

# COVID-19 Weekly Report

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## Weekly Data Report - March 3, 2021

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## Background

COVID-19 Weekly Report data will be finalized every Sunday at 11 p.m. PDT, and the report will be published on Wednesday. Please note that the data reported here are continually being updated. For daily up-to-date information, visit the OHA COVID-19 web page: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>.

As of 11 p.m. Sunday, February 28, there have been 155,787 cases of COVID-19 reported to the Oregon Health Authority. Of these, 5,825 (3.7%) are “presumptive” cases—i.e., people with COVID-19-like symptoms and close contact with a confirmed case, but who did not have a confirmatory laboratory test. Though not confirmed, presumptive cases are highly likely to have COVID-19, given their specific symptoms and known exposure. Presumptive cases are encouraged to seek testing to confirm that they do have COVID-19. Presumptive cases who test positive are recategorized as confirmed cases.

These data represent a snapshot of COVID-19 risk factors and clinical and demographic characteristics of cases, and they include data on cases with pending investigations. Not all cases have been interviewed at the time of this report. The data shown in this report come from Oregon’s electronic disease surveillance system for reportable diseases.

During the week of February 21–February 27<sup>1</sup> 120,678 tests for COVID-19 were performed on Oregonians; of these, 3.7% had a positive result.<sup>2</sup> This figure represents a “test-based” method, whereby all electronic lab reports received by OHA are used to calculate percent positivity.<sup>3</sup> Detailed tables of the number of tests and percent positivity can be found online at <https://public.tableau.com/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19#!/vizhome/OregonHealthAuthorityCOVID-19DataDashboard/OregonsCOVID-19ELRsbyCounty>

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<sup>1</sup> This date range aligns with CDC’s “MMWR week.”

<sup>2</sup> Does not include antibody (serology) tests.

<sup>3</sup> [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/calculating-percent-positivity.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/calculating-percent-positivity.html)

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## Weekly Report Summary

During Monday, February 22, through Sunday, February 28, 2021, OHA recorded 2,652 new cases of COVID-19 infection—a 17% increase over last week's total. This occurred in the face of a large increase in testing—from 70,200 tests to 120,678, with test positivity rising from 3.5% to 3.7%. The previous week's testing figure represents a low outlier, probably attributable to the icy and snowy weather; in other weeks during 2021, an average 117,000 tests have been reported weekly.

The number of patients newly hospitalized with COVID-19 rose from 159 to 164. Fifty-seven Oregonians died in association with COVID-19—up from last week's 17, but otherwise the lowest since the week of November 9–15, 2020. Of the 155,787 cases reported in Oregon since the start of the pandemic, 8,621 (5.5%) have been hospitalized, and 2,212 (1.4%) have died. Recent data on mortality in Oregon, including deaths associated with COVID-19, are available at <https://public.tableau.com/profile/oha.center.for.health.statistics>.

Hospitalization and death rates increase with age (Table 2). Although only 3.9% of Oregonians are 80 years of age or older, they have accounted for 1,714 (20%) of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations and 1,157 (52%) of COVID-19-associated deaths. Persons 70 years of age and older make up 12% of Oregon's population, but they have accounted for 3,487 (40%) of COVID-19 hospitalizations and 1,696 (77%) of COVID-19-associated deaths. Additional data are available at <https://public.tableau.com/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19#!/vizhome/OregonCOVID-19CaseDemographicsandDiseaseSeverityStatewide/DemographicData>.

Persons of Hispanic ethnicity continue to be disproportionately affected by COVID-19 (Table 4): they account for 13% of Oregon's population but 34% of cases of known ethnicity reported to date. Table 3 shows that, by race, the highest crude COVID-19 case-fatality rate (CFR)—2.0%—is among whites, with lower CFRs in other races. Similarly, Table 4 shows a lower CFR among Hispanics than among non-Hispanics. However, non-white and Hispanic populations in Oregon are younger overall, which lowers the crude CFRs in these racial and ethnic groups. Age adjustment displays how rates would compare if the age distribution of each racial and ethnic group resembled that of the population of the United States in the year 2000. Table 5 shows that COVID-19 hospitalization rates in non-white populations are 1.4 to 14.2 times those of whites and death rates 1.3 to 15.6 times those of whites. Table 6 shows that the age-adjusted hospitalization rate among Hispanics in Oregon is 4.3 times that of non-Hispanics and the death rate 3.2 times as high.

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## Clinical Characteristics and risk factors

This section of the report describes the epidemiology of Oregon's COVID-19 cases, including indicators of COVID-19 transmission, common symptoms experienced by COVID-19 cases, and demographic breakdowns for sex, age, race, and ethnicity. Indicators of disease severity, specifically hospitalizations and deaths, are included in the tables.

## Epidemiologic links

The figures below show the epidemiologic link of COVID-19 cases. Public health classifies all cases as part of a household, part of an outbreak, part of a cluster, a close contact of another case, or sporadic. Sporadic indicates that a case was not linked to a known source of COVID-19. Lower numbers of sporadic cases suggest lower community spread of COVID-19. Figure 1 focuses on recent cases of COVID-19, and allows for the easy comparison of different types of epidemiologic link. Figure 2 includes all COVID-19 cases, showing the pattern of epidemiologic links since the first cases were identified in Oregon. Figures 3 and 4 show sporadic cases by race, and figures 5 and 6 show sporadic cases by ethnicity. Looking at the data by race and ethnicity helps public health to identify disparities.

### Epidemiologic link designations:

- Sporadic<sup>4</sup> Cases who do not have known exposure to another case or outbreak.
- Outbreak: Cases who have a shared, defined exposure with at least one other case. For example, a defined exposure could be an event, a workplace, a congregate facility, etc.
- Cluster: Cases who had contact with another case, but the exposure is not well defined. For example, cases from two households who interacted many times prior to illness onset.
- Household: Cases who were exposed to another case in their household.
- Close contact: Cases who were exposed to another case, not in their household. This designation was added on 7/15.

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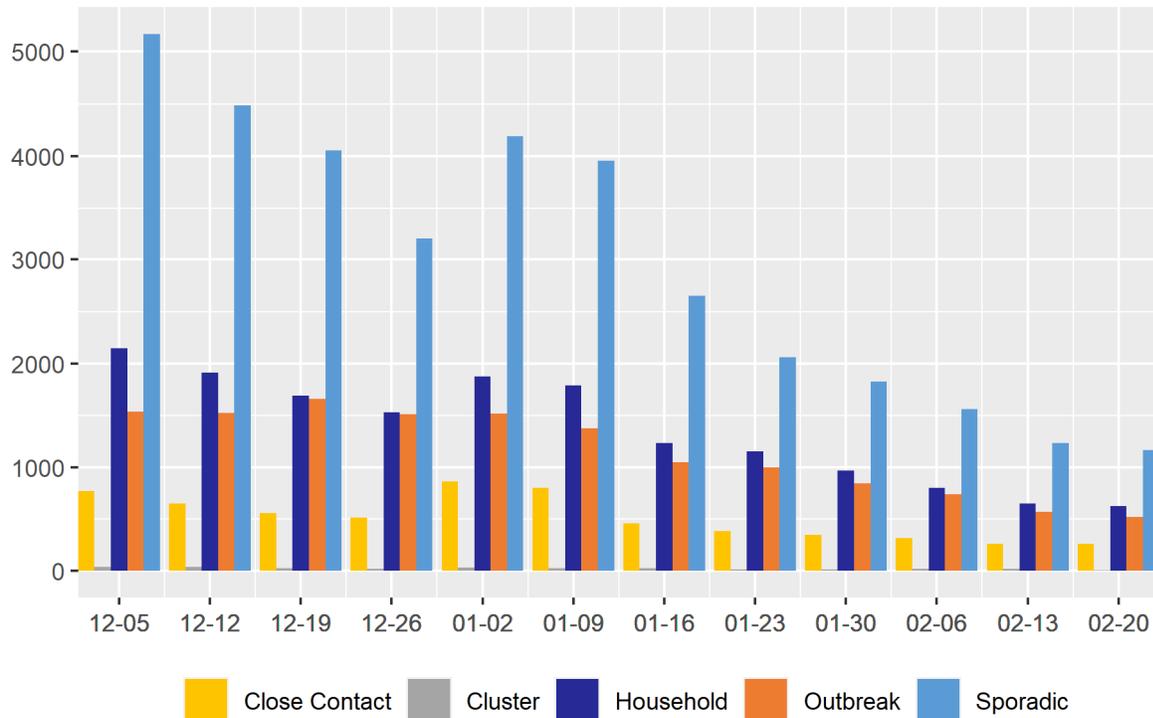
<sup>4</sup> Due to the lag between case reporting and case investigation, the proportion of cases categorized as sporadic is high in the most recent week or more; some of these cases will be recategorized after investigation is completed.

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Figure 1. Epidemiologic link of recent COVID-19 cases by week of onset

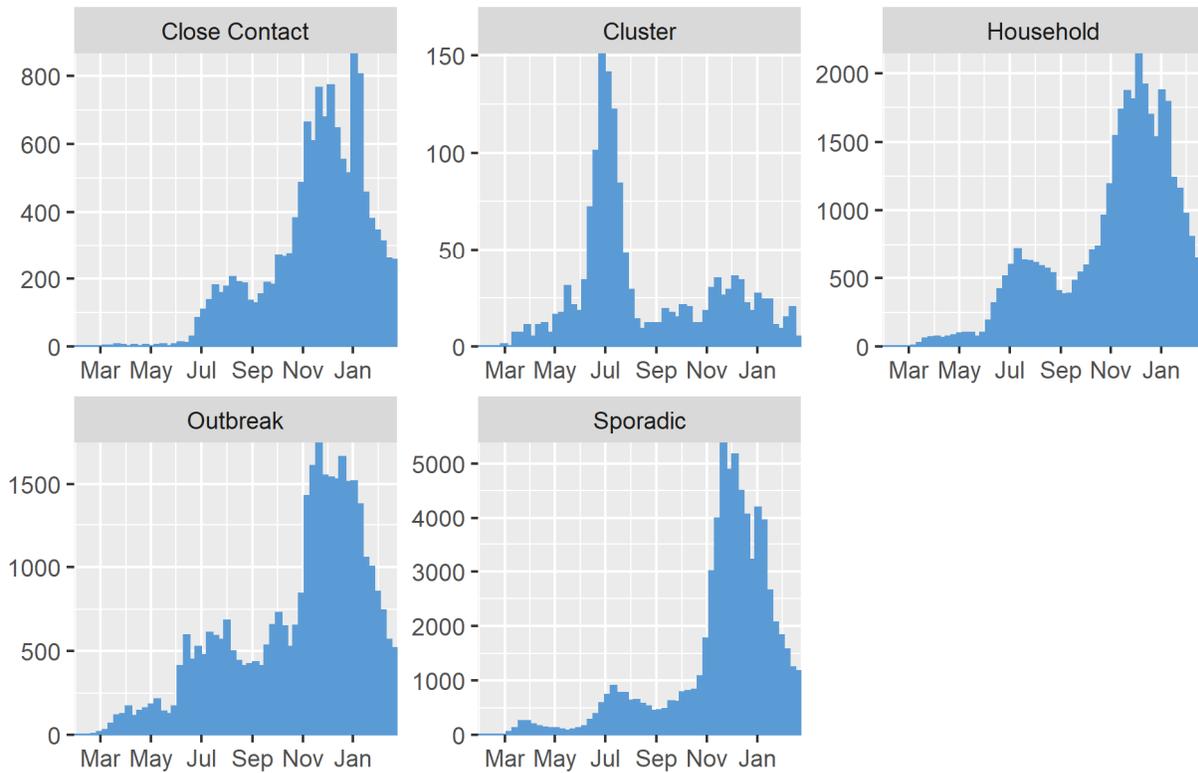


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Figure 2. Epidemiologic link of all COVID-19 cases by week of onset

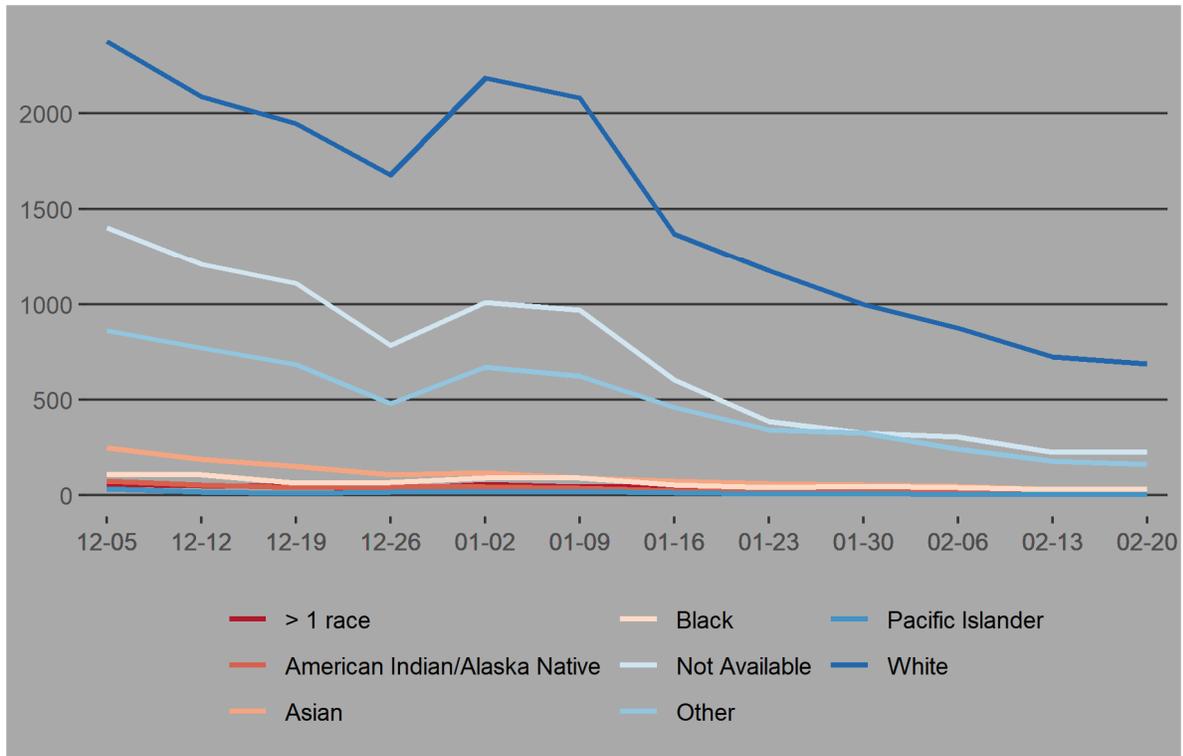


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Figure 3. Recent sporadic COVID-19 cases by race and week of onset



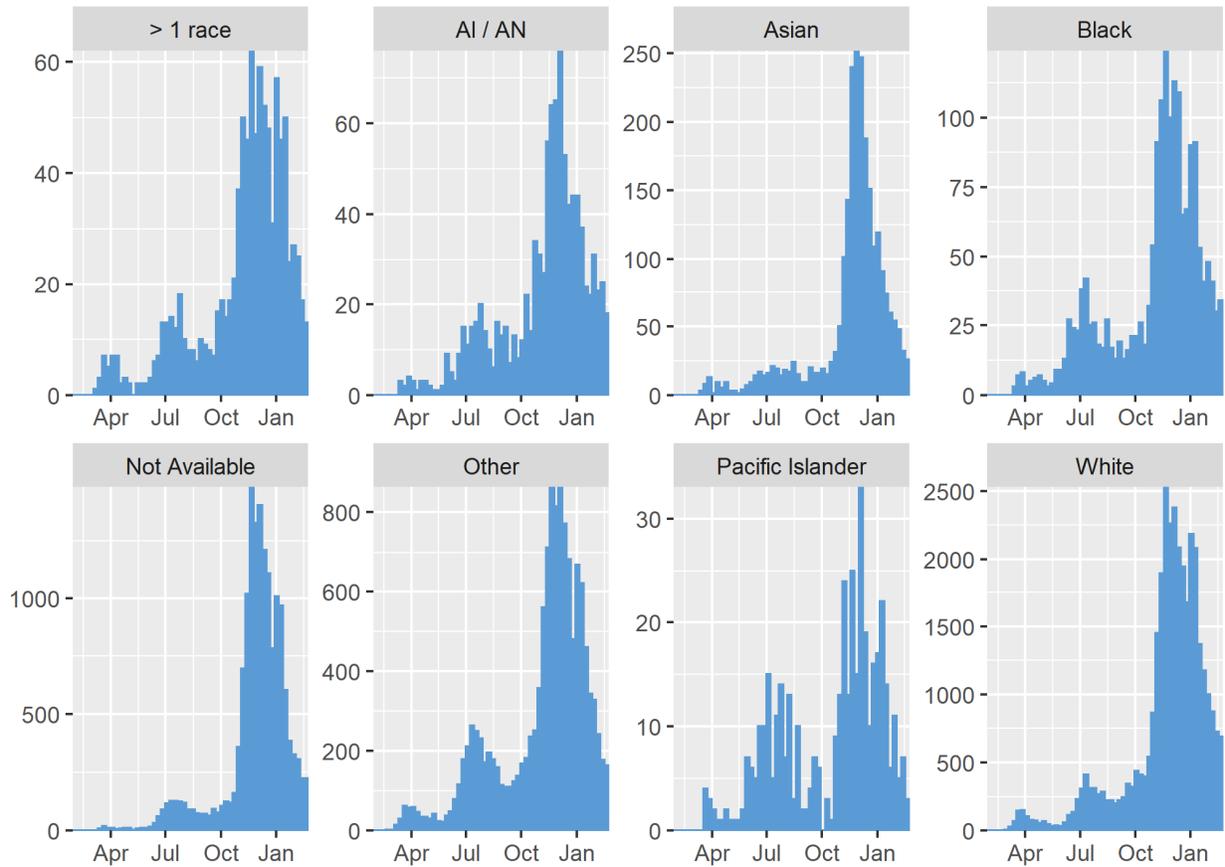
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Figure 4. All sporadic COVID-19 cases by race and week of onset



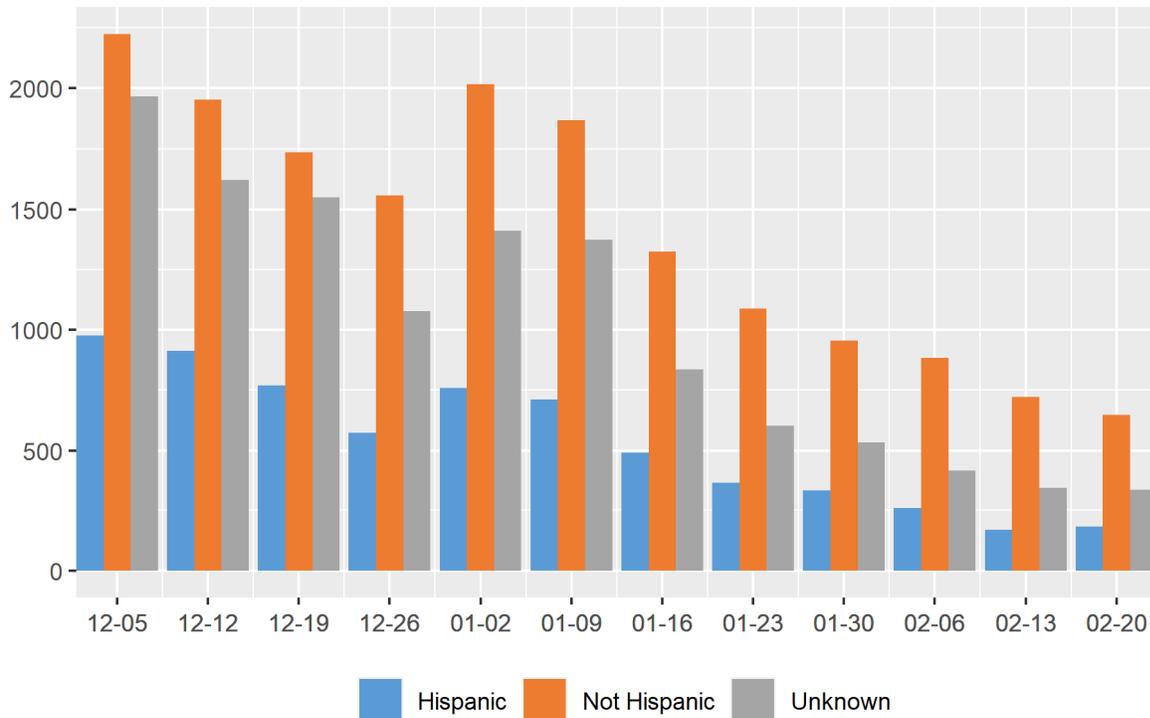
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Figure 5. Recent sporadic COVID-19 cases by ethnicity and week of onset

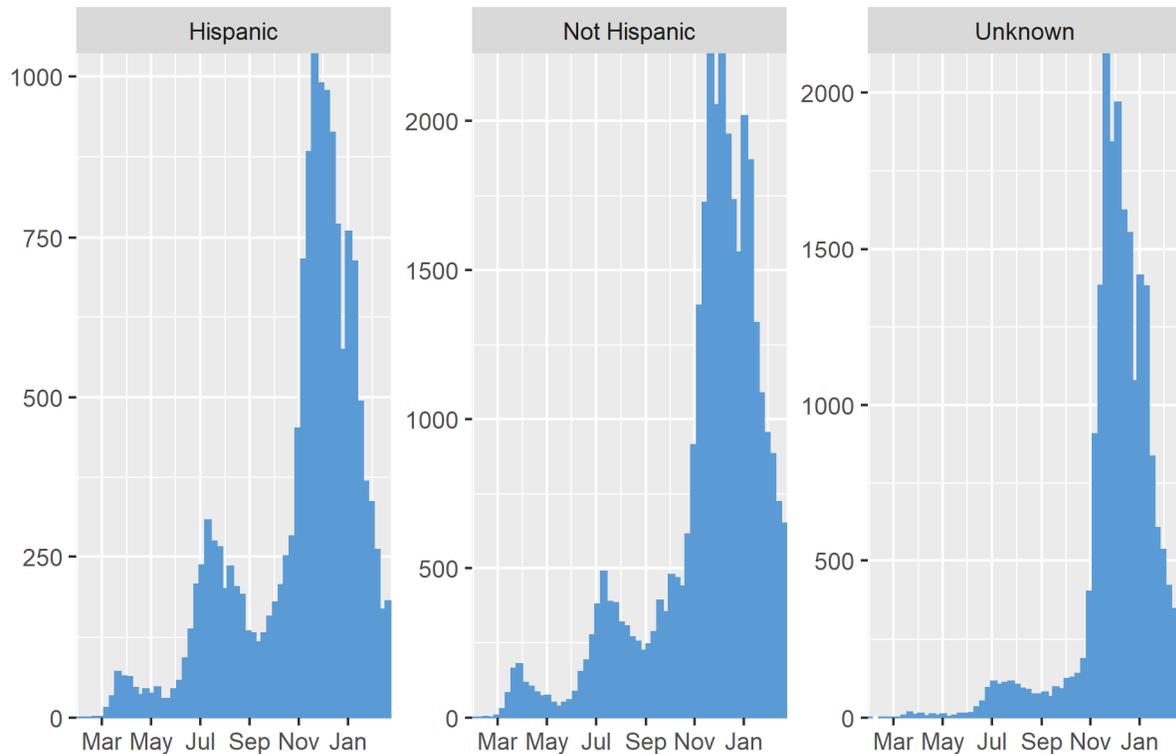


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Figure 6. All sporadic COVID-19 cases by ethnicity and week of onset



## Clinical symptoms and reported risk factors

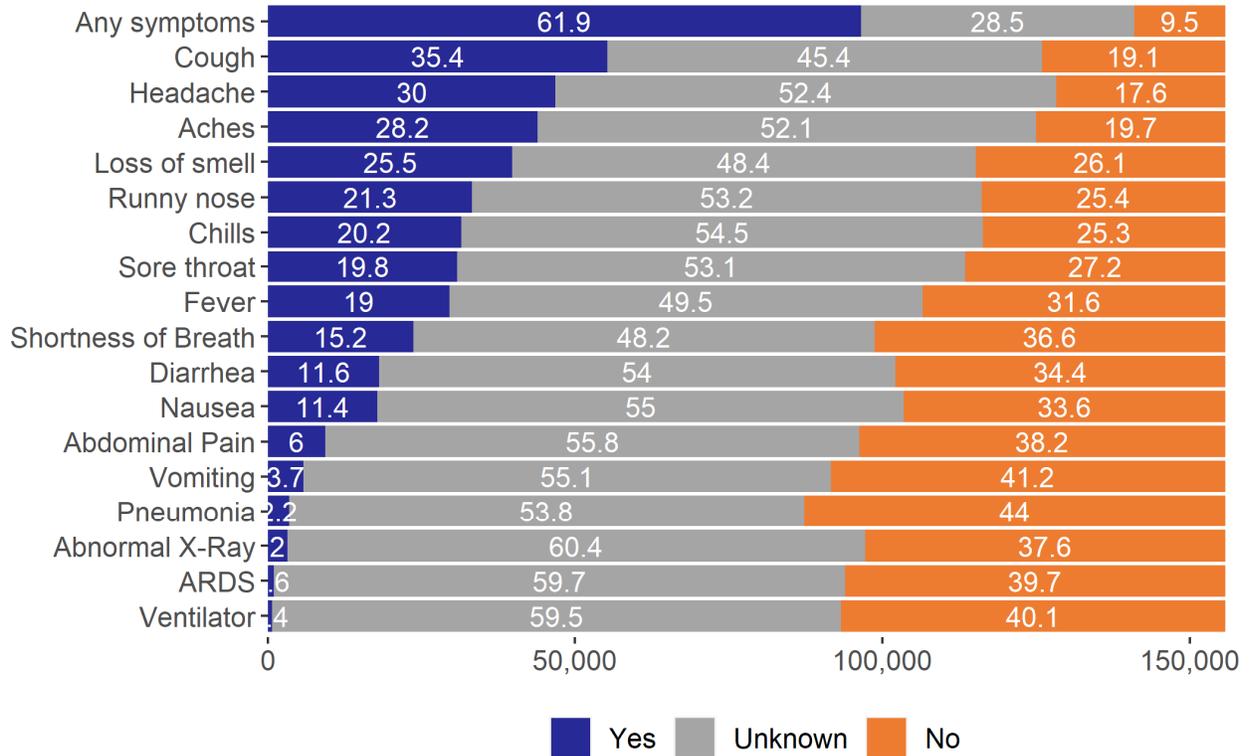
Figure 7 provides information on signs and symptoms from all COVID-19 cases. Of 155,787 cases, 96,502 (61.9%) reported having signs and symptoms of COVID-19. The most commonly reported symptoms are cough (n=55,212, 35.4%) and headache (n=46,748, 30%). Figure 8 provides information on the percentage of COVID-19 cases that report symptoms over time. Figure 9 provides information on risk factors from all COVID-19 cases. The most common risk factors are having contact with a known COVID-19 case prior to symptom onset (n=83,821, 53.8%) and having underlying medical conditions (n=85,532, 54.9%). Note that a person may report more than one sign/symptom or risk factor. Where displayed by week in this report, case data are categorized by week of reported symptom onset, not by date of case report. This results in reduced numbers in the most recent week or more due to reporting lags.

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Figure 7. Reported signs and symptoms for all COVID-19 cases

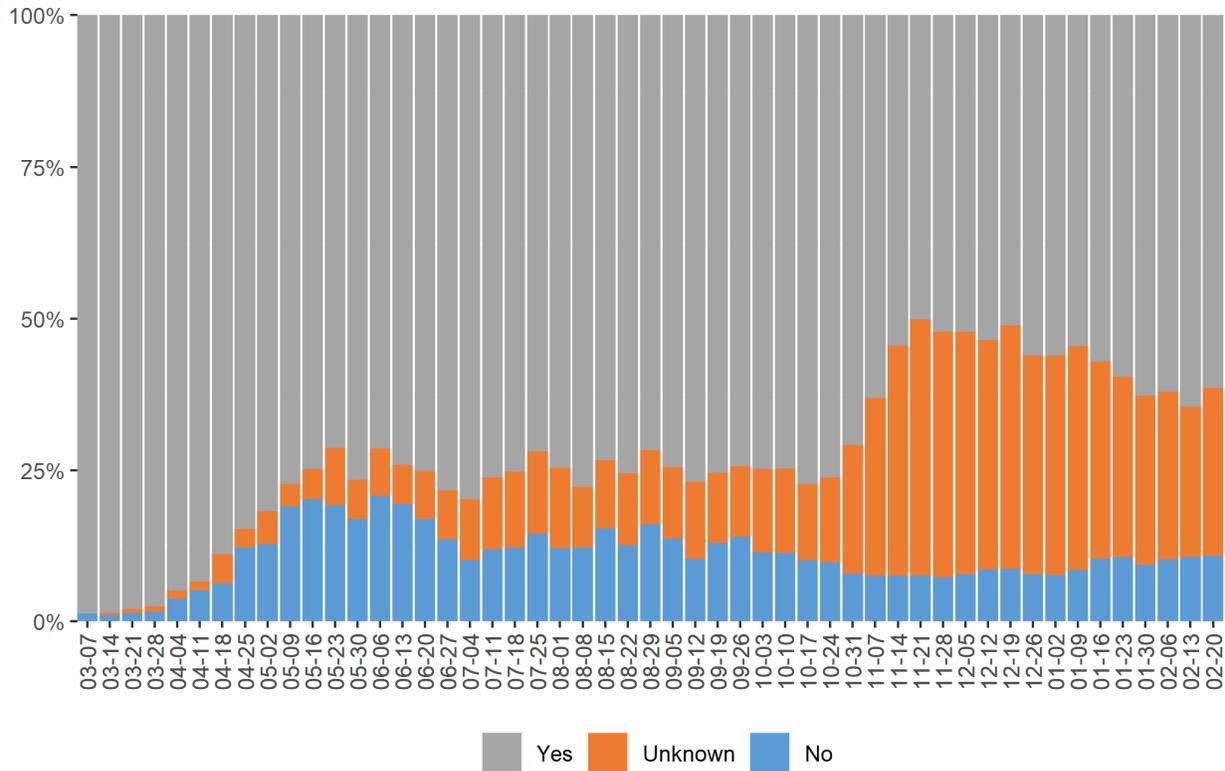


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Figure 8. Reported symptoms among all COVID-19 cases by week of onset



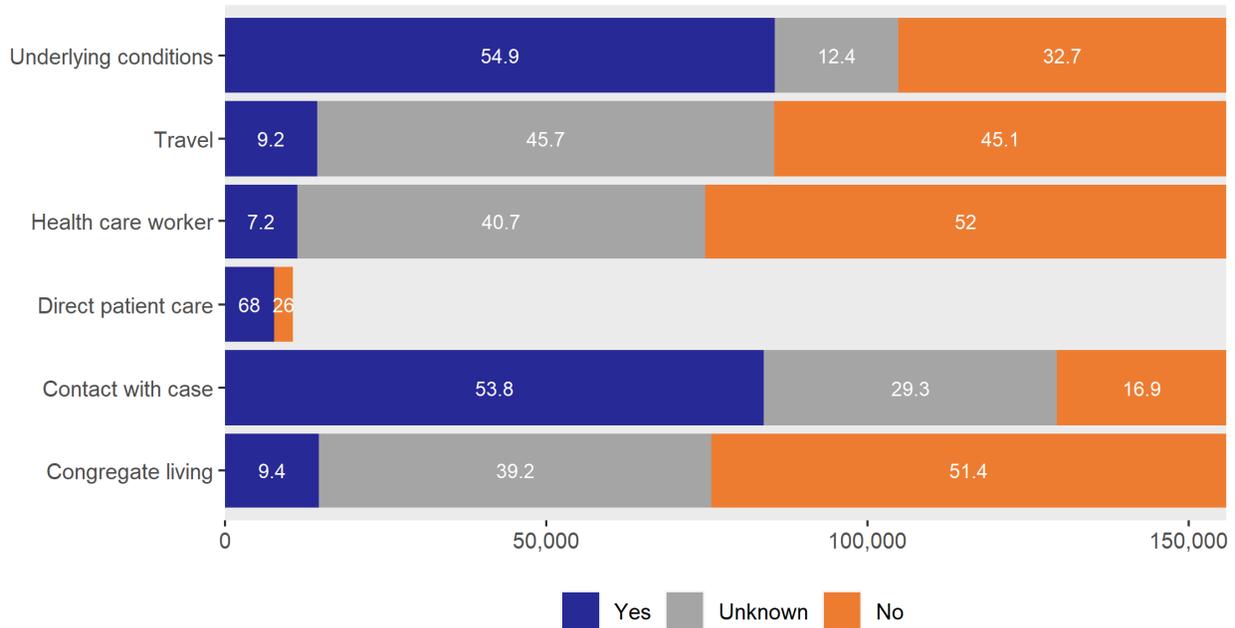
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Figure 9. Reported risk factors among all COVID-19 cases



## Risk factor definitions:

- Congregate living situations include, but are not limited to, long-term care facilities, group homes, prisons, and shelters. Data include people with confirmed cases who live or work in congregate living situations.
- Direct patient care is only asked if a case is a healthcare worker or volunteer. The denominator is the number of healthcare workers or volunteers.
- Underlying medical conditions include cardiovascular disease, chronic liver disease, chronic lung disease, chronic renal disease, current or former smoker, diabetes mellitus, immunocompromised condition, neurologic and neurodevelopmental conditions, obesity, or other chronic diseases.

## Demographics

The following tables and figures show the demographic characteristics for all COVID-19 cases. The tables show case counts, case rates, and indicators of severity by sex, age, race and

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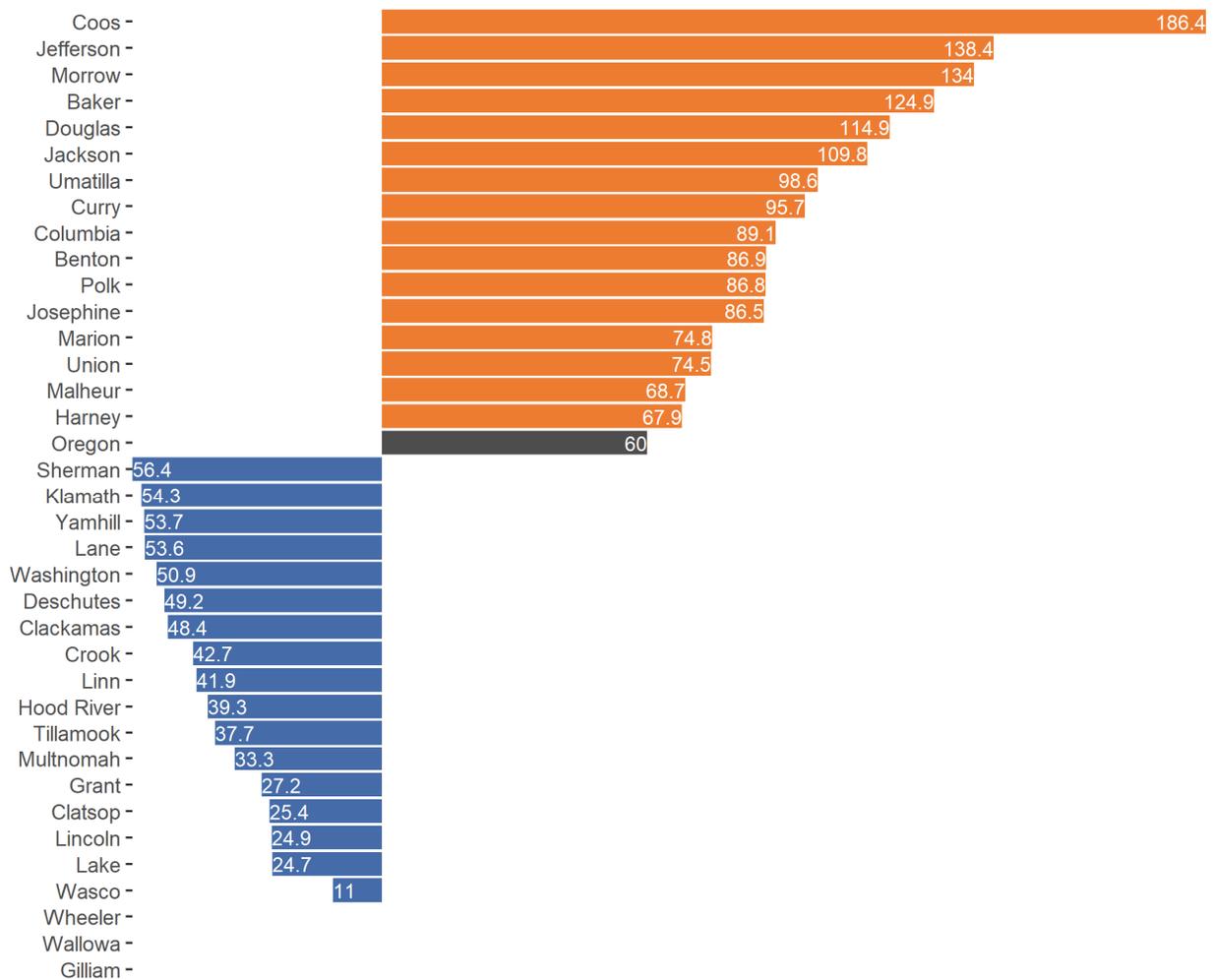


ethnicity. The figures show cases over time, by week of onset, for sex, age, race, and ethnicity. Figure 10 displays case rates by county, in comparison to the case rate for all of Oregon.

## Geography

The following figure shows case rates by county for the most recently completed MMWR week, which is currently February 21, 2021 to February 27, 2021. Cases are displayed using the date that the case became known to public health.

**Figure 10. Case rates per 100,000 population, by county**



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1. Counties that had case rates above the case rate for the state are displayed in orange. Counties that had case rates below the case rate for the state are displayed in blue.
2. Counties that had zero cases in the time period displayed appear on the list, but do not have a bar to display.

## Sex

**Table 1. Severity and rates of COVID-19 by sex**

| Sex           | Cases   | % of total cases | Cases per 100,000 | Hospitalized | % Hospitalized | Deaths | Case fatality |
|---------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------|---------------|
| Female        | 79,288  | 51               | 3,687             | 4,047        | 5.1            | 1,043  | 1.3           |
| Male          | 74,950  | 48               | 3,594             | 4,526        | 6.0            | 1,161  | 1.5           |
| Non-Binary    | 13      | 0                |                   | 0            | 0.0            | 0      | 0.0           |
| Not Available | 1,536   | 1                |                   | 48           | 3.1            | 8      | 0.5           |
| Total         | 155,787 | 100              | 3,677             | 8,621        | 5.5            | 2,212  | 1.4           |

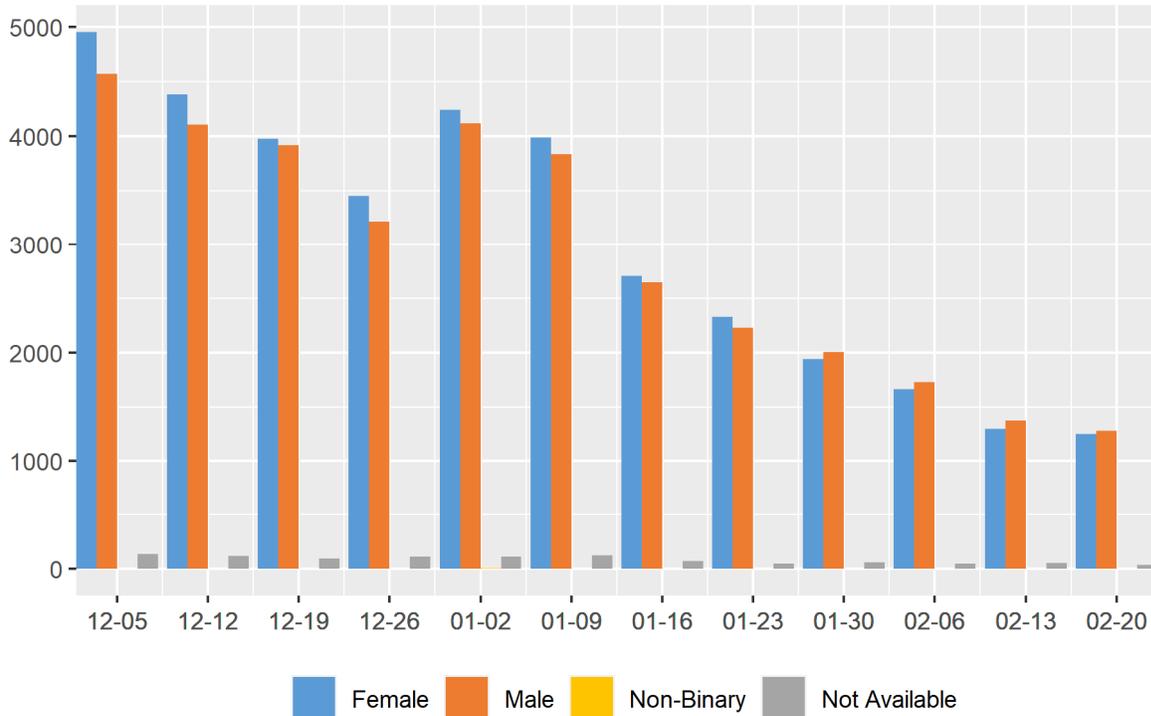
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Figure 11. Recent COVID-19 cases by sex and week of onset

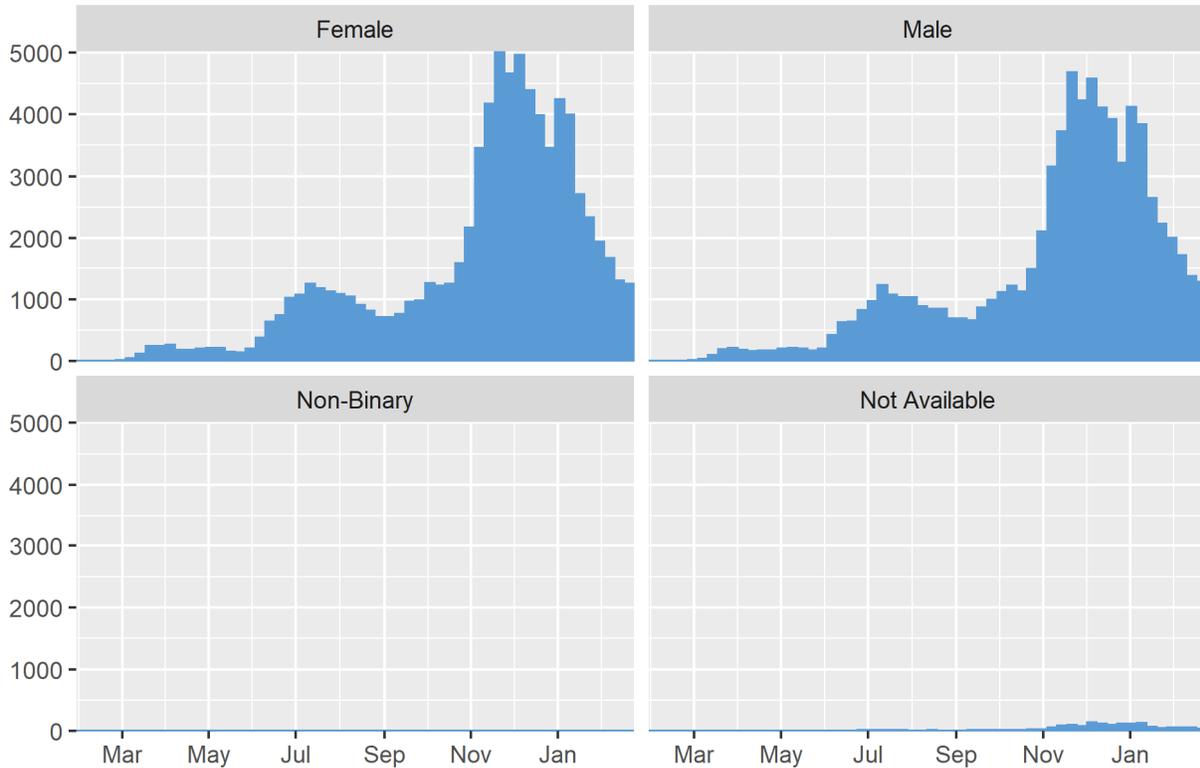


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Figure 12. All COVID-19 cases by sex and week of onset



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## Age

**Table 2. Severity and rates of COVID-19 by age**

| Age group     | Cases   | % of total cases | Cases per 100,000 | Hospitalized | % Hospitalized | Deaths | Case fatality |
|---------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------|---------------|
| 0-9           | 8,022   | 5.1              | 1,671             | 99           | 1.2            | 1      | 0.0           |
| 10-19         | 16,493  | 10.6             | 3,320             | 134          | 0.8            | 1      | 0.0           |
| 20-29         | 32,776  | 21.0             | 5,903             | 514          | 1.6            | 4      | 0.0           |
| 30-39         | 27,069  | 17.4             | 4,676             | 622          | 2.3            | 18     | 0.1           |
| 40-49         | 24,052  | 15.4             | 4,426             | 861          | 3.6            | 41     | 0.2           |
| 50-59         | 19,951  | 12.8             | 3,729             | 1,256        | 6.3            | 133    | 0.7           |
| 60-69         | 13,351  | 8.6              | 2,475             | 1,626        | 12.2           | 318    | 2.4           |
| 70-79         | 7,860   | 5.0              | 2,311             | 1,773        | 22.6           | 539    | 6.9           |
| 80+           | 5,867   | 3.8              | 3,500             | 1,714        | 29.2           | 1,157  | 19.7          |
| Not Available | 346     | 0.2              |                   | 22           | 6.4            | 0      | 0.0           |
| Total         | 155,787 | 100.0            | 3,677             | 8,621        | 5.5            | 2,212  | 1.4           |

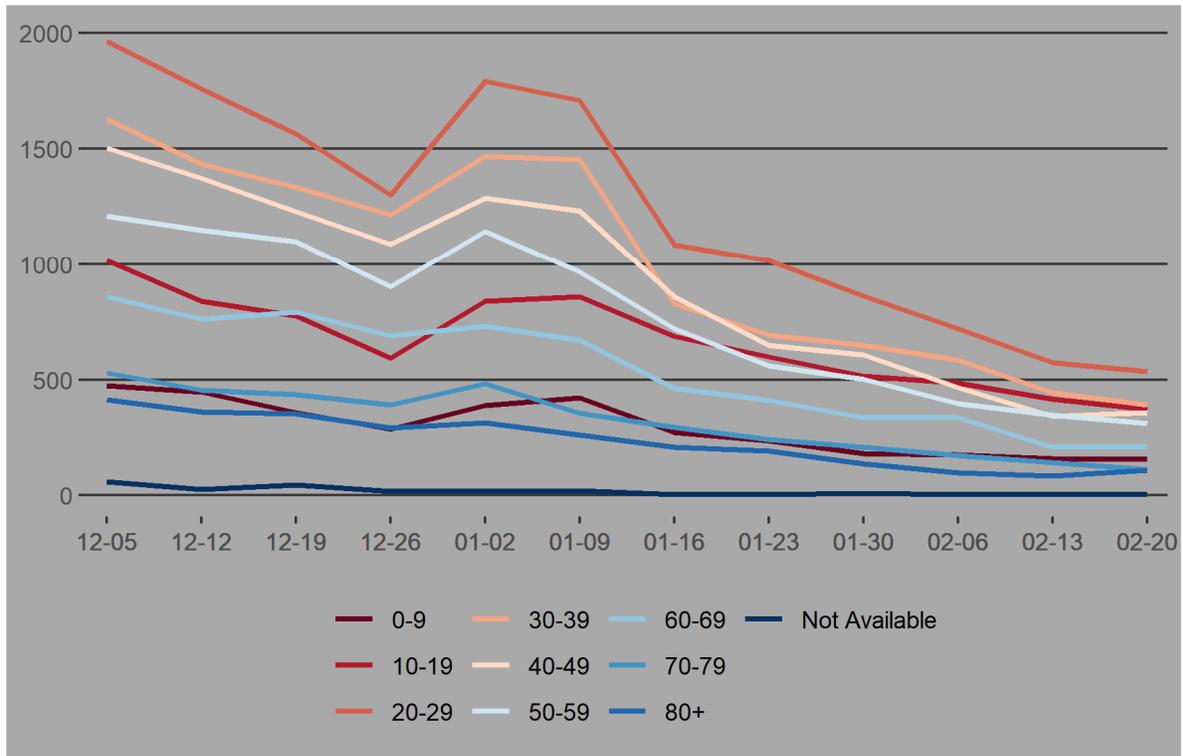
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Figure 13. Recent COVID-19 cases by age and week of onset



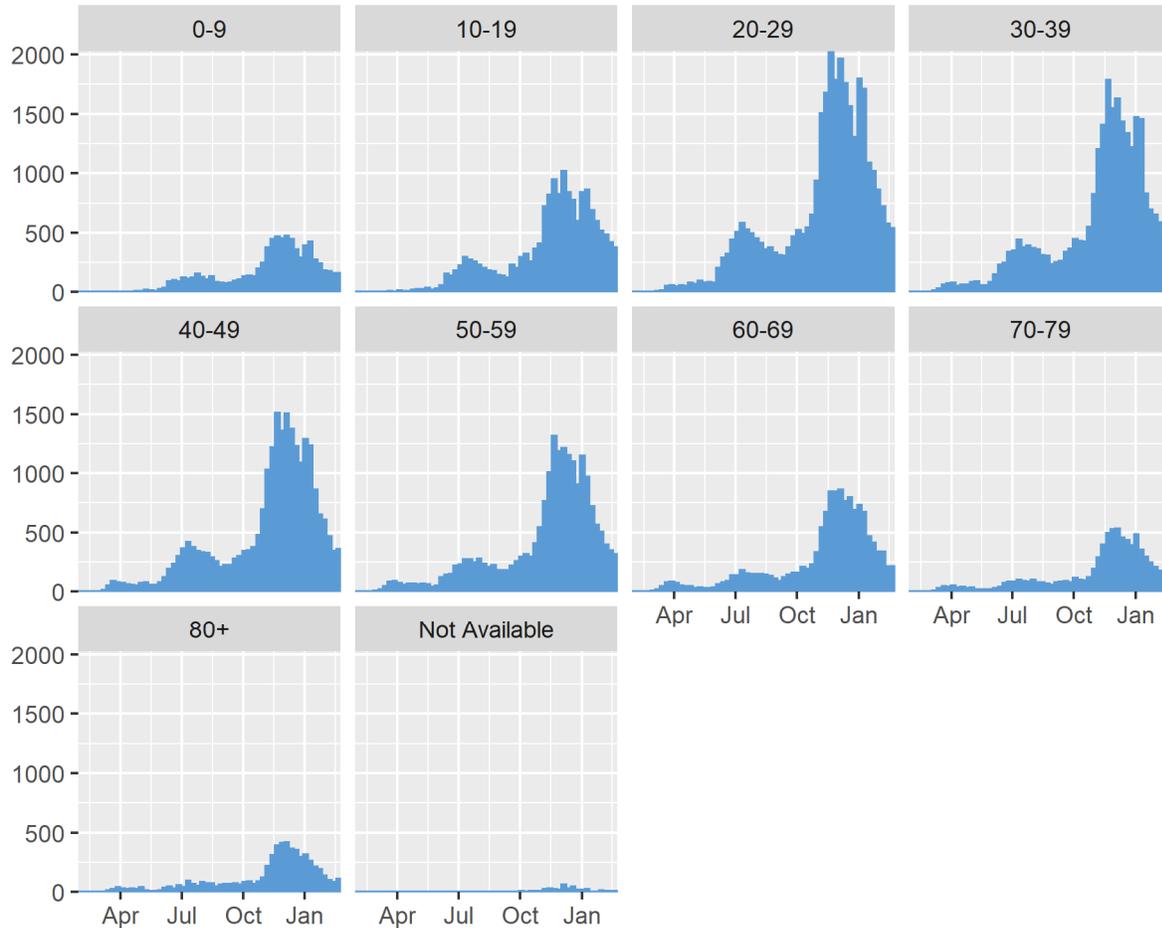
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Figure 14. All COVID-19 cases (counts) by age and week of onset



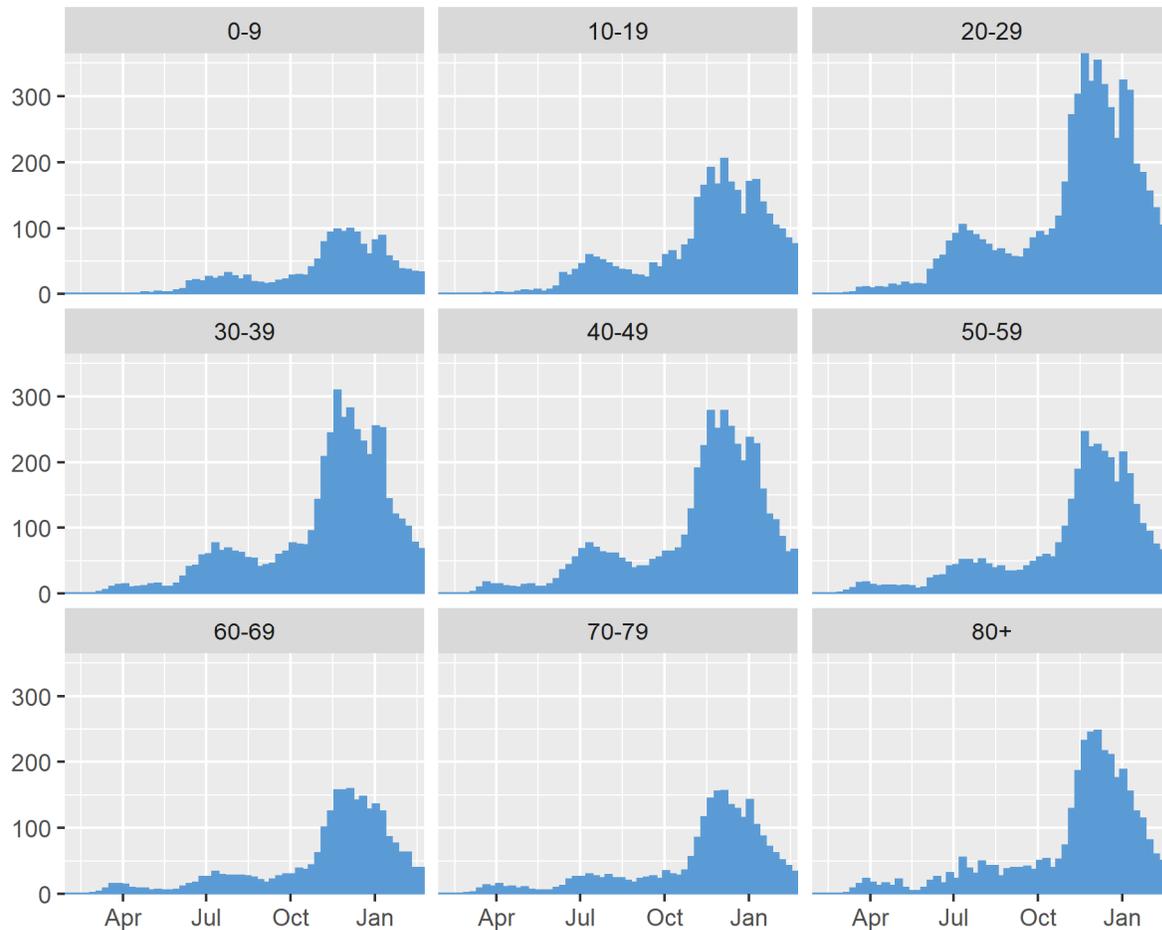
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Figure 15. All COVID-19 cases (case rate per 100,000) by age and week of onset



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## Race

**Table 3. Severity and rates of COVID-19 by race**

| Race                          | Cases   | % of total cases | Cases per 100,000 | Hospitalized | % Hospitalized | Deaths | Case fatality |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------|---------------|
| > 1 race                      | 2,501   | 1.6              | 1,244             | 160          | 6.4            | 47     | 1.9           |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 2,752   | 1.8              | 5,646             | 220          | 8.0            | 40     | 1.5           |
| Asian                         | 4,821   | 3.1              | 2,662             | 307          | 6.4            | 56     | 1.2           |
| Black                         | 3,772   | 2.4              | 4,672             | 269          | 7.1            | 45     | 1.2           |
| Not Available                 | 28,141  | 18.1             |                   | 737          | 2.6            | 348    | 1.2           |
| Other                         | 36,606  | 23.5             | 27,755            | 1,580        | 4.3            | 177    | 0.5           |
| Pacific Islander              | 1,395   | 0.9              | 8,398             | 145          | 10.4           | 18     | 1.3           |
| White                         | 75,799  | 48.7             | 2,120             | 5,203        | 6.9            | 1,481  | 2.0           |
| Total                         | 155,787 | 100.0            | 3,677             | 8,621        | 5.5            | 2,212  | 1.4           |

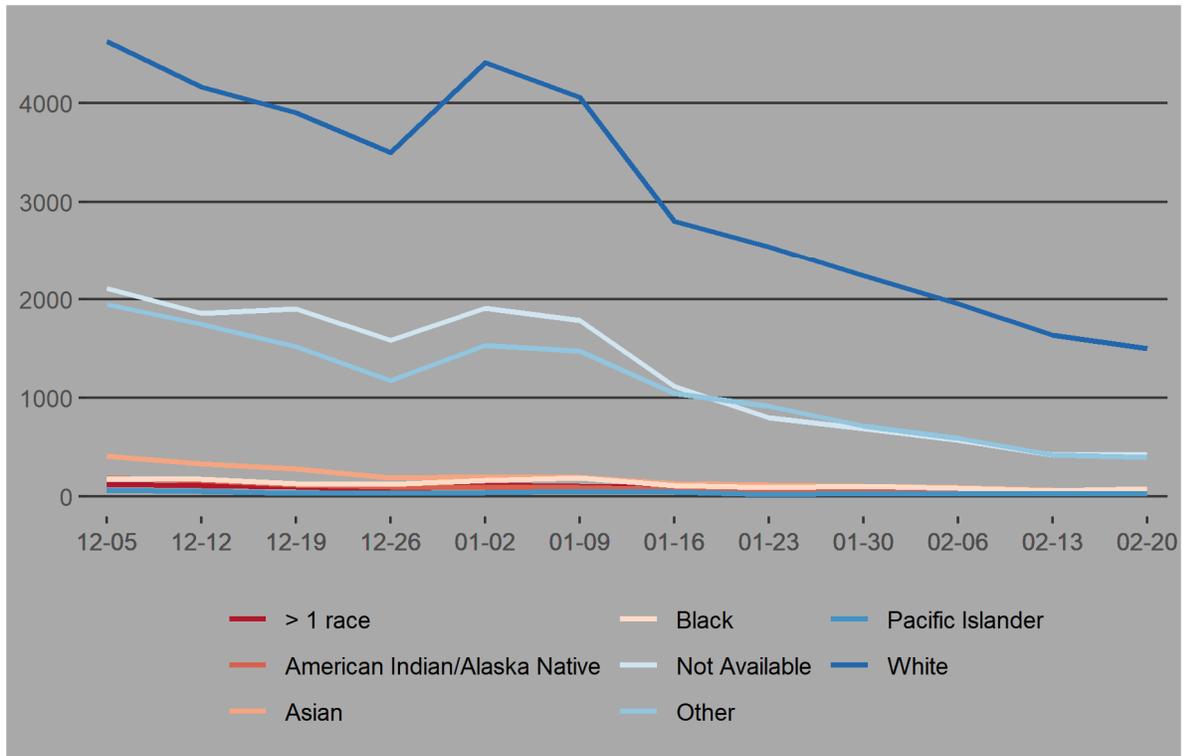
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3. Persons for which race information was not available were not included in these estimates. The number of persons with race data unavailable can be found in Table 3.
4. 33290 (90.9%) of the 36606 persons who identify as "Other" race also self-identify as Hispanic or Latino.

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Figure 16. Recent COVID-19 cases by race and week of onset



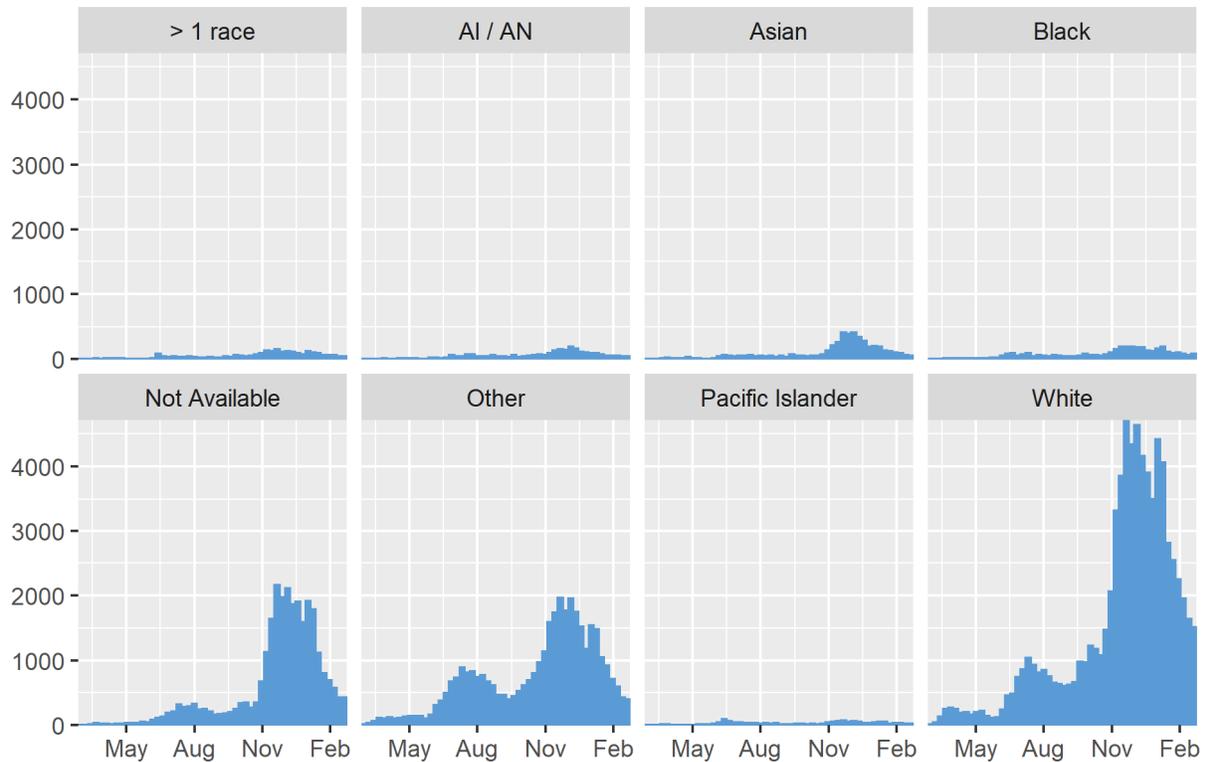
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Figure 17. All COVID-19 cases (counts) by race and week of onset

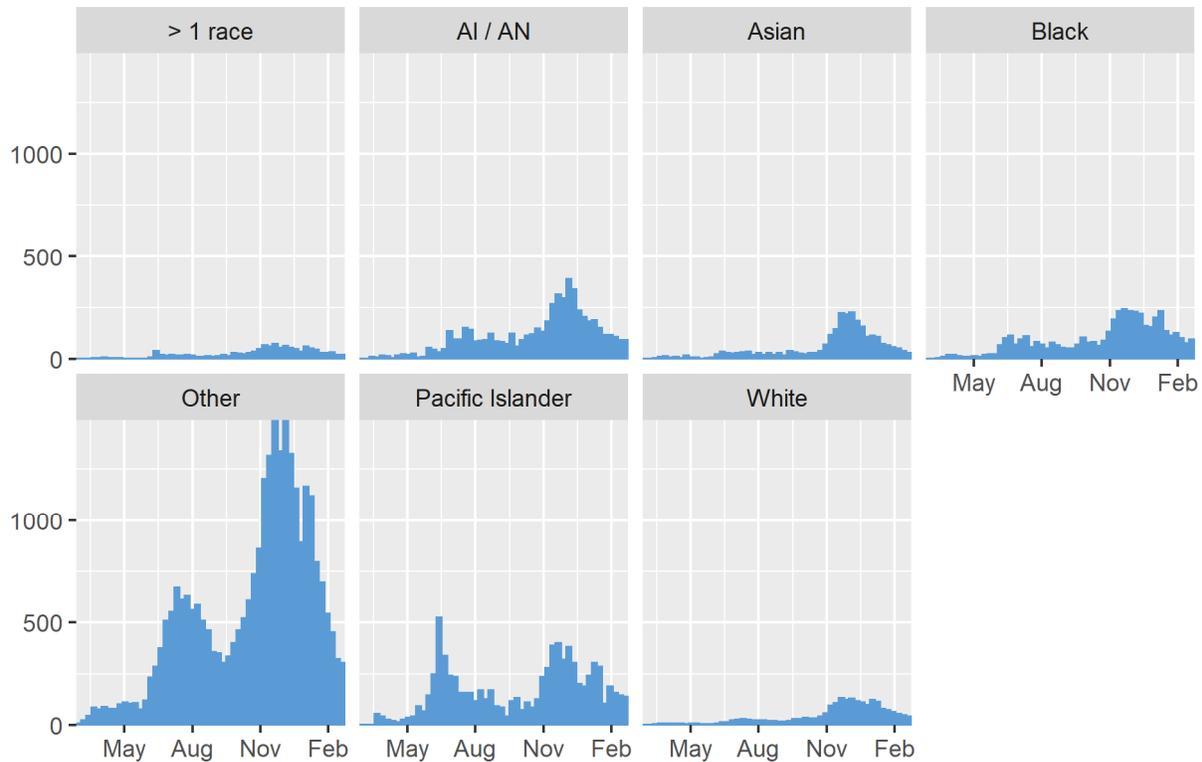


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Figure 18. All COVID-19 cases (case rates per 100,000) by race and week of onset



## Ethnicity

Table 4. Severity and rates of COVID-19 by ethnicity

| Ethnicity    | Cases   | % of total cases | Cases per 100,000 | Hospitalized | % Hospitalized | Deaths | Case fatality |
|--------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------|---------------|
| Hispanic     | 40,772  | 26               | 7,498             | 1,760        | 4.3            | 206    | 0.5           |
| Not Hispanic | 77,784  | 50               | 2,106             | 5,335        | 6.9            | 1,425  | 1.8           |
| Unknown      | 37,231  | 24               |                   | 1,526        | 4.1            | 581    | 1.6           |
| Total        | 155,787 | 100              | 3,677             | 8,621        | 5.5            | 2,212  | 1.4           |

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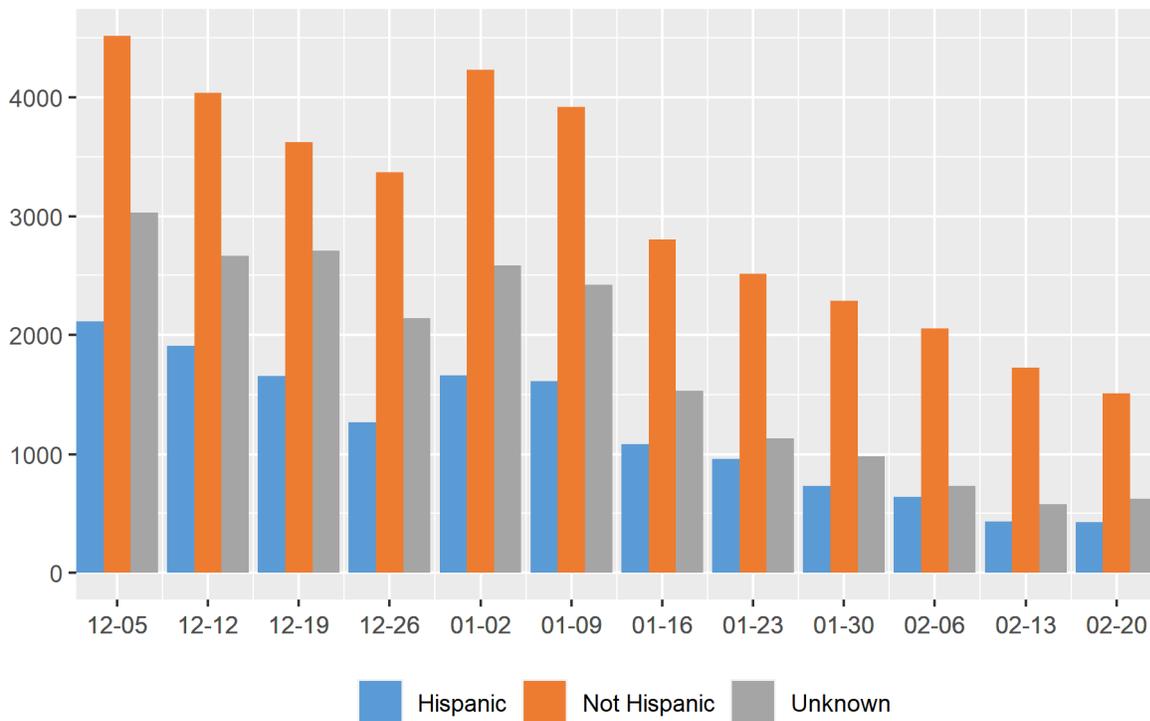
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1. National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Estimates of the resident population of the US by year, county, age, bridged race, Hispanic origin, and sex (Vintage 2018). 2) Census Bureau Population Estimates: U.S. Census bureau, Population Division, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin for counties (Vintage 2018)

**Figure 19. Recent COVID-19 cases by ethnicity and week of onset**

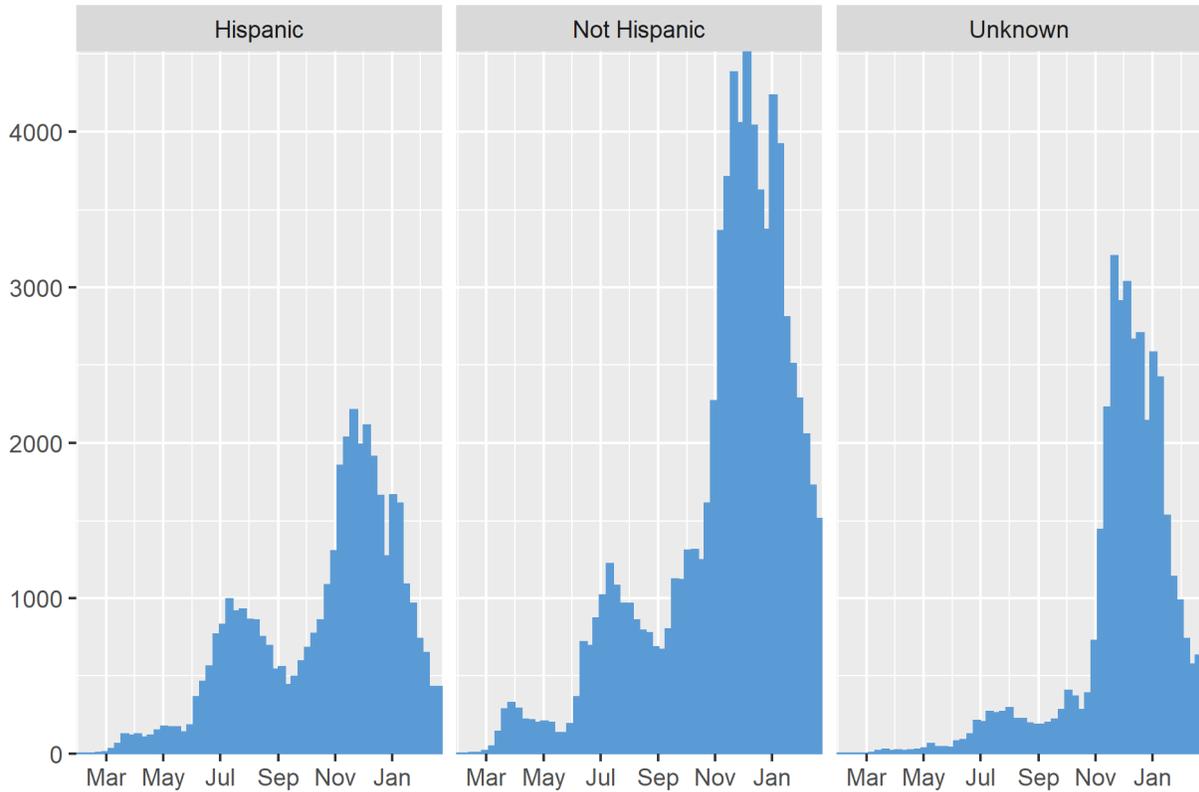


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Figure 20. All COVID-19 cases by ethnicity (counts) and week of onset

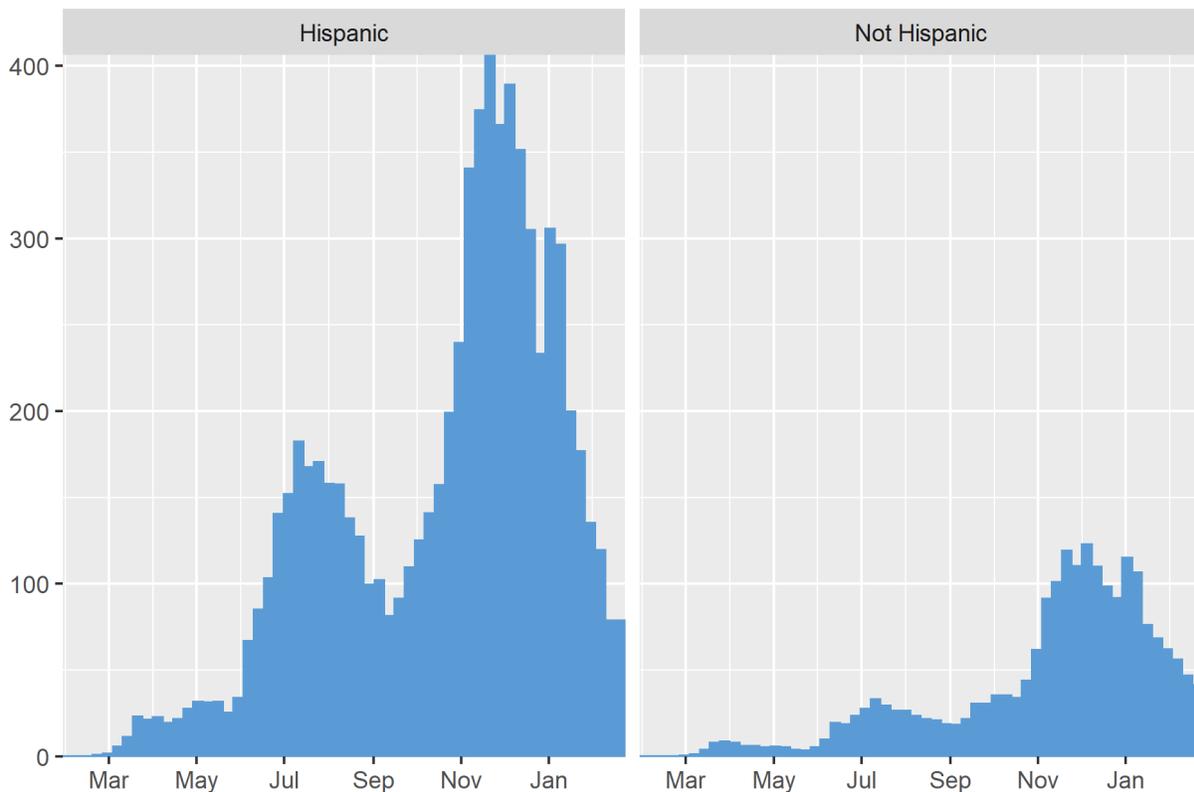


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**Figure 21. All COVID-19 cases by ethnicity (case rates per 100,000) and week of onset**



## Age-adjustment

Tables 5 and 6 show the ratio of age-adjusted rates of COVID-19 for cases, hospitalizations, and deaths by race and ethnicity. Each table compares the rates of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths between each group and a reference group and accounts for differences in population distributions in each group.

### Table 5. Ratio of age-adjusted rates of COVID-19 for cases, hospitalizations, and deaths by race

Age-adjusted rate ratios of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, compared to white persons

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| Race                          | Cases | Hospitalizations | Deaths |
|-------------------------------|-------|------------------|--------|
| > 1 race                      | 0.7   | 1.4              | 2.3    |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 2.6   | 4.0              | 3.2    |
| Asian                         | 1.2   | 1.6              | 1.3    |
| Black                         | 2.2   | 3.4              | 2.8    |
| Pacific Islander              | 4.4   | 14.2             | 15.6   |
| White                         | 1.0   | 1.0              | 1.0    |

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3. Persons for which race information was not available were not included in these estimates. The number of persons with race data unavailable can be found in Table 3.

**Table 6. Ratio of age-adjusted rates of COVID-19 for cases, hospitalizations, and deaths by ethnicity**

Age-adjusted rate ratios of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, compared to non-Hispanic

| Ethnicity    | Cases | Hospitalizations | Deaths |
|--------------|-------|------------------|--------|
| Hispanic     | 3.4   | 4.3              | 3.2    |
| Non-Hispanic | 1.0   | 1.0              | 1.0    |

1. During the case investigation, people are asked to self-report their race, ethnicity, tribal affiliation, country of origin, or ancestry.
2. Population data were compiled from the 2019 Annual Oregon Population Report, which is produced by the Population Research Center, Portland State University
3. Persons for which ethnicity information was not available were not included in these estimates. The number of persons with ethnicity data unavailable can be found in Table 4.

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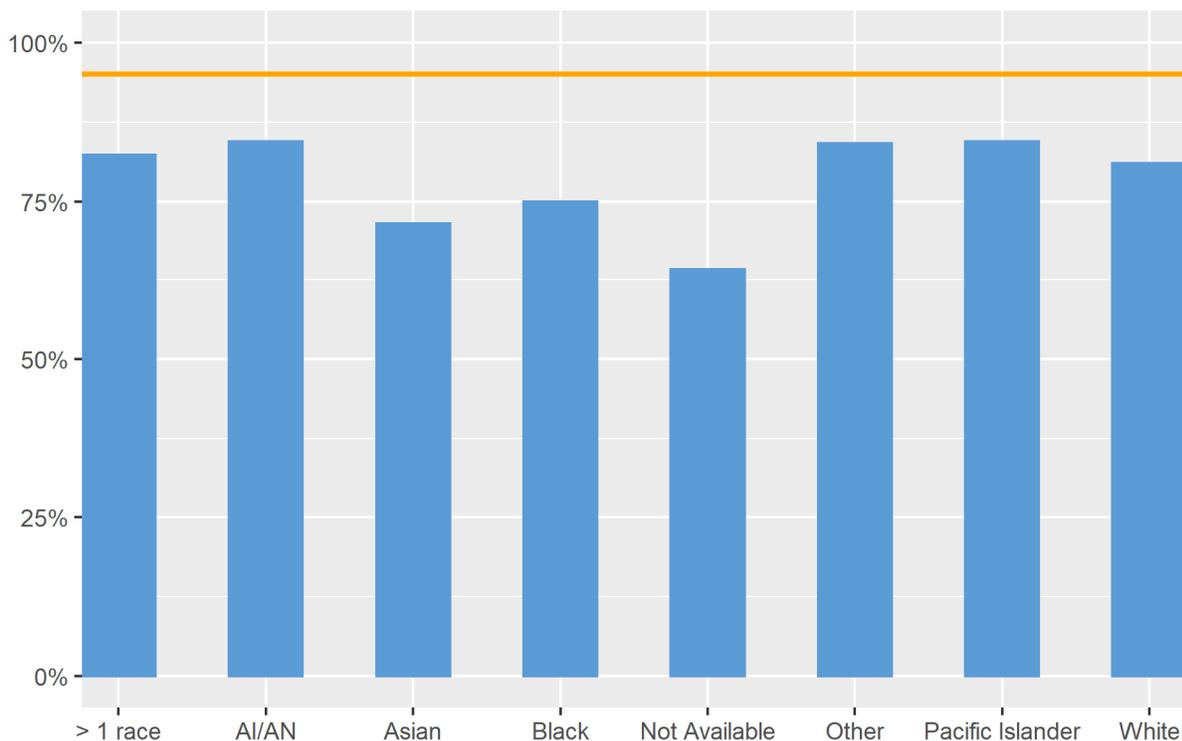
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## Follow-up

Figure 22 shows the percentage of cases that were called within 24 hours of being reported to public health by race. Figure 23 shows the percentage of cases that were called within 24 hours of being reported to public health by ethnicity. Figure 24 shows the percentage of cases that were interviewed, by race. Figure 25 shows the percentage of cases that were interviewed, by ethnicity. Race and ethnicity data are collected when cases are interviewed. Race and ethnicity data for cases that were not interviewed are abstracted from laboratory reports and medical records if it is available. The orange line in figures 22 and 23 represents the state metric for timely follow up for all cases: 95%.

**Figure 22. Follow up attempted within 24 hours, % by race**

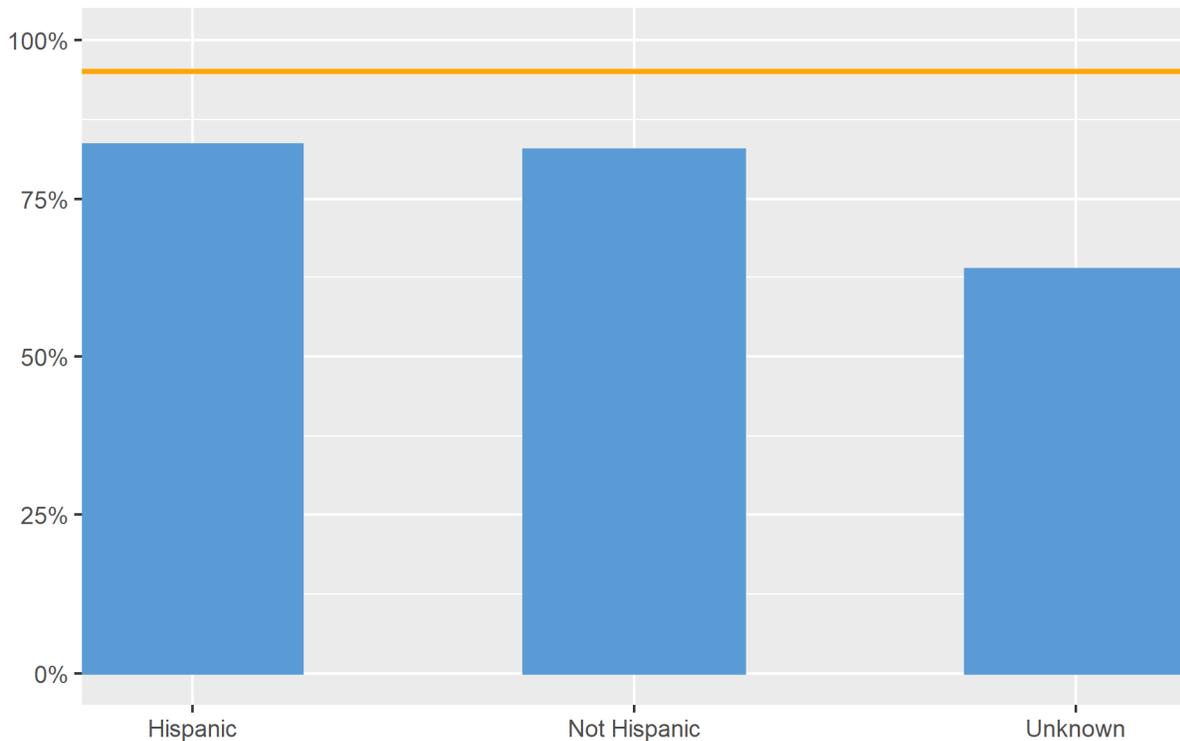


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Figure 23. Follow up attempted within 24 hours, % by ethnicity

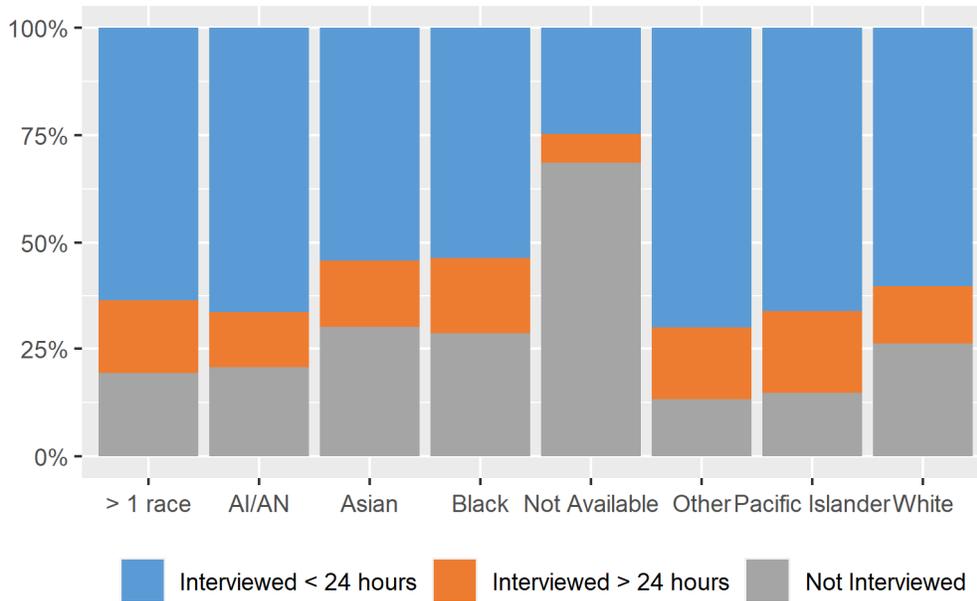


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Figure 24. Cases interviewed, by race

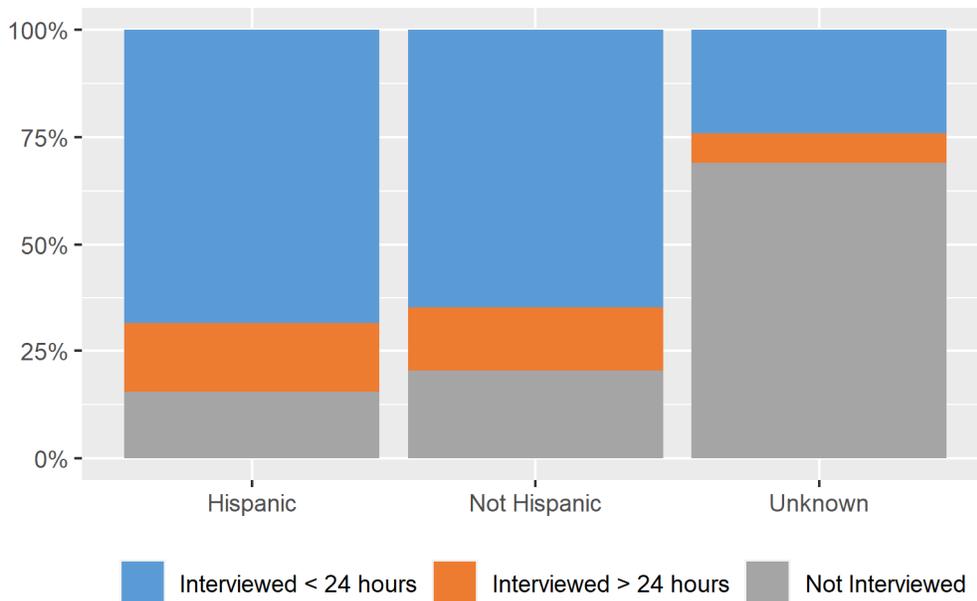


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Figure 25. Cases interviewed, by ethnicity



## Recovery

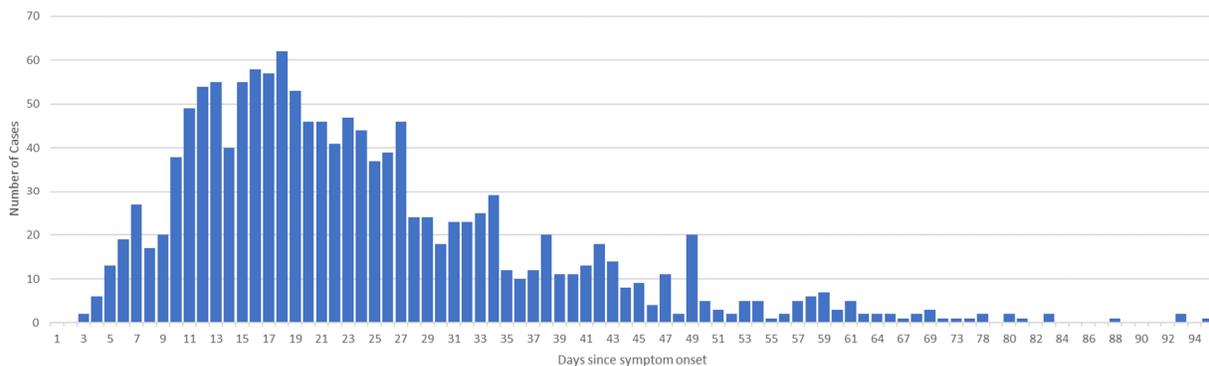
OHA staff periodically call people with reported COVID-19 who experienced fever, cough, shortness of breath or diarrhea and were initially interviewed before May 1, when OHA changed its definition of recovery, to inquire about resolution of symptoms. This group includes 1,884 people who were all diagnosed before mid-April and have not succumbed to their illness. Among these, 1,682 (88.8%) are considered to have recovered, and a recovery date is available for 1,387 people; their time to recovery is depicted in Figure 26. Of these 1,884 people, 16 (0.8%), have not yet recovered; and recovery status is not available for 186 (9.8%). People are assumed to have recovered three days after resolution of all symptoms. The median time to recovery among non-hospitalized symptomatic cases is 20 days (interquartile range: 15–29 days); among symptomatic cases who were hospitalized it is 26 days (interquartile range: 18–37 days).

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**Figure 26. Time to recovery among symptomatic people with COVID-19**



## Notes about recovery data:

- Recovery definition: three days after reported resolution of diarrhea, cough, shortness of breath and fever.
- Inclusion criteria: cases who were interviewed about their date of recovery before a change in recovery definition on May 1
- Data for 1,387 cases are included
- This was last updated on 9/16; Data will be updated again as new information is available.

## People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

As of January 4, OHA is aware of 637 people with intellectual or developmental disabilities who have had COVID-19 to date. This includes individuals who live in congregate settings and in family or individual homes. To date, there are 19 deaths associated with people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. This number is from conducting a match between the ODHS Office of Developmental Disabilities Services client list and the Oregon COVID-19 case database. OHA will update this number on a quarterly basis.

Additional information about the ODDS program and COVID-19 can be found here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/ODDS%20Resource%20Library/ODDS-Residential-COVID-19-Report.pdf>

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ODDS data is based on self-reports from providers and case management entities and therefore may differ from testing data received from the Oregon Health Authority.

## Weekly COVID-19 Hospitalizations (HOSCAP)

OHA is publishing data on the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations by hospital in the prior week; data are from HOSCAP. Table 7 lists all hospitals which, at some time during the week reported, had 10 or more suspected/confirmed COVID-19 patients. The left column shows the highest number of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 hospitalized patients for each hospital between 2/22/2021 and 2/28/2021. The right column shows the highest number of confirmed COVID-19 patients hospitalized during the same time period.

**Table 7. Hospitals reporting 10 or more COVID-19 patients.**

| Hospital                                  | Maximum Patients (both suspected and confirmed) | Maximum Patients (confirmed only) |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Salem Health Hospital                     | 27  | 22                                |
| St. Charles Bend                          | 18  | 15                                |
| PeaceHealth Sacred Heart MC at Riverbend  | 15  | 15                                |
| OHSU Hospital                             | 15  | <10                               |
| Mercy Medical Center                      | 14  | 14                                |
| Providence St. Vincent Medical Center     | 14  | 14                                |
| Kaiser Permanente Westside Medical Center | 12  | 12                                |
| Asante Three Rivers Medical Center        | 11  | 11                                |
| Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center      | 10  | 10                                |

The hospitals listed in Table 8 reported 1–9 suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients 2/22/2021 through 2/28/2021. Hospitals not listed in either table did not report any suspected or confirmed patients during the week.

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**Table 8. Hospitals reporting 1–9 COVID-19 patients.**

| <b>Hospital</b>                               |
|---|
| Adventist Health Portland                     |
| Asante Ashland Community Hospital             |
| Bay Area Hospital                             |
| Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center        |
| Good Shepherd Health Care System              |
| Hillsboro Medical Center                      |
| Kaiser Permanente Sunnyside Medical Center    |
| Lake District Hospital                        |
| Legacy Emanuel Medical Center                 |
| Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center          |
| Legacy Meridian Park Hospital                 |
| Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center              |
| Legacy Silverton Medical Center               |
| McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center            |
| Mid-Columbia Medical Center                   |
| OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital          |
| Providence Medford Medical Center             |
| Providence Milwaukie Hospital                 |
| Providence Newberg Medical Center             |
| Providence Portland Medical Center            |
| Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center    |
| Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel |
| Samaritan Albany General Hospital             |

Data are provisional and subject to change.

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| Hospital                               |
|--|
| Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital   |
| Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital |
| Santiam Hospital                       |
| Sky Lakes Medical Center               |
| St. Anthony Hospital                   |
| St. Charles Madras                     |
| St. Charles Redmond                    |
| Wallowa Memorial Hospital              |
| Willamette Valley Medical Center       |

## ZIP code

OHA is publishing data on cases at the ZIP code level, available online at:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19#!/vizhome/OregonCOVID-19CasesbyZIPCode/OregonsCOVID-19CasesbyZipCode?publish=yes>

Summary table of all zip codes available here:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19#!/vizhome/OregonCOVID-19CasesbyZIPCode-SummaryTable/CasesbyZIPCodeSummaryTable?publish=yes>

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