

**Important Notice:** The COVID-19 Daily Dashboard was not published on Christmas. Today's dashboard includes reports received from approximately 12:00 AM on Thursday, December 24 through 11:59 PM on Friday, December 25. As a result, today's numbers reflect case counts from the entire time period.

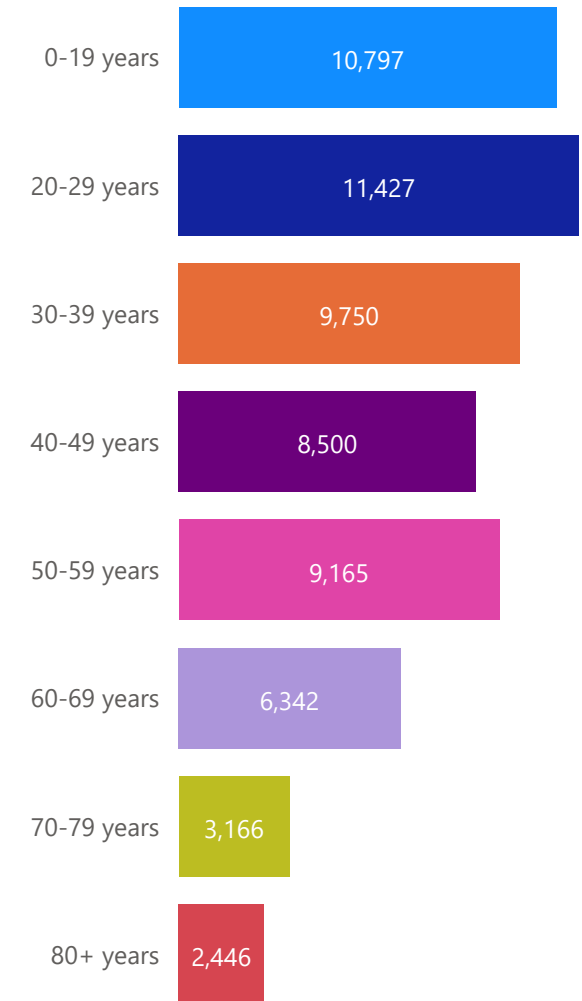


# Dashboard of Public Health Indicators

## Testing and Cases

<p>Newly Reported Confirmed Cases</p> <p><b>7,424</b></p>	<p>Total New Molecular Tests Reported</p> <p><b>108,445</b></p>	<p>7-Day Average Positivity</p> <p><b>6.32%</b></p>	<p>Estimated Active Cases</p> <p><b>78,086</b></p>
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Total Cases By Age Group from 12/6/2020-12/19/2020 \*



## Hospitalization

<p>Total Confirmed COVID Patients in Hospital</p> <p><b>2,077</b></p>	<p>Total Confirmed COVID Patients in ICU</p> <p><b>416</b></p>	<p>Average Age of Cases that were Hospitalized*</p> <p><b>69</b></p>
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## Deaths

<p>Newly Reported Deaths among Confirmed</p> <p><b>46</b></p>	<p>Average Age of Deaths*</p> <p><b>80</b></p>	<p>14-Day Average Turnaround (from Test Sample to Report to DPH)*</p> <p><b>2.90</b></p>
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## Turnaround Time

Note: For definitions, please see the Glossary at the end of this document in 'Definitions and Disclaimers'. Average age of hospitalized cases and deaths are calculated for a two week period covering 12/6/2020 to 12/19/2020. Please see the most current weekly dashboard for more details <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting>

\*Last updated Wednesday, 12/23/2020

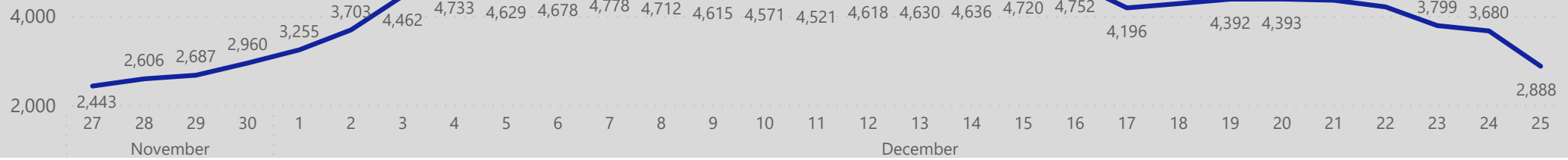


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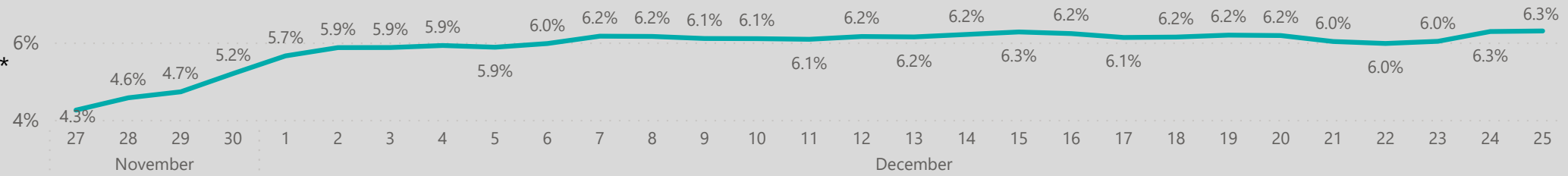
Percent of Change Since  
Lowest Observed Value (LOV)

7-Day Average of  
New Confirmed  
Cases



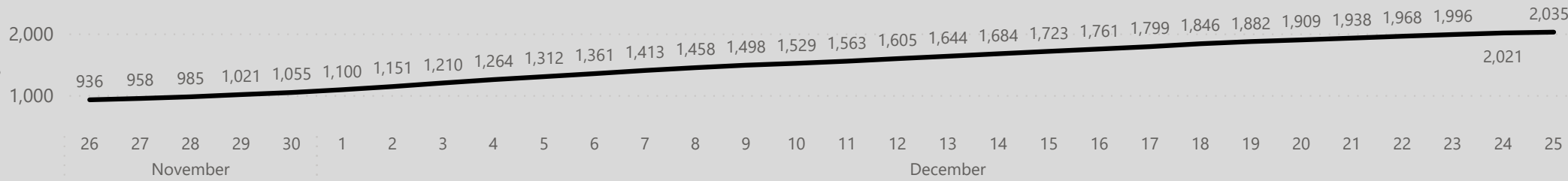
**1,743%**  
LOV = 157

7-Day Weighted  
Average of Positive  
Molecular Test Rate\*



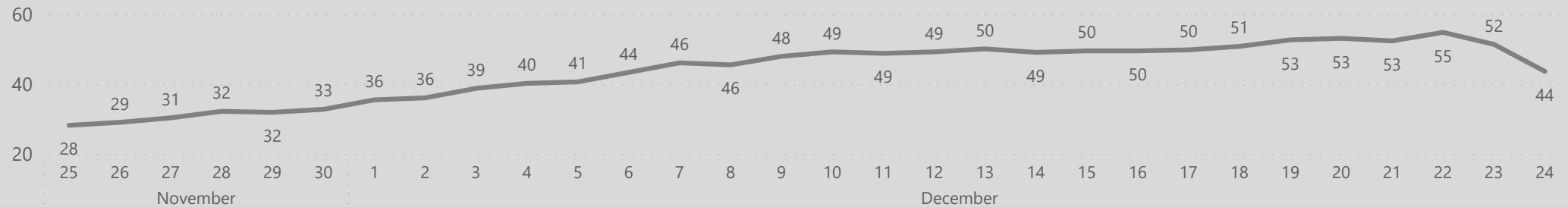
**719%**  
LOV = 0.8%

7-Day Average of  
Number of  
COVID-19 Patients  
in Hospital\*\*



**1,210%**  
LOV = 155

7-Day Average of  
COVID-19  
Deaths\*\*\*



**315%**  
LOV = 11

\*Calculated from total molecular tests for all of MA; \*\*Includes only confirmed cases of COVID-19 in acute hospitals and alternate care sites; \*\*\*Includes deaths in only confirmed cases of COVID-19  
Note: LOV = Lowest observed value, i.e. the lowest value the public health indicator has been since tracking started on 04/15/2020. Due to data lags, counts for most recent dates are likely incomplete, and thus measures are subject to change.



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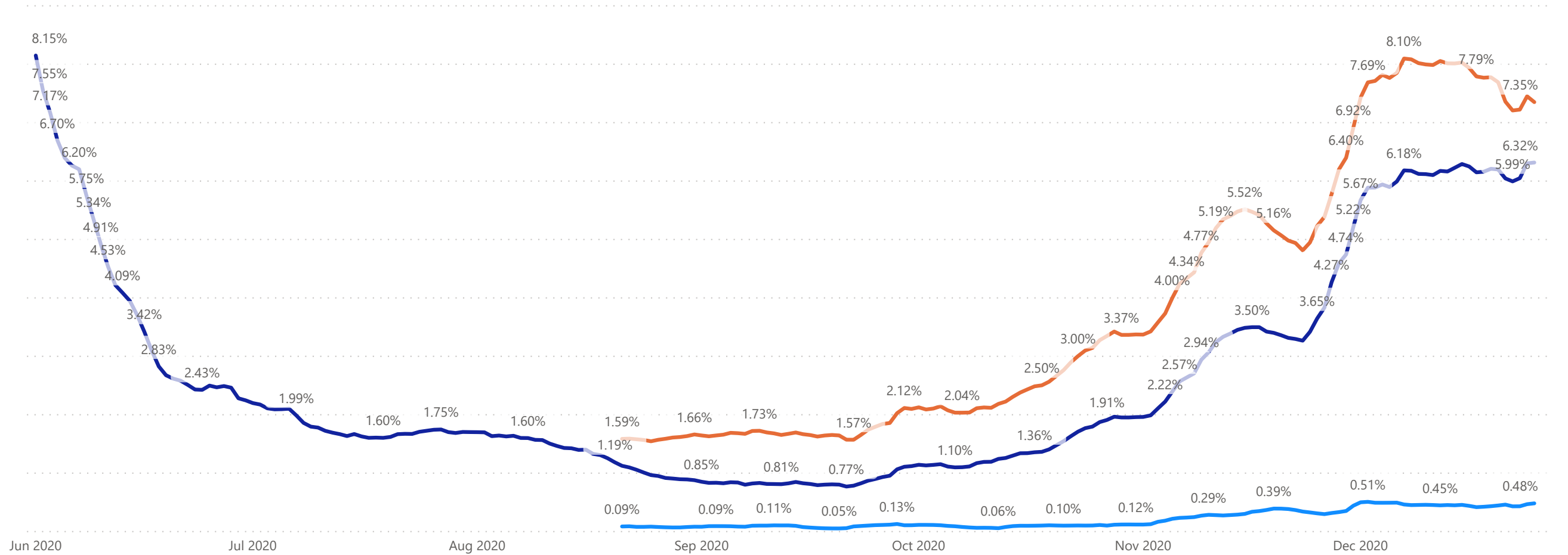
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# Testing by Date - Molecular (Percent Positive)

7-Day Weighted Average of Percent of Tests By Molecular Method that are Positive by Test Date

● MA Statewide (metric on p.2) ● MA Higher Education Only ● MA with Higher Education Tests Removed



Data Sources: COVID-19 Data provided by the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences; Tables and Figures created by the Office of Population Health.

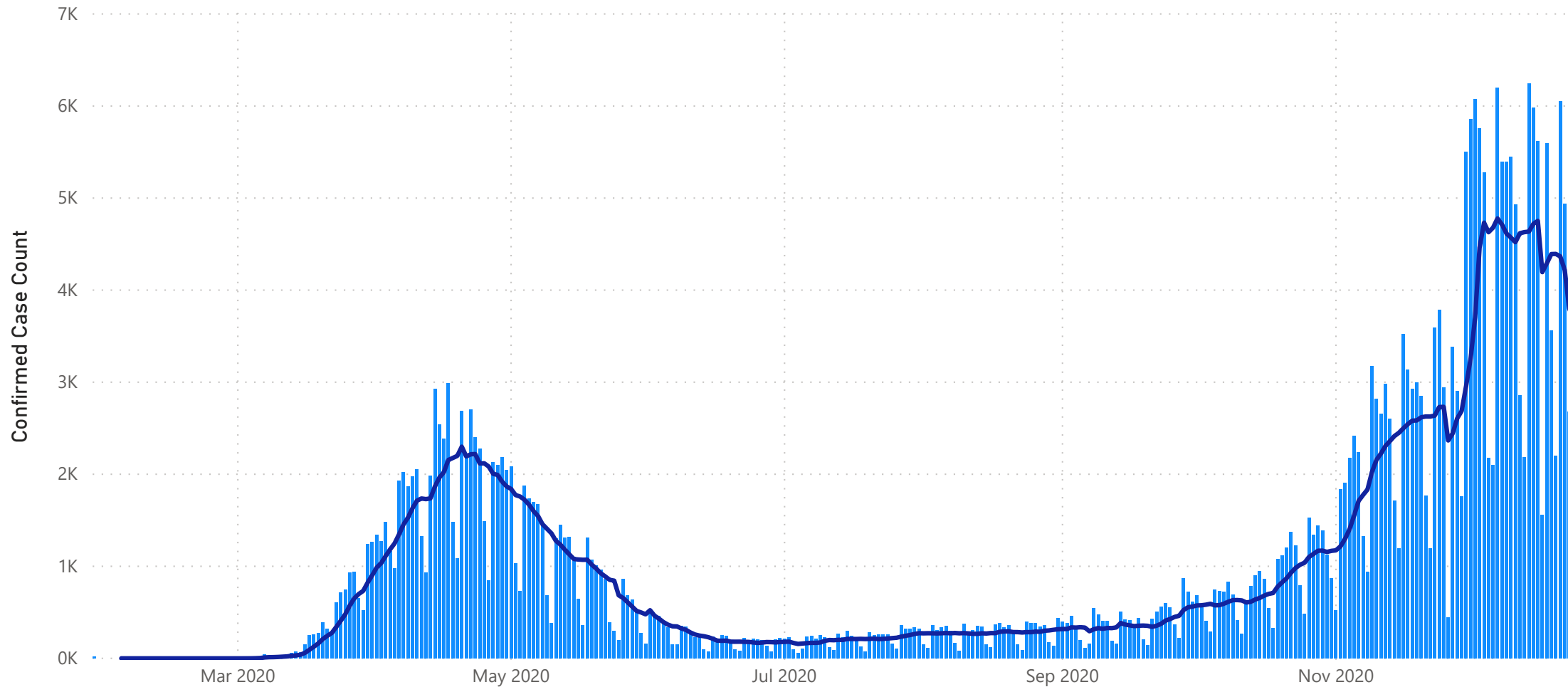
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# Daily Confirmed Cases (Since March)

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases To Date by Date Individual Tested

● Confirmed Cases by Date ● 7-Day Average Confirmed Case Count



Total Confirmed Cases

**335,731**

Average Daily Incidence Rate Per 100,000 (last 14 days)\*

**63.2**

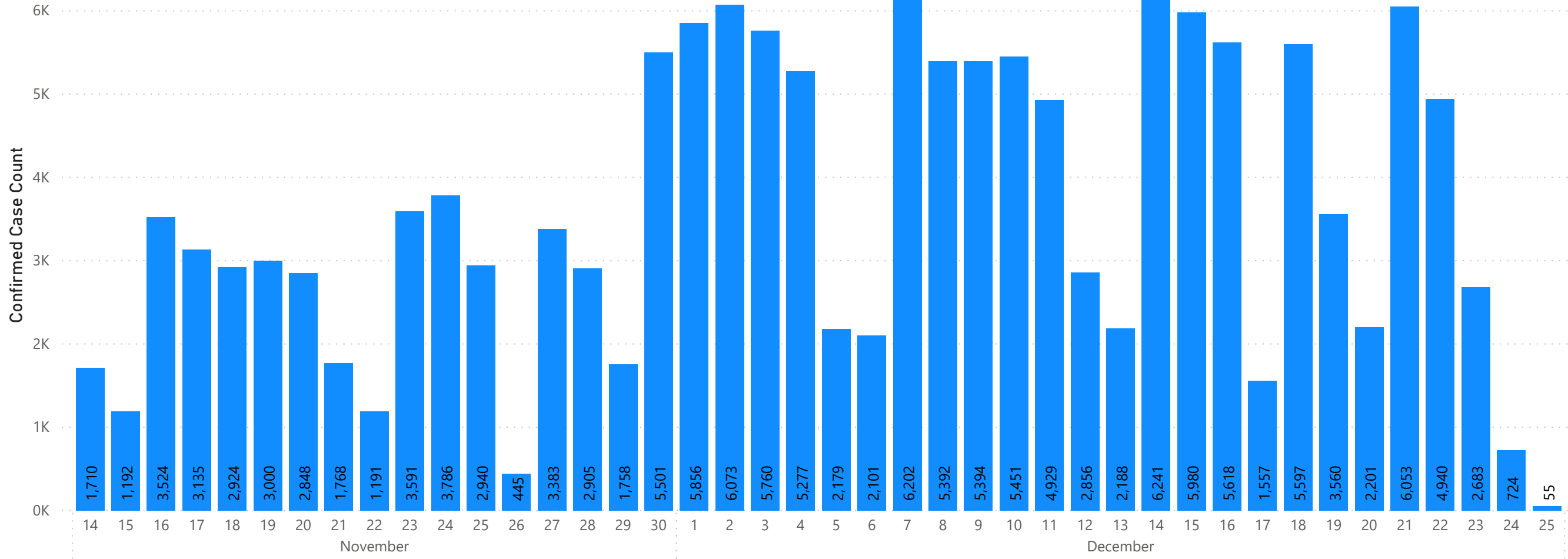
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# Daily Confirmed Cases (Past 6 Weeks)

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Date Individual Tested



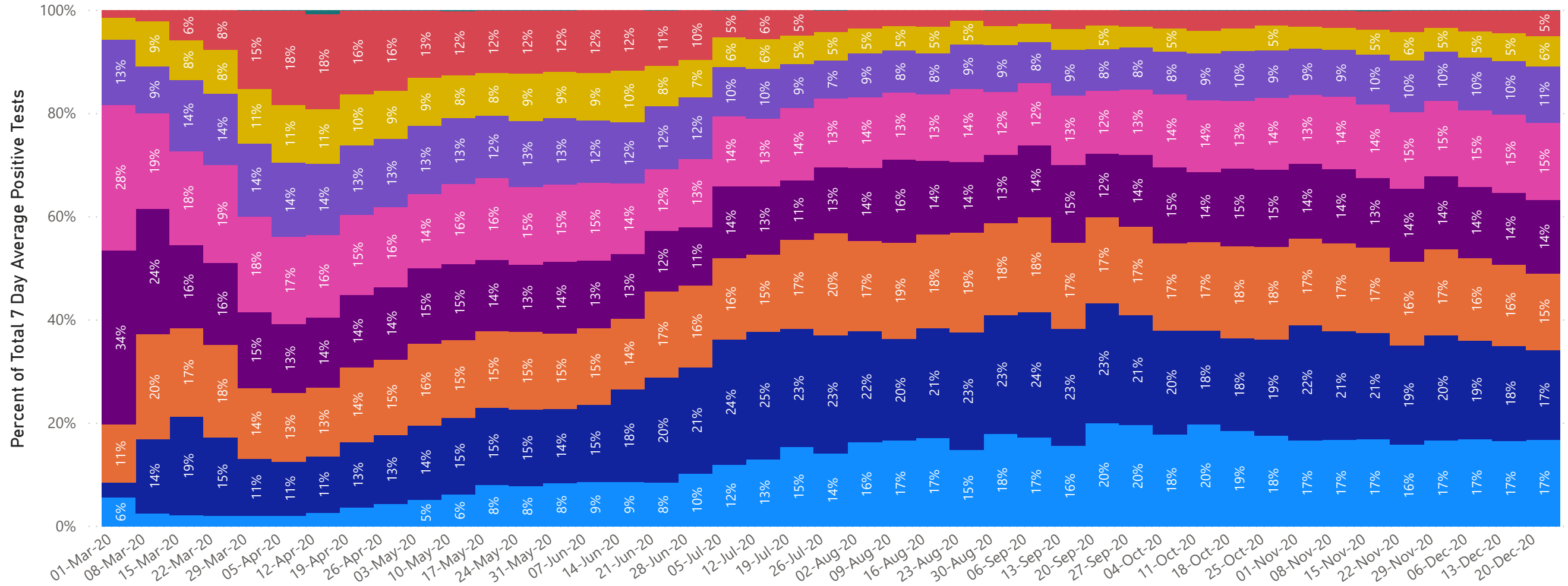
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# Positive Tests by Age Group

Percent Positive by Week and Age Group

Age Group ● 0-19 years ● 20-29 years ● 30-39 years ● 40-49 years ● 50-59 years ● 60-69 years ● 70-79 years ● 80+ years ● Unknown



Full Week of Testing Starting on the Date Shown

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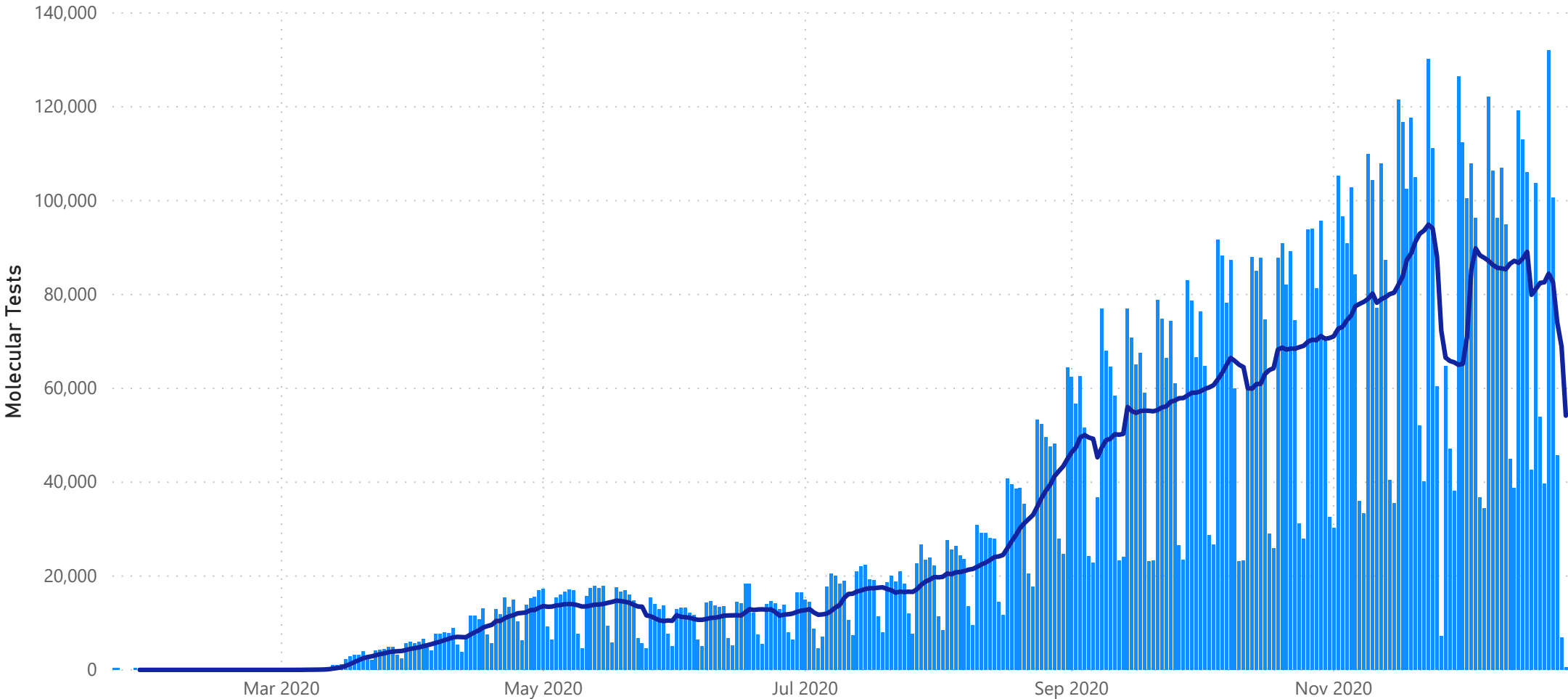


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## Testing by Date - Molecular (Total Tests Conducted Since March)

### Total Molecular Tests by Date

● All Molecular Tests ● 7-Day Average of All Molecular Tests



Total Molecular Tests Administered  
**10,622,490**

7-Day Average Test Rate per 100,000 Residents  
**778**

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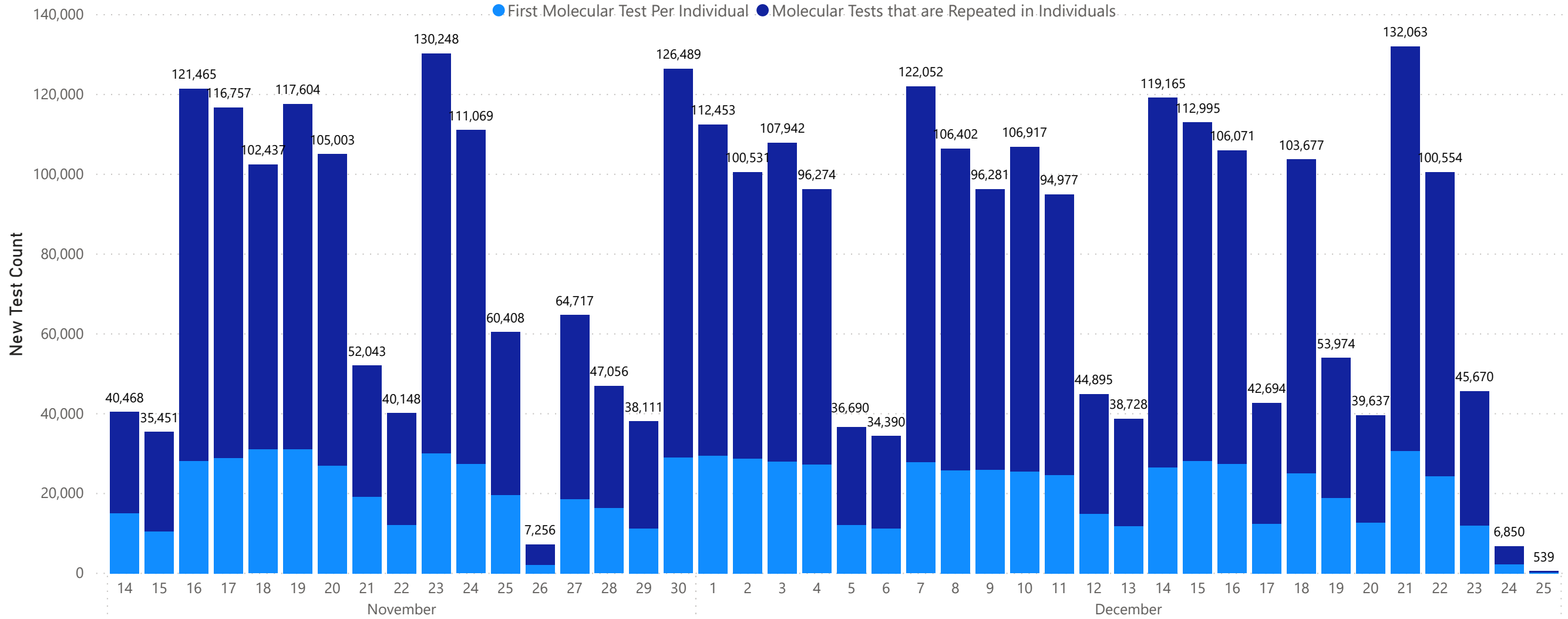
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## Testing by Date - Molecular (Total Tests Conducted Past 6 Weeks)

Total Number of Molecular Tests Performed by Date



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# Probable Case Information

Newly Reported  
Probable Cases

253

Total Probable Cases

13,871

Newly Reported  
Deaths Among  
Probable

1

Total Deaths Among  
Probable Cases

258



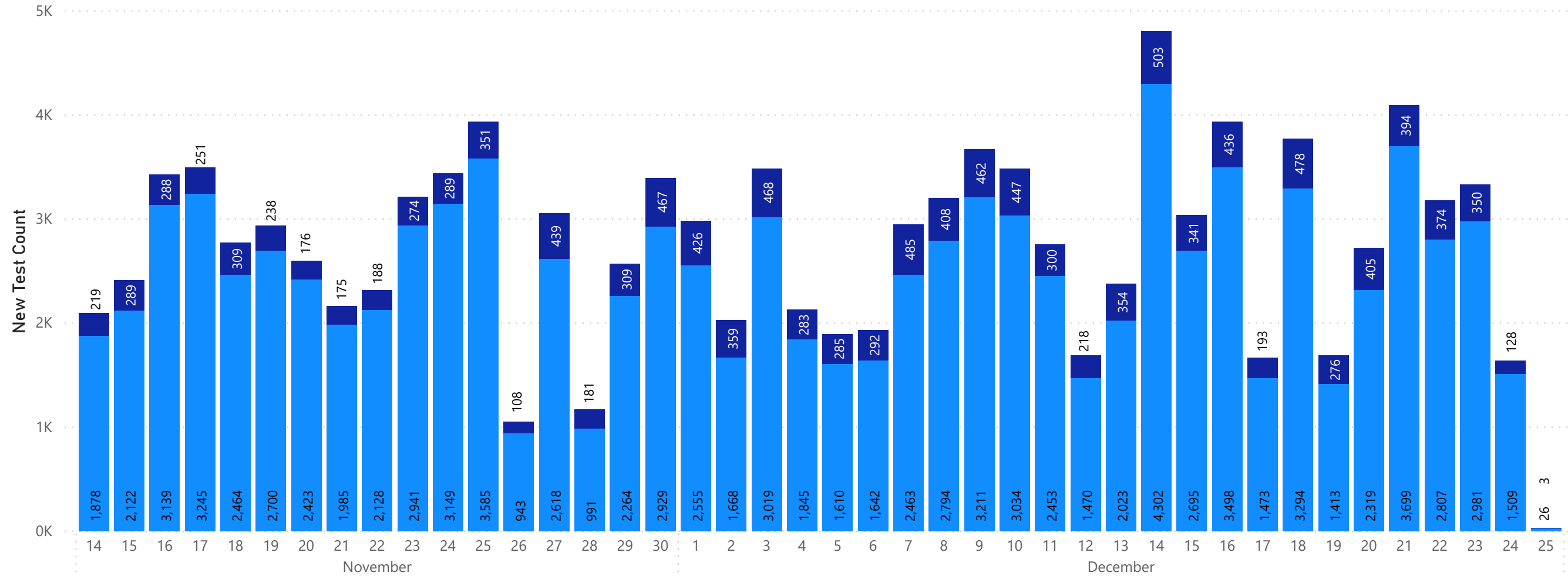
# Testing by Date - Antigens

New Individuals Tested by Antigen Tests  
**4,454**

Total Individuals Tested by Antigen Tests  
**340,254**

### Number of Individuals Tested by Antigens by Test Date

● Individuals with Negative Antigen Tests ● Individuals with Positive Antigen Tests



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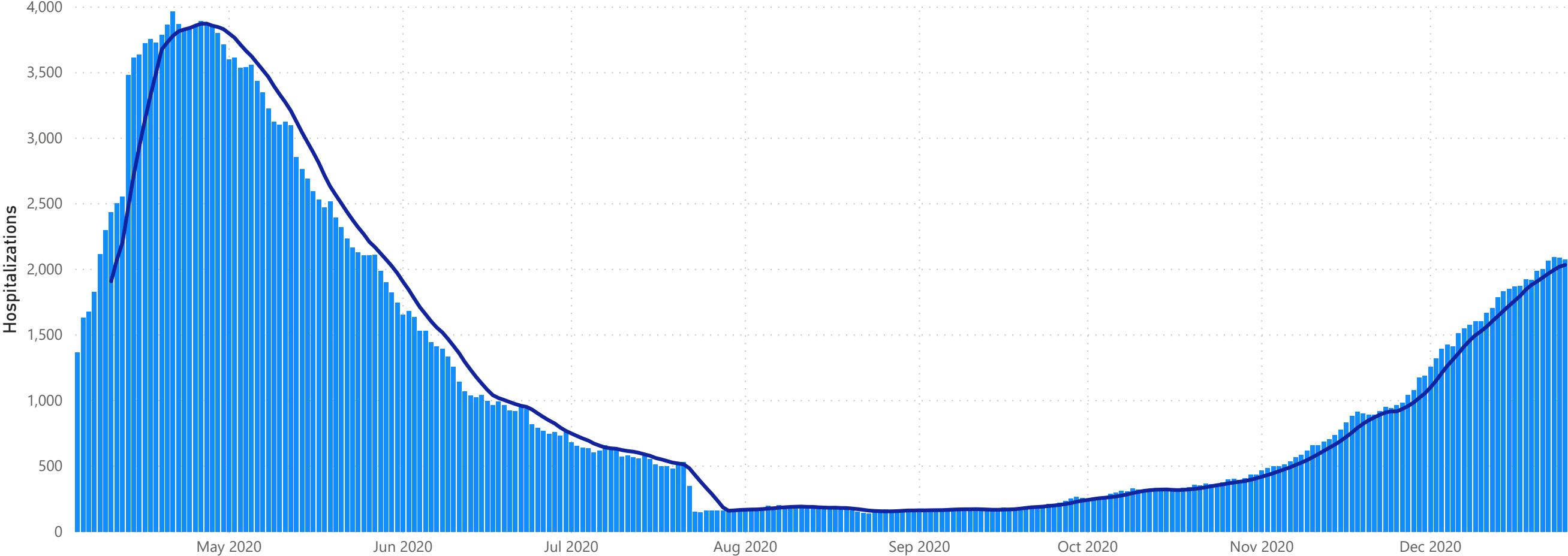
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# Daily Confirmed Hospitalizations

Total Confirmed COVID Patients in Hospital

● Confirmed COVID Hospitalizations ● 7-Day Average of Confirmed COVID Hospitalizations



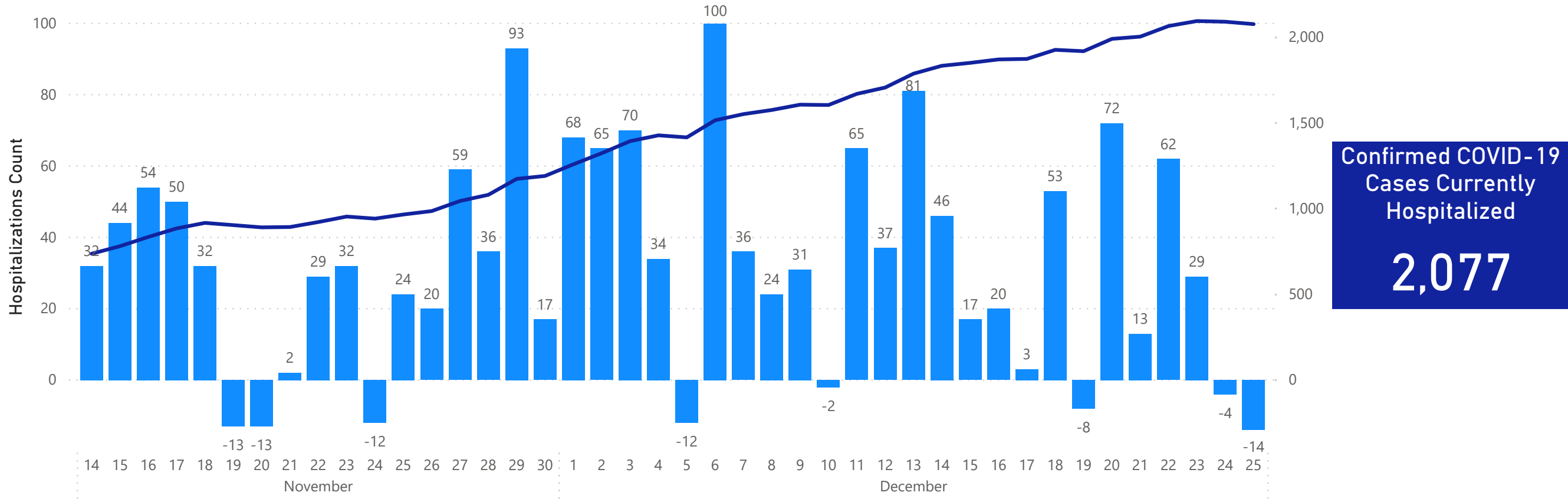
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# Daily COVID-19 Hospitalizations

Patients Reported as Hospitalized with Confirmed COVID-19 by Date

● Changes in Confirmed Hospitalized Patients by Date ● Total Hospital Census Today



Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Currently Hospitalized  
**2,077**

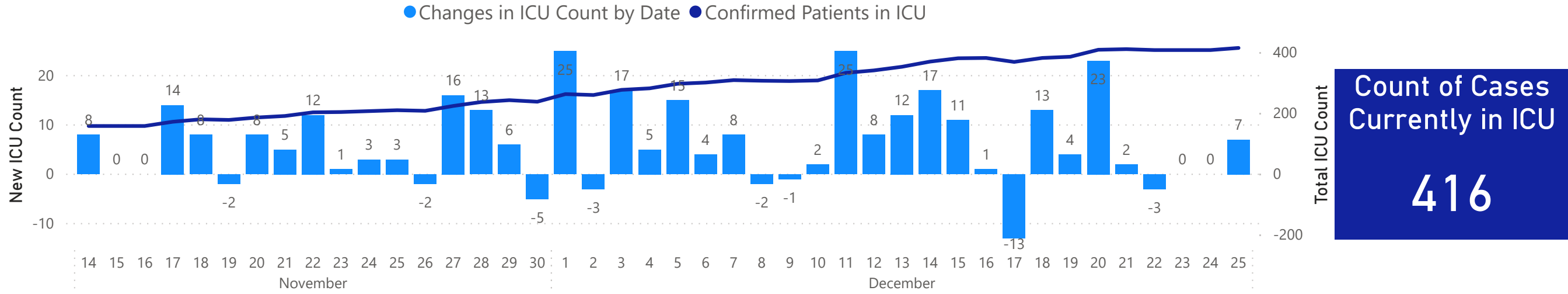
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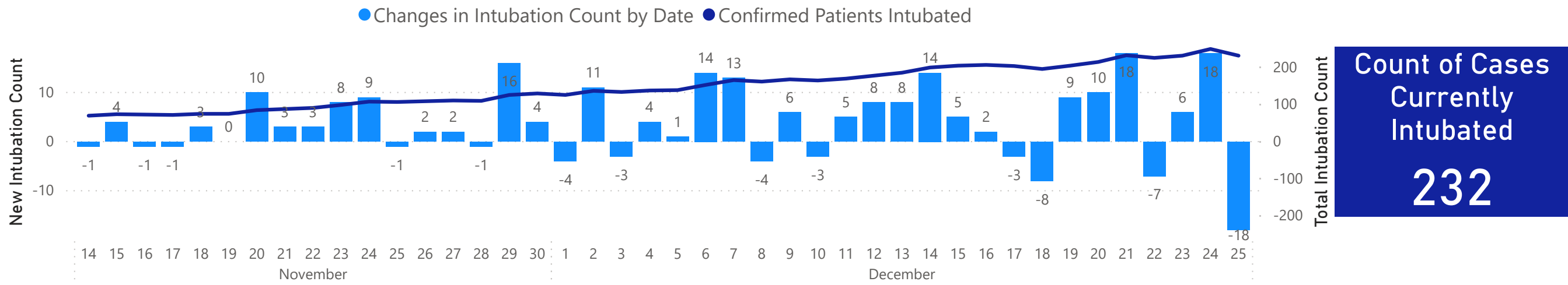


# Daily and Cumulative COVID-19 ICU and Intubations

Patients Reported in ICU with COVID-19 by Date



Patients Reported as Intubated with COVID-19 by Date



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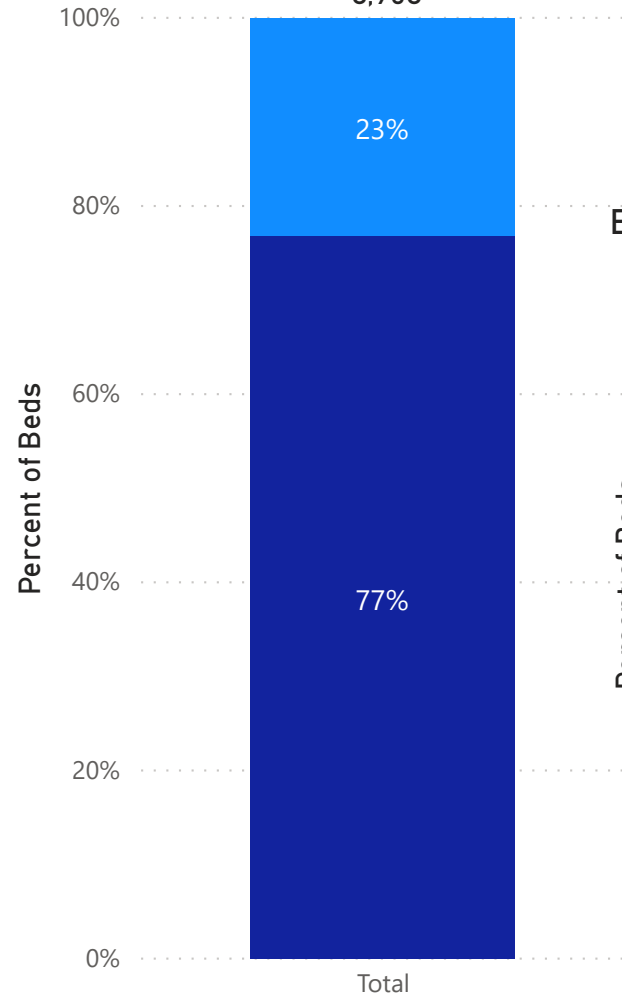




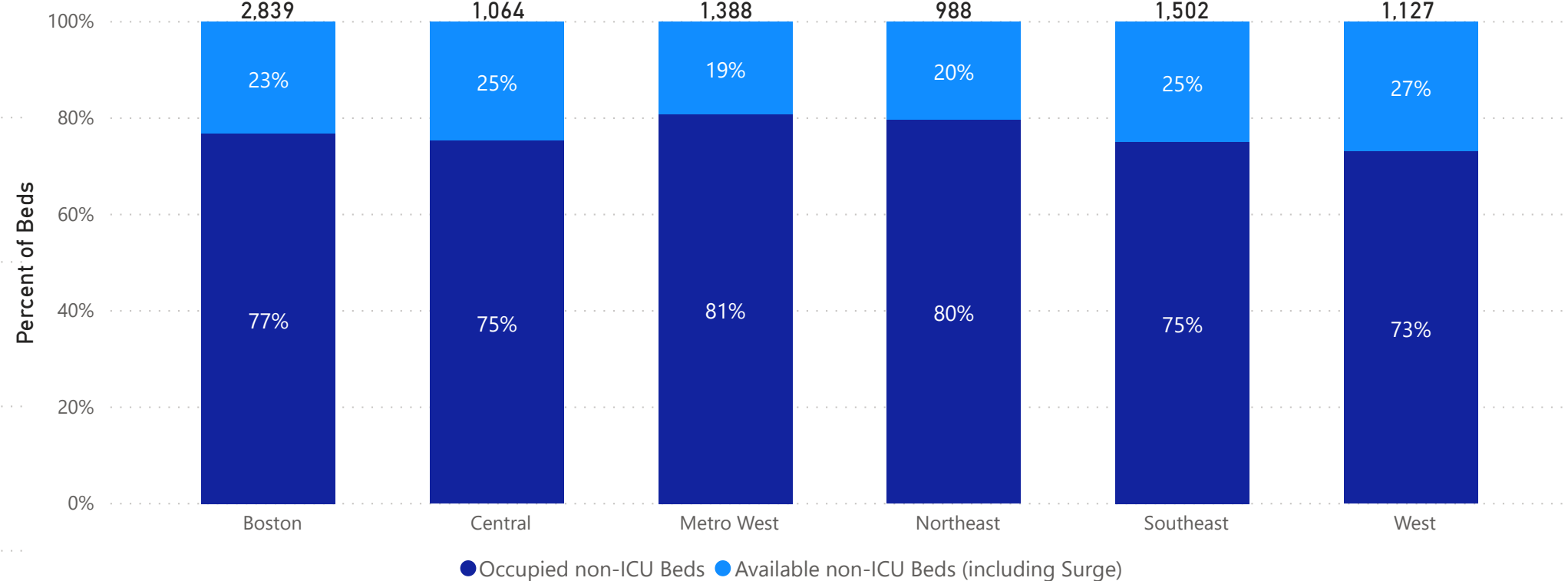
# Total Hospital Capacity by Region (Non-ICU)

Data collected as of 12/25/2020 3:00pm

Massachusetts



By Region



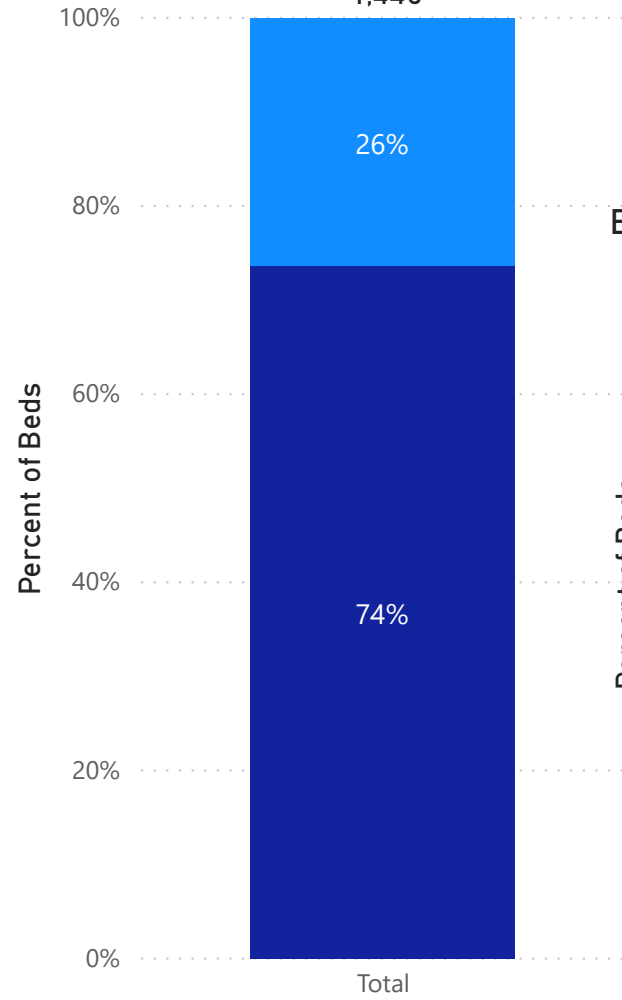
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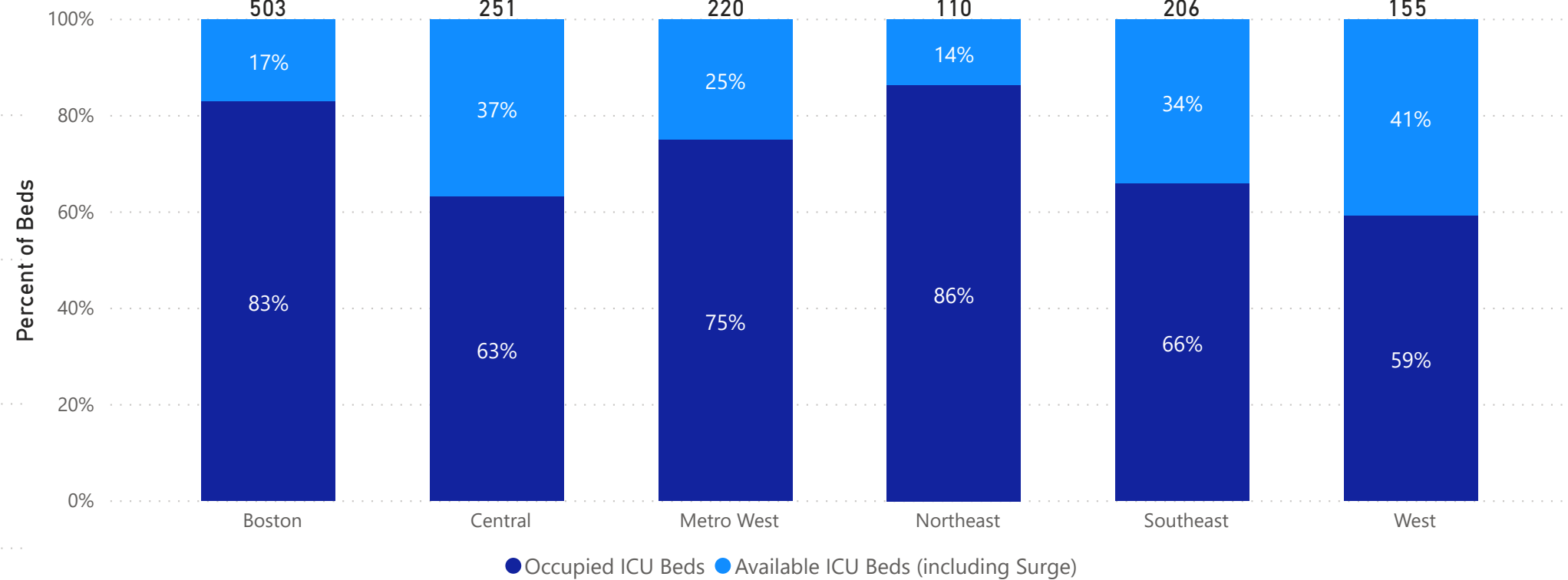
# Total Hospital Capacity by Region (ICU)

Data collected as of 12/25/2020 3:00pm

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By Region



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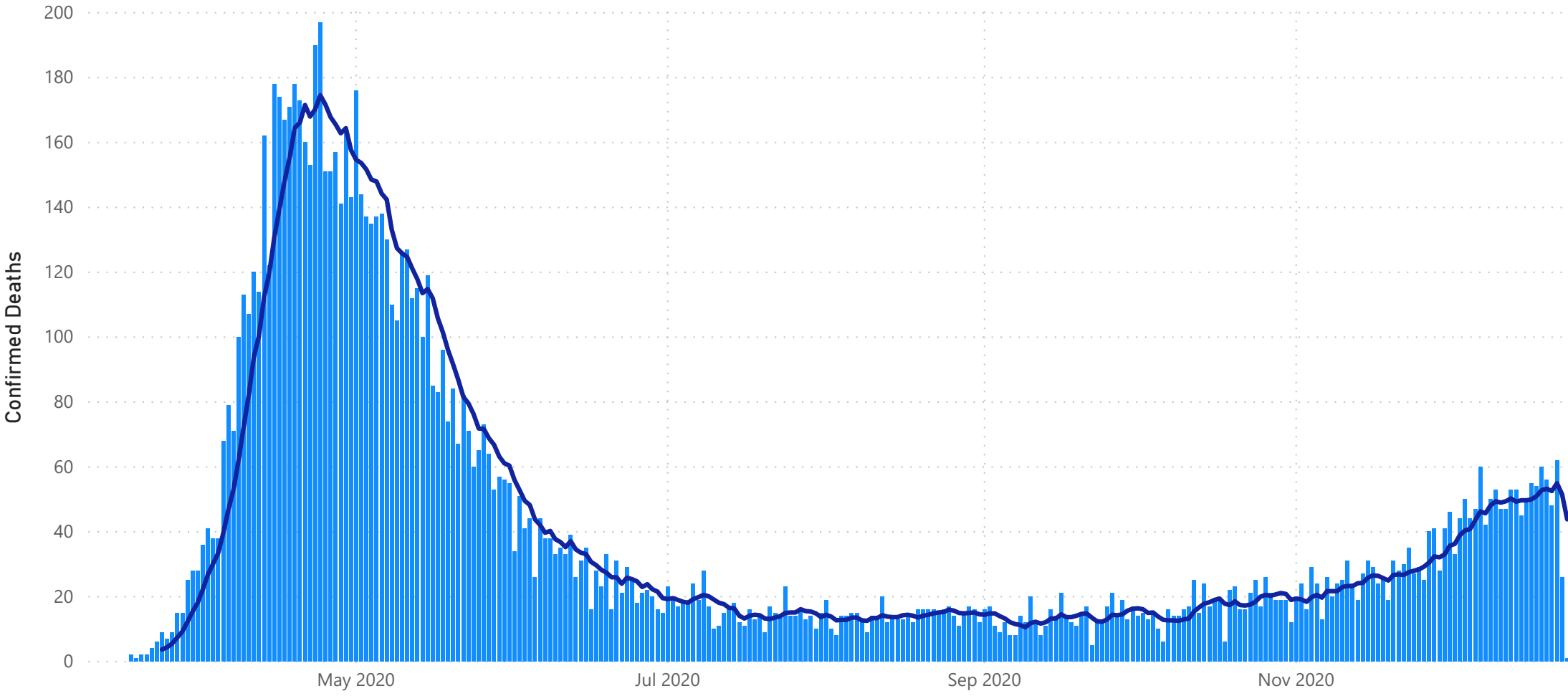


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### Confirmed COVID Deaths by Date of Death

● Confirmed Deaths ● 7-Day Average of Confirmed Deaths



Total Deaths  
Among Confirmed  
Cases  
**11,752**

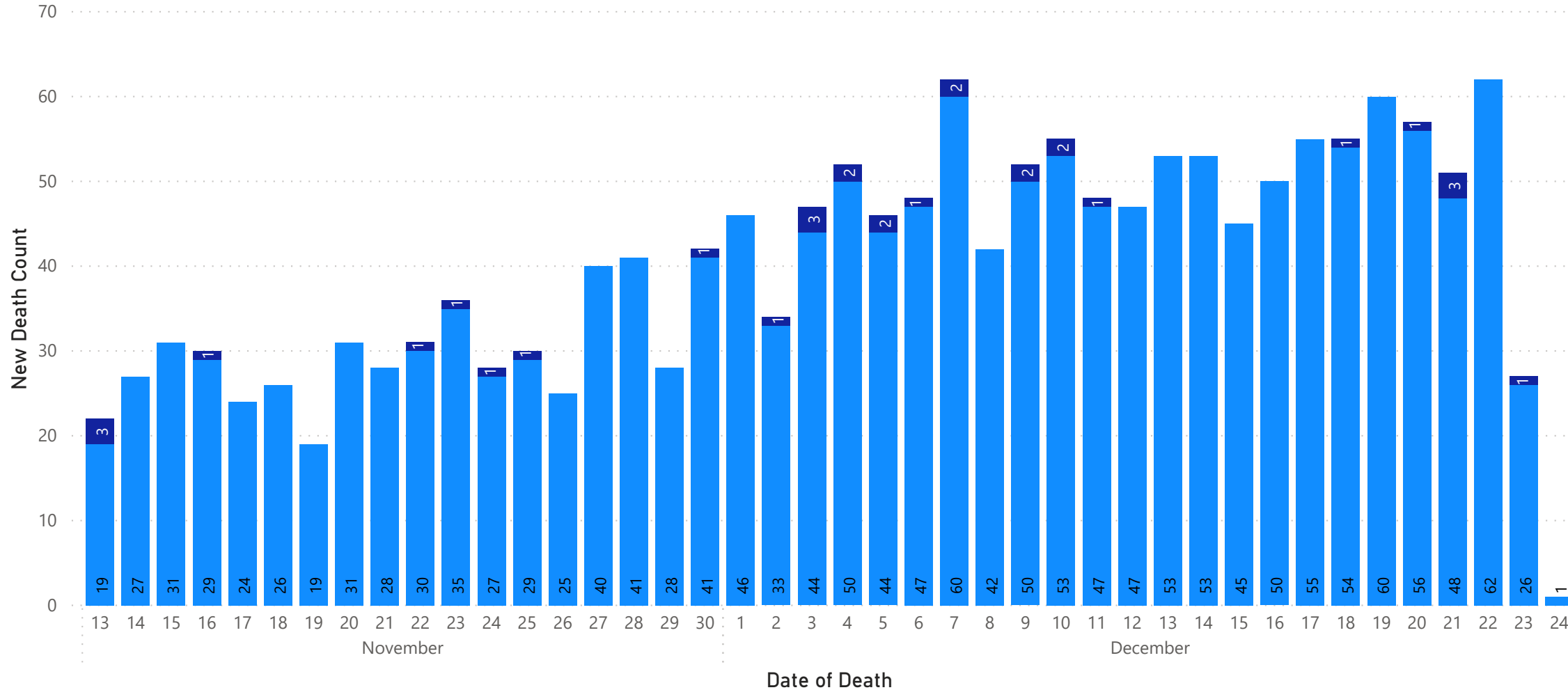
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# Daily and Cumulative Deaths

Total Deaths\* in COVID-19 Cases by Date of Death

● New Confirmed Deaths ● New Probable Deaths



Total Deaths in COVID-19 Cases  
**12,010**

Data Sources: COVID-19 Data provided by the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences and the Registry of Vital Records and Statistics; Tables and Figures created by the Office of Population Health.  
 Note: all data are current as of 11:59pm on 12/25/2020; \*Counts on the trend chart do not match total number of deaths reported, as there is a several day lag in reporting by date of death. Includes both probable and confirmed cases. For confirmed and probable case definitions, please see the Glossary at the end of this document in 'Definitions and Disclaimers'.



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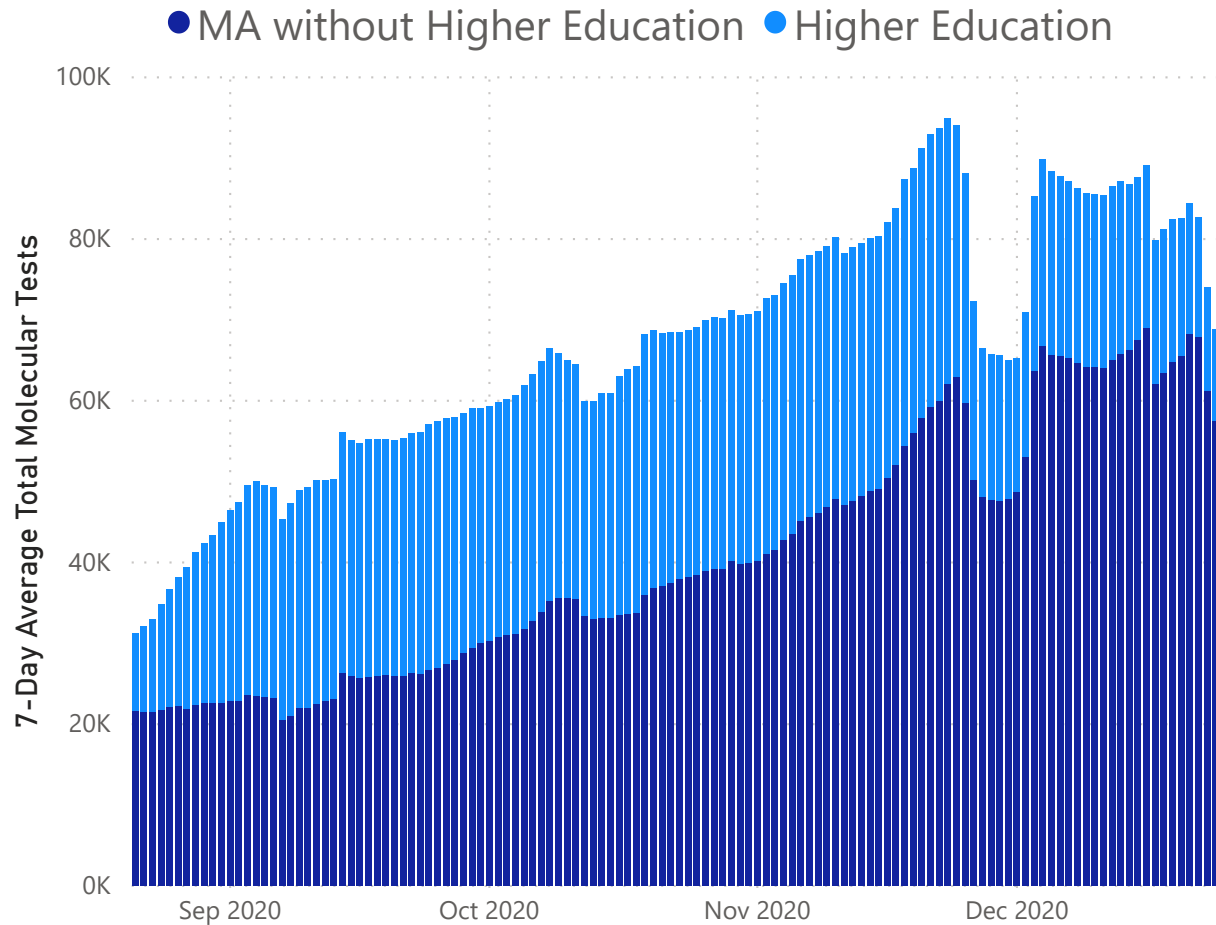
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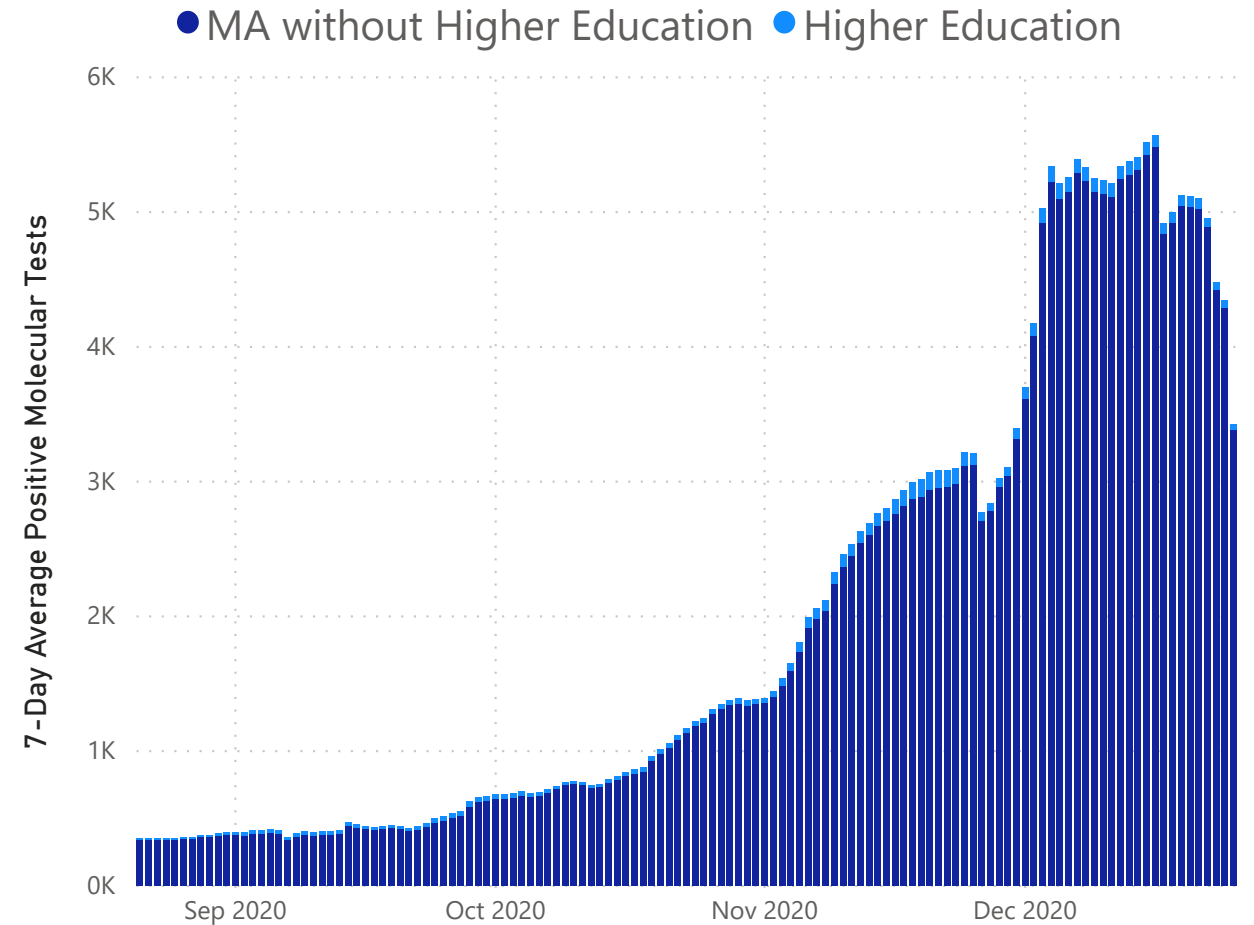
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## All Molecular COVID-19 Tests Associated with Higher Education Testing

### 7-Day Average Total Molecular Tests by Date



### 7-Day Average Total Positive Molecular Tests by Date



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# COVID-19 Cases in Long-Term Care (LTC) Facilities

Residents/Healthcare Workers of  
Long-Term Care Facilities with  
Probable or Confirmed COVID-19

**30,122**

Long-Term Care Facilities  
Reporting At Least One Probable  
or Confirmed Case of COVID-19

**413**

Probable or Confirmed COVID-19  
Deaths Reported in Long-Term  
Care Facilities

**7,219**





# Daily and Cumulative County Data

County	New Confirmed Cases Reported	Cumulative Confirmed Cases To Date	New Confirmed and Probable Deaths Reported	Cumulative Confirmed and Probable Deaths To Date
▲				
Barnstable	203	5,008	1	227
Berkshire	56	2,660	1	126
Bristol	927	32,058	3	1,019
Dukes	6	454		
Dukes and Nantucket			0	2
Essex	848	54,530	11	1,636
Franklin	22	1,201	1	89
Hampden	468	24,666	4	1,028
Hampshire	93	3,524	0	184
Middlesex	1,489	70,748	14	2,658
Nantucket	11	703		
Norfolk	666	25,321	4	1,266
Plymouth	477	22,511	2	974
Suffolk	1,010	51,663	2	1,343
Unknown	38	980	0	6
Worcester	1,110	39,704	4	1,452
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,424</b>	<b>335,731</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>12,010</b>

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## Department of Corrections Data

Department of Corrections as required by Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020, previously found in this dashboard, are available at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/doc-coronavirus-information-guide> and on the dashboard website: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting> under "Additional COVID-19 data."

Direct links to the DOC information found on those pages include:

- Inmate data - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/doc-covid-19-inmate-dashboard>
- Staff data - <https://www.mass.gov/lists/doc-covid-19-staff-testing-reports>
- Inmate Housing Reports - <https://www.mass.gov/lists/doc-covid-19-institution-cell-housing-reports>



# Glossary of Terms

Please Note: the following terms and definitions apply to COVID-19 only.

**Case Definition:** A standard set of criteria (including symptoms, laboratory tests and exposure) used to count persons who may have COVID-19. Case definitions tell public health professionals which people with disease to count; they don't tell healthcare providers how to diagnose or treat COVID.

**Confirmed Case:** A person is counted as a confirmed case of COVID-19 if they have a positive molecular test.

**Probable Case:** A person is counted as a probable case in three ways:

1. if they have a positive antigen test;
2. if they have COVID symptoms AND were exposed to someone with COVID;
3. if they died and their death certificate lists COVID as a cause of death.

More complete information about the COVID-19 case definition may be found here: [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/ps/positionstatement2020/Interim-20-ID-02\\_COVID-19.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/ps/positionstatement2020/Interim-20-ID-02_COVID-19.pdf)

**COVID-19 Antigen Test:** This test identifies the presence of proteins on the surface of the virus. These diagnostic tests are somewhat less accurate (i.e., low sensitivity) than molecular tests but a positive result is suggestive of current infection.

**COVID-19 Molecular Test:** Also known as a PCR test. This diagnostic test identifies the presence of virus's genetic material. These tests are very accurate and a positive result means someone has current or very recent infection.

**Estimated active cases:** Patients with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 21 days.

**Testing by Date:** This refers to the date the sample (usually nasal swab or blood) was taken. Most reports and figures in this dashboard use this date.

**Total Tests:** This represents the total number of tests done and includes people who have had multiple tests.