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# Testing data for coronavirus (COVID-19): up to 5 July 2020

Management information update on coronavirus testing up to 5 July 2020.

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# 1. National headline figures

## Main results

- Lab capacity in NHS Wales labs was 15,157 as at 5 July 2020. This does not include capacity at UK labs where some Welsh residents' samples are processed.
- As at 1pm on 5 July 2020, there have been 198,875 tests authorised by NHS Wales laboratories.
- As at 7pm on 5 July 2020, there have been 58,396 tests authorised by non-NHS Wales laboratories for samples from Welsh residents.
- There have been a total of 105,264 tests performed on critical workers in Wales which have been processed in NHS Wales laboratories.
- Of the 201,240 tests authorised in NHS Wales laboratories by the end of 5 July 2020, 50.4% of results were returned within a day and 82.3% of results were returned within two days.
- In the latest week, 49.6% of test results authorised in NHS Wales laboratories were returned within a day and 74.1% within two days.
- By the end of 5 July 2020, 25,968 antibody tests have been authorised for Welsh residents processed through NHS Wales laboratories with 3,037 positive results.

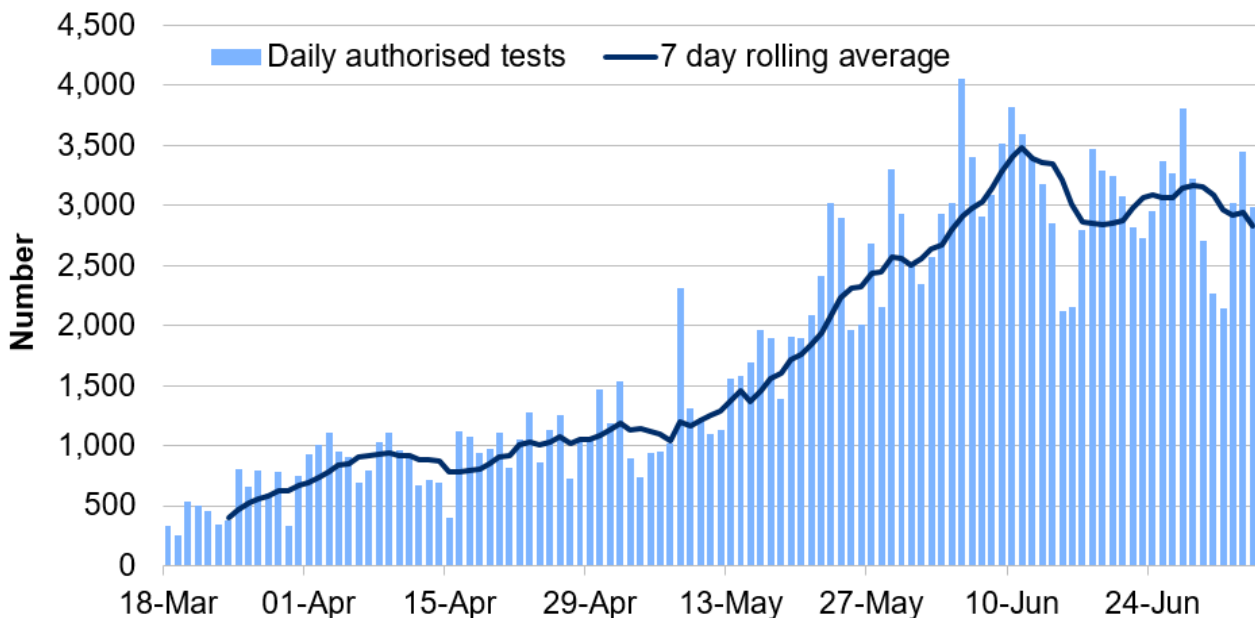
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Currently antibody testing is only available to priority groups with further explanation provided on our policy pages: [Antibody testing: coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

## Chart 1: Total number of tests authorised in NHS Wales laboratories at the end of 4 July 2020



Source: Public Health Wales

### Total number of tests authorised in NHS Wales laboratories at the end of 4 July 2020 (MS Excel)

Data for 5 July only includes results authorised up to 1pm, these have been excluded from the chart but included in the total figures under main points.

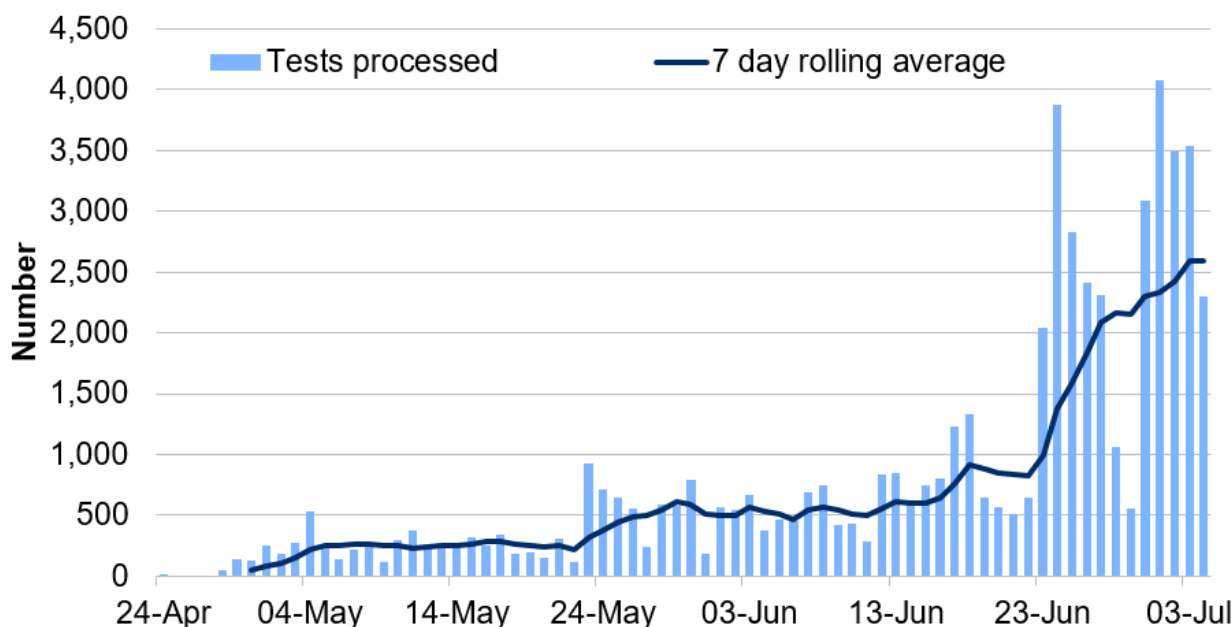
- The number of tests authorised in NHS Wales laboratories had been on the rise until the start of June where there was a fall before a small increase until the start of June.
- The highest number of tests authorised in a single calendar day was on 5 June, where 4,042 tests authorised in NHS Wales laboratories.

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## Chart 2: Number of tests authorised in non-NHS Wales laboratories by sample processed date at end of 4 July 2020



Source: Public Health Wales

### Number of tests authorised in non-NHS Wales laboratories by sample processed date at end of 4 July 2020 (MS Excel)

Data for 5 July only includes samples processed up to 7pm, these have been excluded due to the lag in testing samples and reporting results.

- These figures include tests processed through labs outside NHS Wales, which includes tests for Welsh residents taken at testing centres in England, some testing centres in Wales and home testing kits.
- The first sample processed by a non-NHS Wales laboratory for a Welsh resident was on 24 April. Testing increased with the roll out of home testing on 18 May.
- Tests processed through non-NHS Wales laboratories have increased over the last week. This is largely due to Welsh residents beginning to book tests through the newly available care home portal.

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**Table 1: Total number of tests and results for critical workers processed in NHS Wales laboratories as at end 5 July 2020**

Category	Total positive tests	Total negative tests	Total number of tests
Healthcare worker	6,310	20,639	26,949
Care home resident	1,254	26,803	28,057
Care home worker	1,255	37,869	39,124
Educational institution worker / resident	25	633	658
Emergency services worker	153	875	1,028
Hostel or supported worker / resident	49	971	1,020
Household member of essential worker	387	3,941	4,328
Prison or detention centre worker / resident	42	155	197
Other essential worker	426	3,477	3,903

Source: Public Health Wales

- Just under 64% of all tests for critical workers were performed on care home residents or care home workers.
- 23% of tests conducted for healthcare workers and processed in NHS Wales laboratories identified positive results.
- Since the care home portal was operational from the end of June, the

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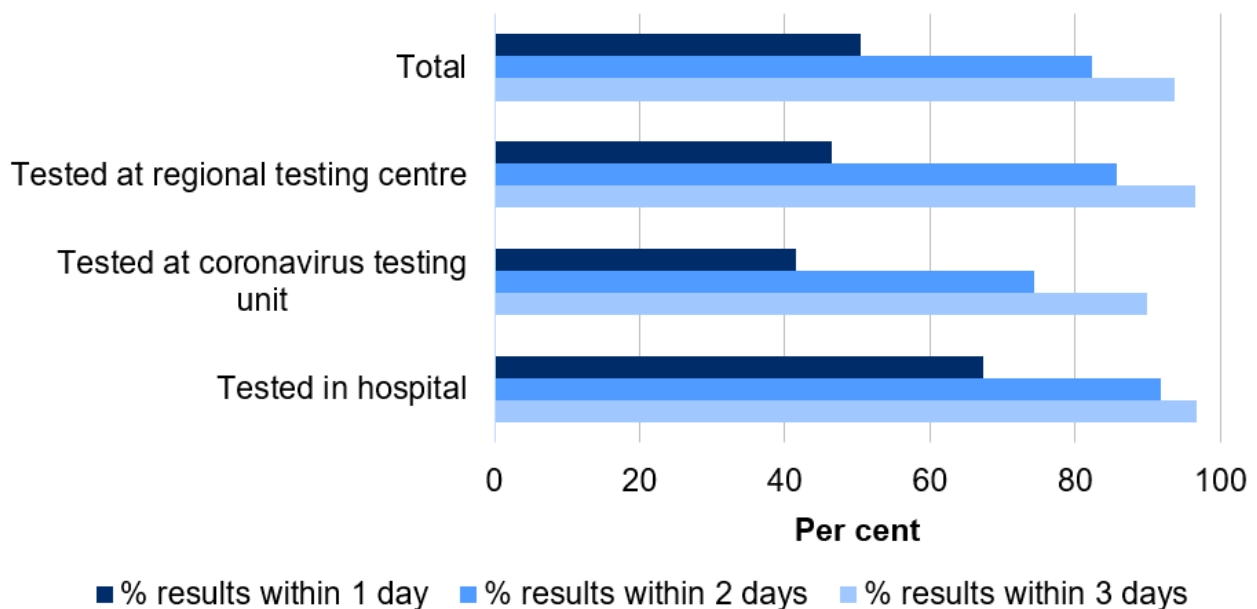
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majority of tests for care homes were processed through non-NHS Wales laboratories, which are not included in the above table.

The number of tests recorded for critical workers is dependent on the critical worker category being recorded in the system when the sample was taken. This as well as an increasing number of samples processed by non-NHS Wales laboratories could have an impact on the above table.

### Chart 3: Proportion of tests authorised from NHS Wales laboratories within one, two and three days as at end 5 July 2020



Source: Public Health Wales

### Proportion of tests authorised from NHS Wales laboratories within one, two and three days as at end 5 July 2020 (MS Excel)

Since testing began up until the end of 5 July 2020:

- There have been 91,117 tests authorised at coronavirus testing units, with 74% of results authorised within two days.
- There have been 60,180 tests authorised at hospital, with 92% of results authorised within two days.

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- There have been 49,943 tests authorised at regional testing centre, with 86% of results authorised within two days.

The results performance shown is a measure from the date a sample is recorded as being collected to the time that the result is authorised in the central Public Health Wales laboratories. It does not indicate how long it takes for an individual to receive their result from point of testing.

These data do not include tests authorised at non-NHS Wales laboratories.

## 2. Background

We are publishing these data to provide a weekly summary of testing activity in Wales, including tests on critical workers and the timeliness of tests.

The majority of data presented here are based on the tests processed and authorised in NHS Wales laboratories on Welsh residents. This includes data on critical workers and timeliness of tests.

We have also provided data on the number and results of tests processed by non-NHS Wales on Welsh residents as part of the UK wide system. Public Health Wales is currently undertaking work to review this data and determine how this links with the existing data from tests undertaken in NHS laboratories in Wales. Whilst this work is ongoing, these figures have not been combined.

The data in this release is based on a mixture of dates at different stages of the testing process, such as specimen date, processing date and authorised data. Each table in the Open Data spreadsheet details the reporting timeframe.

Our data explainer titled [Understanding data on coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing](#) provides further explanation on the data used including the difference in dates and data sources.

Antibody testing has been included for the first time in this release. COVID-19 antibody tests are used to find out whether a person has previously had the virus. The antibody test works by taking a blood sample and testing for the

presence of antibodies. Antibodies are produced by the body in response to an infection and can usually be found in the blood after around 2 weeks following infection.

Antibody testing is only available to priority groups at the moment with testing prioritised for a sample of school staff who have previously worked in education hubs and healthcare workers. Further explanation of antibody testing in Wales can be found on our policy pages: [Antibody testing: coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

Data included in this release is correct at 23:59 on 5 July unless otherwise stated.

## 3. Quality and methodology information

### Context

The data is management information which has been collected to support testing operations. We're publishing these data to provide a timely summary of testing activity but has not undergone the same level of quality assurance as official statistics, with the data subject to future revisions. This weekly summary of COVID-19 testing information from the [Public Health Wales \(PHW\) daily surveillance dashboard](#), plus further detail on the number of tests on critical workers and the location that the test sample was collected. Additionally, data on the number of tests processed in non-NHS Wales laboratories provided by NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS) is included in this summary.

This information helps to monitor the impact of COVID-19 and contribute to Wales monitoring and decision-making.

### Relevance

Public Health Wales analyse patient testing data from WLIMS as part of their disease surveillance responsibilities. In addition, these statistics are used daily for a number of other purposes:

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- to understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- to support evidence-based advice on future decisions around reviews of lockdown arrangements
- contributions to Wales and UK wide monitoring and decision-making

## Accuracy

Public Health Wales Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre is responsible for carrying out surveillance of respiratory infections in Wales including the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Clinical data is stored in the Welsh Laboratory Information System (WLIMS), this includes COVID-19 testing data. The data is accessed and cleansed by Public Health Wales analysts, this includes removing duplicate positive cases prior to publishing the data on their daily surveillance dashboard. The data is revised on a daily basis and is classed as provisional subject to future revision.

Different test dates have been used when reporting test data depending on the nature of the data and the use. For rapid surveillance data the authorised test date has been used and is included in the headline figures presented by Public Health Wales, whereas for detailed surveillance over time the specimen date has been used.

Tests which have been authorised through non-NHS Wales laboratories on Welsh residents have been included in this summary. This includes samples from Welsh residents from COVID-19 drive-through testing centres in the UK and home testing kits. The dataset is presented as the number of tests and may include repeat tests for individuals. Some results are classed as indeterminate, which means that the laboratory could not obtain a valid result from the swab sample and so were unable to determine whether SARS-CoV-2 virus was present. This may occur because of a number of technical reasons. Following an indeterminate result, it is recommended that the individual be retested.

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incorporated together or into the headline number of cases in the Public Health Wales daily surveillance dashboard.

Further information can be found in our data explainer: [Understanding data on coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing](#).

## Timeliness and punctuality

The data in this release provides data from the 18 March 2020 and onwards.

## Accessibility and clarity

This statistical release has been pre-announced and then published on the [Statistics and Research section of our website](#). It is accompanied by an Open Document Spreadsheet to allow users to have direct access to the data that underlies the charts in this release.

## Comparability

Public Health Wales produce a [daily surveillance dashboard](#) where users can access the most up to date information on the number of tests authorised, individuals tested (testing episodes) and positive cases.

Data for England is published on the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in the UK](#) pages of the GOV.UK website.

Data for Scotland is published on the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): daily data for Scotland](#) pages of the GOV.SCOT website.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) also publish daily information on tests and positive cases.

## National Statistics status

These statistics are not National Statistics. However, as far as has been practicable, they have been collected and validated in accordance with the pillars and principles within the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). We continue to develop the data collection and quality assurance process to improve the data.

These statistics have been produced quickly in response to developing world events.

## Well-being of Future Generations Act

The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales. The Act puts in place seven wellbeing goals for Wales. These are for a more equal, prosperous, resilient, healthier and globally responsible Wales, with cohesive communities and a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. Under section (10)(1) of the Act, the Welsh Ministers must (a) publish indicators ('national indicators') that must be applied for the purpose of measuring progress towards the achievement of the wellbeing goals, and (b) lay a copy of the national indicators before the National Assembly. The 46 national indicators were laid in March 2016.

Information on the indicators, along with narratives for each of the well-being goals and associated technical information is available in the [Well-being of Wales report](#).

Further information on the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#).

The statistics included in this release could also provide supporting narrative to the national indicators and be used by public services boards in relation to their local well-being assessments and local wellbeing plans.

## Next update

This is currently a weekly statistical release. It will be published at 12.30pm every Tuesday. We will review the frequency in line with changing user need.

The next release will be on Tuesday 14 July.

## We want your feedback

We welcome any feedback on any aspect of these statistics which can be provided by email to [kas.covid19@gov.wales](mailto:kas.covid19@gov.wales)

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