



COVID-19 daily epidemiology update

Updated: May 26, 2021, 7 pm EST

Summary of COVID-19 cases across Canada and over time. Contains detailed data about the spread of the virus over time and in different regions of the country. Includes breakdowns by age and sex or gender. Provides an overview of hospitalizations and deaths, testing, variants of concern and exposures.

Key updates as of May 26, 2021, 7 pm EST

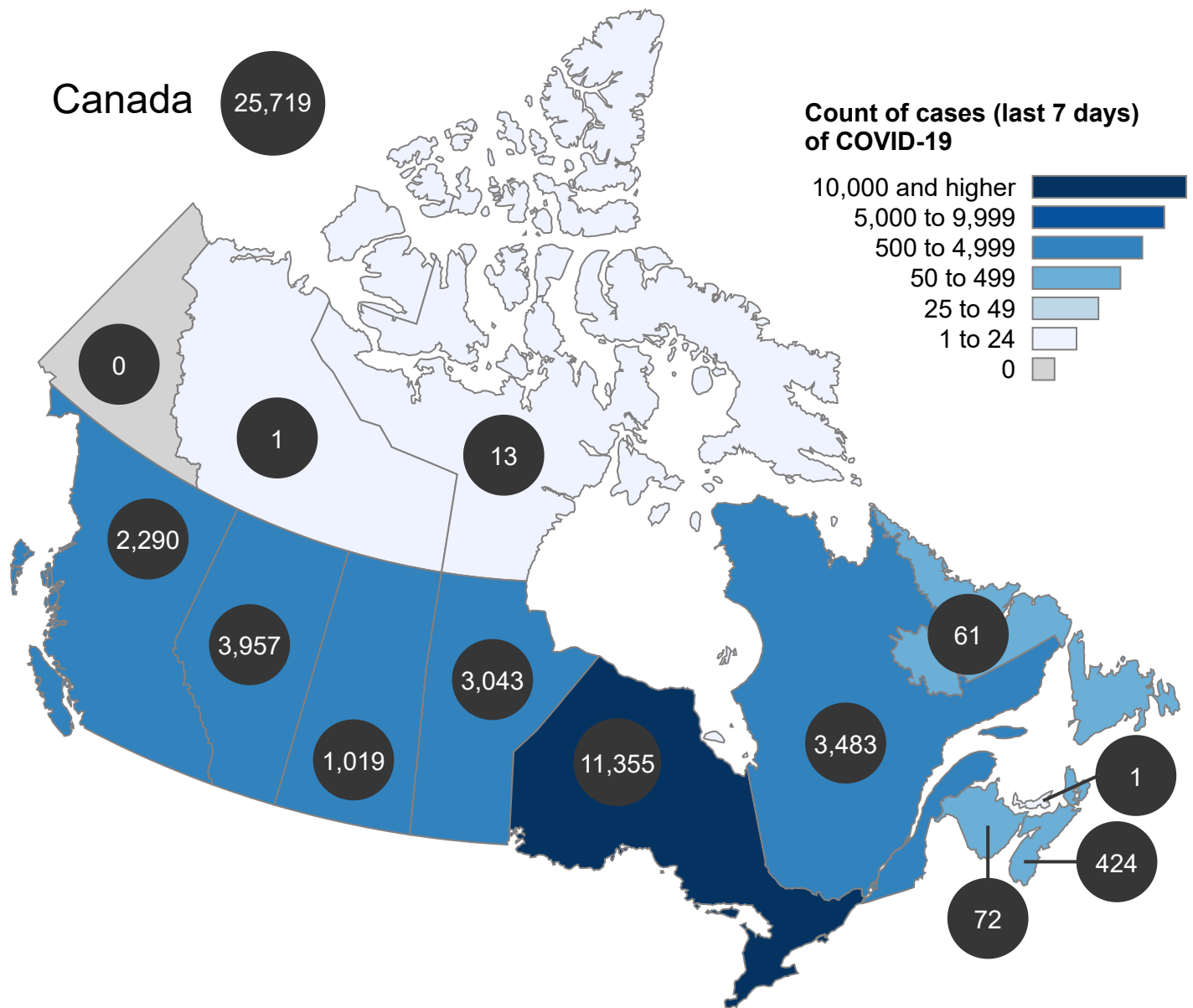
Cases today	Total cases	Active cases	Total resolved	Deaths today	Total deaths
2,594	1,368,106	44,785	1,297,960	38	25,361

Tests performed today	Total tests performed	Percent positive (total)	Tests performed per million population
56,992	34,372,343	4.1%	904,411

- We update these sections daily at 7:00 PM EST: Key updates, Current situation and National overview.
- We update these sections every Friday: Epidemic curve, Demographics, How people were exposed, and Severe illness and outcomes.
- Most cases (65.4%) and deaths (78.0%) were reported by Ontario and Quebec.
- Of the 12 jurisdictions reporting updates, no new cases were reported in 2 provinces or territories in the past 24 hours.
- Of the 12 jurisdictions reporting updates, no new deaths were reported in 6 provinces or territories in the past 24 hours.

Current situation

Figure 1a. of of COVID-19, by as of May 26, 2021



The count of cases (last 7 days) of COVID-19 in **Canada** was **25,719** as of May 26, 2021.

This information is based on data our provincial and territorial partners published on cases, deaths, and testing daily, and are current as of the day they are published. Today's numbers are current as of May 26, 2021, 7 pm EST. For the most up to date data for any province, territory or city, please visit their website. The number of cases or deaths reported on previous days may differ slightly from those on the provincial and territorial websites as these websites may update historic case and death counts as new information becomes available.

Areas in Canada with cases of COVID-19 as of May 26, 2021

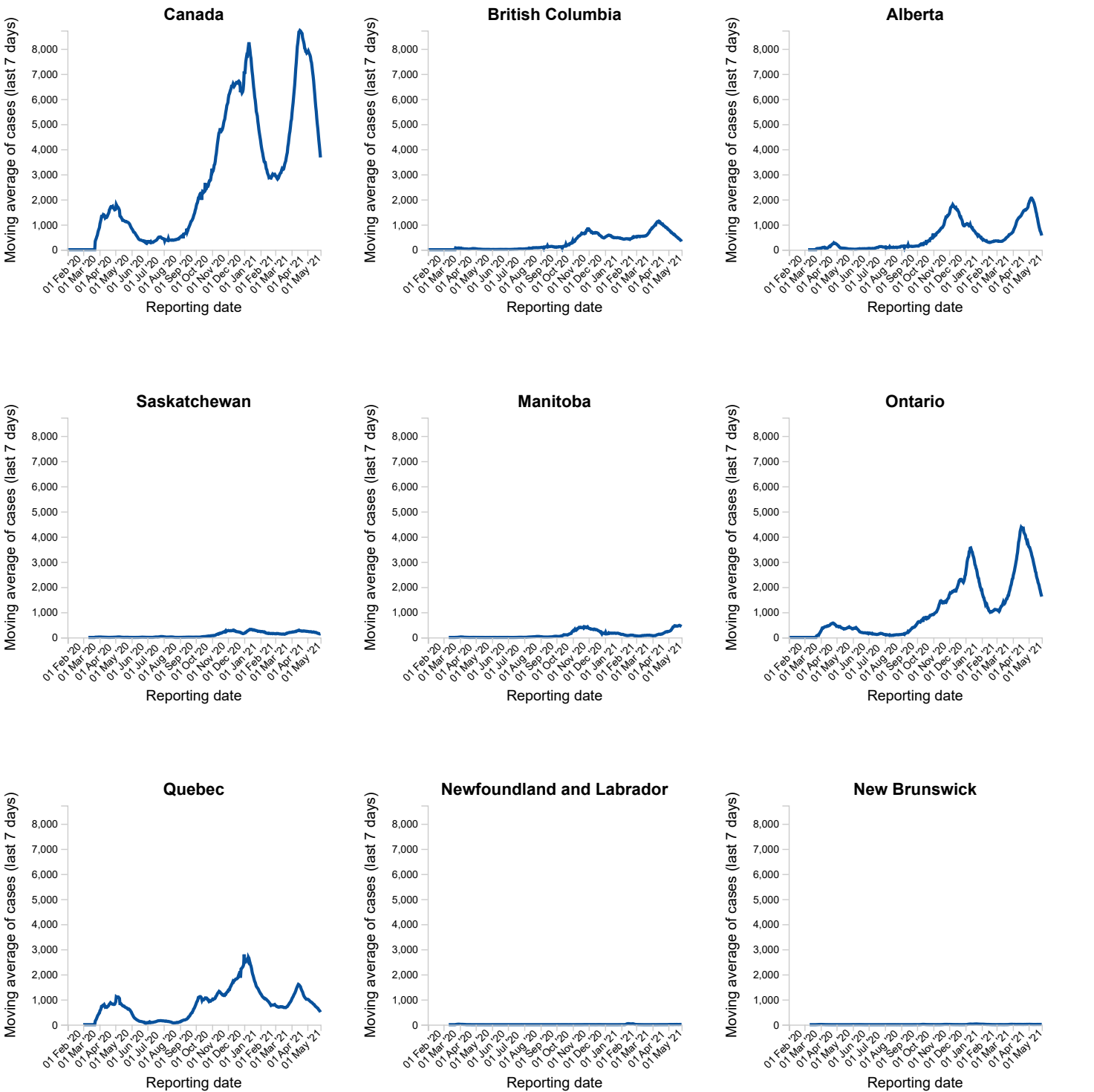
Location	Total cases		Cases last 7 days		Active cases		Resolved	Deaths		Deaths last 7 days		Total tests performed	
	Count	Rate*	Count	Rate*	Count	Rate*	Count	Count	Rate*	Count	Rate*	Count	Rate†
Canada	1,368,106	3,600	25,719	68	44,785	118	1,297,960	25,361	67	295	1	34,372,343	904,411
British Columbia	142,886	2,776	2,290	44	3,686	72	137,517	1,683	33	25	0	2,691,406	522,835
Alberta	225,424	5,098	3,957	89	10,953	248	212,273	2,198	50	40	1	4,474,988	1,012,011
Saskatchewan	46,001	3,903	1,019	86	1,442	122	44,031	528	45	6	1	844,130	716,165
Manitoba	49,356	3,578	3,043	221	4,792	347	43,529	1,035	75	19	1	781,581	566,666
Ontario	526,045	3,570	11,355	77	17,727	120	499,640	8,678	59	153	1	14,890,590	1,010,627
Quebec	368,463	4,297	3,483	41	5,128	60	352,230	11,105	130	47	1	9,096,124	1,060,826
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,273	244	61	12	97	19	1,170	6	1	0	0	264,393	506,400
New Brunswick	2,163	277	72	9	135	17	1,985	43	6	0	0	335,733	429,614
Nova Scotia	5,424	554	424	43	787	80	4,558	79	8	5	1	786,338	802,917
Prince Edward Island	200	125	1	1	13	8	187	0	0	0	0	159,737	1,000,702
Yukon	84	200	0	0	0	0	82	2	5	0	0	9,129	217,088
Northwest Territories	127	281	1	2	3	7	124	0	0	0	0	22,999	509,267
Nunavut	647	1,644	13	33	22	56	621	4	10	0	0	15,119	384,189

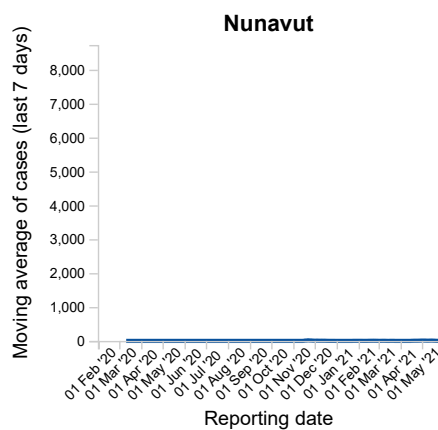
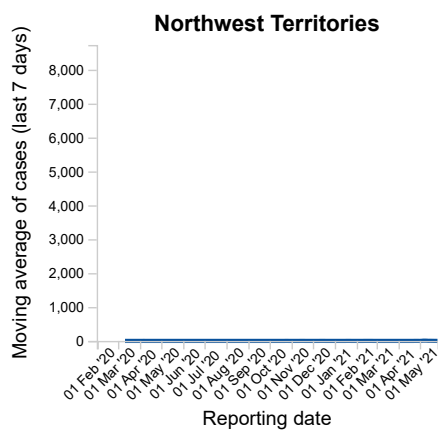
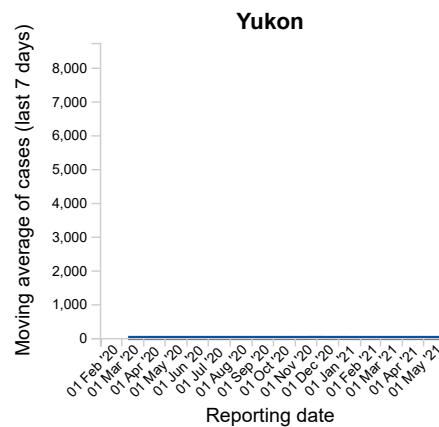
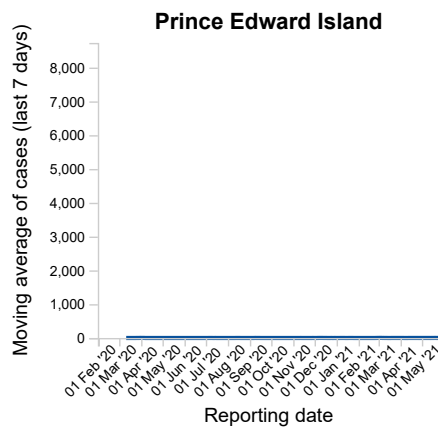
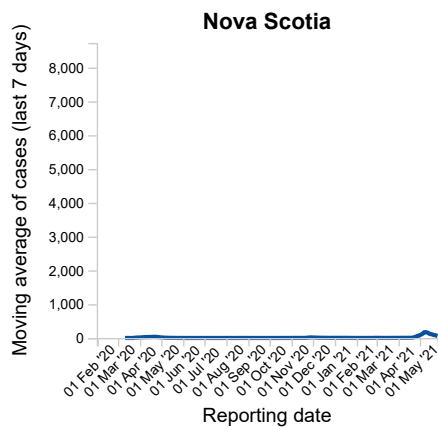
† Rate per 1,000,000 population

* Rate per 100,000 population

Figure 1b. **Moving average** of **cases (last 7 days)** of COVID-19 in Canada as of May 26, 2021, 7 pm EST

The figures below show cases over time. The range of dates (January 31st, 2020 - present date) is the same for each figure. This allows you to compare the provinces and territories on the same timescale.





[Downloadable data \(in .csv format\).](#)

Note: Out of the total number of people tested, 76 were repatriated travellers, of which 13 were cases.

National overview

There have been over **34,372,343** COVID-19 tests performed in Canada or **904,411 tests per 1 million people**. Of these, **4.1%** were positive. For information about testing trends, please see the [Detailed weekly epidemiological report \(PDF\)](#).

Table 1. Daily* change in the number of cases, deaths and tests performed, by province or territory, as of May 26, 2021, 7 pm EST

Location	New cases	New deaths	Tests performed
Canada	2,594	38	56,992
British Columbia	250	3	5,022
Alberta	390	6	3,998
Saskatchewan	181	1	2,161
Manitoba	312	1	2,536
Ontario	1,095	23	16,857
Quebec	308	4	20,409
Newfoundland and Labrador	4	0	992
New Brunswick	10	0	653
Nova Scotia	37	0	4,029
Prince Edward Island	N/A	N/A	236
Yukon	0	0	N/A
Northwest Territories	0	0	58
Nunavut	7	0	41

* The new cases, deaths and tests reflect the difference between a province or territory's current report and their last report. Some provinces and territories do not update daily.

N/A means that no daily update was provided by the province or territory.

Variants of concern (VOC) in Canada

All viruses, including COVID-19, change or mutate over time. Not all mutations are of concern. However, some changes result in variants of concern (VOC). A VOC (Variants of concern) has changes that are significant to public health.

For example, they might:

- spread more easily
- cause more severe illness
- require different treatments, or
- not respond the same to current vaccines

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) updates VOC (Variants of concern) information from Sunday to Thursday at 7:00 PM EDT, using publicly reported information from the provinces and territories.

Table 2. Cumulative number of cases involving variants of concern (VOC) publicly reported, as of May 26, 2021

Location	B.1.1.7 variant	B.1.351 variant	P.1 variant
Canada	186,071	1,535	10,584
British Columbia	7,289	118	5,008
Alberta	40,999	147	2,441
Saskatchewan	5,528	10	144
Manitoba	4,298	32	99
Ontario	121,122	836	2,505
Quebec	6,327	370	383
Newfoundland and Labrador	187	6	1
New Brunswick	180	4	1
Nova Scotia	73	12	1
Prince Edward Island	19	0	0
Yukon	2	0	1
Northwest Territories	26	0	0
Nunavut	21	0	0

Note:

- The table reports publicly available information from the provinces and territories. In case of discrepancies, the provincial or territorial data should be considered current and correct.

- PHAC is in the process of replacing this table with a graphical view that is more representative of the mix of variants present in Canada in the coming weeks. This new graphical view will include all variants of concern including B.1.617 and variants of interest.

There are many variants being tracked internationally and across Canada. Most of these are similar to the original variants that emerged in 2020. VOCs (Variants of concern) now represent a majority of COVID-19 cases in Canada.

Four VOCs (Variants of concern) have been detected in most provinces and territories:

- B.1.1.7
- B.1.351
- P.1
- B.1.617

The **B.1.1.7 variant** continues to account for most VOCs (Variants of concern), classified to date in Canada.

The **B.1.617 variant** has only been recently identified and thus is less understood. Its 3 sub-lineages may have different properties. Early data from the U.K. indicate that the B.1.617.2 sub-lineage may be more transmissible overall, either similar to or perhaps more transmissible than the B.1.1.7 variant. However, laboratory data suggest that currently authorized vaccines are also effective against this sub-lineage. The B.1.617.1 and B.1.617.3 sub-lineages are less well-known, but may be less affected by vaccines. There are many variants being tracked internationally and across Canada, most of which are similar to the original variants that emerged in 2020.

The impact of the B.1.617 variant and its sub-lineages is still being assessed in Canada, where the variant has been identified in all 10 provinces and 1 territory. Genomic surveillance has also identified all 3 sub-lineages (B.1.617.1, B.1.617.2 and B.1.617.3).

Of these 3:

- B.1.617.1 accounted for most of the identified cases in March and April 2021
- B.1.617.2 accounted for most of the identified cases detected at the border
- B.1.617.3 accounts for a very small proportion (1%) of identified cases

Canada is collecting evidence to determine if each of these sub-lineages meets the definition for a variant of concern or a variant of interest.

New variants will continue to appear. It is crucial to remain vigilant and take all available measures to limit spread.

Detailed case information

The tables and figures below reflect detailed case information provided to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) by health authorities in the provinces and territories. This data is updated every week. It may change as we get more information about cases.

Updated: May 21, 2021, 9 am EST

Epidemic curve

As of May 21, 2021, 9 am EST, PHAC has received detailed case report data on 1,342,872 cases. Both exposure and symptom onset date were available for 1,184,105 (88.2%) cases ¹.

The shaded area on the far right of Figure 2 represents lag time. This is the period of time (1 to 2 weeks) before the latest cases are reported to PHAC. This delay is a result of the time required to seek health care, get tested and receive results. It also takes time for public health authorities to gather information on cases. We update this information as it becomes available.

Figure 2. COVID-19 cases (n=1,338,903 ¹) in Canada by date of illness onset ² as of May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST (total cases)

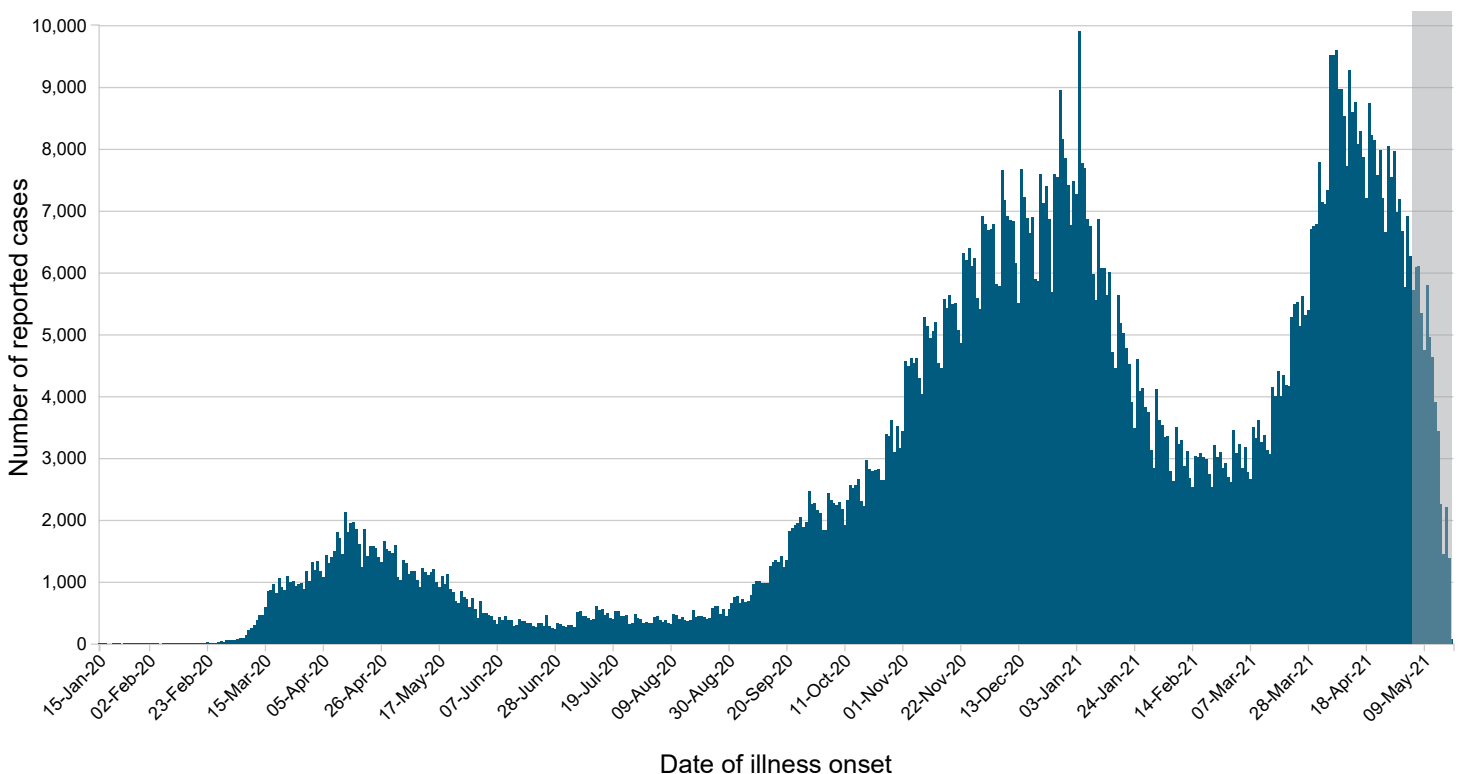


Figure 2. COVID-19 cases (n=1,184,105 ¹) in Canada by date of illness onset ² as of May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST (by exposure)

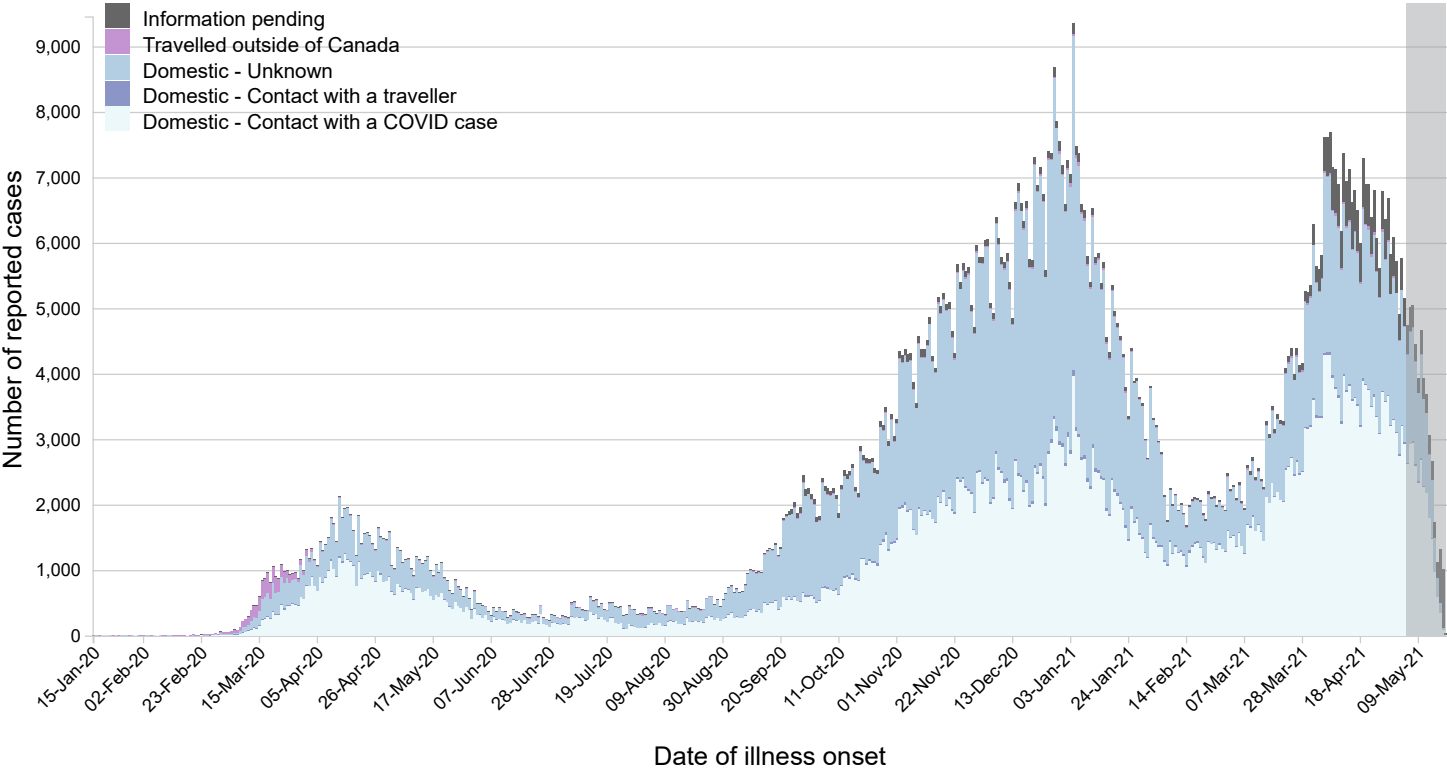


Figure 2. COVID-19 cases (n=1,338,504 ¹) in Canada by date of illness onset ² as of May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST (by age - 10 year groups)

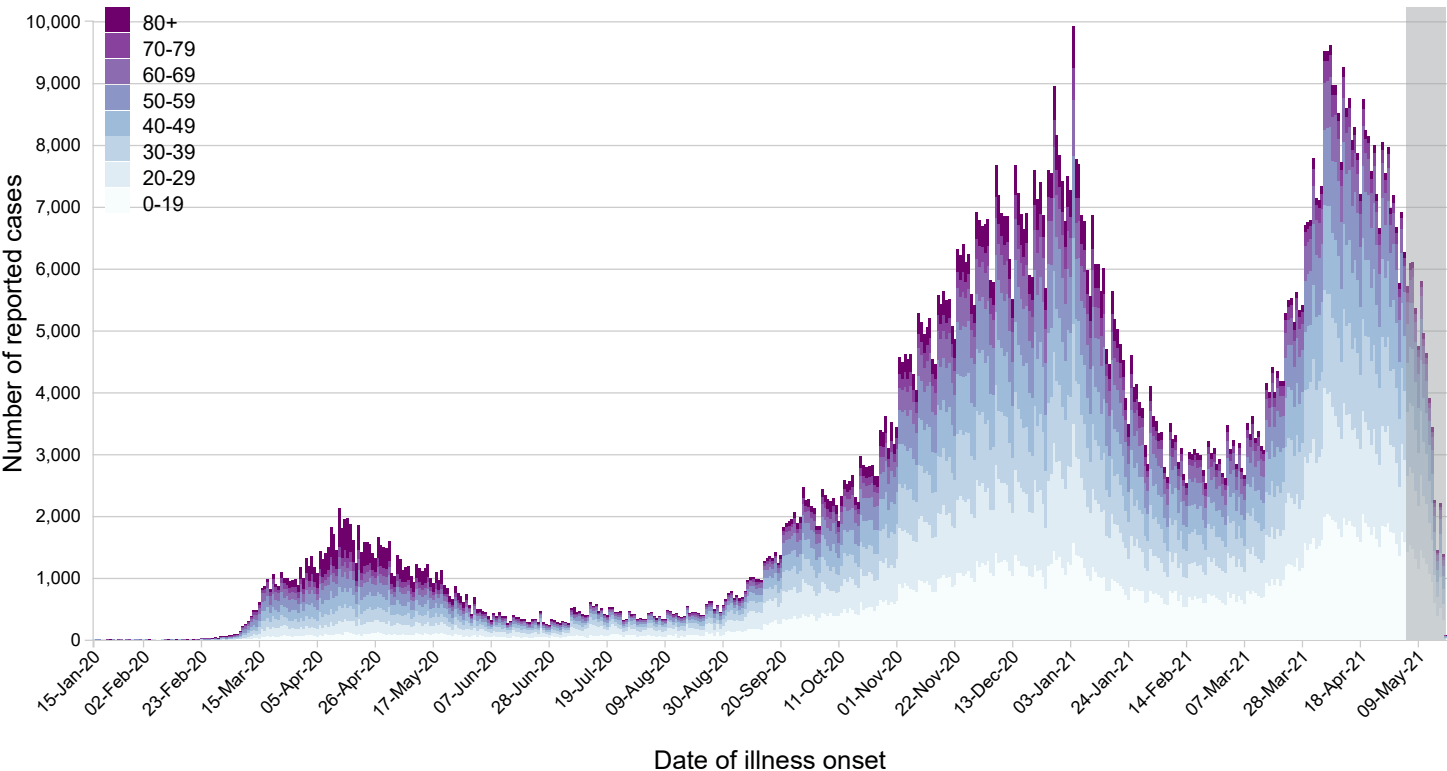
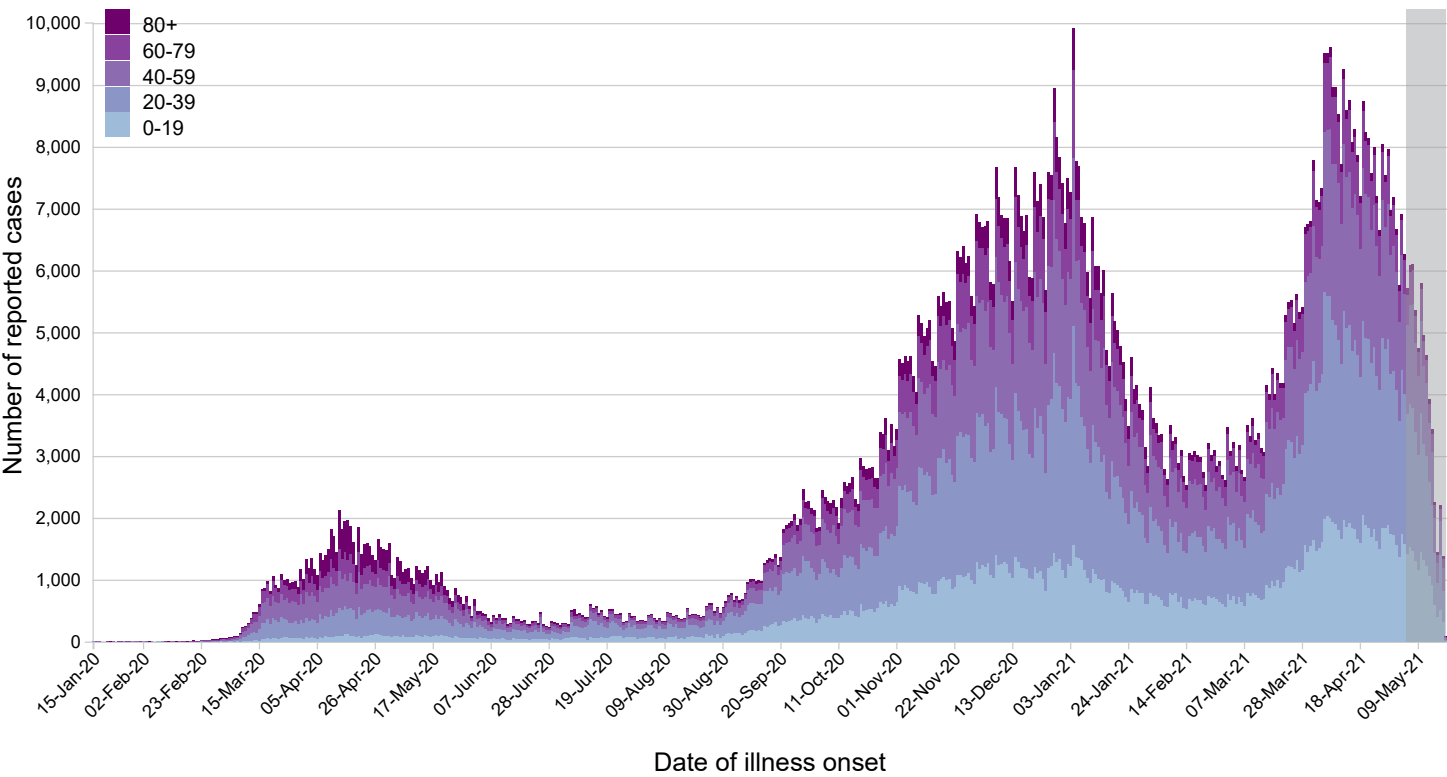


Figure 2. COVID-19 cases (n=1,338,504 ¹) in Canada by date of illness onset ² as of May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST (by age - 20 year groups)



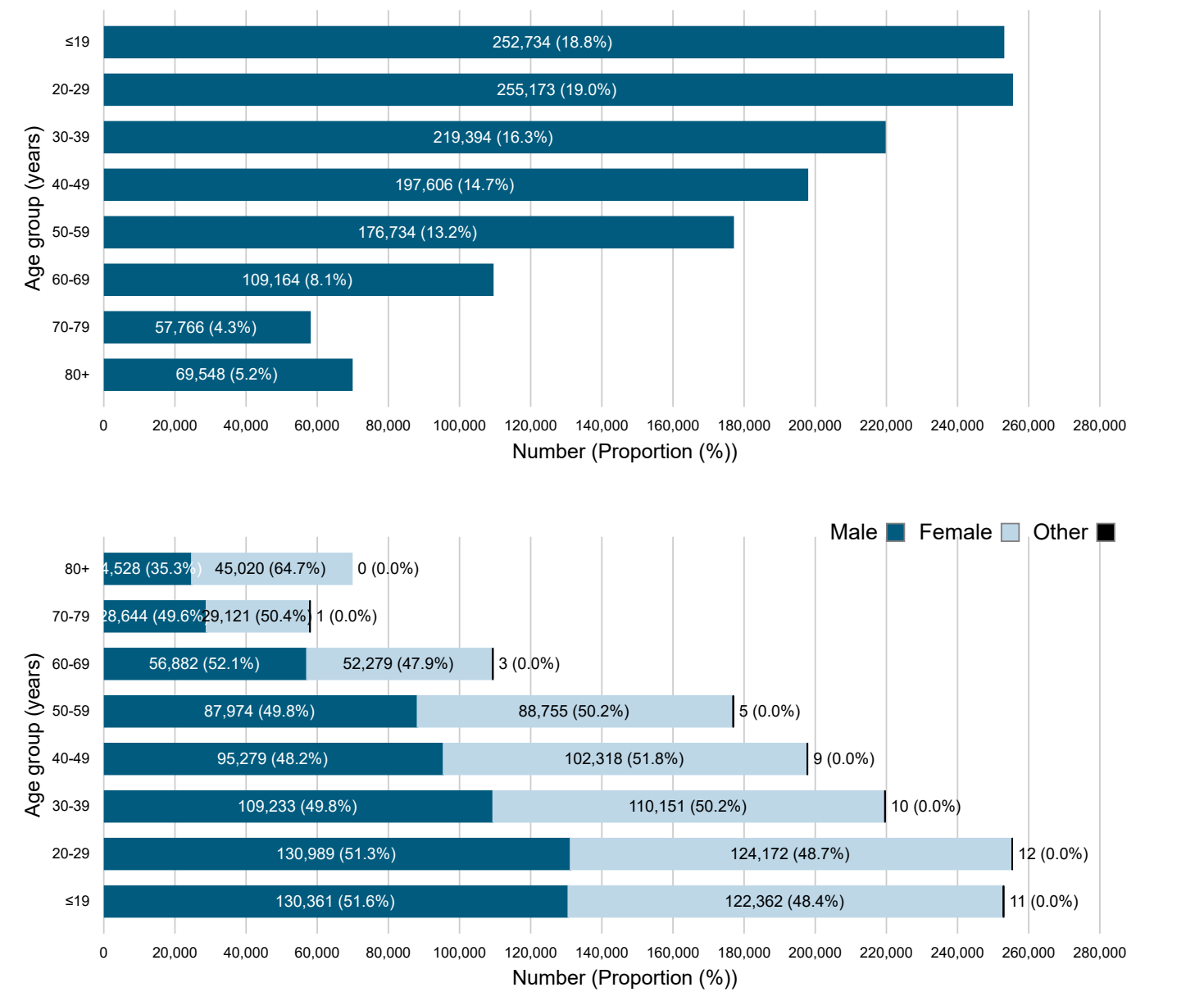
This figure may underestimate the total number of cases among returning travelers. Exposure history is not available for all cases and jurisdictions have not all consistently reported exposure history to PHAC throughout the pandemic.

Demographics

We have detailed case report data from 1,342,872 cases. We know the age of patients in 100.00% of cases, and both age and gender in 99.65% of cases.

Of the cases reported in Canada so far, about half (50.4%) were female. About one-fifth (17.7%) were 60 years old and over (Figure 3).

Figure 3. distribution of COVID-19 cases (n=1,342,872 ¹) in Canada as of May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST ⁴



Age by gender ⁴ distribution of COVID-19 cases (n=1,342,872 ¹) in Canada, May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST

Age group (years)	Number of cases with case reports (percentage)	Number of male cases (percentage)	Number of female cases (percentage)	Number of other cases (percentage)
≤19	252,734 (18.8%)	130,361 (19.6%)	122,362 (18.1%)	11 (21.6%)
20-29	255,173 (19.0%)	130,989 (19.7%)	124,172 (18.4%)	12 (23.5%)
30-39	219,394 (16.3%)	109,233 (16.5%)	110,151 (16.3%)	10 (19.6%)
40-49	197,606 (14.7%)	95,279 (14.4%)	102,318 (15.2%)	9 (17.6%)
50-59	176,734 (13.2%)	87,974 (13.3%)	88,755 (13.2%)	5 (9.8%)
60-69	109,164 (8.1%)	56,882 (8.6%)	52,279 (7.8%)	3 (5.9%)
70-79	57,766 (4.3%)	28,644 (4.3%)	29,121 (4.3%)	1 (2.0%)
80+	69,548 (5.2%)	24,528 (3.7%)	45,020 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Total	1,338,119 (100%)	663,890 (100%)	674,178 (100%)	51 (100%)

How people were exposed ³

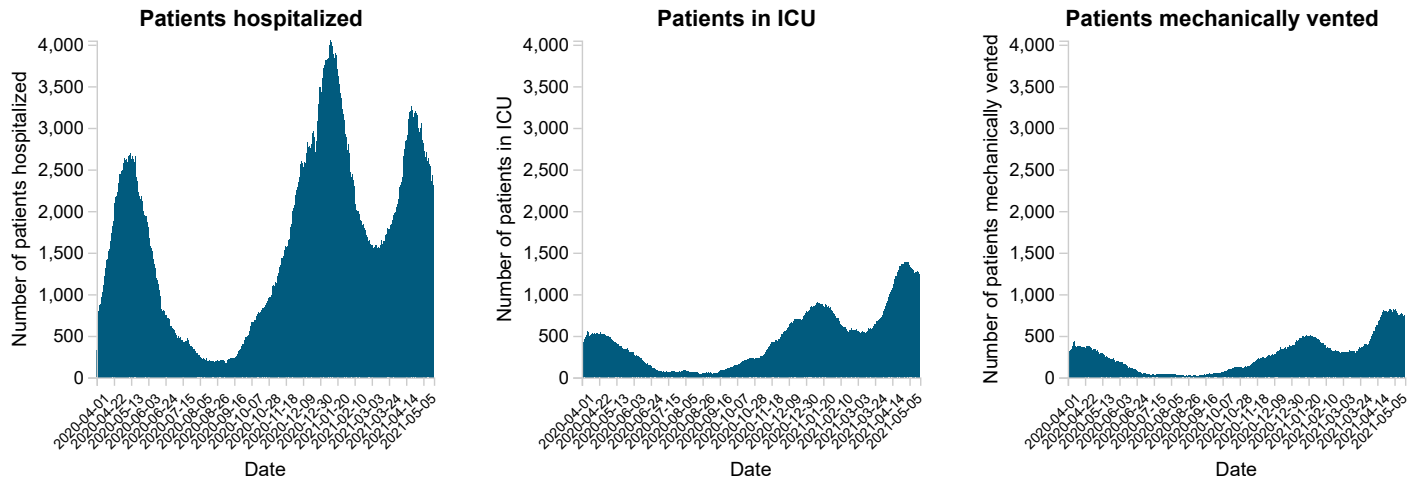
In Canada ▼, detailed case report data were provided for 1,342,872 cases. We have exposure history for 1,187,814 (88.5%) cases. The probable exposure setting of these cases ¹ are:

- any exposure that occurred in Canada: **1,101,683 (92.7%)**, including
 - from contact with a known COVID case: **537,655 (45.3%)**
 - from contact with a traveller: **8,207 (0.7%)**
 - from an unknown source: **555,821 (46.8%)**
- currently unknown (information pending): **76,603 (6.4%)**
- travelled outside of Canada: **9,528 (0.8%)**

Severe illness and outcomes

Hospital use

Figure 4. Daily number of hospital beds and ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients as of May 17, 2021



Between May 10, 2021 and May 17, 2021:

- the number of **hospital beds** occupied by COVID-19 patients **decreased** from **2,594** to **2,314** beds.
- the number of **ICU beds** occupied by COVID-19 patients **decreased** from **1,281** to **1,247** beds.
- the number of **COVID-19 patients who were mechanically vented** decreased from **753** to **751**.

Hospitalizations and deaths to date

We have detailed case report data on 1,342,872 cases, and hospitalization status for 935,460 (69.7%) of them:

- **69,173 cases (7.4%)** were hospitalized, of whom:
 - **12,701 (18.4%)** were admitted to the ICU
 - **1,932 (2.8%)** needed mechanical ventilation

The provinces and territories provided detailed case report forms for **25,065** deaths related to COVID-19.

Figure 5a. Age and gender ⁴ distribution of COVID-19 cases hospitalized in Canada as of May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST (n=69,013 ¹)

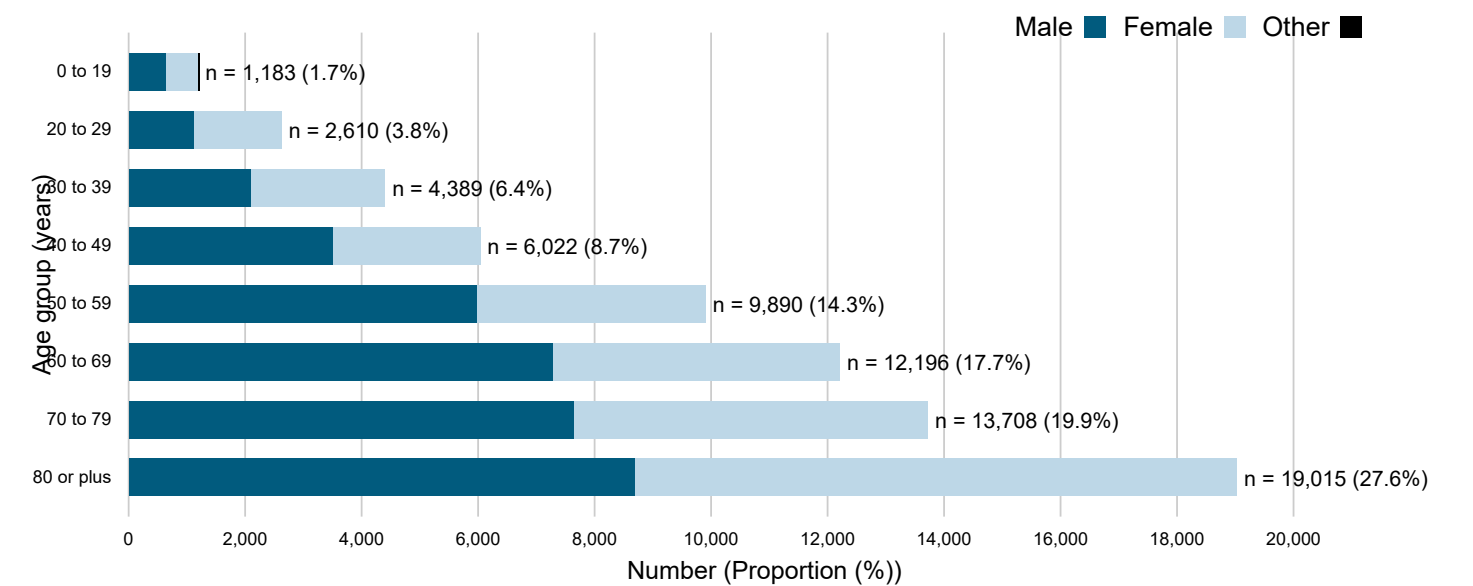


Figure 5b. Age and gender ⁴ distribution of COVID-19 cases admitted to ICU in Canada as of May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST (n=12,670 ¹)

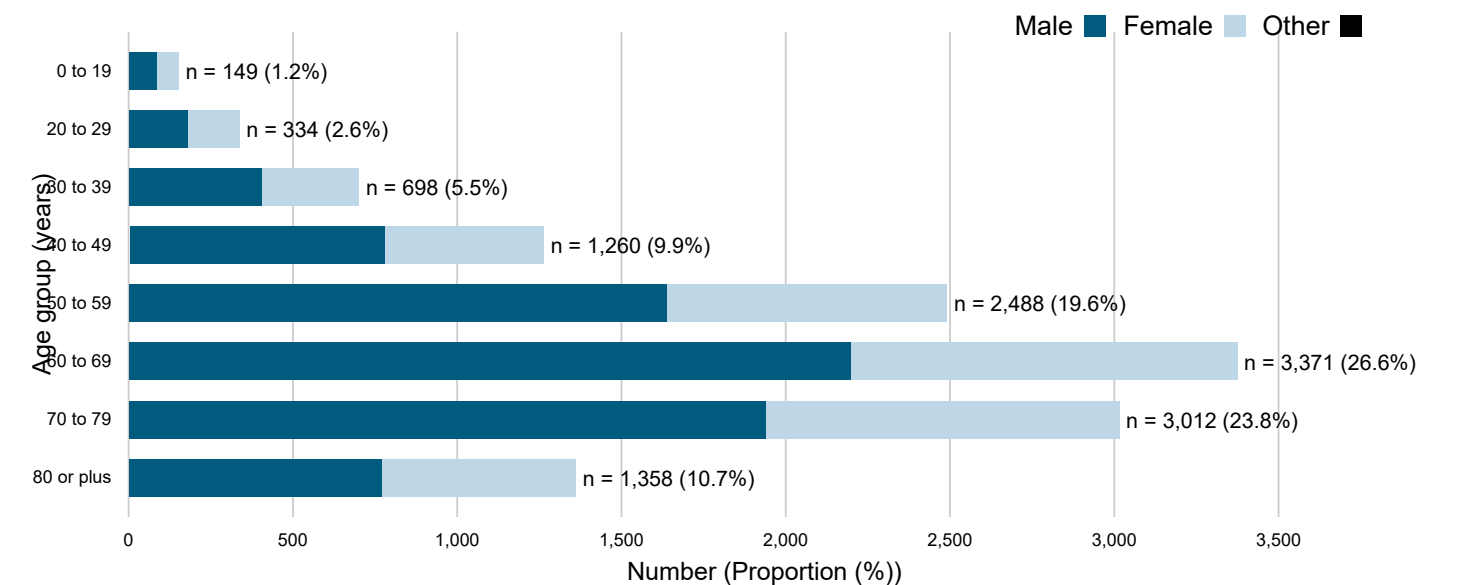
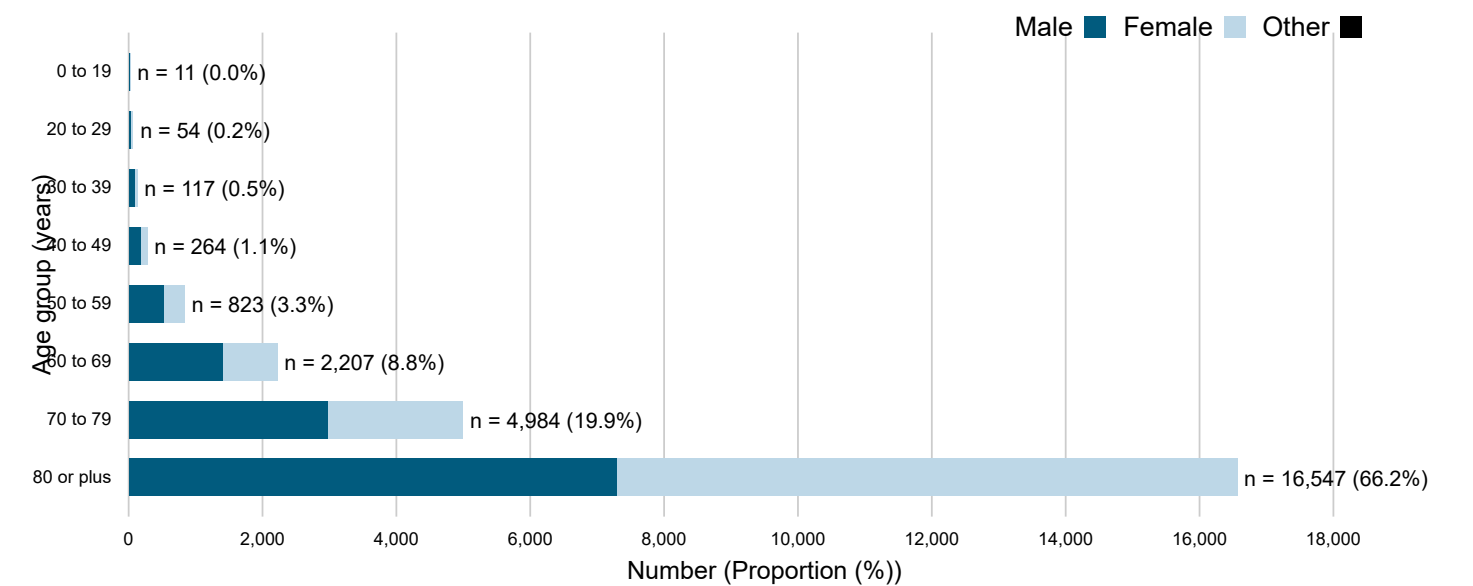


Figure 5c. Age and gender⁴ distribution of COVID-19 cases deceased in Canada as of May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST (n=25,007¹)



Data note: Figure 5 includes COVID-19 cases hospitalized, admitted to ICU, and deceased for which age and gender information were available. Therefore, some COVID-19 hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and deaths may not be included in Figure 5.

Age and gender ⁴ distribution of COVID-19 cases hospitalized in Canada as of May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST (n=69,013 ¹)

Age group (years)	Number of cases with case reports (percentage)	Number of male cases (percentage)	Number of female cases (percentage)	Number of other cases (percentage)
0 to 19	1,183 (1.7%)	627 (0.9%)	555 (0.8%)	1 (0.0%)
20 to 29	2,610 (3.8%)	1,106 (1.6%)	1,504 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)
30 to 39	4,389 (6.4%)	2,098 (3.0%)	2,291 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)
40 to 49	6,022 (8.7%)	3,489 (5.1%)	2,533 (3.7%)	0 (0.0%)
50 to 59	9,890 (14.3%)	5,975 (8.7%)	3,915 (5.7%)	0 (0.0%)
60 to 69	12,196 (17.7%)	7,283 (10.6%)	4,913 (7.1%)	0 (0.0%)
70 to 79	13,708 (19.9%)	7,641 (11.1%)	6,067 (8.8%)	0 (0.0%)
80 or plus	19,015 (27.6%)	8,690 (12.6%)	10,325 (15.0%)	0 (0.0%)

Age and gender ⁴ distribution of COVID-19 cases admitted to ICU in Canada as of May 21, 2021, 7 pm EST (n=12,670 ¹)

Age group (years)	Number of cases with case reports (percentage)	Number of male cases (percentage)	Number of female cases (percentage)	Number of other cases (percentage)
0 to 19	149 (1.2%)	84 (0.7%)	65 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)
20 to 29	334 (2.6%)	178 (1.4%)	156 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)
30 to 39	698 (5.5%)	404 (3.2%)	294 (2.3%)	0 (0.0%)
40 to 49	1,260 (9.9%)	779 (6.1%)	481 (3.8%)	0 (0.0%)
50 to 59	2,488 (19.6%)	1,638 (12.9%)	850 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)
60 to 69	3,371 (26.6%)	2,196 (17.3%)	1,175 (9.3%)	0 (0.0%)
70 to 79	3,012 (23.8%)	1,937 (15.3%)	1,075 (8.5%)	0 (0.0%)
80 or plus	1,358 (10.7%)	769 (6.1%)	589 (4.6%)	0 (0.0%)

**Age and gender ⁴ distribution of COVID-19 cases deceased in Canada as of May 21, 2021,
7 pm EST (n=25,007 ¹)**

Age group (years)	Number of cases with case reports (percentage)	Number of male cases (percentage)	Number of female cases (percentage)	Number of other cases (percentage)
0 to 19	11 (0.0%)	5 (0.0%)	6 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
20 to 29	54 (0.2%)	31 (0.1%)	23 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)
30 to 39	117 (0.5%)	76 (0.3%)	41 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)
40 to 49	264 (1.1%)	168 (0.7%)	96 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)
50 to 59	823 (3.3%)	511 (2.0%)	312 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)
60 to 69	2,207 (8.8%)	1,400 (5.6%)	807 (3.2%)	0 (0.0%)
70 to 79	4,984 (19.9%)	2,970 (11.9%)	2,014 (8.1%)	0 (0.0%)
80 or plus	16,547 (66.2%)	7,282 (29.1%)	9,265 (37.0%)	0 (0)

Provincial, territorial and international reporting

For more information, please refer to provincial or territorial COVID-19 webpages:

- [British Columbia](#)
- [Alberta](#)
- [Saskatchewan](#)
- [Manitoba](#)
- [Ontario](#)
- [Quebec](#)
- [Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
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- 1 This figure is based on cases for which a case report form was received by the Public Health Agency of Canada from provincial or territorial partners.
 - 2 The shaded area represents a period of time (lag time) where it is expected that cases have occurred but have not yet been reported nationally. The earliest of the following dates were used as an estimate: Onset date, Specimen Collection Date, Laboratory Testing Date, Date Reported to Province or Territory, or Date Reported to PHAC.
 - 3 Exposure information may not be available for all cases. Some jurisdictions haven't consistently reported to PHAC how people were exposed throughout the pandemic. As a result, this may underestimate the total number of cases by different exposures, especially among returning travelers.
 - 4 Where available, gender data was used; when gender data was unavailable, sex data was used. Reliable data on gender diverse respondents are unavailable due to small counts.
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