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# Coronavirus (COVID-19): daily data for Scotland

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This is updated each day to provide the latest available data on COVID-19 in Scotland.

## Scottish numbers: 31 August 2020

- 160 new confirmed cases of COVID-19; this is 0.9% of newly tested individuals.
- 0 new reported death(s) of people who have tested positive (noting that Register Offices are now generally closed at weekends).
- 5 people were in intensive care last night with confirmed COVID-19.
- 258 people were in hospital with confirmed COVID-19.
- 26,318 new tests for COVID-19 that reported results.

\* this was corrected from 0.7% at 3:45pm


## Figures by health board area

- COVID-19 positive cases and patients in hospital at both Scotland level and Health Board level are provided in published excel files - [Trends in daily data](#)
- further information is provided in the [Public Health Scotland dashboard](#) . This now provides trend information for Health Board areas and local authorities

## Weekly figures

- positive tests: week ending 31 August: 88,491 people newly tested – 601 positive

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- care homes: as at 26 August: 66 (6%) adult care homes with a current case of suspected COVID-19
- care homes confirmed cases: 1 new positive COVID-19 cases among care home residents for week 17 - 23 August. Please see the [Definitions and Sources](#) page for details on this new measure
- care homes testing: week ending 20 August: At least 64 individual care home staff, and 48 residents were tested in care homes with a confirmed case of COVID-19. At least 36,803 individual care home staff, and 1,213 residents were tested in care homes with no confirmed cases of COVID-19. [Health Board data is available](#)
- hospital admissions: week ending 19 August: 12 COVID-19 patients were admitted to hospital.
- deaths: week ending 23 August: 6 deaths were registered where COVID-19 was on the death certificate
- delayed discharges: As at 26 August: 1,011 people were delayed in hospital
- NHS staff absence: week ending 25 August: On average, 1,299 NHS staff, or around 0.8% of the NHS workforce, reported absent each day for a range of reasons related to COVID-19.
- care homes staff absence: week ending 25 August: 554 staff were reported as absent in adult care homes due to COVID-19, based on returns received from 775 (72%) adult care homes. Staff absent due to COVID-19 represents 1.4% of all adult care home staff (40,323) for whom a return was provided. The absence figures for NHS staff and care home staff are calculated in different ways and caution should be exercised in making comparisons.
- shielding: as at 3 August, 180,228 people who were identified as at high clinical risk of COVID-19 had been advised to shield up to the end of July. At that time, there had been 5,426 deaths (from all causes) of those who had been advised to shield. Shielding has been paused since the beginning of August
- more information on who has been affected by COVID-19, including hospital and ICU admissions, calls to NHS24 and Scottish Ambulance Service and use of other NHS services is available in the [weekly PHS publication](#) . This data is updated each Wednesday

### Since the start of the outbreak

- a total of 565,285 people in Scotland have been tested. Of these people:
  - 20,478 were positive
  - 544,807 were confirmed negative
- a total of 524,553 COVID-19 tests carried out through NHS labs and 629,662 tests through UKG Labs in Scotland have reported results.
- 4,237 inpatients who tested positive for COVID-19 have been discharged from hospital since 5 March.
- there have been 3,833 confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst residents of care homes for all ages, since 9 March (The number of suspected cases in adult care homes is no longer being updated – [see the statistics blog](#) for more information).
- 2,494 people have died who have tested positive, and 4,222 deaths have been registered in Scotland where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate.
- 46% of COVID-19 registered deaths related to deaths in care homes, 46% were in hospitals and 7% were at home or non-institutional settings (as at 9 August).
- we have been notified by Health Boards or the Care Inspectorate of 7 deaths of healthcare workers and 13 deaths of social care workers, related to COVID-19. We are not able to confirm how many of these staff contracted COVID-19 through their work.

### School education

On Thursday 27 August 2020, provisional figures show that:

- there were 21,832 pupils absent either for all or part of the school day because of COVID-19 related reasons.
- the overall attendance rate at local authority primary, secondary and special schools was 86.7%.
- absence rate for COVID-19 related reasons was 3%, and for non COVID -19 related reasons was 10.3%.

## About this data and other data sources

Previous data is available at: [Trends in daily data](#). Also available as open data at <https://statistics.gov.scot>.


The data reported is management information based on a range of operational systems. While checks are completed before publication to ensure data robustness, due to the speed of reporting these data are not currently subject to the full range of processes and quality assurance that would be required for Official Statistics. For more information about the data please see [Data definitions and sources](#).

The latest numbers will publish at 2pm each day.

## COVID-19: modelling the epidemic in Scotland


The Scottish Government, like other governments around the world, is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. A key part of this response is to model the potential spread and level of the virus in Scotland, and to compare the Scottish experience to other parts of the UK and other countries around the world. The results of this work are used to help the Scottish Government and the wider public sector, and in particular the health service, plan and put in place what is needed to keep us safe and treat people who have virus e.g. to decide how many Intensive Care Beds (ICU) we need for COVID patients. Modelling reports are available on the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): modelling the epidemic publications page](#)

## Coronavirus cases and deaths dashboard

A new [interactive dashboard](#)  is now available that gives more information about COVID-19 cases and deaths (where COVID-19 was confirmed), including local area trends and demographic information for Scotland.

## More data on people affected by COVID-19

Public Health Scotland reports on the demographic characteristics (age, sex, deprivation) of people affected by COVID-19. The statistical report also looks at some of the wider impacts of the virus on the healthcare system, comparing recent trends in activity with historic norms. It is updated every Wednesday.

Read more: <https://beta.isdscotland.org/find-publications-and-data/population-health/covid-19> 

## More data on COVID-19 deaths

A weekly report on COVID-19 related deaths (including those where COVID-19 is suspected) is available from National Records of Scotland (NRS). This report provides a breakdown of deaths by age, sex, setting (hospital, care home or home) and area (NHS Board area and Local Authority). It is updated every Wednesday.

Read more: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/covid19stats> 

## Scottish Government COVID-19 four harms dashboard

The Scottish Government publishes a [dashboard which brings together data and evidence on the broader impacts of COVID-19](#). These are referred to as the four harms of COVID-19:

- direct health impact
- wider health impacts
- societal impacts
- economic impacts

It is updated every Monday.

## Related information

General information about coronavirus is available at: [www.gov.scot/coronavirus](http://www.gov.scot/coronavirus)

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