**Description and disclaimer**

The downloadable data file contains information on the 14-day notification rate of newly reported COVID-19 cases per 100 000 population by age group, week and country. Each row contains the corresponding data for a certain week and country. The file is updated weekly. You may use the data in line with ECDC’s copyright policy.

**Source**

The figures are based on data submitted by Member States to TESSy on a weekly basis.

**Interpretation of COVID-19 data**

The age-specific 14-day notification rate of newly reported COVID-19 cases are affected by the local testing strategy, laboratory capacity and the effectiveness of surveillance systems. Comparing the epidemiological situation regarding COVID-19 between countries should therefore not be based on these rates alone. However, at the individual country level, this indicator may be useful for monitoring the national situation over time.

The age-specific 14-day notification rate of new COVID-19 cases should be used in combination with other factors including testing policies, number of tests performed, test positivity, excess mortality and rates of hospital and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) admissions, when analysing the epidemiological situation in a country. Most of these indicators are presented for EU/EEA Member States and the UK in the [Country Overview](http://covid19-country-overviews.ecdc.europa.eu/) report.

Even when using several indicators in combination, comparisons between countries should be done with caution and relevant epidemiological expertise.

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| Variable (as of 20200812) | Definition | Code |
| country |  | String |
| country\_code | 2-letter ISO country code |  |
| year\_week |  | yyyy-Www |
| age\_group | Age group of cases in years | String |
| new\_cases | Weekly number of new confirmed cases. Numbers under 5 are suppressed. | Numeric |
| population | Age-specific population for the country | Numeric |
| rate\_14\_day\_per\_100k | Age-specific 14-day notification rate of reported COVID-19 cases per 100 000 population | Numeric |
| source | TESSy |  |