

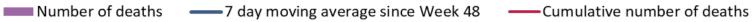
Age group (years)	Female	Male	Total	Percent
<45 yrs	24	26	50	1.1
45-54 yrs	26	48	74	1.6
55-64 yrs	85	148	233	5.1
65-74 yrs	247	456	703	15.3
75-84 yrs	666	892	1,558	34.0
85+ yrs	1,124	844	1,968	42.9
Unknown	2		2	0.0
Total	2,174	2,414	4,588	100.0
Percent	47.4	52.6		

**Table 4:** Number of deaths in all COVID-19 cases by sex and age group notified in Ireland between week 10, 2020 and week 11, 2021

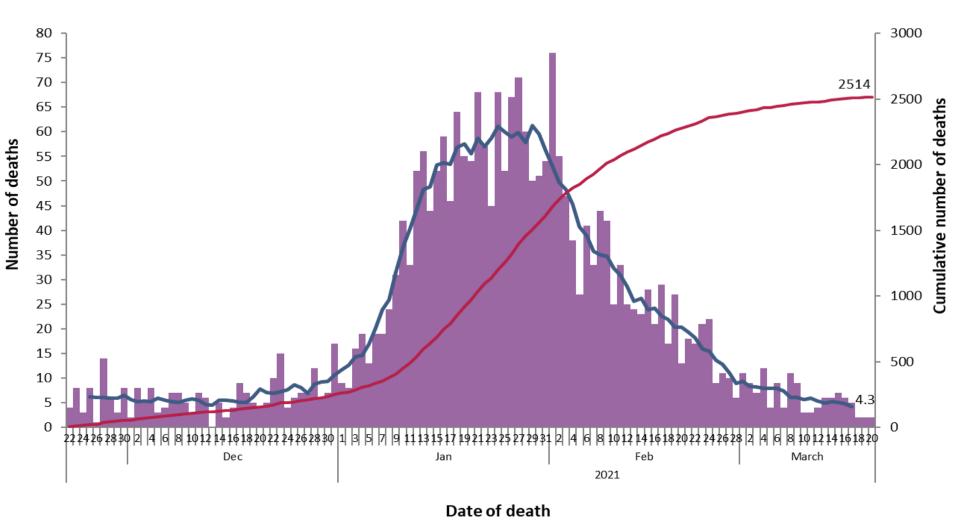


**Figure 16a:** Daily and 7-day moving average number of deaths among COVID-19 cases notified in Ireland by date of death and cumulative total between week 10, 2020 and week 11, 2021

\* Date of death is not yet available for 23 cases







**Figure 16b:** 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 11, 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
- <u>Underlying Conditions</u> in confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland weekly report
- <u>Healthcare Workers</u> 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. 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 24 and 25 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 ≥ 85 years.

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



• Note: Epidemiological week is from Sunday to Saturday in line with the <u>Infectious Disease Regulations 1981</u> 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
2021	34	22/08/2021	28/08/2021
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