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Guidance

Number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and risk in the UK

The latest number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and risk level in the UK.

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Number of cases and deaths

As of 9am on 18 June, there have been 7,259,555 tests, with 136,516 tests on 17 June.

300,469 people have tested positive.

As of 5pm on 17 June, of those who tested positive for coronavirus in the UK, across all settings, 42,288 have died.

	Tests	People tested	Positive	Deaths in all settings
Daily	136,516	Unavailable	1,218	135
Total	7,259,555	Unavailable	300,469	42,288

Breakdown of testing by testing strategy ‘pillars’

- Pillar 1: swab testing in Public Health England (PHE) labs and NHS hospitals for those with a clinical need, and health and care workers
- Pillar 2: swab testing for the wider population, as set out in government guidance
- Pillar 3: serology testing to show if people have antibodies from having had COVID-19
- Pillar 4: serology and swab testing for national surveillance supported by PHE, ONS, Biobank, universities and other partners to learn more about the prevalence and spread of the virus and for other testing research purposes, for example on the accuracy and ease of use of home testing

See the government’s [national testing strategy](#) for more information on the different pillars.

Read our [testing methodology document](#) about reporting statistics on testing.

Daily

	Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3	Pillar 4	Total
People tested	23,244	Unavailable	-	-	Unavailable
Tests	43,035	45,171	44,082	4,228	136,516
Positive	336	882	-	-	1,218

Cumulative

	Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3	Pillar 4	Total
People tested	1,598,395	Unavailable	-	-	Unavailable
Tests	2,348,319	3,886,704	678,176	346,356	7,259,555
Positive	193,629	106,840	-	-	300,469

Pillar 2 breakdown of test types

	In-person (tests processed)	Delivery (tests sent out)	Total tests
Daily	26,541	18,630	45,171
Cumulative	1,751,998	2,134,706	3,886,704

Pillar 4 breakdown of test types

	In-person (tests processed)	Delivery (tests sent out)	Total tests
Daily	2,923	1,305	4,228
Cumulative	146,283	200,073	346,356

18 June notes

To ensure consistent reporting across all pillars, we’ve paused reporting the number of people tested due to an issue with the data for pillar 2. There are a small percentage of cases in pillar 2 where a person has been tested more than once or tested positive for coronavirus more than once. Any incorrect figures identified will be corrected.

The total number of tests has been revised since yesterday’s total after the following changes to the historical data:

- 885 tests removed from the pillar 2 cumulative total

- 1,948 tests added to the pillar 3 cumulative total

The daily tests reported today have been added to this revised total rather than the total reported yesterday, so the cumulative total today is 1,063 higher than if you added the daily tests to yesterday's total.

For pillar 2, the cumulative number of in-person tests today is 1,343 lower than if you added the daily tests to yesterday's total, and the cumulative number of delivery route tests is 458 higher.

Testing capacity

At 9am on 15 June, testing capacity was 241,540.

	Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3	Pillar 4	Total
Lab capacity	65,120	135,000	40,000	1,420	241,540

Coronavirus tests are processed in several separate labs. Projected lab capacity is an estimate of each lab's constrained capacity each day based on the staff, chemical reagents and other resources it has available. These estimates are made locally by the labs themselves.

Further information on the methodology of how capacity is reported is available in the [testing methodology document](#).

Time series

- [See a time series of testing statistics: 18 June 2020](#) (CSV, 56.2KB)
- [See a time series of capacity statistics: 16 June 2020](#) (CSV, 12.4KB) (updated every Tuesday at 9:30am)
- [See a time series of daily deaths: 18 June 2020](#) (CSV, 4.14KB)

Correspondence with the Statistics Regulator about testing data

The Chair of the Office for Statistics Regulation wrote to us about presentation of statistics about testing.

[Read the letter from the regulator.](#)

[Read our response, published on 27 May.](#)

General notes

Data on UK tests, positive cases and deaths is updated on this page daily at 2pm or shortly after. The figures for test results and for deaths are compiled from different sources. This is why the figures for deaths are reported from an earlier point in time than the figures for test results.

Daily totals reflect actual counts reported for the previous day. Each day there may be corrections to previous reported figures. This means that previously published daily counts will not necessarily sum to the latest cumulative figure. It also means that today's cumulative count may not match the previous day's cumulative count plus today's daily count.

Notes on deaths figures

From 29 April, figures for deaths include all cases where there is a positive confirmed test for coronavirus. The figures include deaths with lab-confirmed COVID-19 in all settings, not just those in hospital, and this provides us with a single figure on an equivalent basis for the whole of the UK.

These UK figures are compiled from validated data provided by each of the four nations of the UK. Figures from Health Protection Scotland, Public Health Wales and the Public Health Agency (Northern Ireland) have always included tested cases outside hospital. Figures for England from 29 April onwards are provided by Public Health England and draw together several different data sources, including data from NHS England and Improvement, to produce this broader measure.

This approach allows us to compile deaths data on a daily basis using up-to-date figures across all settings. The data includes deaths with lab-confirmed COVID-19 reported as at 5pm the previous day. The amount of time between occurrence of death and reporting in these figures may vary slightly and in some cases could be a few days, so figures at 5pm may not include all deaths for that day.

The PHE method draws on data from 3 data sources and individual records of deaths are included in the figures as soon as they are available in any of these 3 sources.

As announced previously, from 1 June we have stopped publishing a separate count of deaths in hospital as our daily count now provides a count of deaths in all settings. [Figures for deaths in hospital in England continue to be published by NHS England.](#)

In addition to these figures, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) publishes weekly counts of deaths in which COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. This publication is issued every Tuesday, starting on 31 March 2020. The ONS series includes cases in all settings, and also includes some cases where COVID-19 is suspected but no test has taken place. ONS detailed data covers England and Wales only, but from 28 April their publication includes a headline summary of registered deaths in the whole of the UK. Their report each Tuesday covers deaths registered up to 11 days before publication.

[Joint DHSC and ONS transparency statement about COVID deaths figures](#)

Material published by PHE

PHE updates a [daily dashboard](#) to show trends in UK data on positive tests and deaths and to provide confirmed cases in each local authority and NHS region in England.

Risk level

The risk to the UK is high.

Published 24 January 2020

Last updated 18 June 2020

18 June 2020

Daily figures added.

17 June 2020

Updated figures.

16 June 2020

Updated figures.

16 June 2020

Updated testing capacity figures.

15 June 2020

Updated figures.

14 June 2020

Updated figures.

13 June 2020

Updated figures.

12 June 2020

Updated figures.

11 June 2020

Updated figures.

10 June 2020

Updated figures.

9 June 2020

Updated figures.

9 June 2020

Updated with weekly testing capacity figures.

8 June 2020

Updated figures.

7 June 2020

Updated figures.

6 June 2020

Updated figures.

5 June 2020

Updated figures.

4 June 2020

Updated figures.

3 June 2020

Updated figures.

2 June 2020

Corrections have been made to the table 'Pillar 4 breakdown of test types'.

2 June 2020

Updated figures and added new table: 'Pillar 4 breakdown of test types'.

2 June 2020

Notes about testing data sources and methodology have been moved to a new page: 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): testing data methodology'. Figures will be updated later today.

1 June 2020

Updated figures.

31 May 2020

Updated figures

30 May 2020

Updated figures and added pillar 3 definition under testing capacity

29 May 2020

Updated figures.

28 May 2020

Updated figures.

27 May 2020

Added new information about testing and capacity times series

27 May 2020

Updated figures.

26 May 2020

Updated figures.

25 May 2020

Updated figures.

24 May 2020

Updated figures.

23 May 2020

Updated the daily figures for number of cases and deaths. Due to technical difficulties with data collection we cannot provide people tested figures today.

22 May 2020

Updated figures.

21 May 2020

Updated figures.

20 May 2020

Updated figures.

19 May 2020

Updated figures.

18 May 2020

Updated figures.

17 May 2020

Updated figures.

16 May 2020

Updated figures.

15 May 2020

Updated figures.

14 May 2020

Updated figures.

13 May 2020

Updated figures.

12 May 2020

Updated figures.

11 May 2020

Updated figures.

10 May 2020

Updated figures.

9 May 2020

Updated figures

8 May 2020

Figures updated.

7 May 2020

Updated figures.

6 May 2020

Updated figures.

5 May 2020

Updated figures.

4 May 2020

Updated figures.

3 May 2020

Updated figures.

2 May 2020

Updated on 2 May with daily figures

1 May 2020

Updated figures.

30 April 2020

Updated figures.

30 April 2020

Updated with figures reported on 29 April, including deaths in all settings, and updated notes on reporting of deaths figures. Figures for 30 April will follow later today.

28 April 2020

Updated figures.

27 April 2020

Updated figures.

26 April 2020

Updated figures.

25 April 2020

Updated figures.

24 April 2020

Updated figures.

23 April 2020

Updated figures.

22 April 2020

Updated figures.

21 April 2020

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20 April 2020

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19 April 2020

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19 April 2020

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18 April 2020

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17 April 2020

Updated figures.

16 April 2020

Updated figures.

15 April 2020

Updated figures.

14 April 2020

Updated figures.

13 April 2020

Updated figures

12 April 2020

Changed the total number of tests concluded from 352,974 to 350,575. The updated figure only includes tests carried out under pillars 1 and 2 of the government's national testing strategy

12 April 2020

In breakdown by pillar section, corrected total people tested figure in cumulative table

12 April 2020

Updated figures

11 April 2020

Updated figures.

10 April 2020

Updated figures and included breakdown of people tested under pillars 1 and 2 of the government's national testing strategy.

9 April 2020

Updated figures.

8 April 2020

Updated figures and added figures table.

7 April 2020

Updated figures.

6 April 2020

Updated figures to include cumulative tests.

5 April 2020

Updated figures

4 April 2020

Updated figures

3 April 2020

Updated daily figures

2 April 2020

Updates figures for testing

1 April 2020

Updated figures.

1 April 2020

Added information on how figures for deaths are compiled and reported.

31 March 2020

Updated figures.

30 March 2020

Updated figures.

29 March 2020

Updated figures.

28 March 2020

Updated figures.

27 March 2020

Updated figures.

26 March 2020

Updated figures. From today, 26 March 2020, recorded deaths will be as of 5pm the previous day.

25 March 2020

Update to the figures for testing in UK

24 March 2020

Updated figures.

23 March 2020

Updated test result figures.

22 March 2020

updated figures.

22 March 2020

updated figures.

21 March 2020

Updated figures on test results.

20 March 2020

Added updated figures.

19 March 2020

Updated figures and time

19 March 2020

Updated test figures

18 March 2020

Updated figures.

18 March 2020

Updated figures on test results.

17 March 2020

Updated figures.

16 March 2020

Updated test result figures.

15 March 2020

Update on case numbers, those who have tested positive and those who have sadly died.

14 March 2020

Updated numbers.

13 March 2020

Updated test result figures.

12 March 2020

The UK risk level has been raised to high.

12 March 2020

Added new guidance for people with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

12 March 2020

Updated test result figures.

11 March 2020

Update to figures.

10 March 2020

Updated figures.

9 March 2020

Updated Italy advice.

9 March 2020

Updated figures.

8 March 2020

"to be determined" figures corrected - from 22 to 20.

8 March 2020

Updated lockdown areas.

8 March 2020

Regions updated.

8 March 2020

updated figures.

7 March 2020

Now with regional breakdown

7 March 2020

Update on stats and switch to 7am to improve reporting. Regionalised data to be published later today

6 March 2020

Updated test result figures.

5 March 2020

Updated returning traveller advice for Italy.

5 March 2020

Added updated figures for test results, including number of cases in each NHS England region.

4 March 2020

Updated test result figures.

3 March 2020

Updated figures for tests

2 March 2020

Added updated figures on UK test results.

1 March 2020

Updated figures.

29 February 2020

Updated stats and also made clear from now on stats will be accurate as of 0900 that day for consistency and accuracy.

28 February 2020

Updated figures.

27 February 2020

Updated figures.

26 February 2020

Updated figures.

25 February 2020

Updated test result figures.

25 February 2020

Updated advice for returning travellers.

24 February 2020

Updated test result figures.

23 February 2020

Updated figures.

22 February 2020

Updated numbers.

21 February 2020

Update to test figures

20 February 2020

Updated test figures.

19 February 2020

Updated daily figures on test results.

18 February 2020

Updated daily figures on test results.

17 February 2020

Updated figures.

16 February 2020

Daily update to testing numbers.

15 February 2020

Updated figures.

14 February 2020

Updated test result figures.

13 February 2020

Updated test result figures.

12 February 2020

Updated figures.

11 February 2020

Updated figures for those tested in the UK.

10 February 2020

Updated figures for those tested in UK

9 February 2020

Updated statistics on coronavirus tests.

9 February 2020

Fourth case of coronavirus in England

8 February 2020

Updated test figures

7 February 2020

Updated figures for coronavirus checks and removal figures of passengers returned from Wuhan as all are outside the incubation period.

6 February 2020

Updated advice from the Chief Medical Officer.

6 February 2020

Updated figures

5 February 2020

Updated figures - no new cases

4 February 2020

Updated advice for travellers

4 February 2020

Added link to FCO travel advice for British nationals.

4 February 2020

Updated test figures – no further positive cases.

3 February 2020

Added Northern Ireland contact number for those who have returned from Wuhan or Hubei Province in the last 14 days, or from elsewhere in China and have developed symptoms.

3 February 2020

updated figures - no new cases

2 February 2020

Updated figures - no new cases.

1 February 2020

Updated test figures – no further positive cases.

31 January 2020

Added coronavirus public information video.

31 January 2020

Updated the advice for travellers from China.

31 January 2020

Updated test figures.

31 January 2020

Update regarding first confirmed cases of coronavirus in England.

30 January 2020

Addition of CMO statement

30 January 2020

Updated information on risk level

30 January 2020

Updated figures – no confirmed cases

29 January 2020

Updated figures - no confirmed cases.

28 January 2020

Updated figures - no confirmed cases

28 January 2020

Updated advice for travellers from Wuhan.

27 January 2020

Updated advice for travellers from Wuhan.

27 January 2020

Updated test figures - no confirmed cases

26 January 2020

Updated figures - no confirmed cases.

25 January 2020

Tests figure update - no confirmed cases.

25 January 2020

Updated advice

24 January 2020

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