



Weekly Influenza and COVID-19 Surveillance graphs

PHE publishes a weekly national influenza and COVID-19 surveillance report which summarises the information from the surveillance systems which are used to monitor influenza, COVID-19 and other seasonal respiratory viruses in England.

Additional figures based on these surveillance systems are included in this slide set.

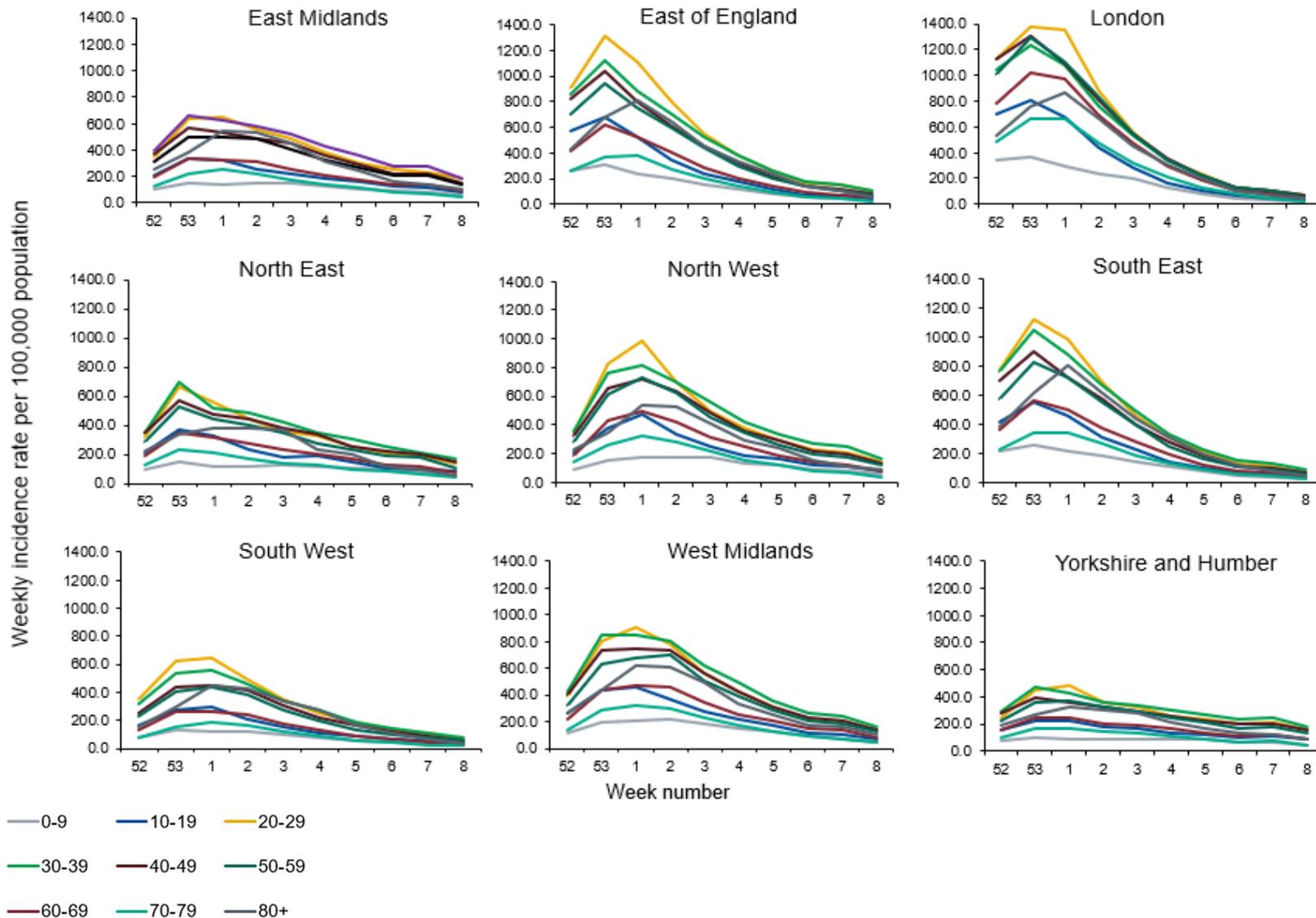
The figures presented in this slide set are based on data from week 8 (between 22 and 28 February 2021).



Confirmed COVID-19 cases in England

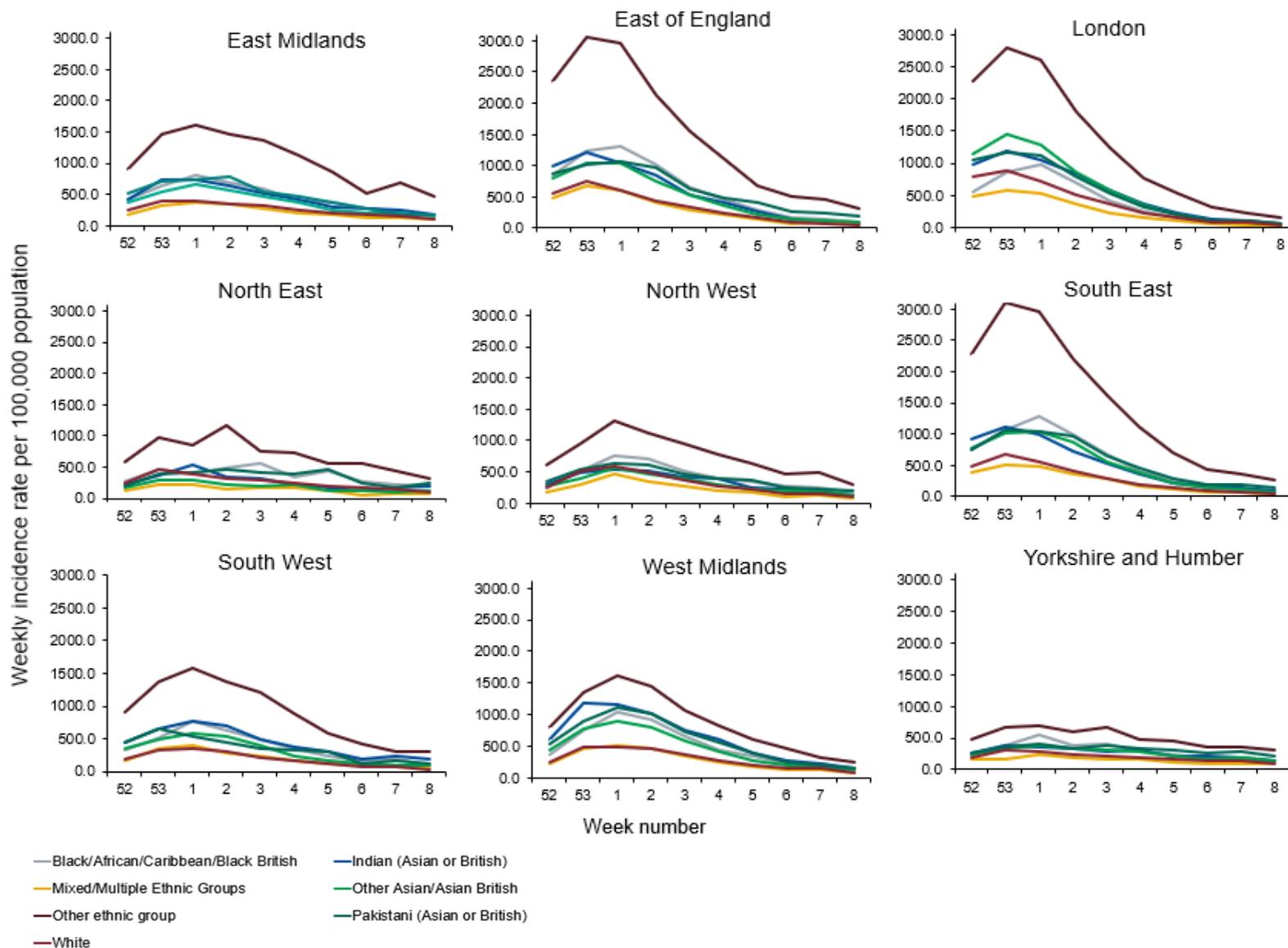


Weekly COVID-19 incidence per 100,000 population by age group and region, weeks 52 to 8



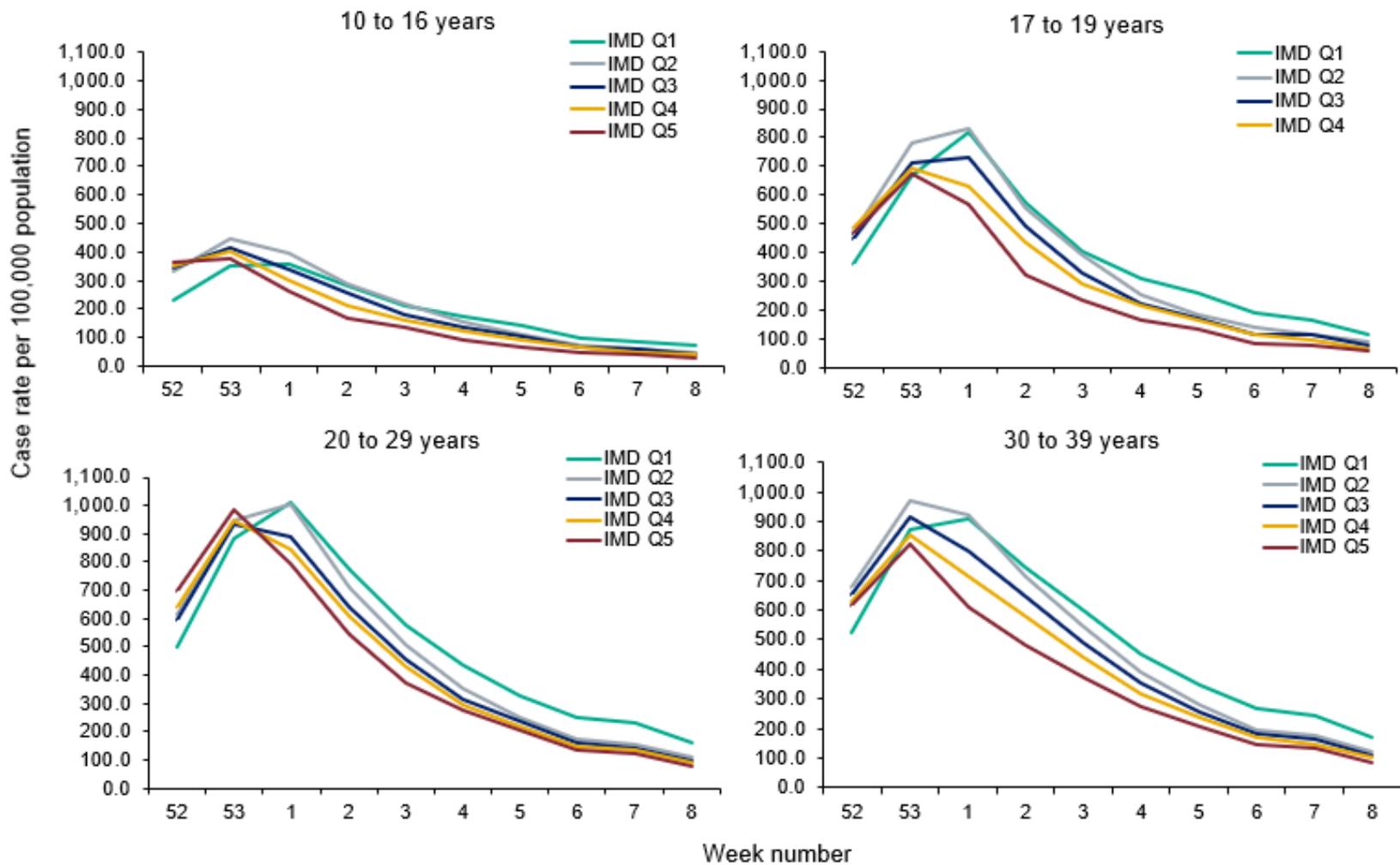


Weekly COVID-19 incidence per 100,000 population by ethnicity and region, weeks 52 to 8



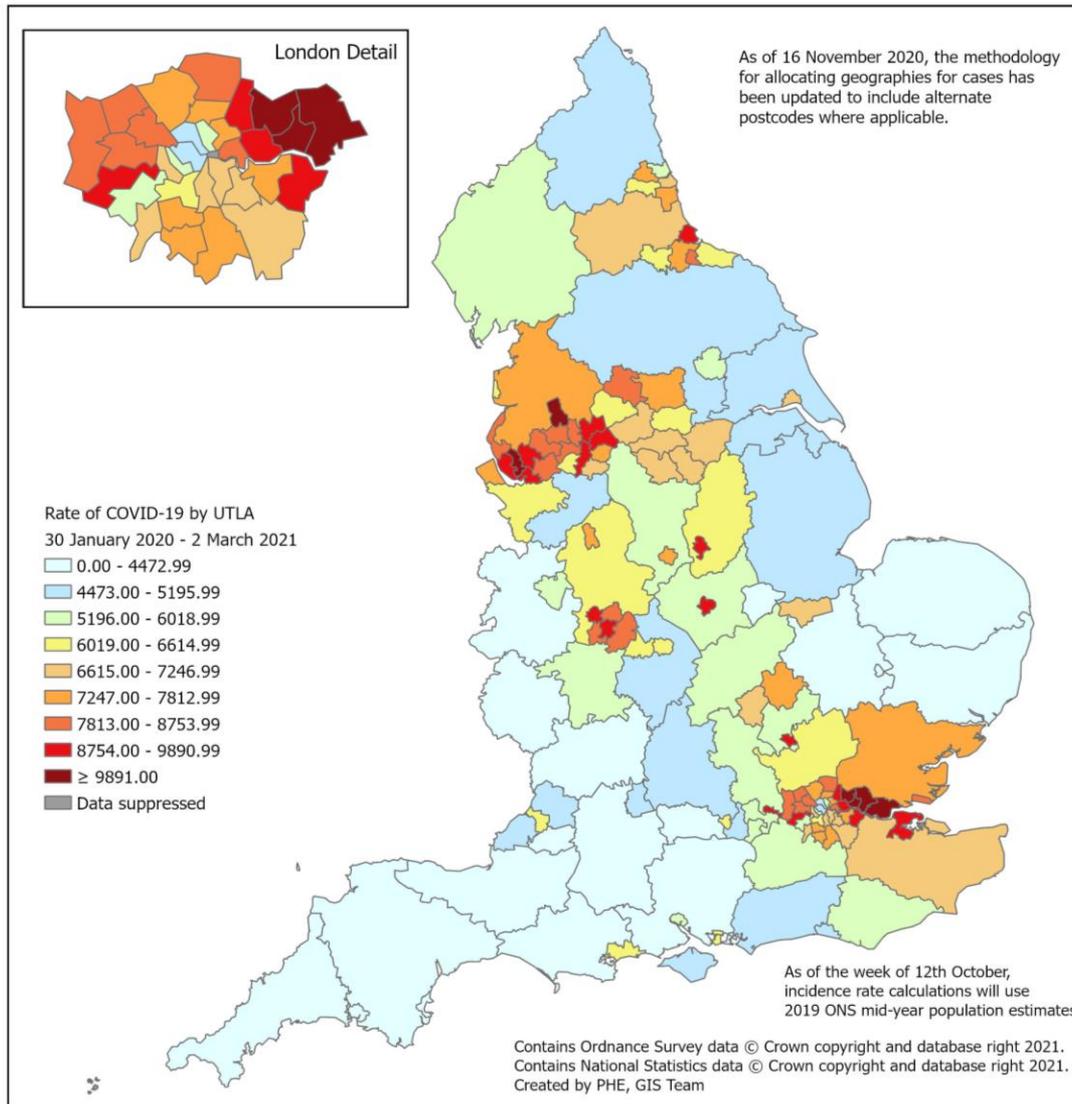


Weekly COVID-19 rate per 100,000 population by IMD quintile (1 being the most deprived and 5 being the least deprived), weeks 52 to 8



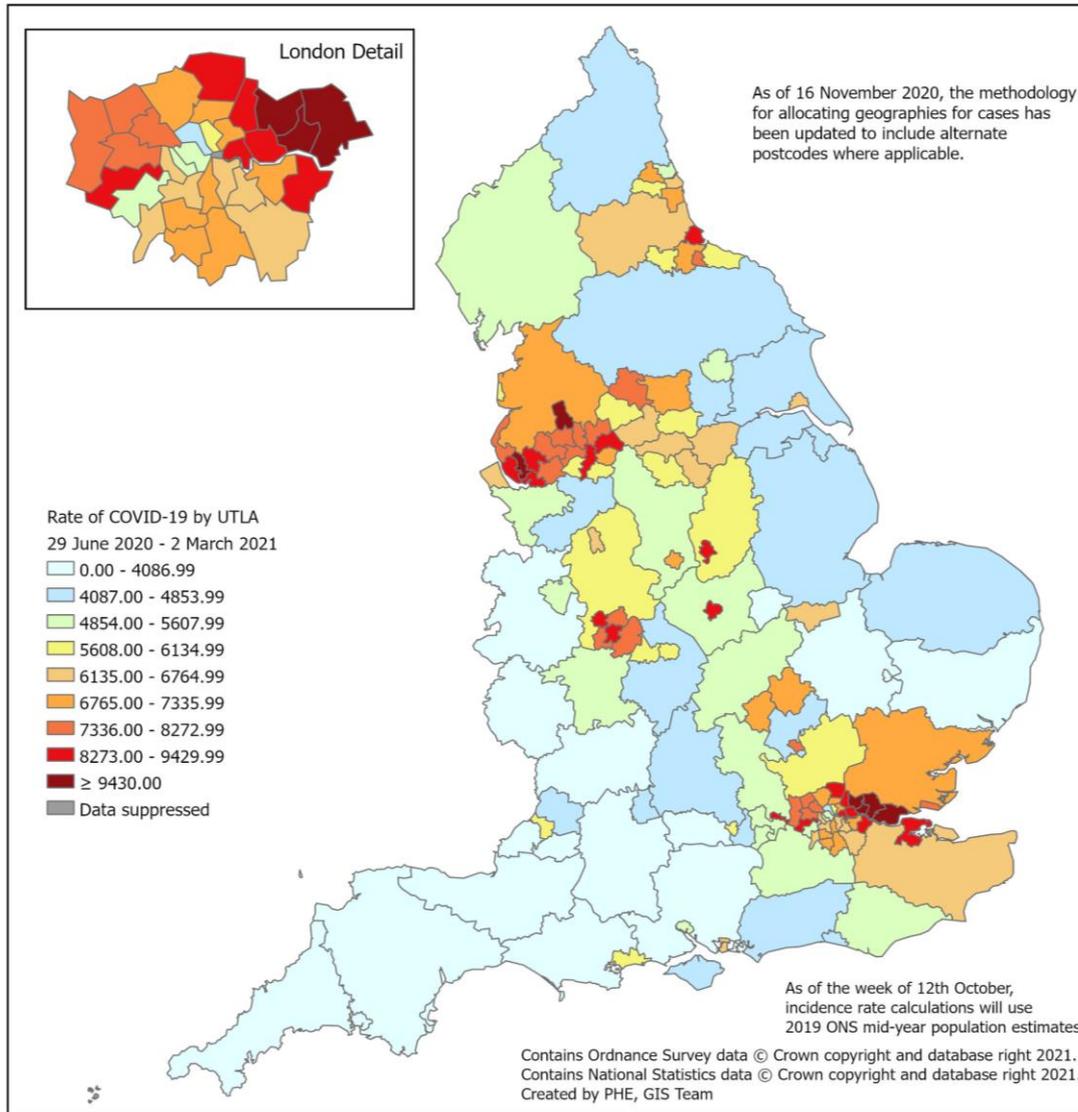


Cumulative rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population tested under Pillar 1 and 2, by upper-tier local authority, England (box shows enlarged map of London area)



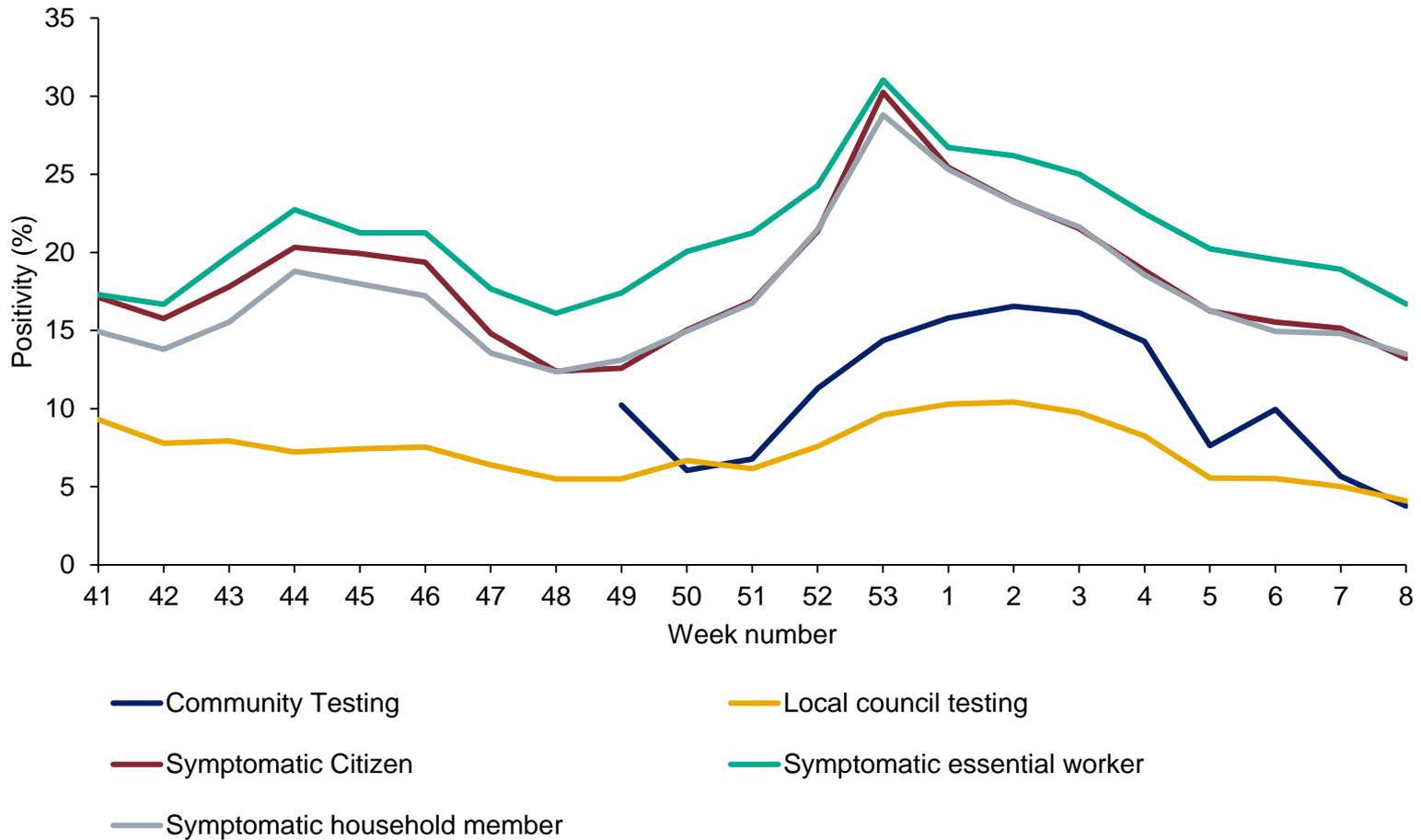


Cumulative rate (from week 27) of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population tested under Pillar 1 and 2, by upper-tier local authority, England (box shows enlarged map of London area)





Weekly positivity of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases by reason for test, weeks 41 to 8

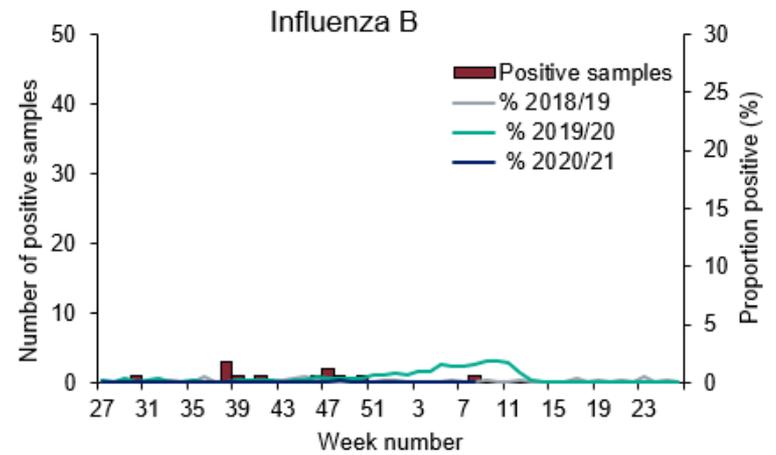
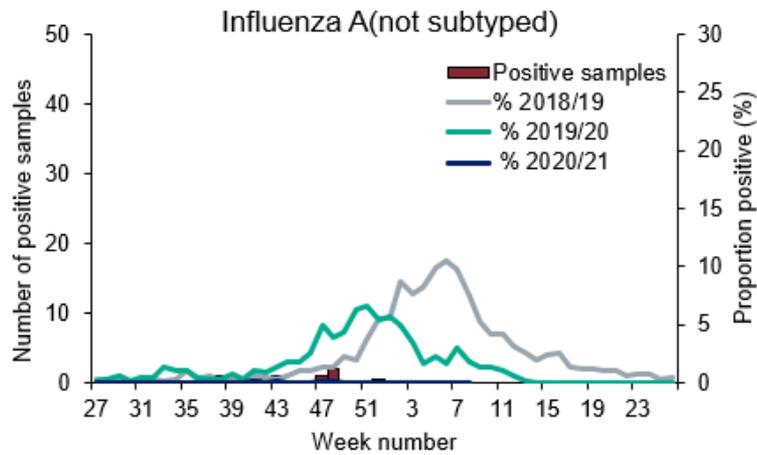
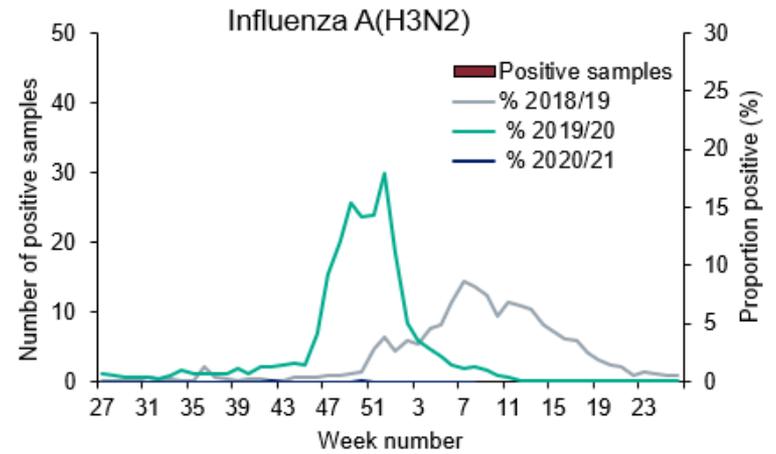
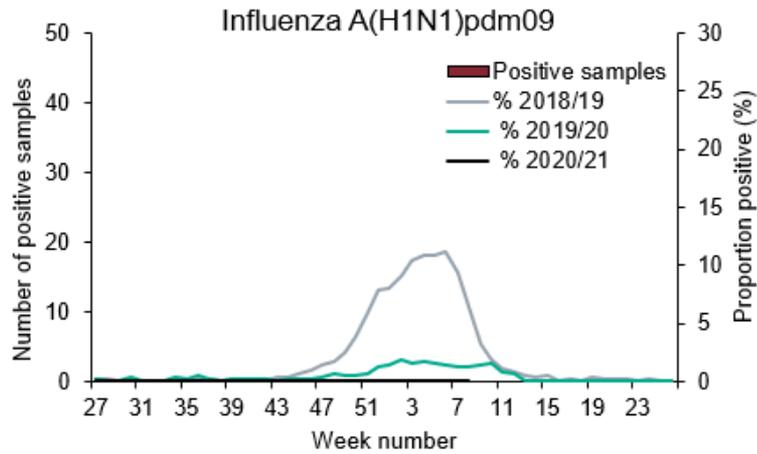




Respiratory Datamart system (England)

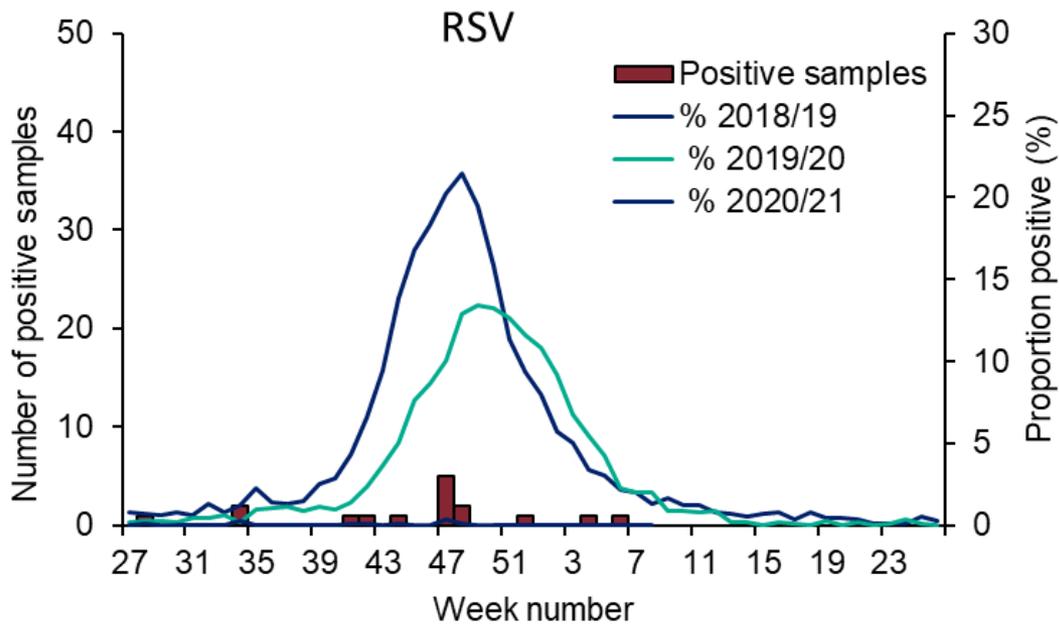


Respiratory DataMart – Influenza subtypes



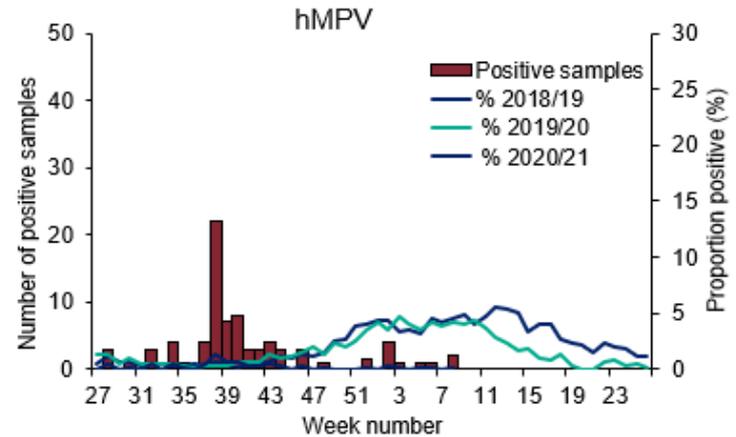
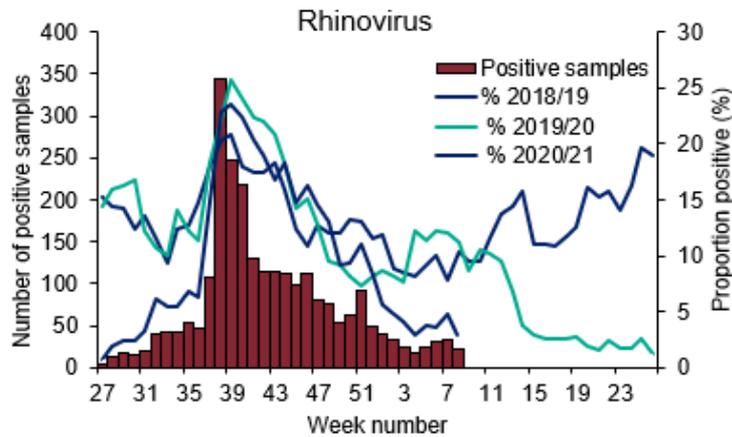
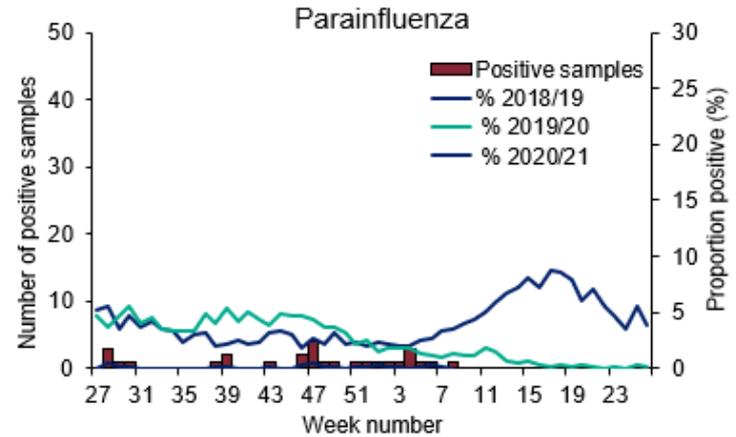
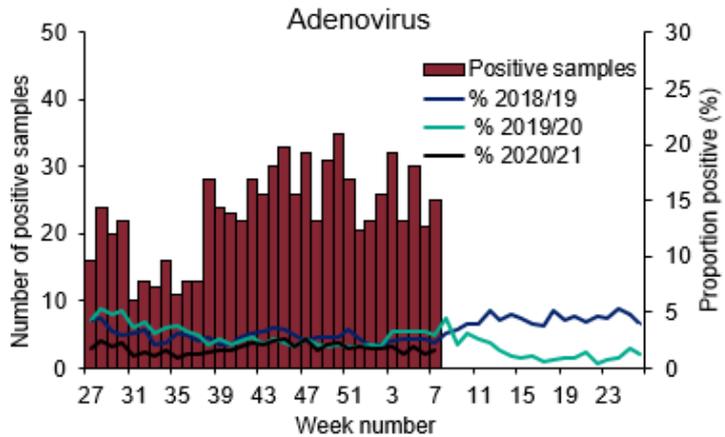


Respiratory DataMart – Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)





Respiratory DataMart – other respiratory viruses



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Community surveillance



Data Information

- We report on new acute respiratory infection (ARI) incidents reported to Health Protection Teams (HPTs) and entered on HPZone in the previous reporting week in educational settings by locality
- Individual case notes are reviewed by an epidemiologist and an assessment made about whether the criteria for a confirmed COVID-19 cluster or outbreak are met. See definitions below.
- The incidents captured on HPZone represent a subset of all ongoing clusters and outbreaks in England. A variety of arrangements are in place with local authorities and other stakeholders supporting HPTs, however, data may not routinely be documented on HPZone. As a result, the number of outbreaks reported for some of the regions are underestimates

Caveats

- A national school helpline started operating on 17 September 2020 and a Universities helpline started operating on 7 October schools in England were closed for half-term during weeks 43 or/ and 44.
- From Week 1 2021 the third national lockdown came into effect and schools were closed with the exception of vulnerable children and children of key workers. Early years settings have remained open.

Definitions

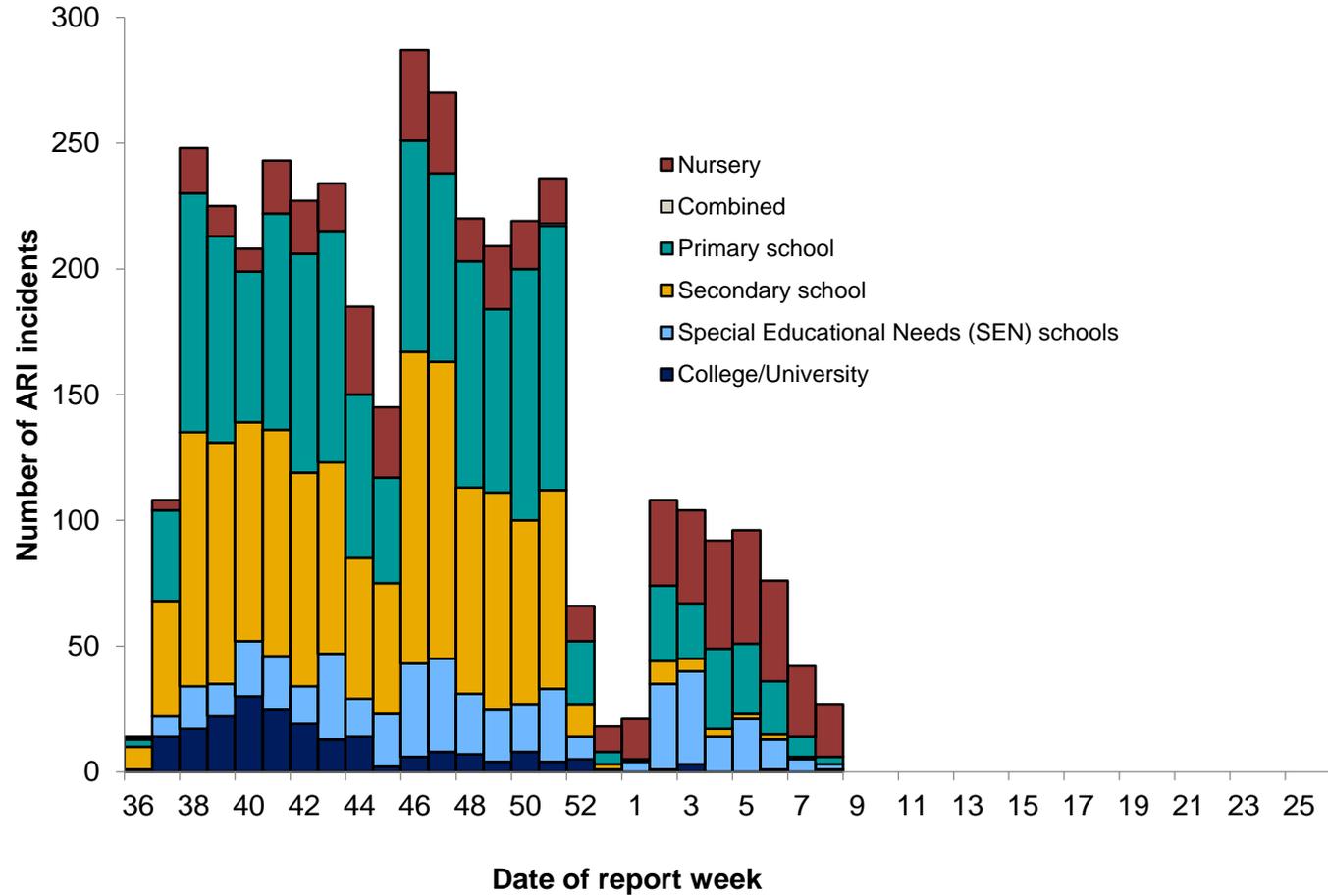
Cluster: two or more test-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among individuals associated with a specific non-residential setting with illness onset dates within a 14-day period (in the absence of detailed information about the type of contact between the cases).

Outbreak: two or more test-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among individuals associated with a specific non-residential setting with illness onset dates within 14 days, and one of:

- Identified direct exposure between at least 2 of the test-confirmed cases in that setting (for example under one metre face to face, or spending more than 15 minutes within 2 metres) during the infectious period of one of the cases.
- When there is no sustained local community transmission - absence of an alternative source of infection outside the setting for the initially identified cases



Number of COVID-19 confirmed clusters or outbreaks by type of educational setting, England





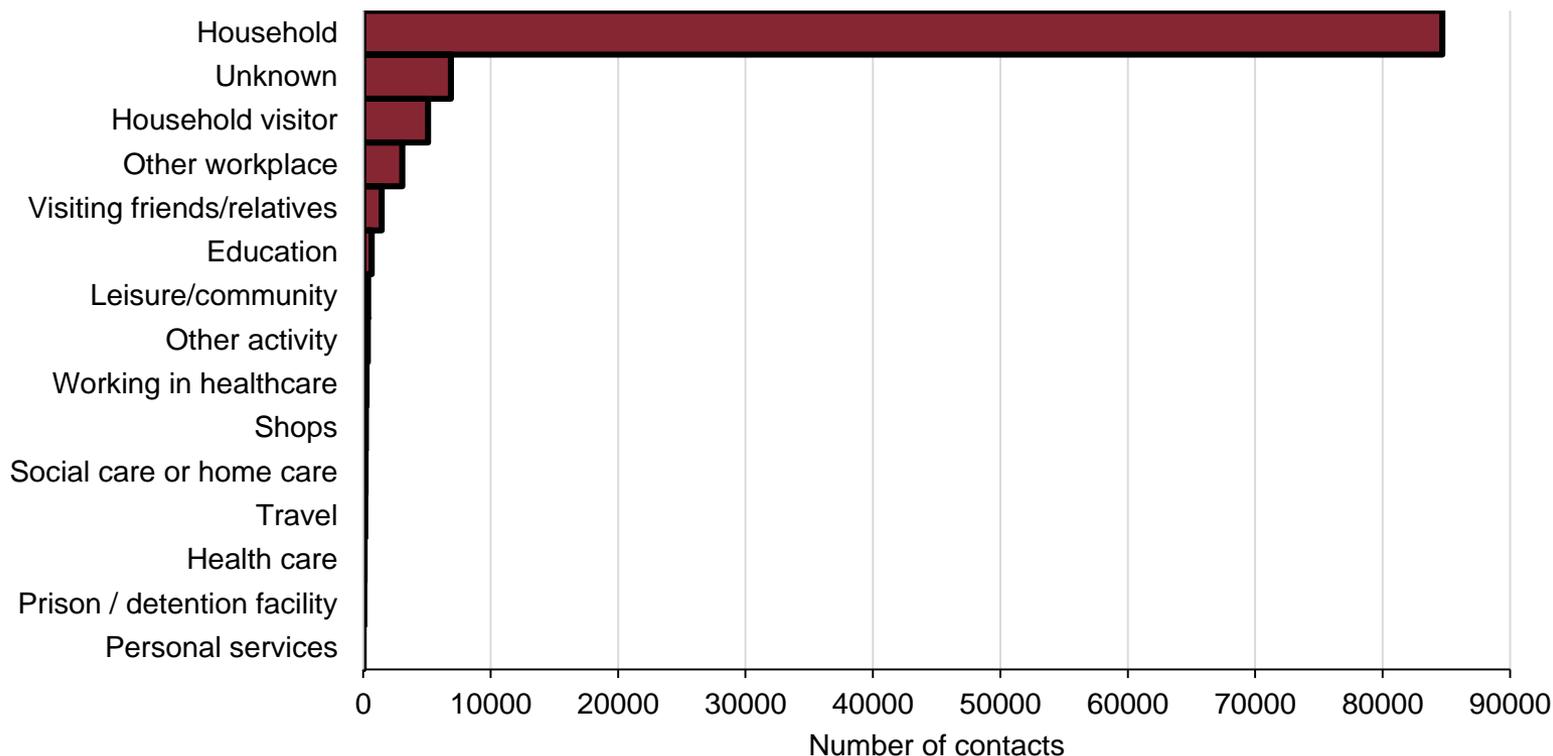
Cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 clusters or outbreaks by type of educational setting and PHE Centre since week 36, England

PHE Centres	Nursery	Primary School	Secondary School	Combined	Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools	College University	Total
East of England	8 (0)	16 (0)	40 (0)	0 (0)	9 (0)	13 (0)	86 (0)
East Midlands	94 (3)	152 (0)	104 (0)	0 (0)	52 (0)	22 (0)	424 (3)
London	109 (3)	335 (0)	354 (0)	1(0)	56 (0)	42 (0)	897 (3)
North East	1 (0)	18 (0)	24 (0)	0 (0)	9 (0)	6 (0)	58 (0)
North West	30 (2)	72 (0)	89 (0)	0 (0)	53 (0)	11 (0)	255 (2)
South East	142 (5)	265 (0)	305 (0)	1 (0)	108 (0)	35 (0)	856 (5)
South West	35 (3)	83 (0)	91 (0)	0 (0)	55 (1)	26 (0)	290 (4)
West Midlands	94 (2)	230 (1)	171 (0)	0 (0)	67 (0)	24 (1)	586 (4)
Yorkshire and Hur	90 (3)	179 (2)	119 (0)	0 (0)	64 (1)	25 (0)	477 (6)
Total	603 (21)	1350 (3)	1297 (0)	2 (0)	473 (2)	204 (1)	3929 (27)

*Number of outbreaks for Week 8 in brackets



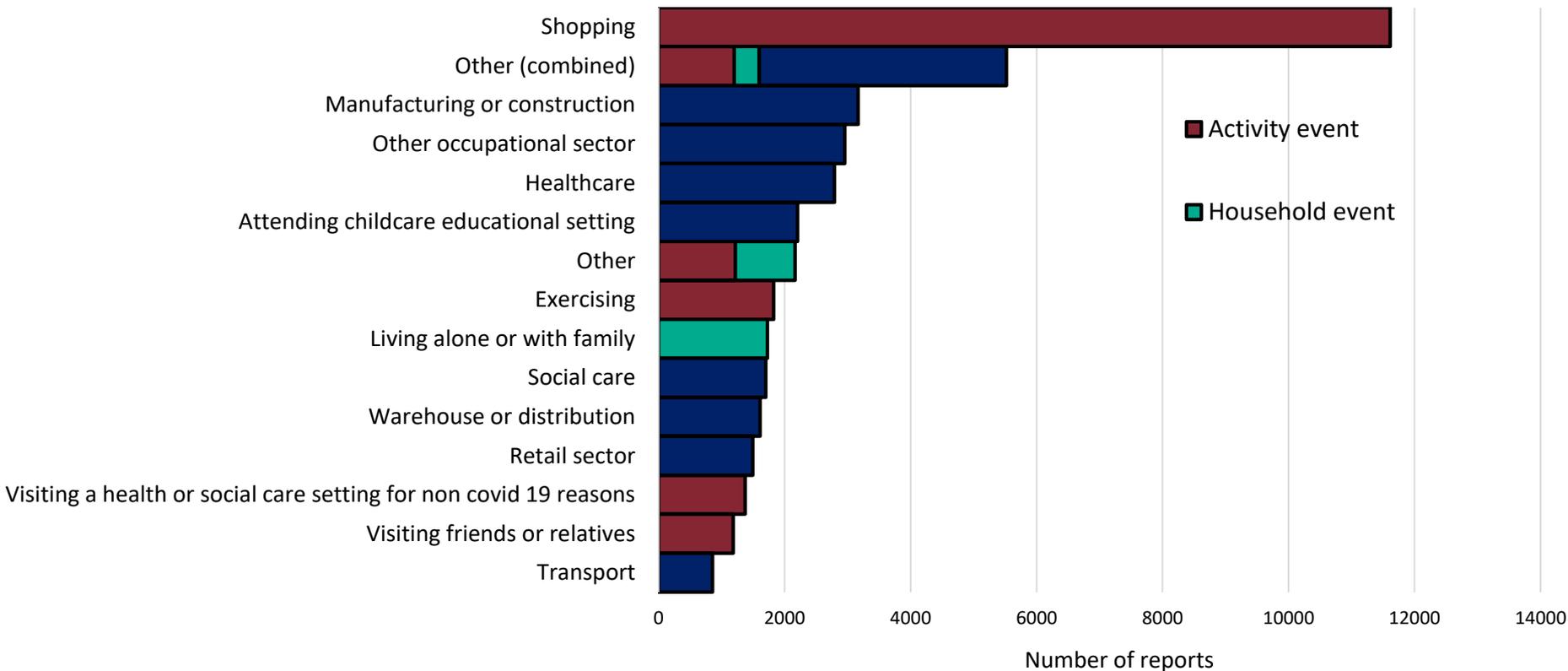
Contacts by exposure/activity setting in week 8, England (Data source: NHS Test and Trace)



Note: categories have been grouped as follows: leisure / community includes eating out, attending events and celebrations, exercising, worship, arts, entertainment or recreation, community activities and attending play groups or organised trips; other workplace includes: retail, manufacturing or construction, hospitality, transport, emergency services or border force, food production and agriculture, prison, financial services, civil service or local government, information and communication, military, critical national infrastructure. Personal services include hairdressers, barbers, tattooists and nail bars.



Events and activities reported by people testing positive, prior to symptom onset in week 8, England (Data source: NHS Test and Trace)



Note: 'Other' includes a wide range of different activities and settings, each of which has small numbers of individuals, as well as activities which did not fit any specific category and were added as Other by the case. This includes: all within 'activities': Arts, entertainment or recreation; Civil service or government; Close contact services; Community and charity activities; Critical national infrastructure; Emergency services; Financial services; Food production; Hospitality; Immigration border services; Information and communication; Military; Personal care; Prison; Private events and celebrations; Public events and mass gathering; event within a shared household; Sport events; Supported living; Teaching and education; Transport; 'Other (combined)' includes all exposure group types that have small counts such as "went to church", "went to the zoo" within that event type.



Common locations reported by people testing positive in week 8, England (Data source: NHS Test and Trace)

Setting	All ages**	%
Supermarket (visiting)	5	38.50%
Primary school (attending and working)	2	15.40%
Hospital (working)	1	7.70%
Nursery preschool (working)	1	7.70%

**Excludes 6 common exposures classed as 'other' at the third level of classification (these could be from several 2nd level categories such as Eating out, Entertainment and day trips, Sport events etc). Also excludes 3 where no third level categorization was available (includes second level categories such as Prison / detention facility, other occupational sector, information and communication). See appendix for more information.

The data is based on a revised definition for common exposures. Previously, >2 cases in the same location were counted as common exposures. The revised definition further splits this into separate common exposures if the event's settings are different. Additionally, the revised definition excludes exposure events without a known event date. Furthermore, this data now only includes common exposures identified during the reporting week. This differs from the previous version where a common exposure could be included in multiple reporting weeks depending on its exposure duration.

As a result of these differences, the data will not be comparable with previous versions.



Surveillance in 'educational-age' cohorts



- Data source: SGSS Pillar 1 (NHS and PHE testing) and Pillar 2 (community testing) – England
- Educational-age cohorts have been calculated using dates of birth that correspond to a particular year group. School year groups run from 1 September to 31 of August of the following calendar year.
- We include all cases regardless of whether or not they attended an educational setting or whether or not the educational setting was open during the reporting period
- Data for the most recent week are provisional and likely to be an underestimate
- From early December a mass testing programme has been rolled out in Higher Education Institutions using Lateral Flow Devices ahead of students returning home for the Christmas break. This will impact testing trends and positivity data during this period.

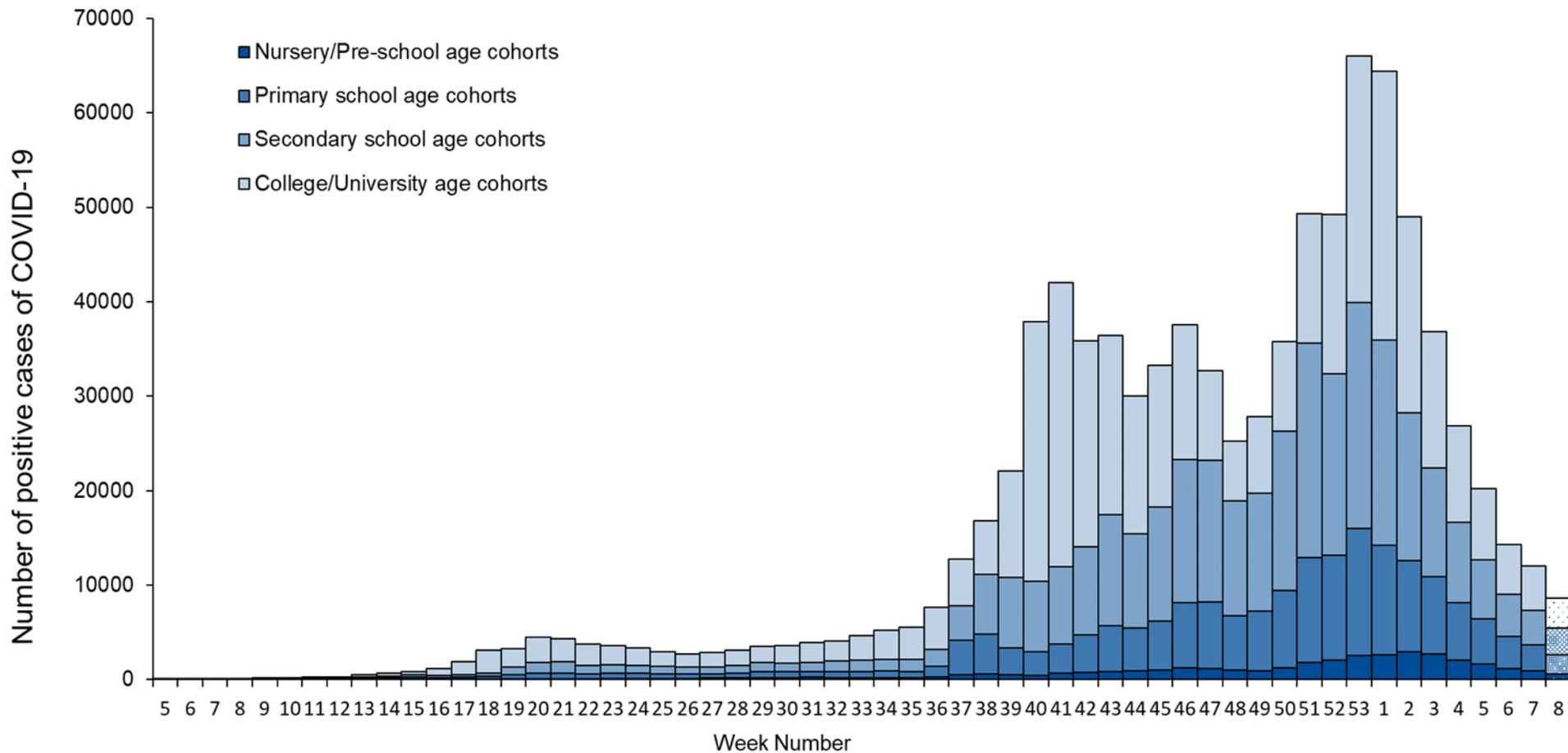


- The table aside represents the birth cohorts for each year group

Birth cohort			Year group
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01/09/2000	to	31/08/2001	Uni Year 2
01/09/2001	to	31/08/2002	Uni Year 1
01/09/2002	to	31/08/2003	Year 13
01/09/2003	to	31/08/2004	Year 12
01/09/2004	to	31/08/2005	Year 11
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01/09/2009	to	31/08/2010	Year 6
01/09/2010	to	31/08/2011	Year 5
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01/09/2012	to	31/08/2013	Year 3
01/09/2013	to	31/08/2014	Year 2
01/09/2014	to	31/08/2015	Year 1
01/09/2015	to	31/08/2016	Reception
01/09/2016	to	31/08/2017	Pre-school
01/09/2017	to	31/08/2018	Nursery

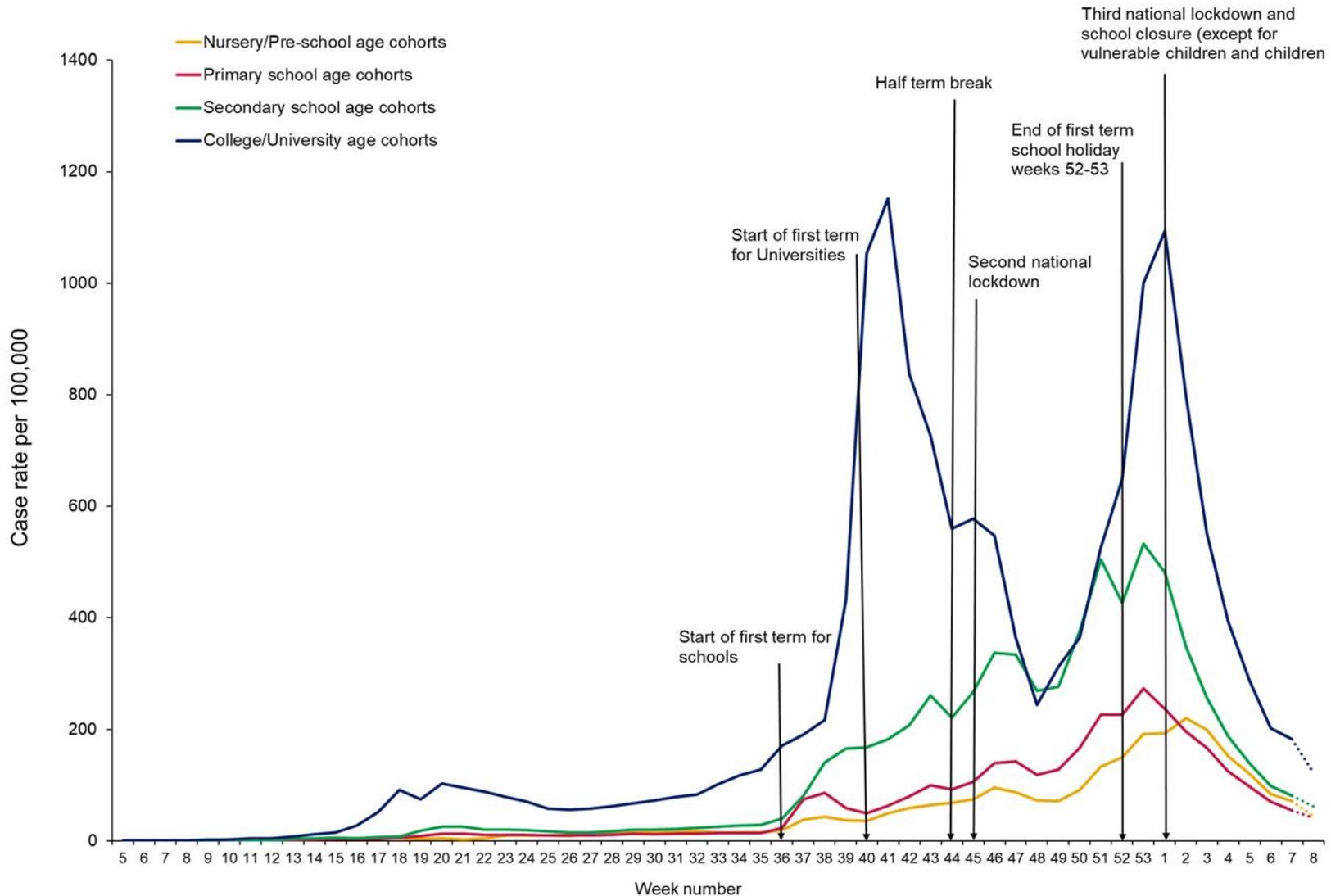


Weekly number of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in nursery/preschool, primary, secondary and college/university age cohorts



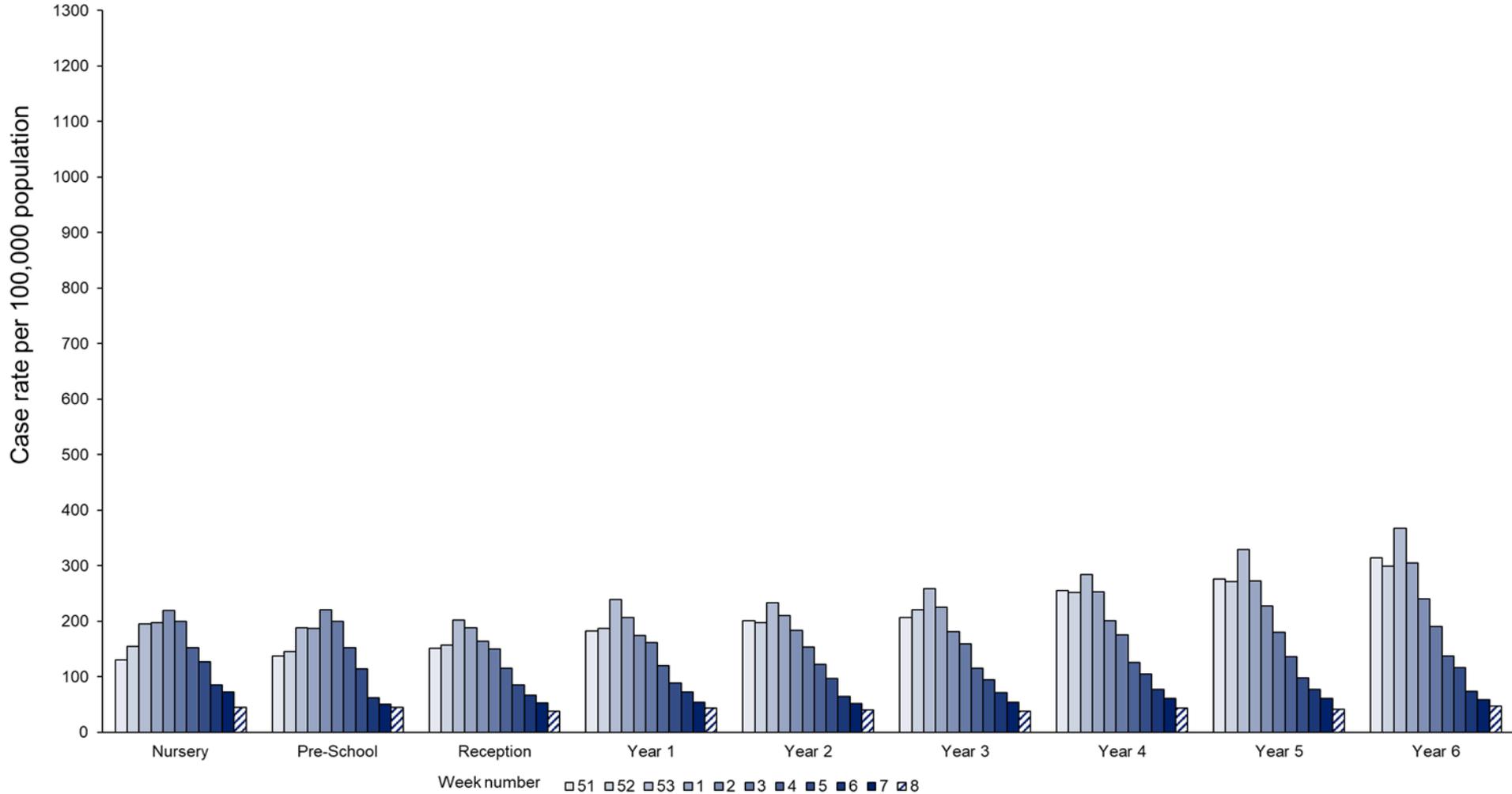


Weekly incidence of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in nursery/preschool, primary school, secondary school and college/university age cohorts



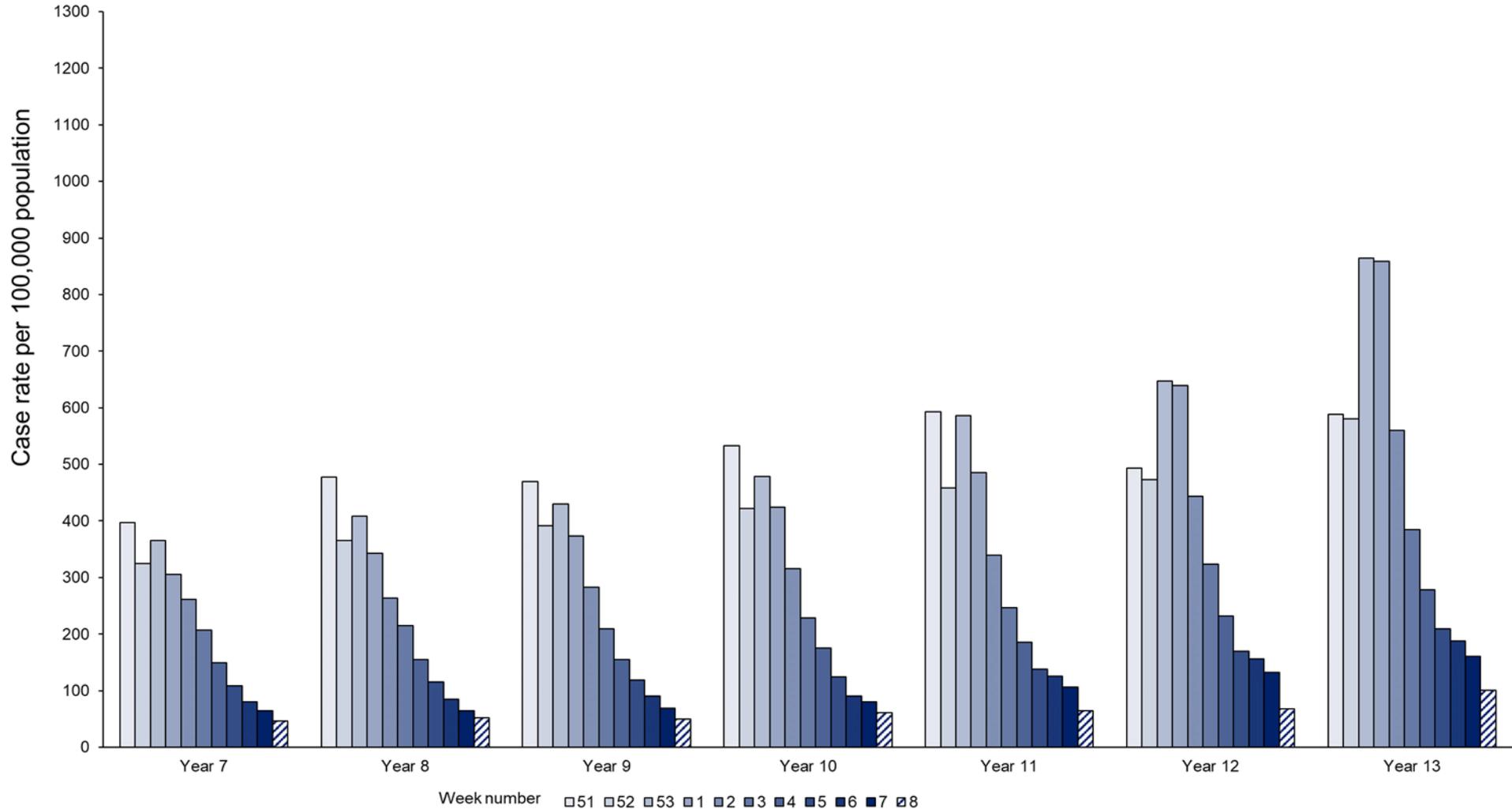


Weekly incidence of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in educational age cohorts presented by Year group, from nursery to Year 6, week 51 to 8



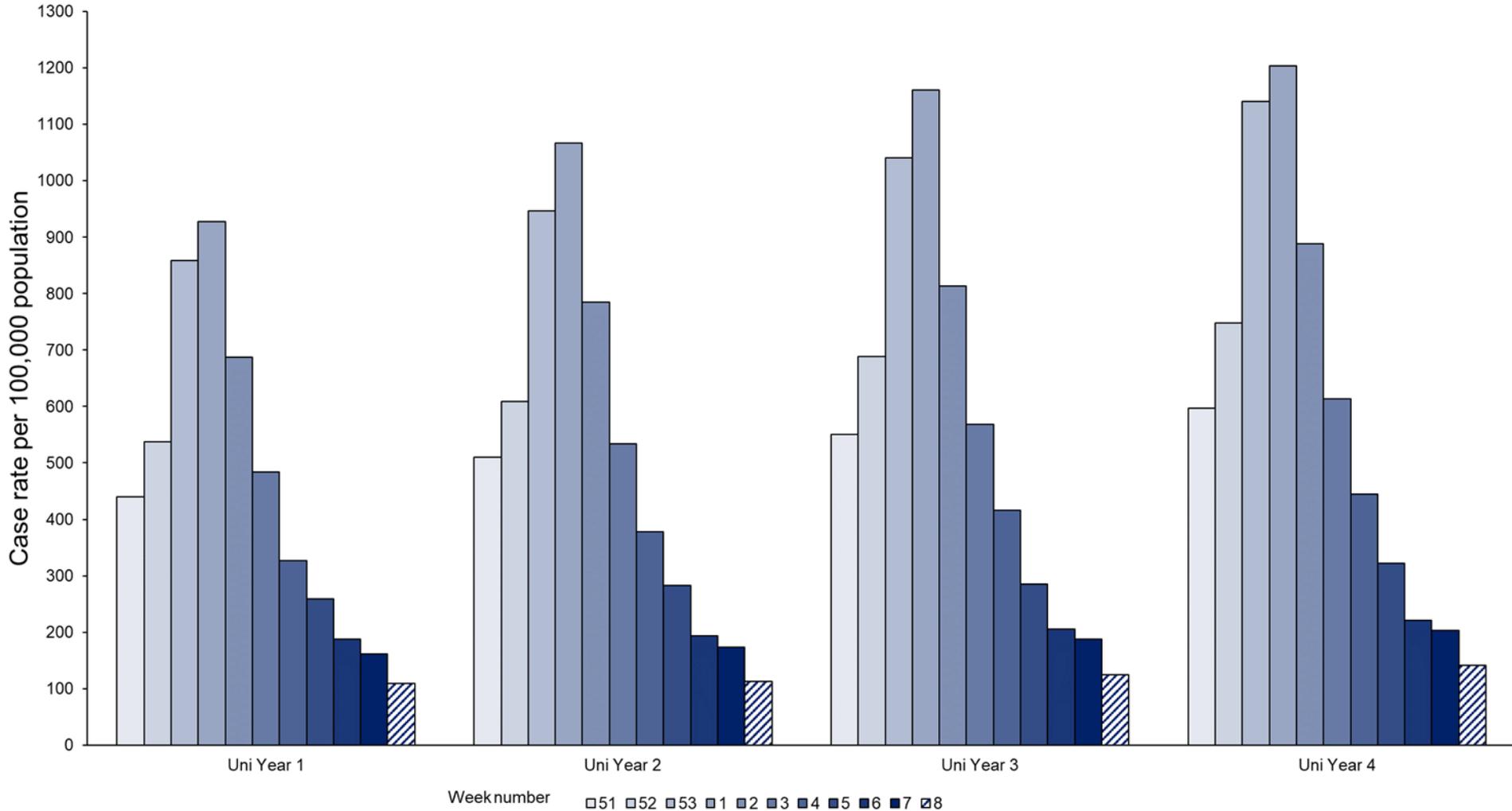


Weekly incidence of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in educational age groups presented by secondary school year groups (Year 7 to Year 13), week 51 to 8





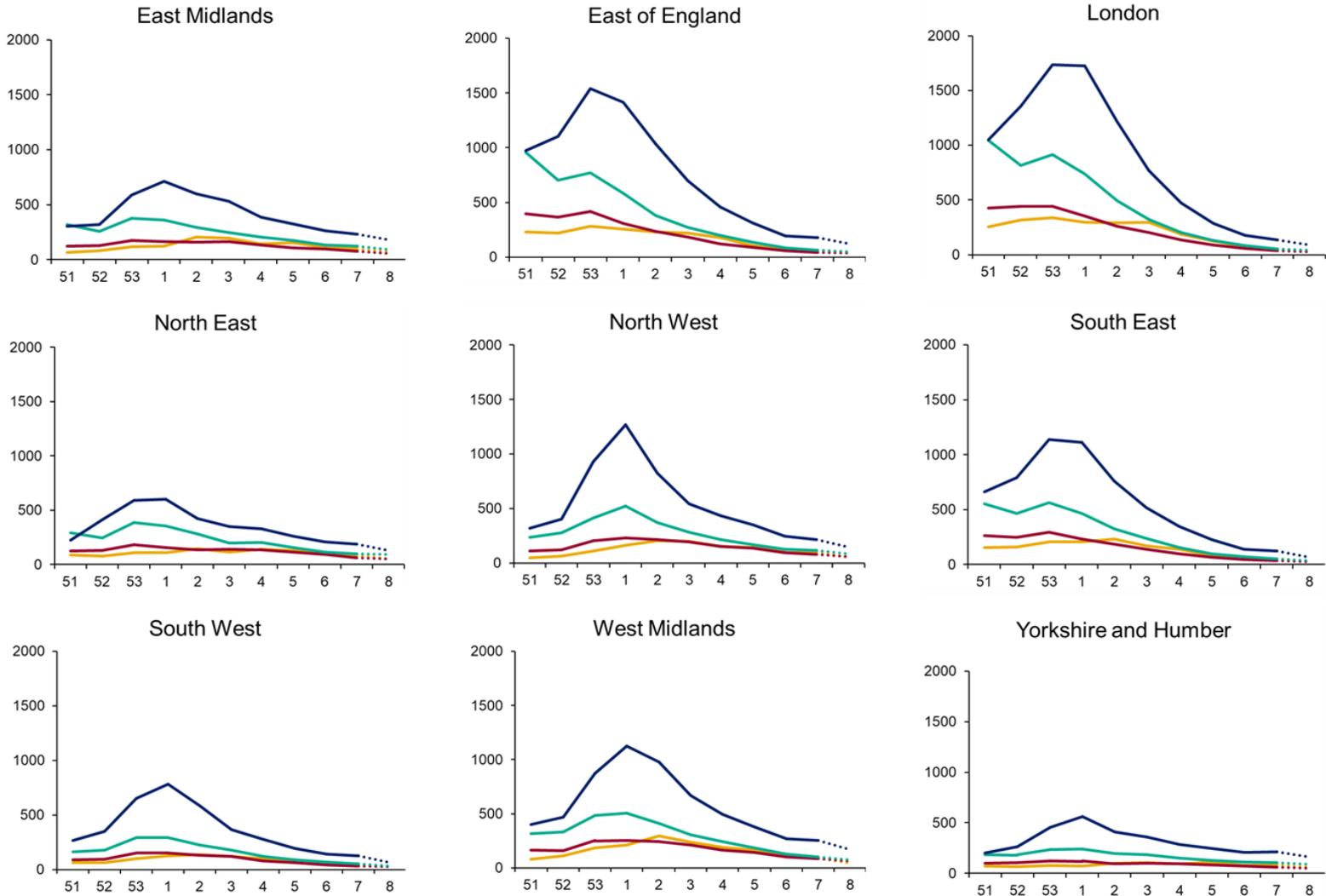
Weekly incidence of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in educational age cohorts corresponding to university/college year groups, week 51 to 8





Weekly incidence of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population by educational age cohorts and PHE region, week 51 to 8

Case rate per 100,000 population

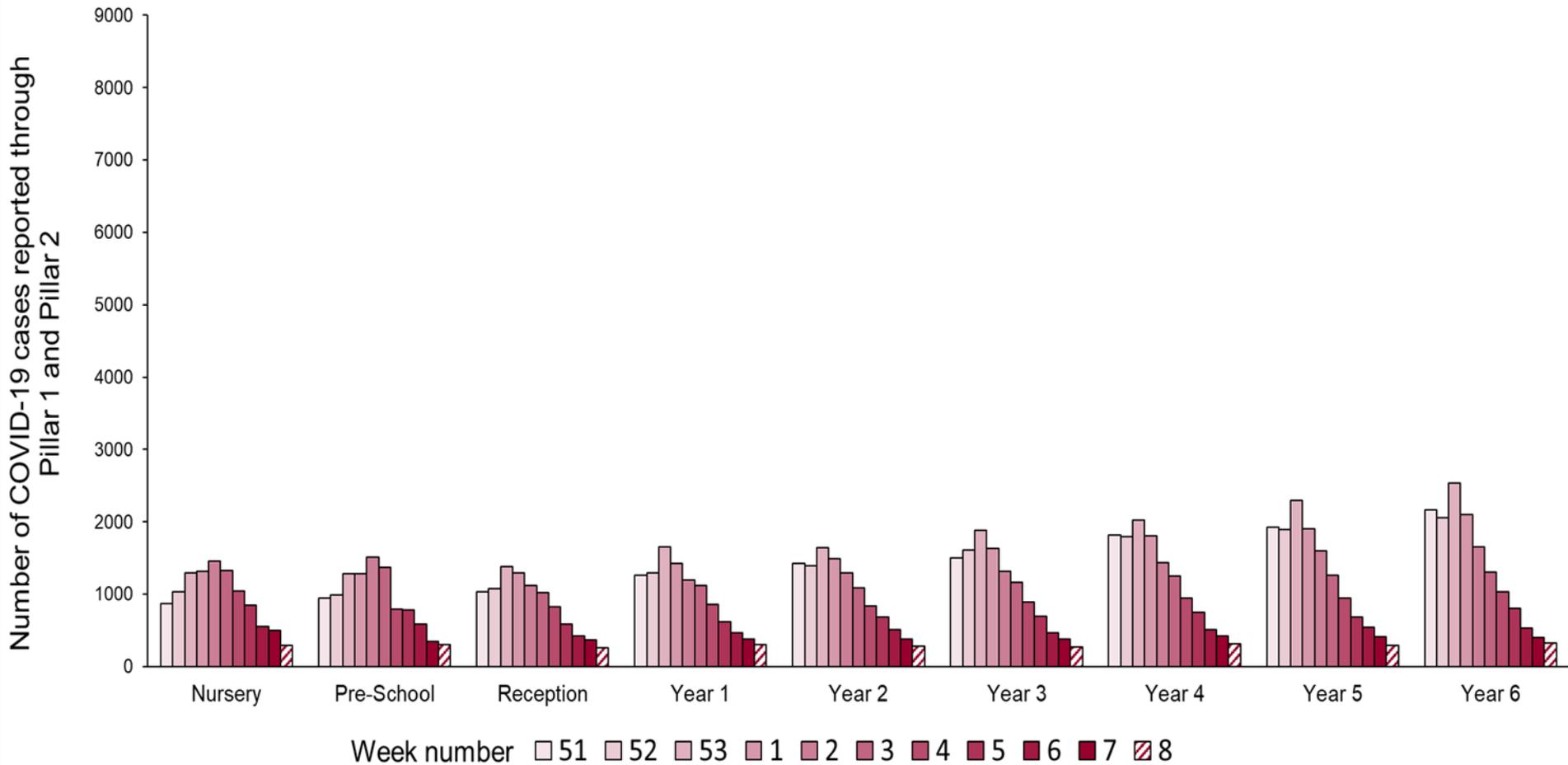


— Nursery/Pre-school age cohorts
 — Primary school age cohorts
 — Secondary school age cohorts
 — College/University age cohorts

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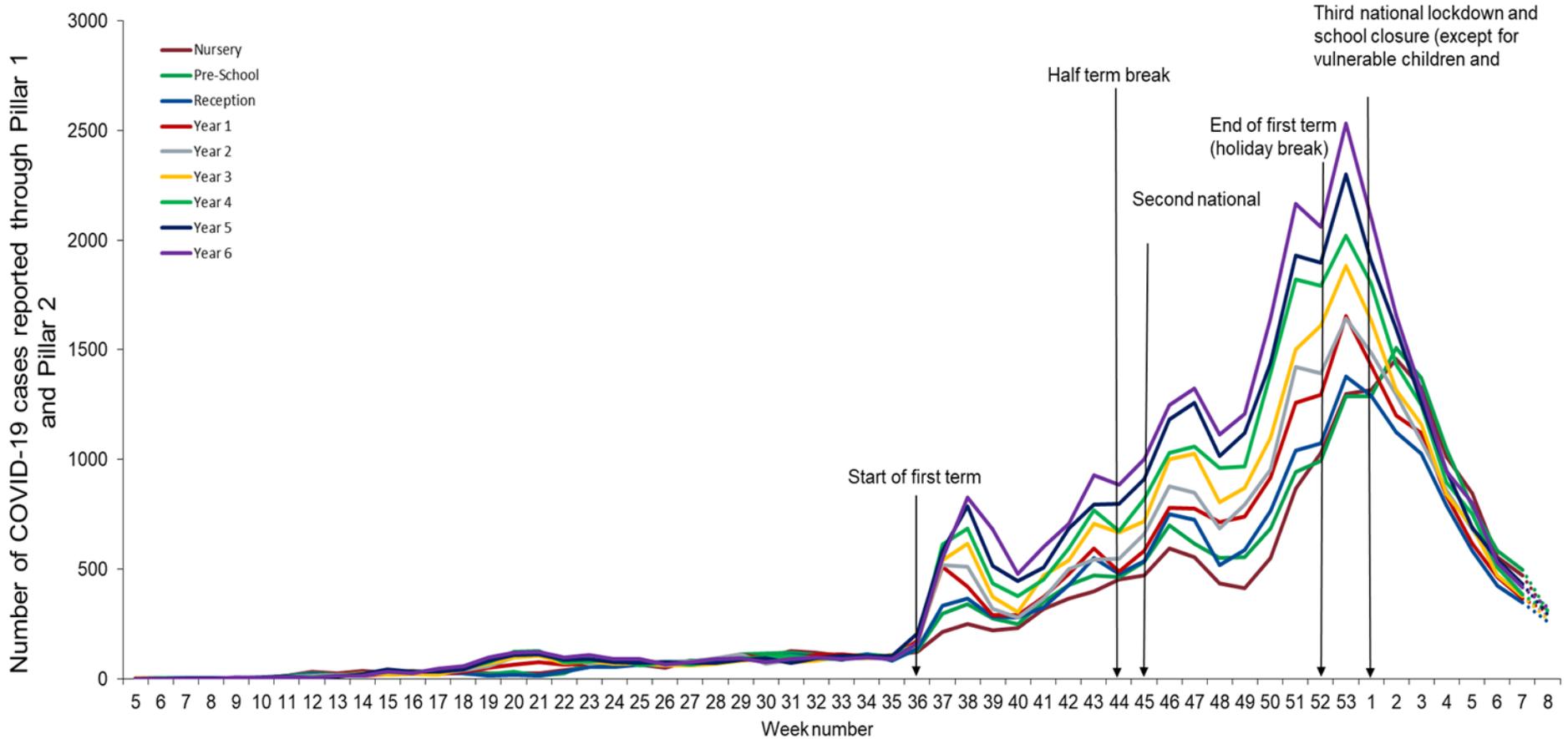


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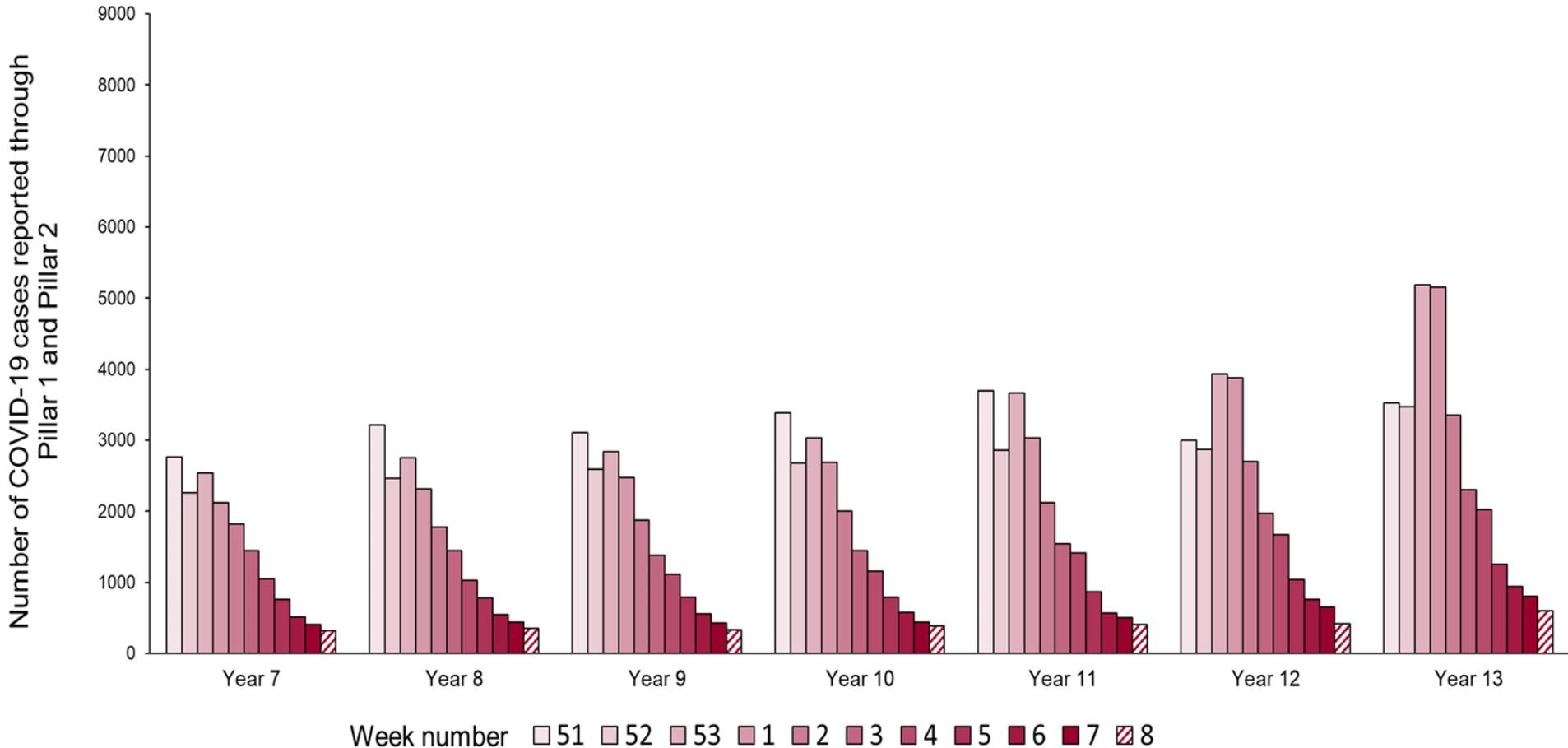


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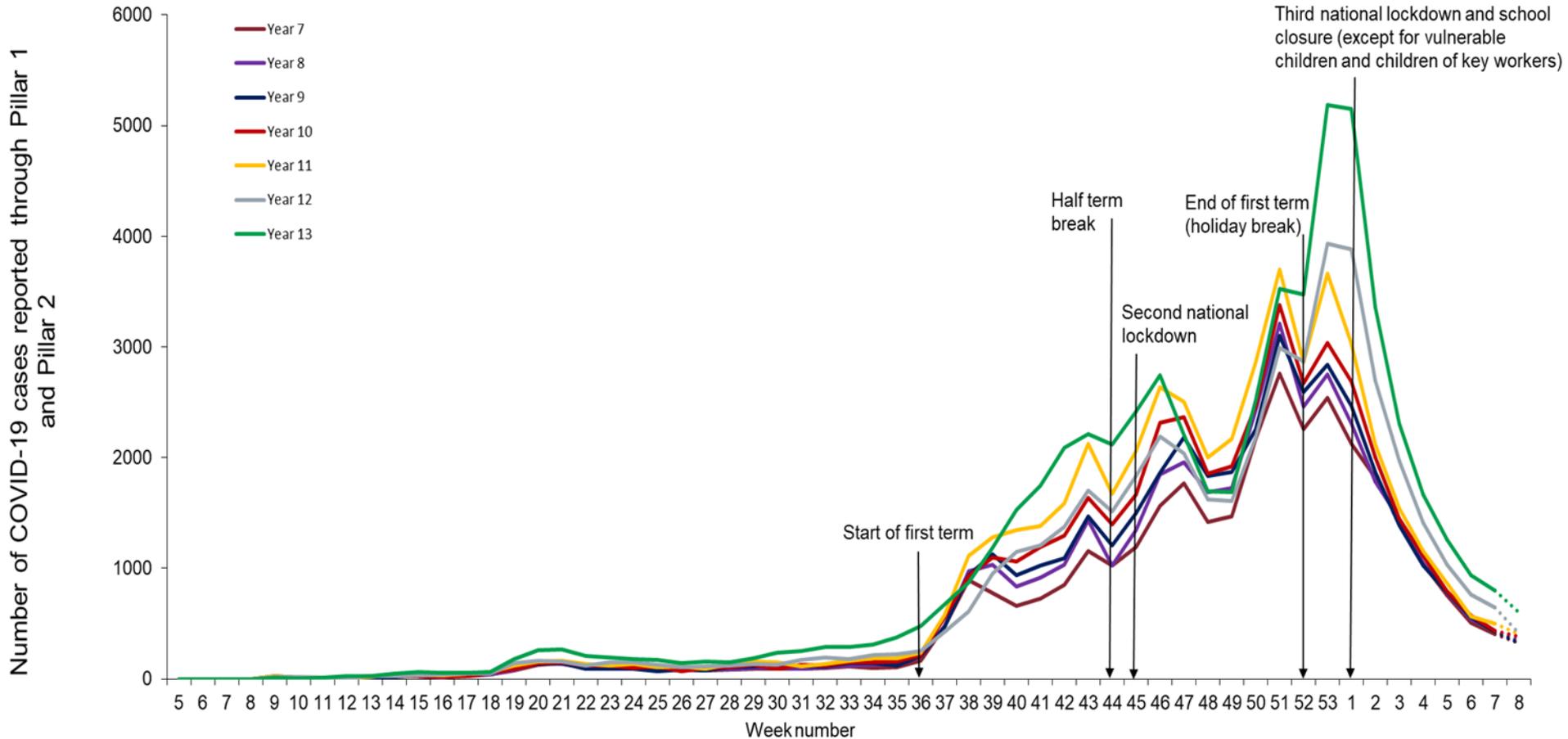


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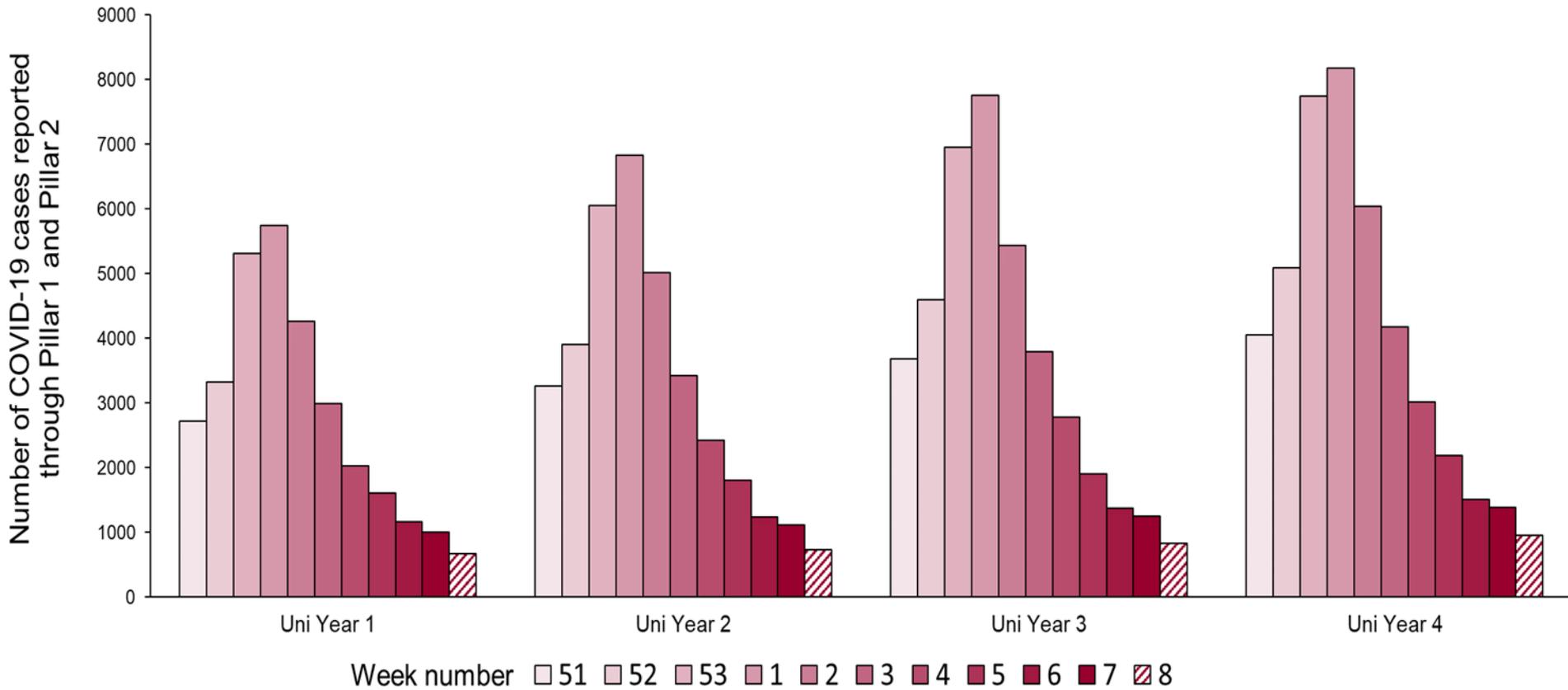


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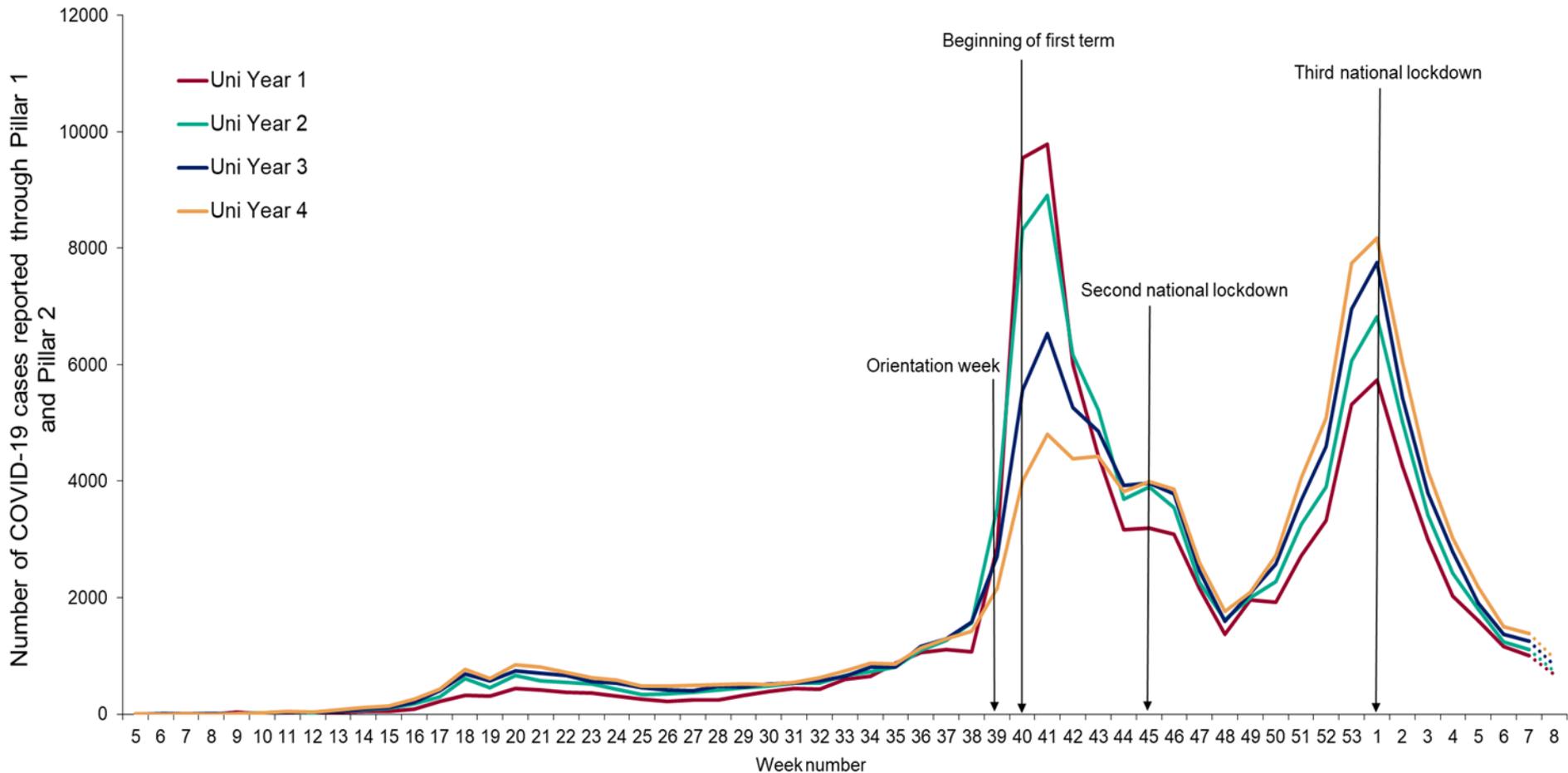


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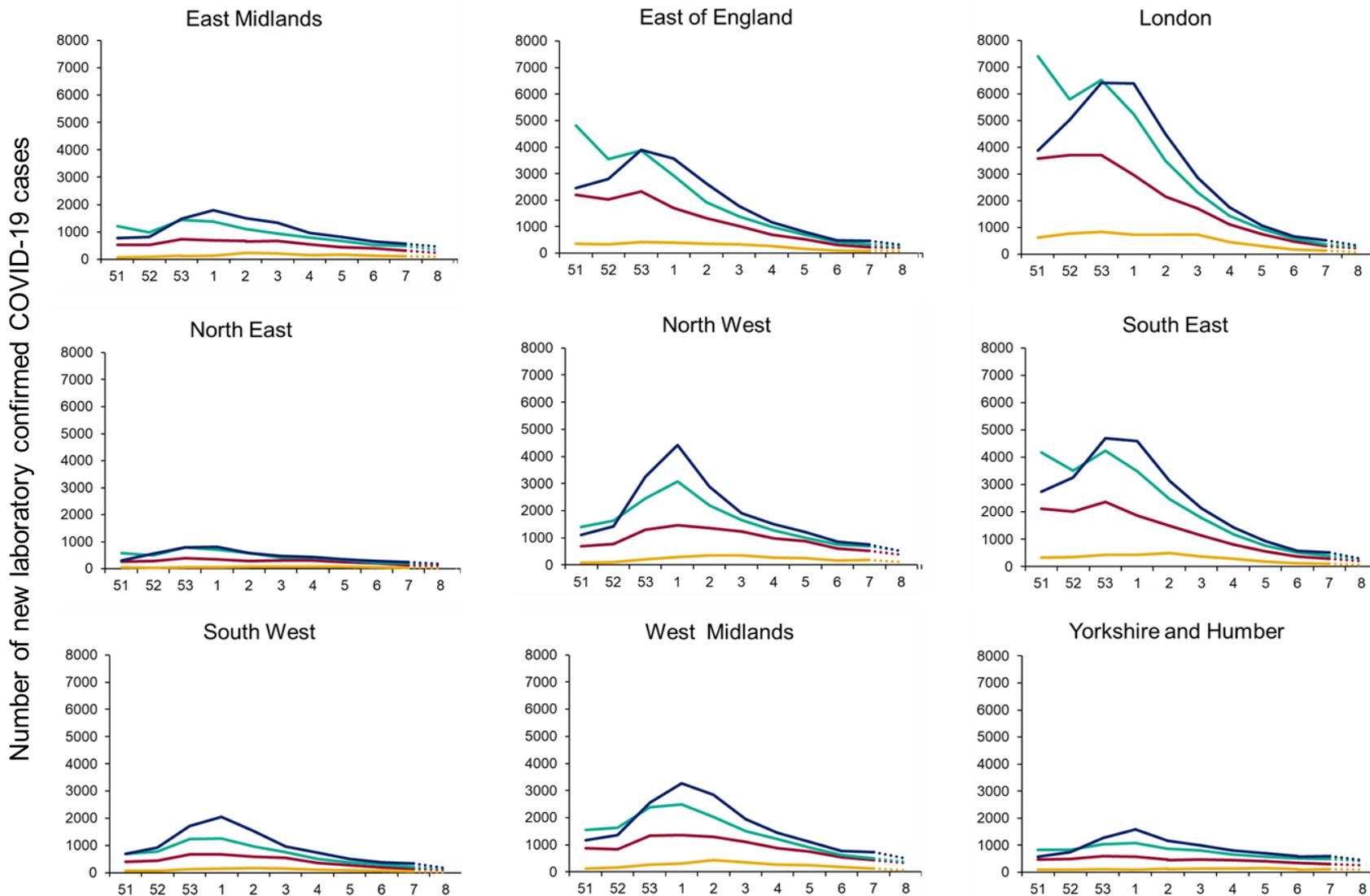


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Weekly number of new laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases by educational age cohorts and PHE region, week 51 to 8

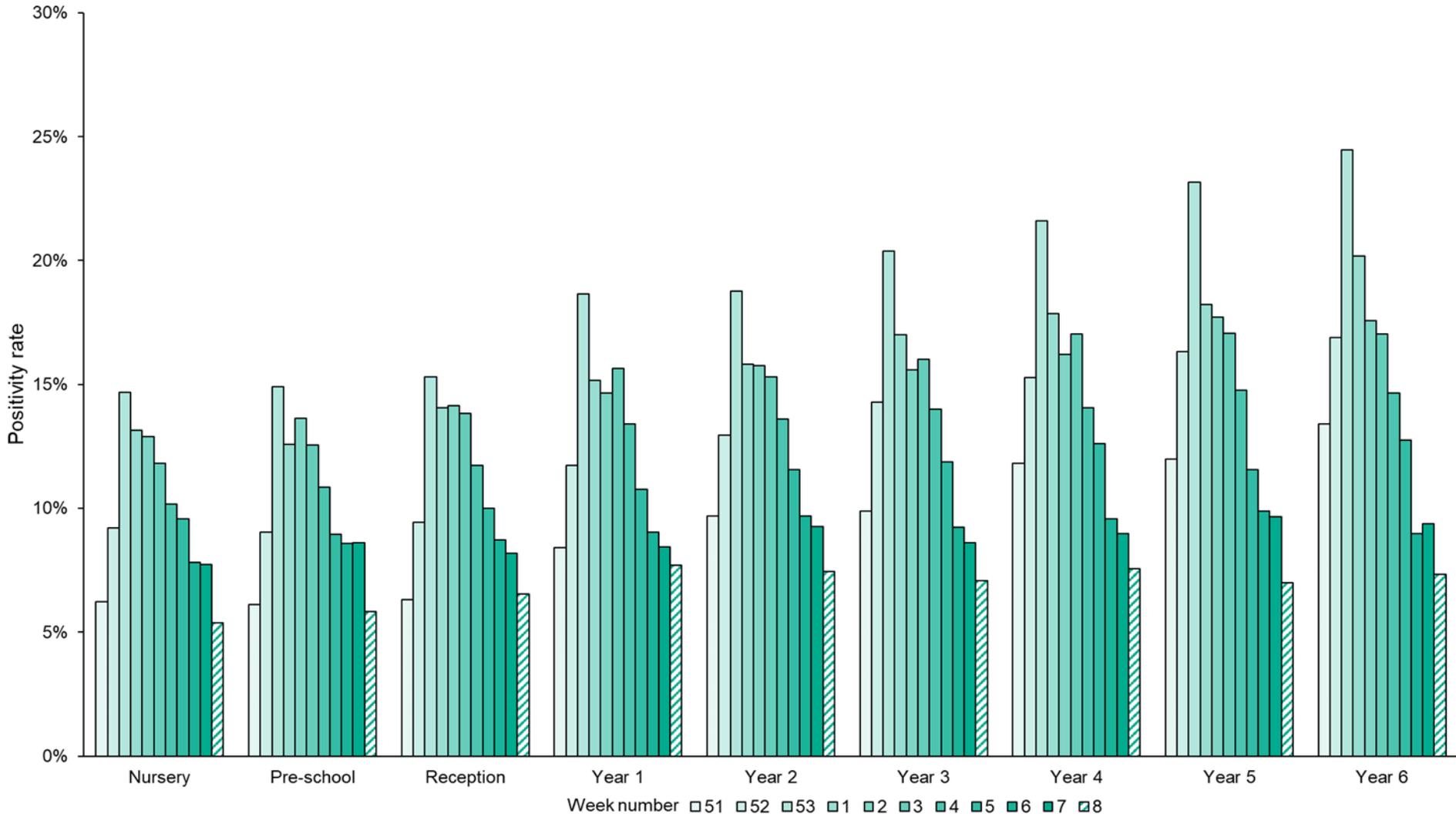


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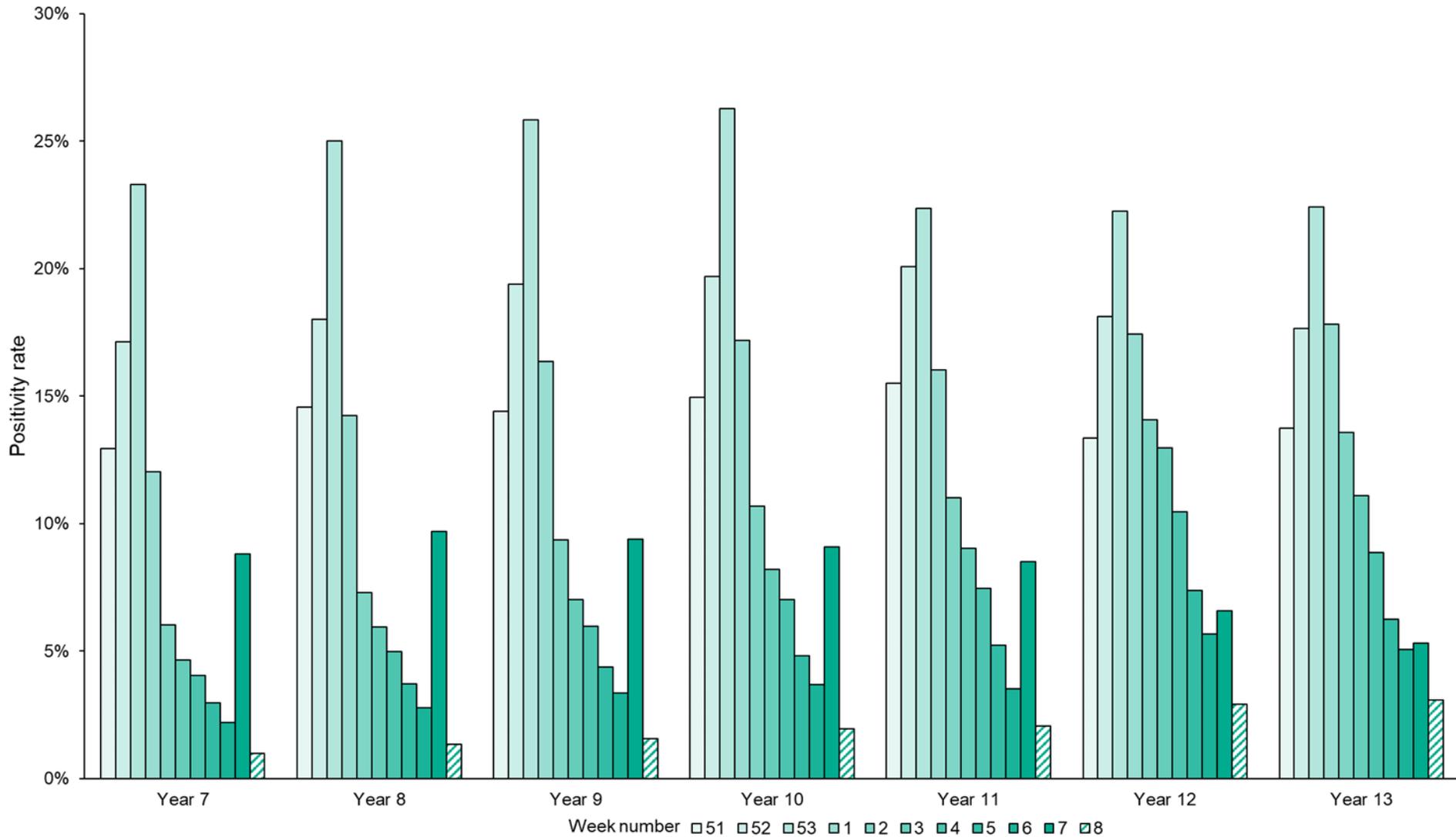


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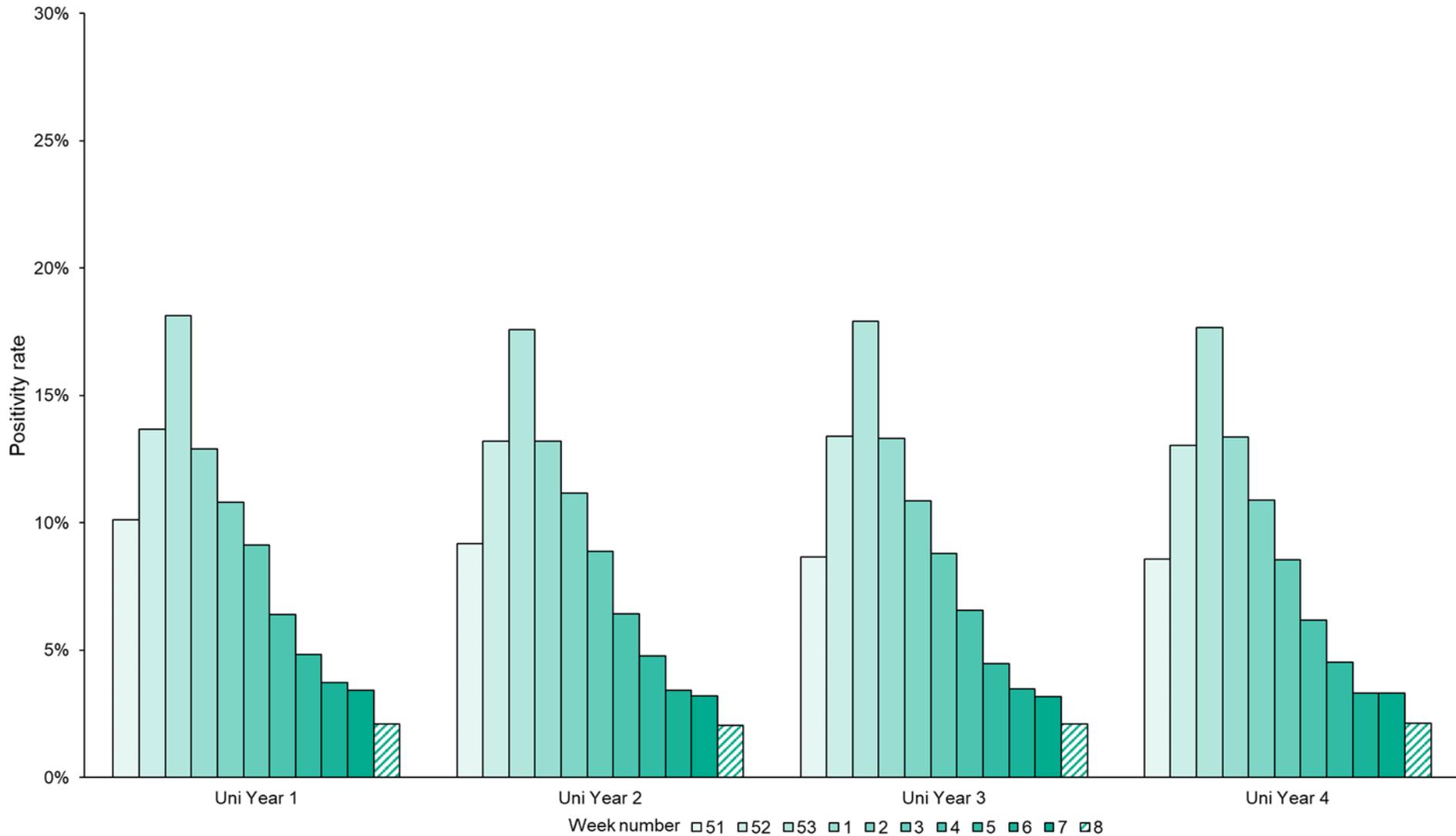


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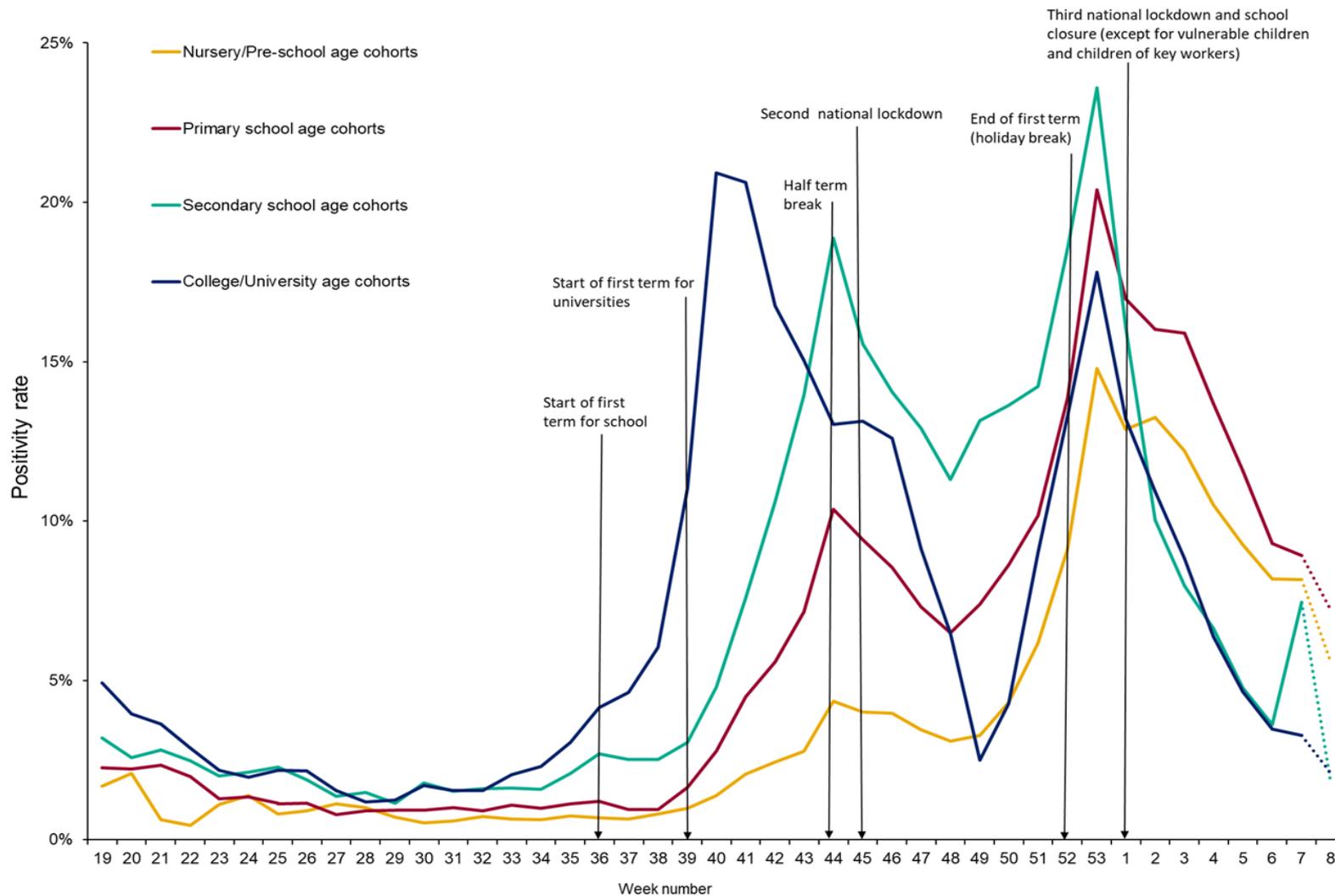


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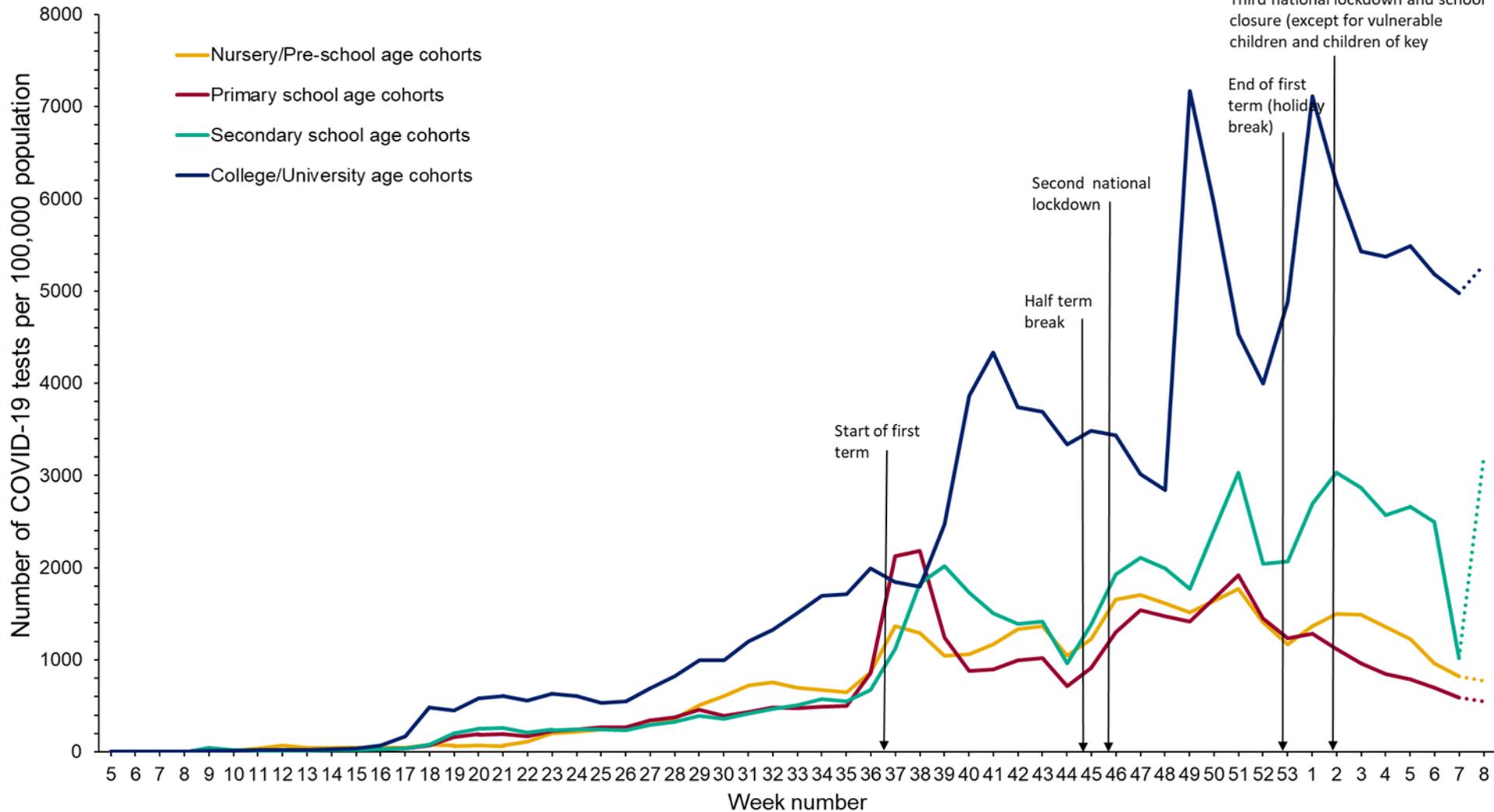
Weekly positivity rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases, in nursery/preschool, primary school, secondary school and college/University age cohorts



* From January 2021 a programme of rapid asymptomatic testing was rolled out to students in the secondary school aged cohorts attending these settings during lockdown. We note a drop in the number of tests conducted in these cohorts and an increase in positivity during week 7 which coincides with half term break.



Weekly rate of new COVID-19 tests performed per 100,000 population in nursery/preschool, primary school, secondary school and college/University age cohorts

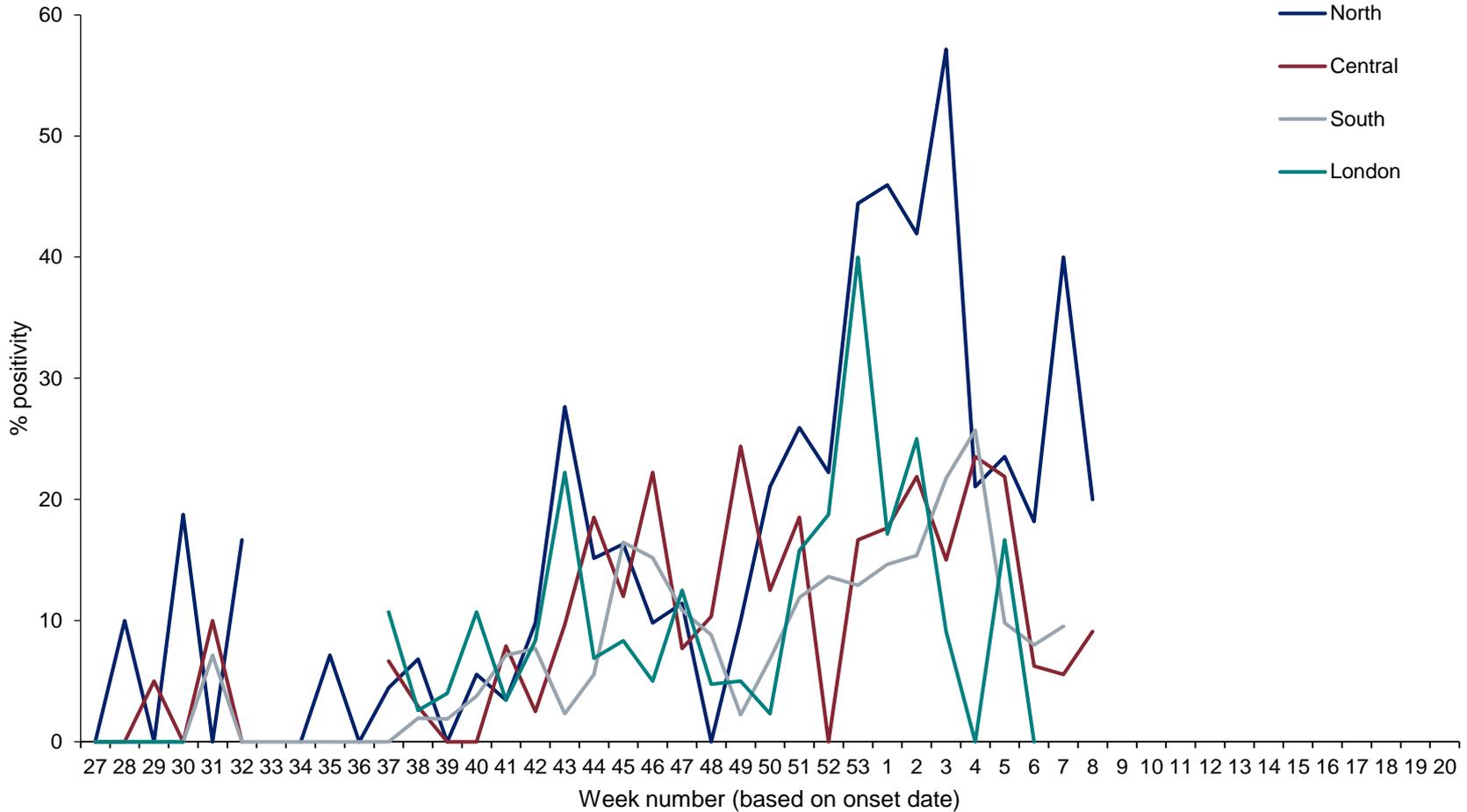




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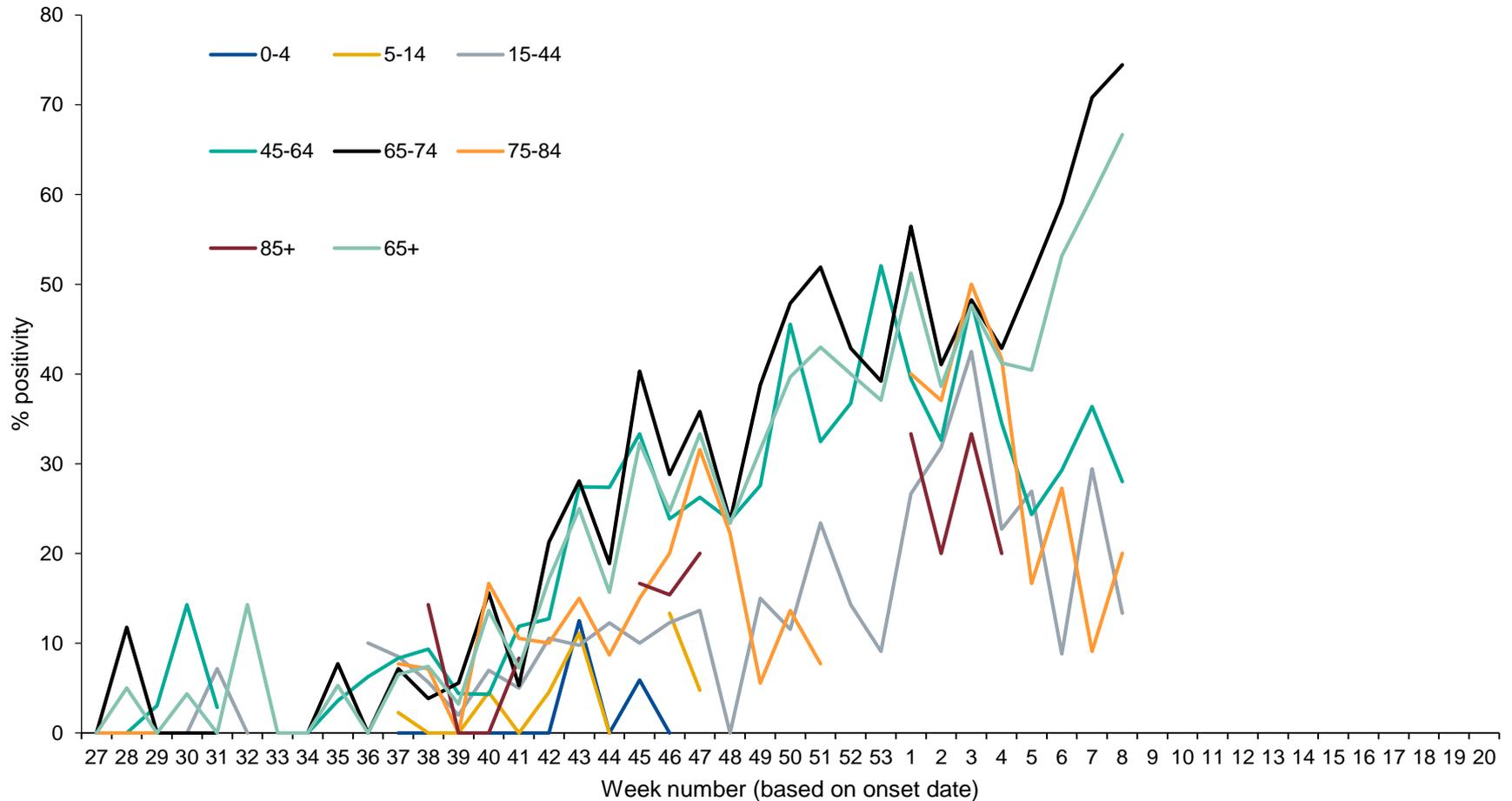
Overall SARS-CoV-2 positivity (%) (weekly) by PHE Region, England (RCGP)



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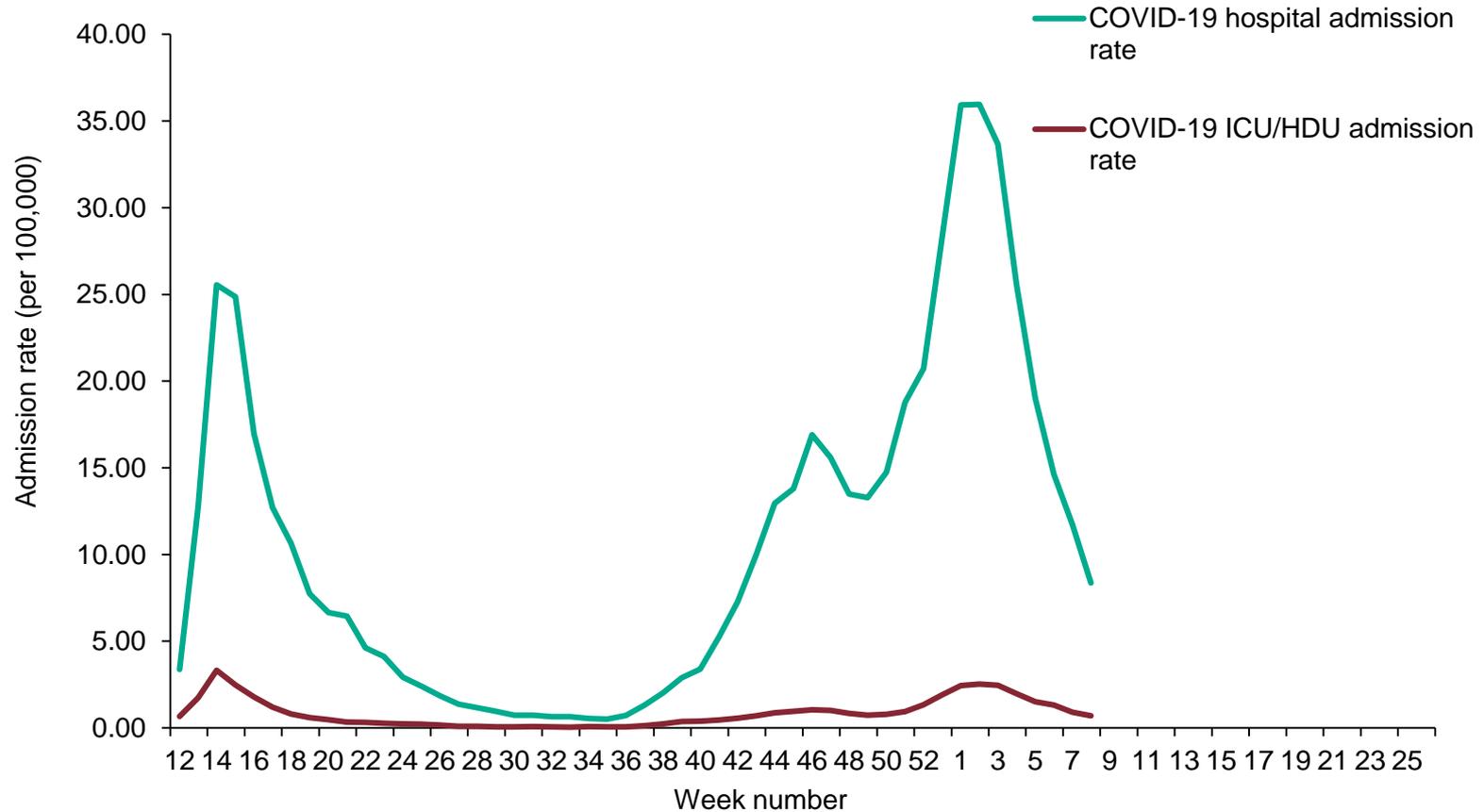
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Secondary Care surveillance

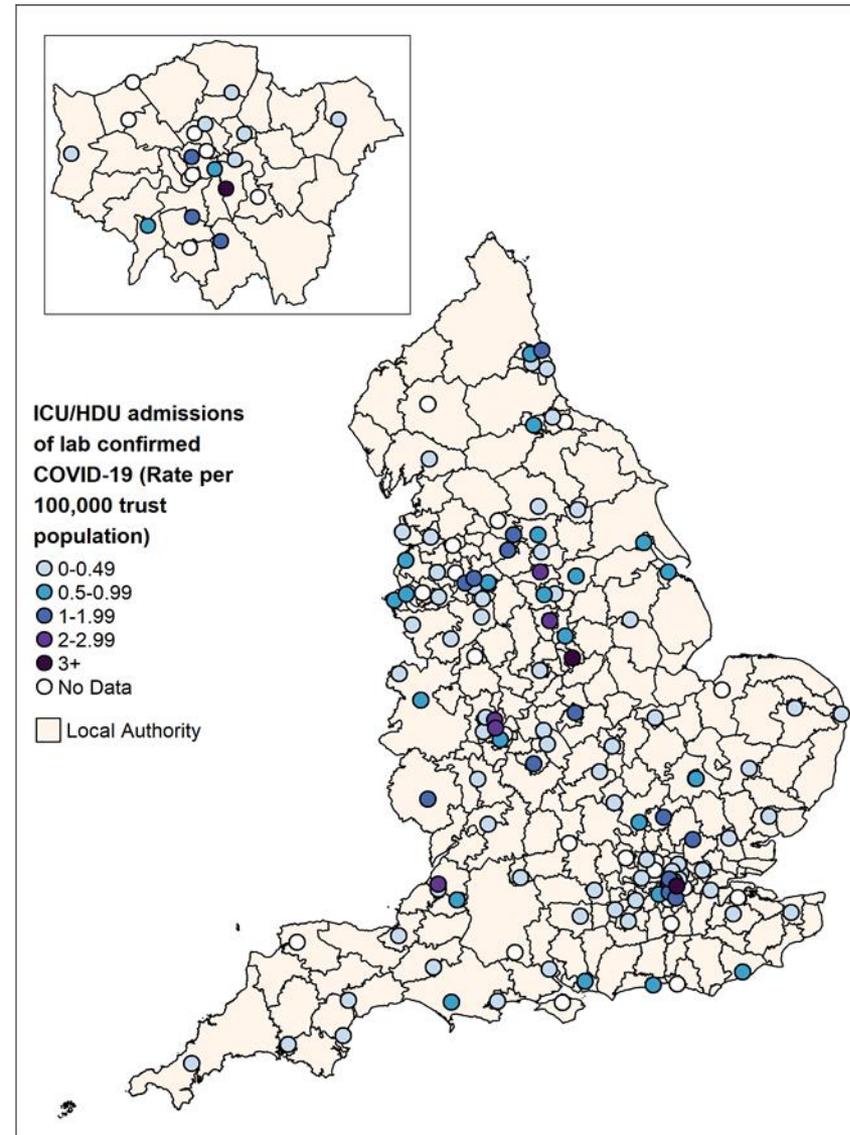
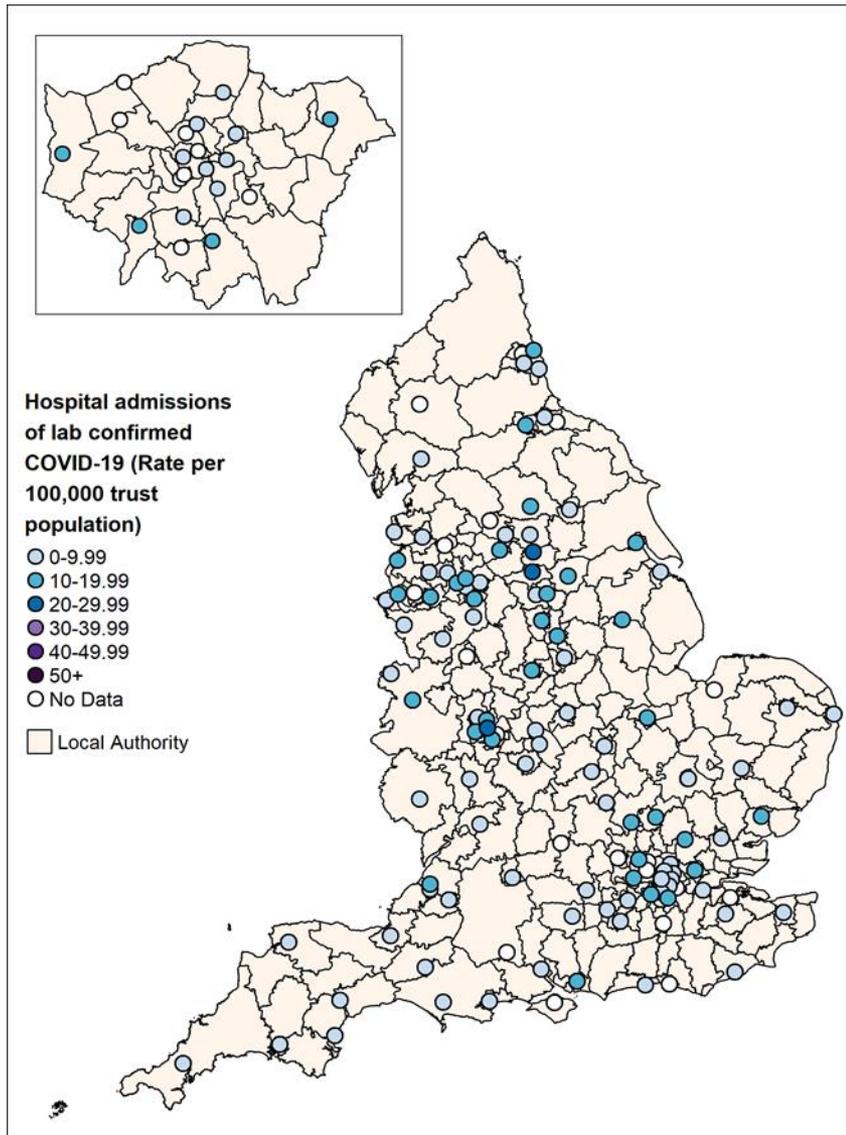


Weekly overall hospital and ICU/HDU admission rates per 100,000 of new COVID-19 positive cases reported through SARI Watch, England since week 12



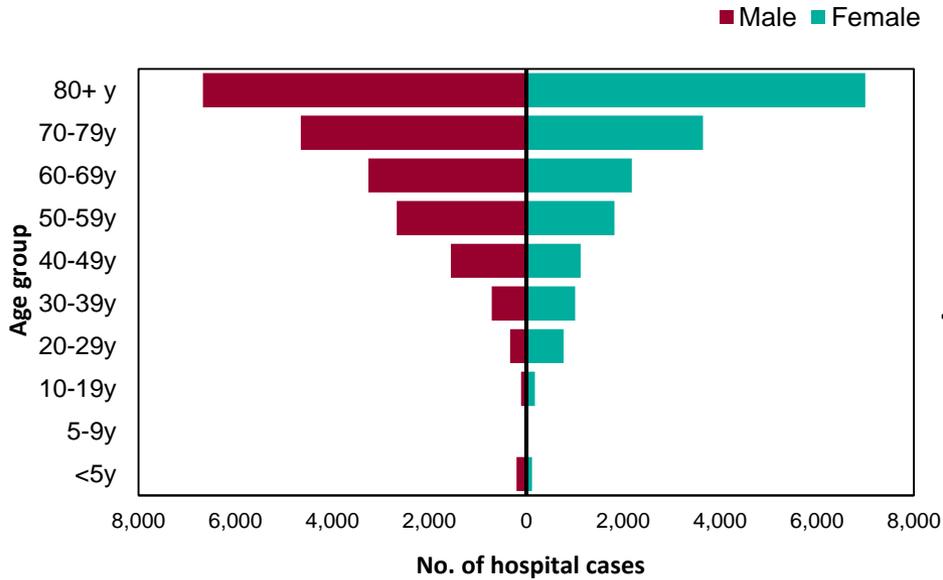


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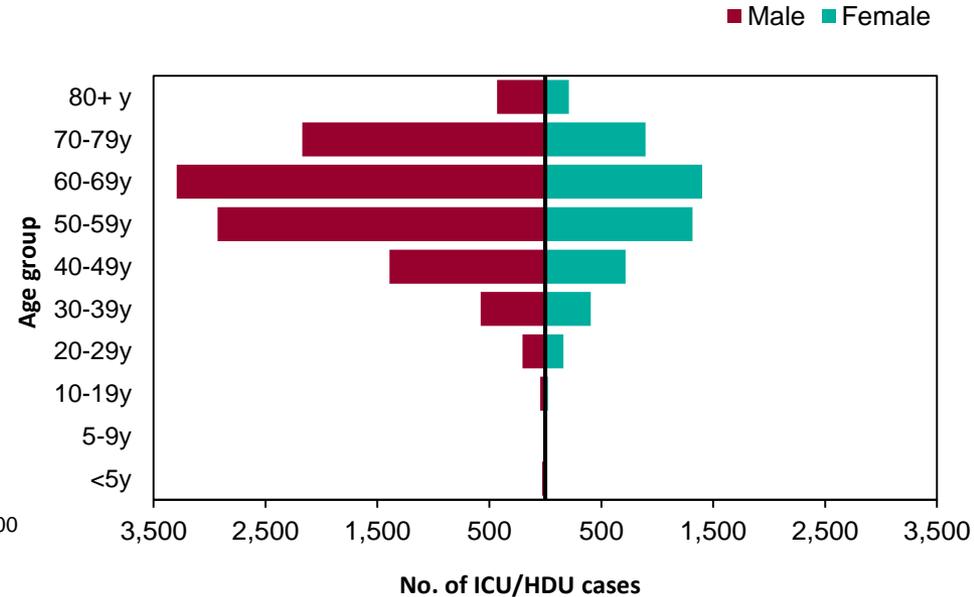


Age/sex pyramid of new (a) hospital (lower level of care) (n=38,067) and (b) ICU/HDU (n=16,452) COVID-19 cases reported through SARI Watch, England

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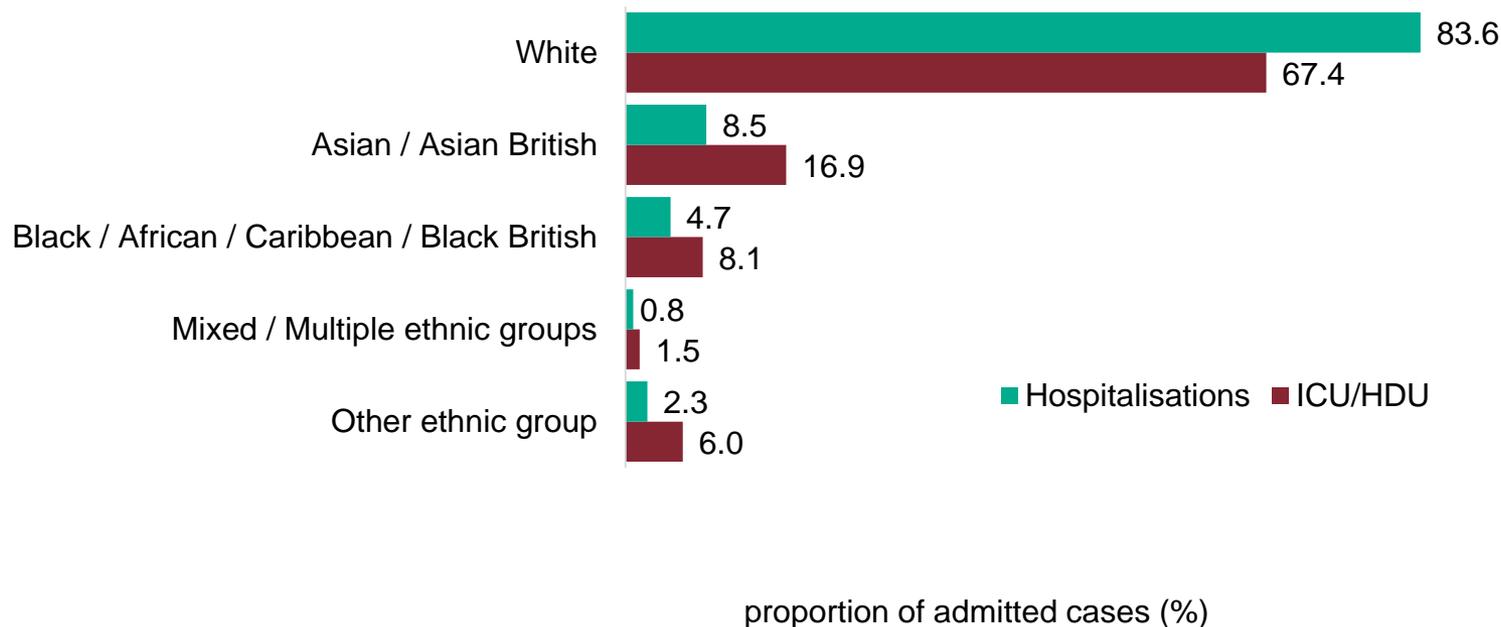
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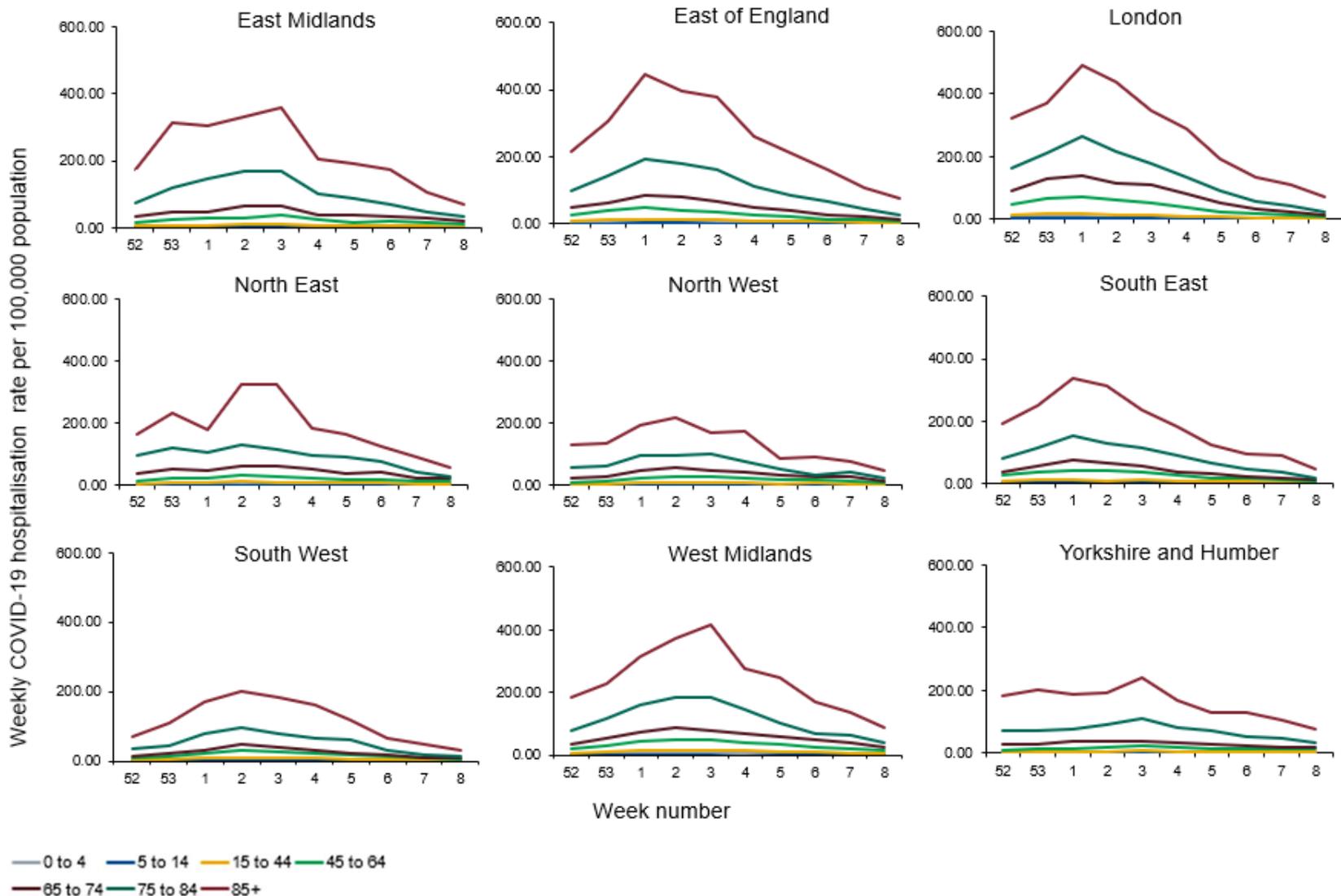
Ethnic group of new hospitalisations (lower level of care) (n=36,727) and ICU/HDU (n=15,264) COVID-19 cases reported through SARI Watch, England



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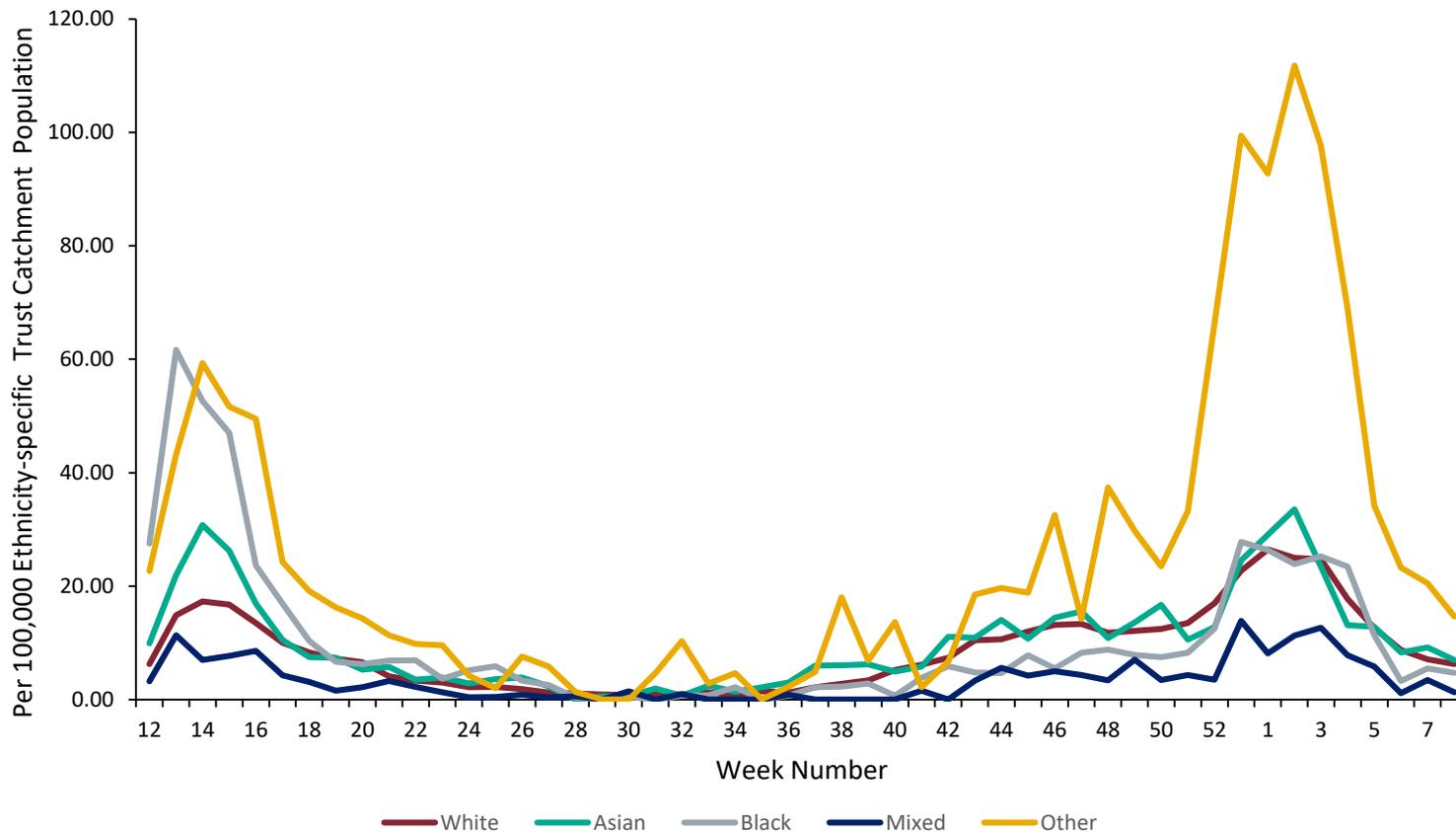


Weekly COVID-19 hospitalisation rate per 100,000 trust catchment population by age group and region, weeks 52 to 8





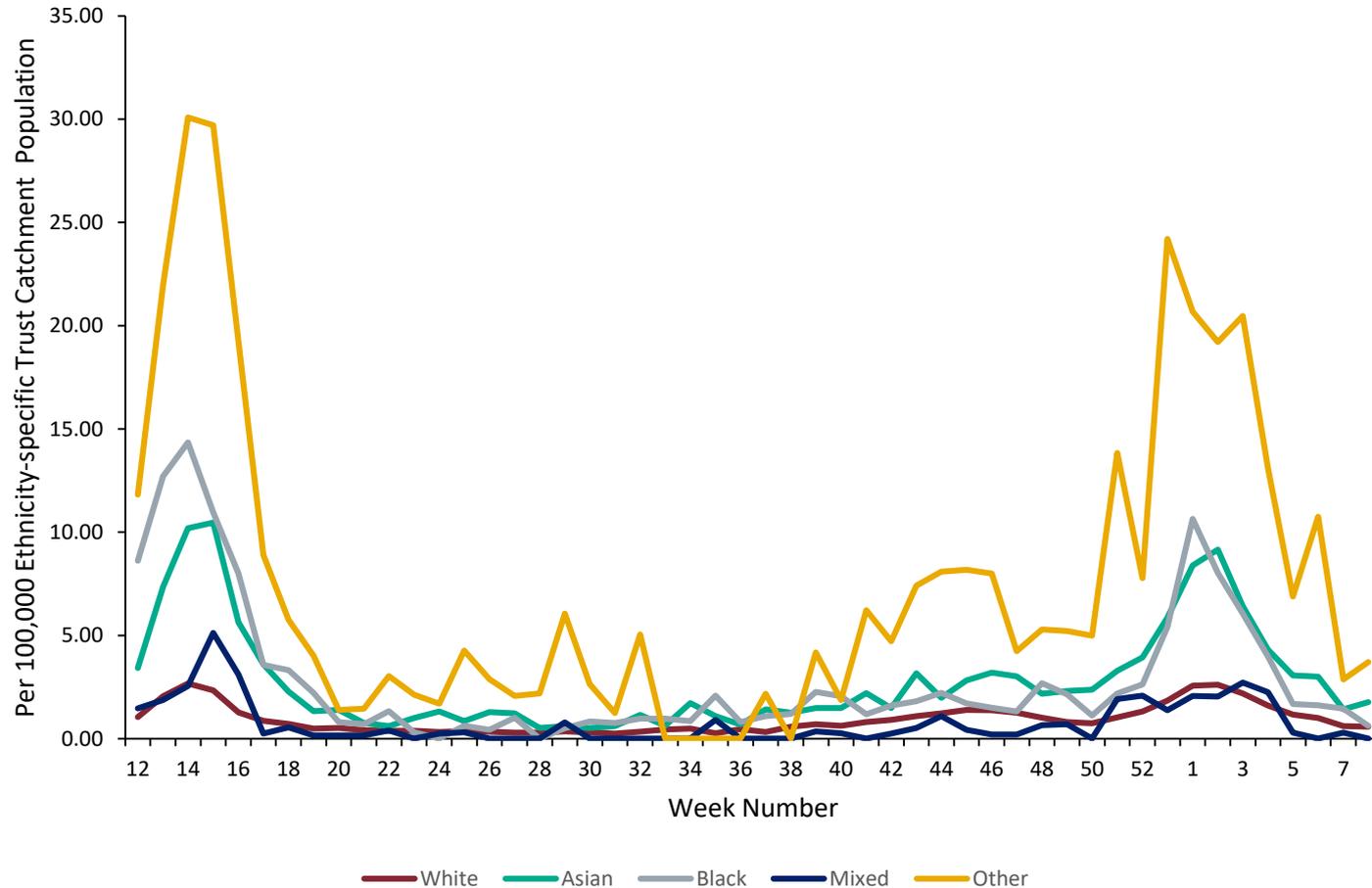
Hospital admission rate (excluding ICU/HDU) by ethnicity per 100,000 trust catchment population



Caveat: Ethnicity was obtained through linkage to hospital activity data and determined by the ethnicity stated in the most recent record. There are several limitations with this approach. Ethnicity is supposed to be self-reported by the patient in hospital records, but this may not always be the case. Patients may also report different ethnicities in different episodes of care. The Other ethnic group may include people who do not self-identify with any of the more explicitly-defined ethnicity categories, or people who have been assigned to the group by data reporters. In addition, people from certain ethnic backgrounds may be less likely to have complete records with which to complete the linkage to hospital data. Previous analysis has shown higher population-based diagnoses and death rates in the Other ethnic group due to a mismatch between ethnicity assigned in the population data and hospital records ([see disparities report](#)). However, further work is ongoing to improve the allocation of ethnicity to COVID-19 data.



Rate of admission to ICU/HDU by ethnicity, per 100,000 trust catchment population



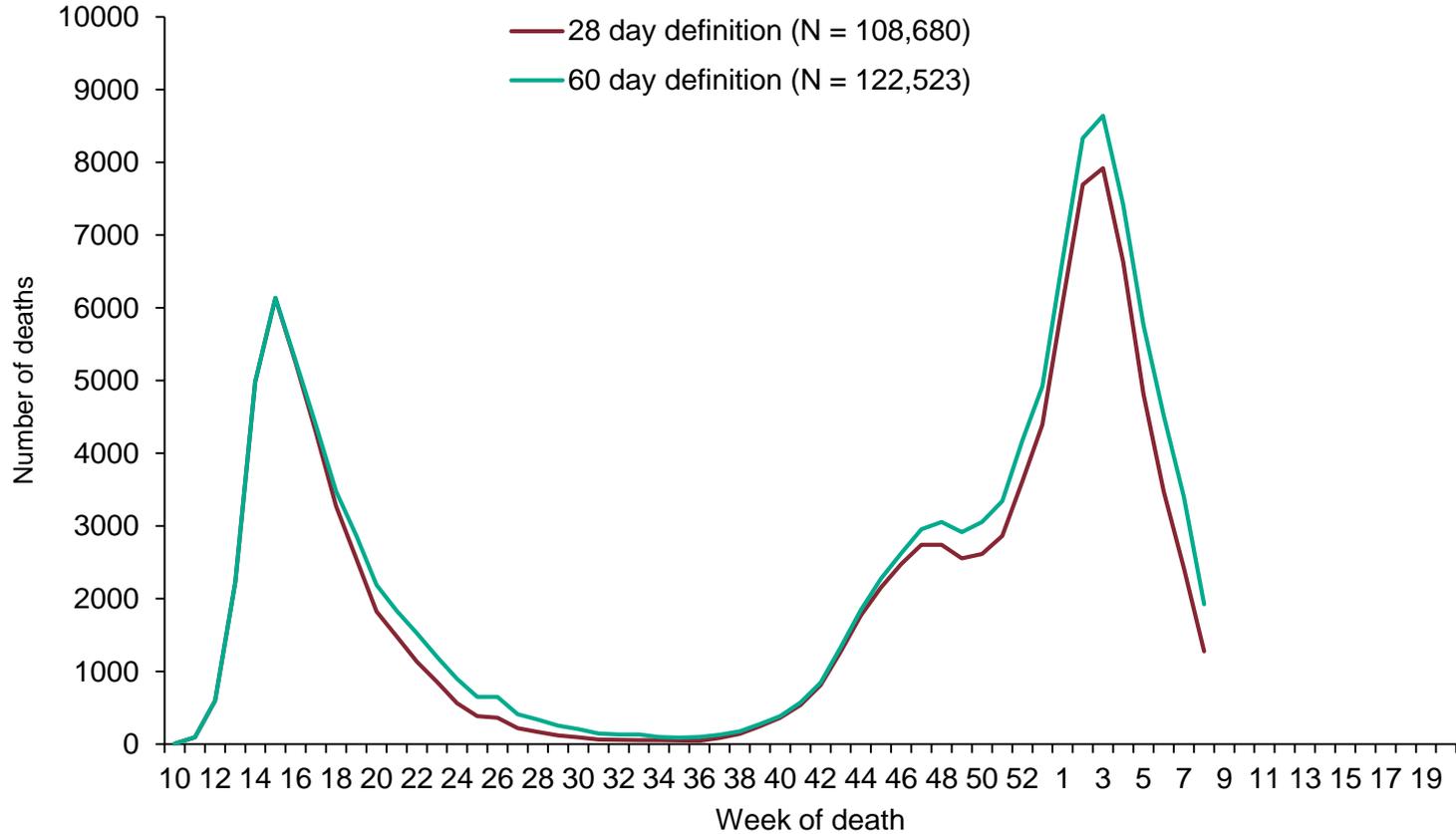
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Mortality surveillance



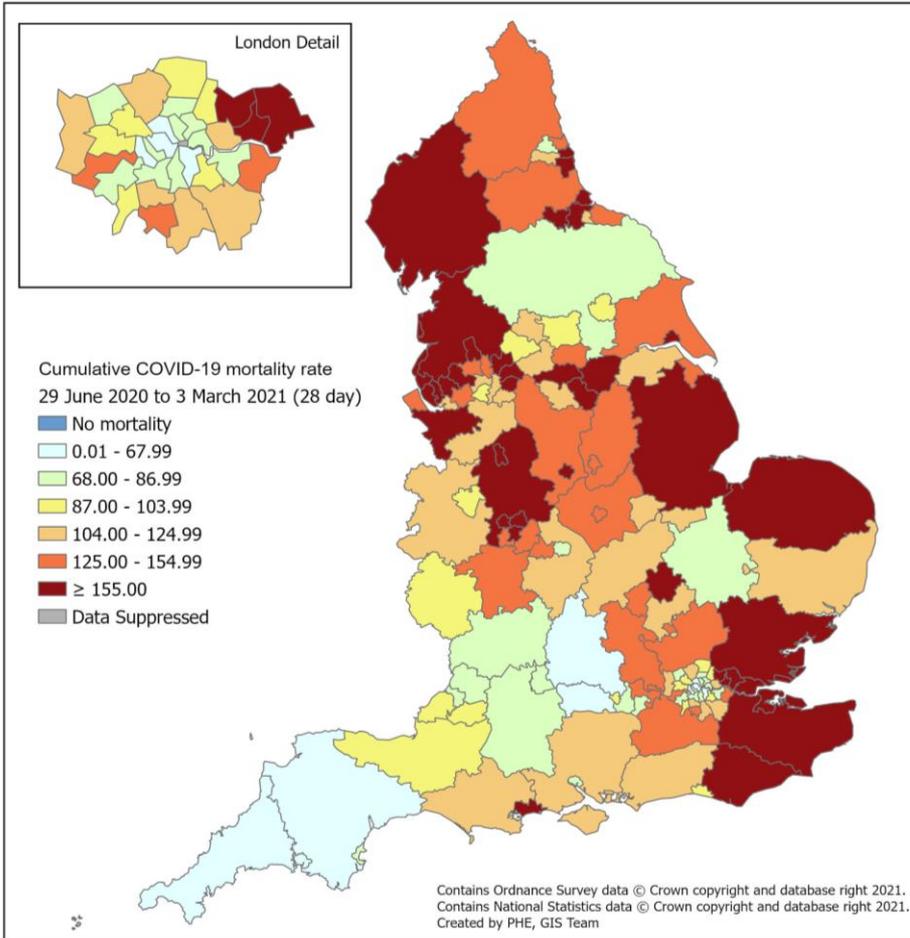
Number of deaths since week 10 by week of death and time since laboratory confirmation of COVID-19, England



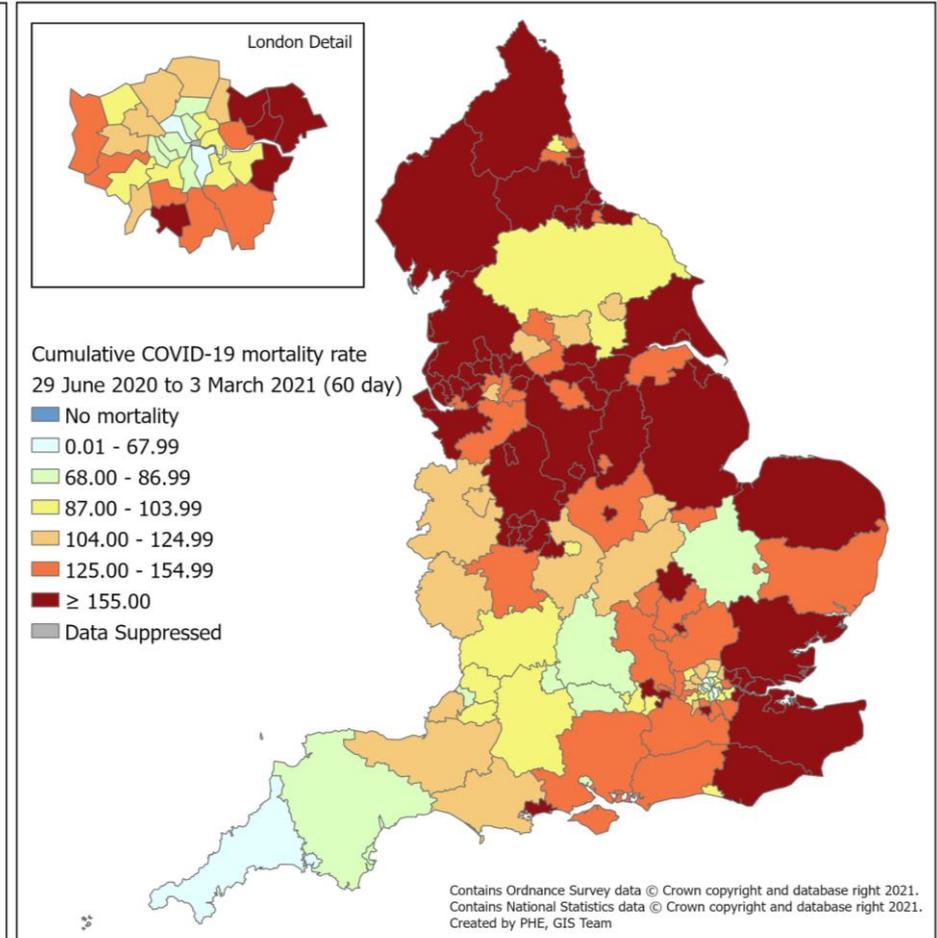


Cumulative mortality rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population tested under Pillar 1 and 2 since week 27 by (a) 28 day definition and (b) 60 day definition

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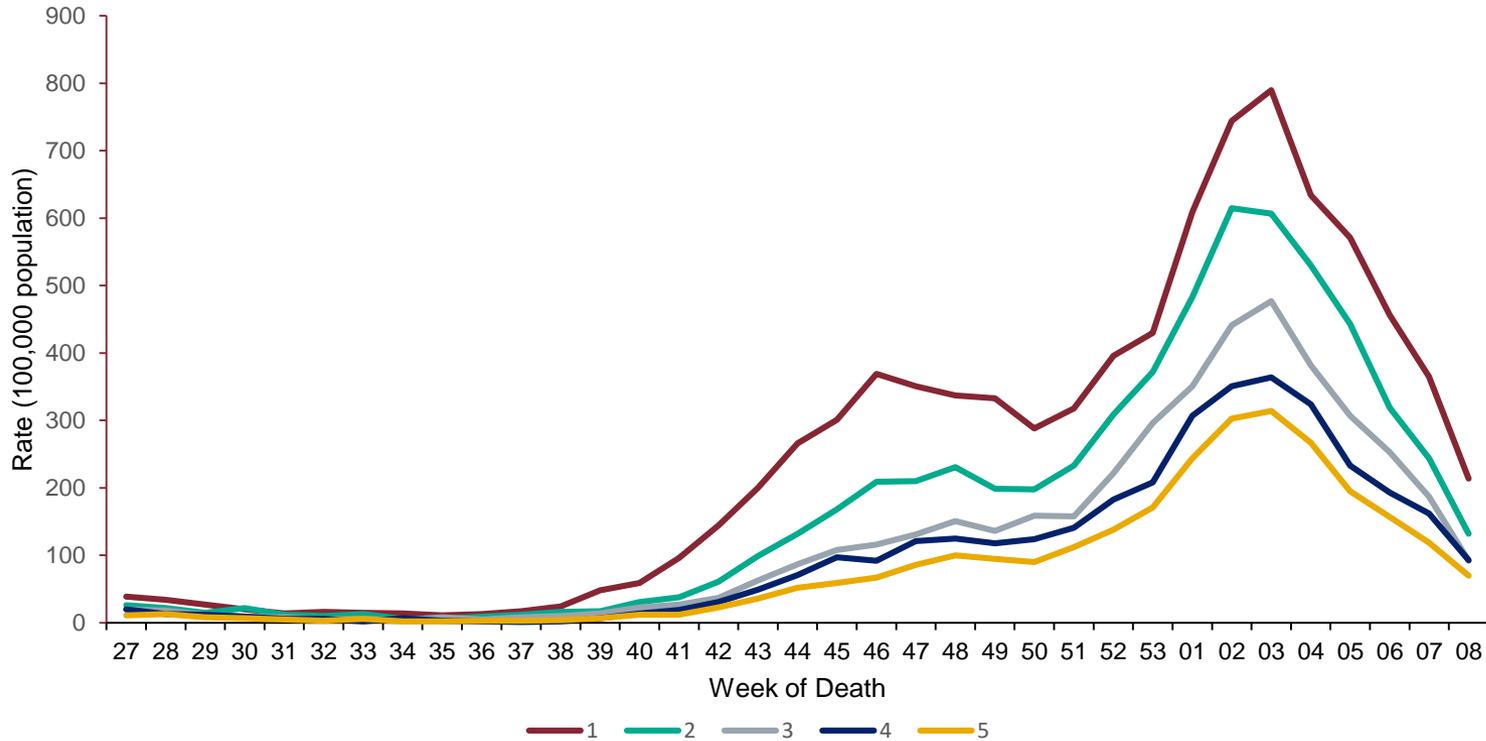


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Age-adjusted mortality rate** (per 100,000 population) in laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 by IMD quintile, from week 27 onwards, by week using the 60 day definition



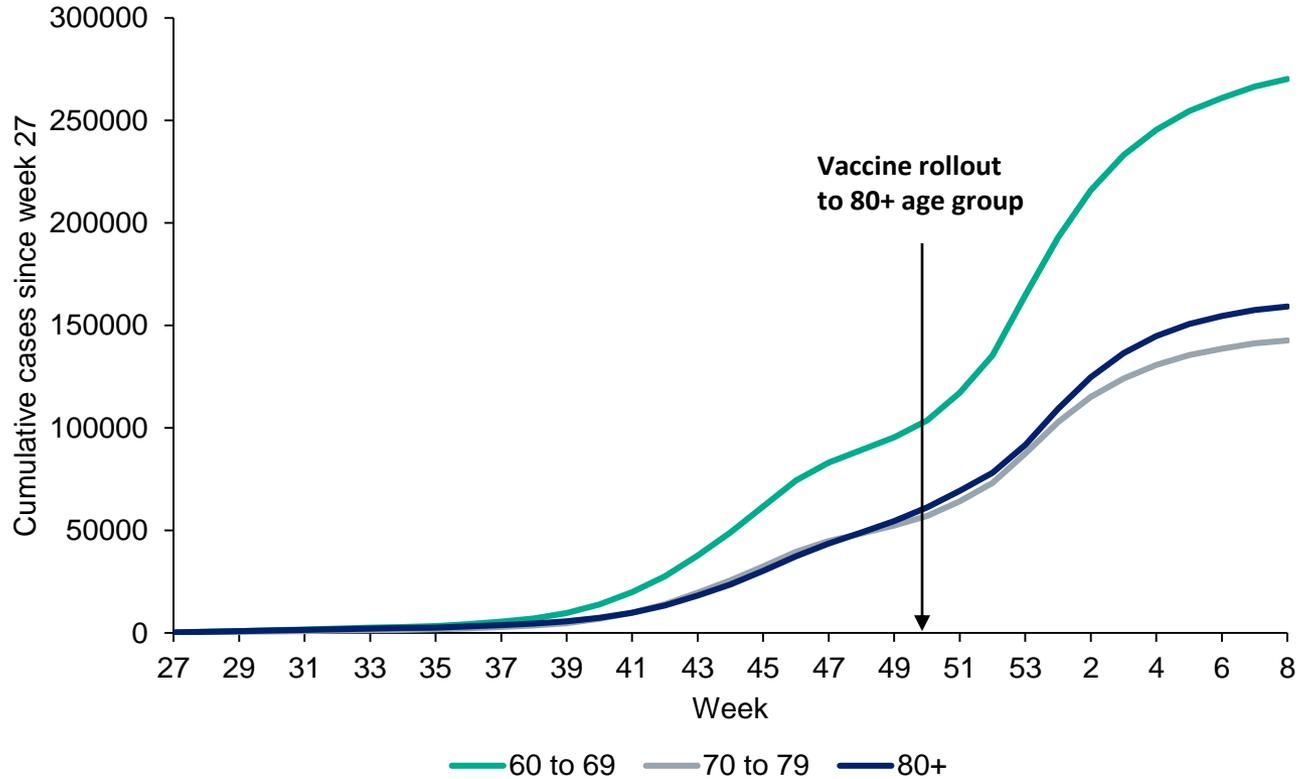
**Rates are time-adjusted: a weekly population denominator has been used to calculate the mortality rate



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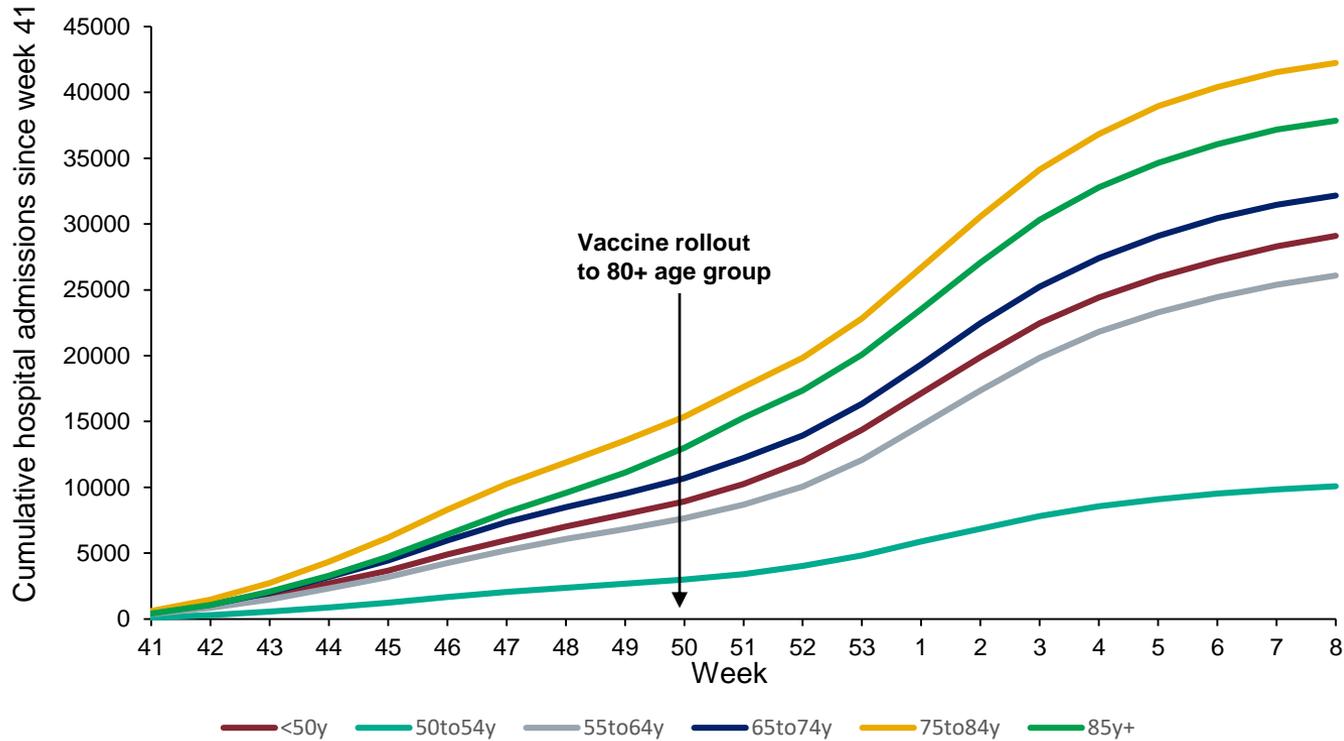


Cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases since week 27, by age group



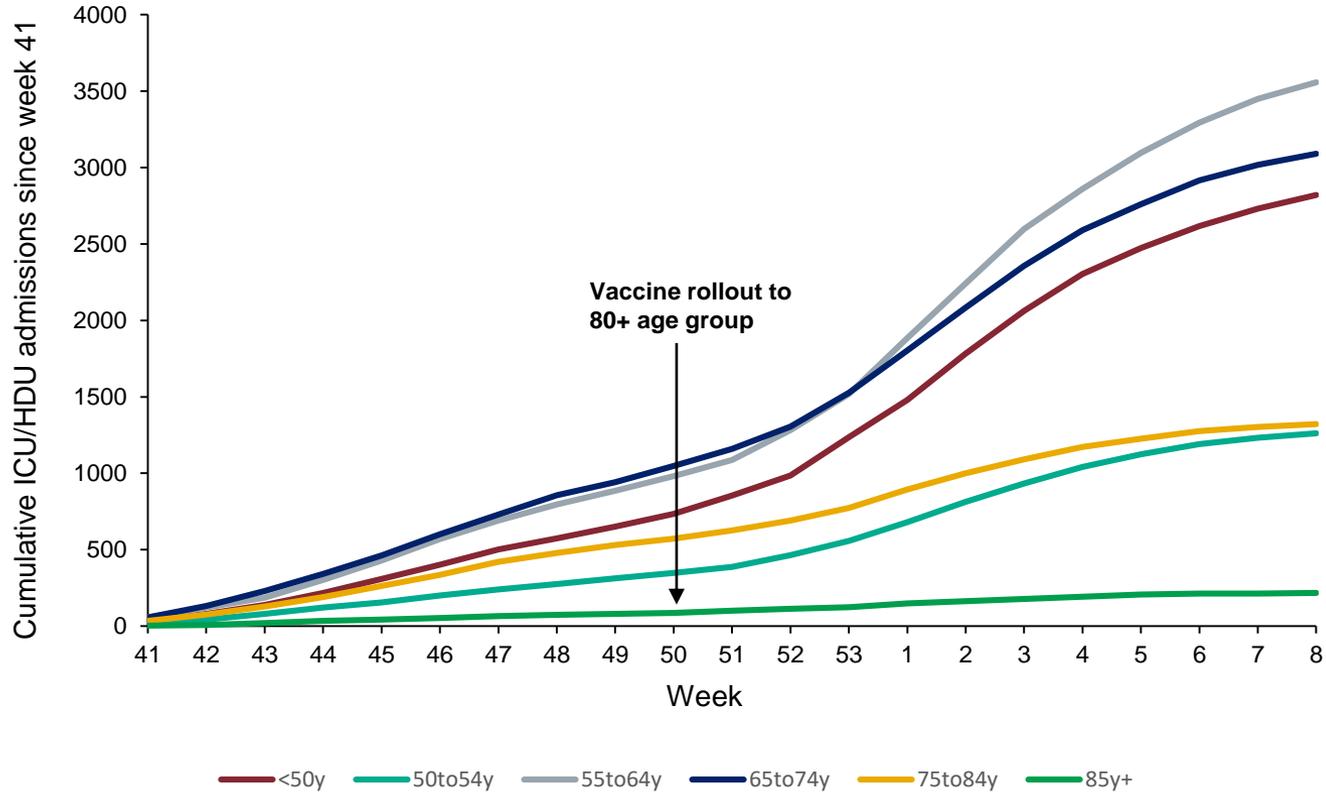


Cumulative number of hospitalisations for lab confirmed COVID-19 since week 41, by age group



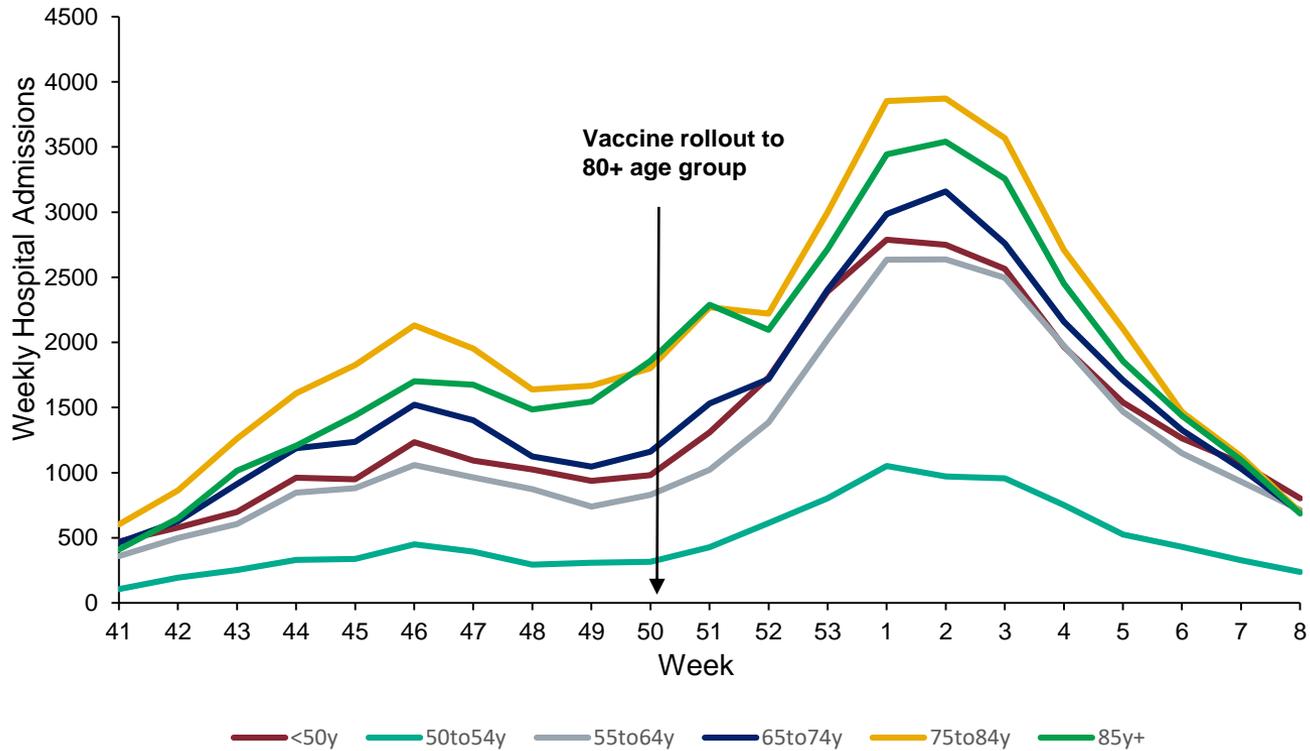


Cumulative number of ICU/HDU admissions for lab confirmed COVID-19 since week 41, by age group



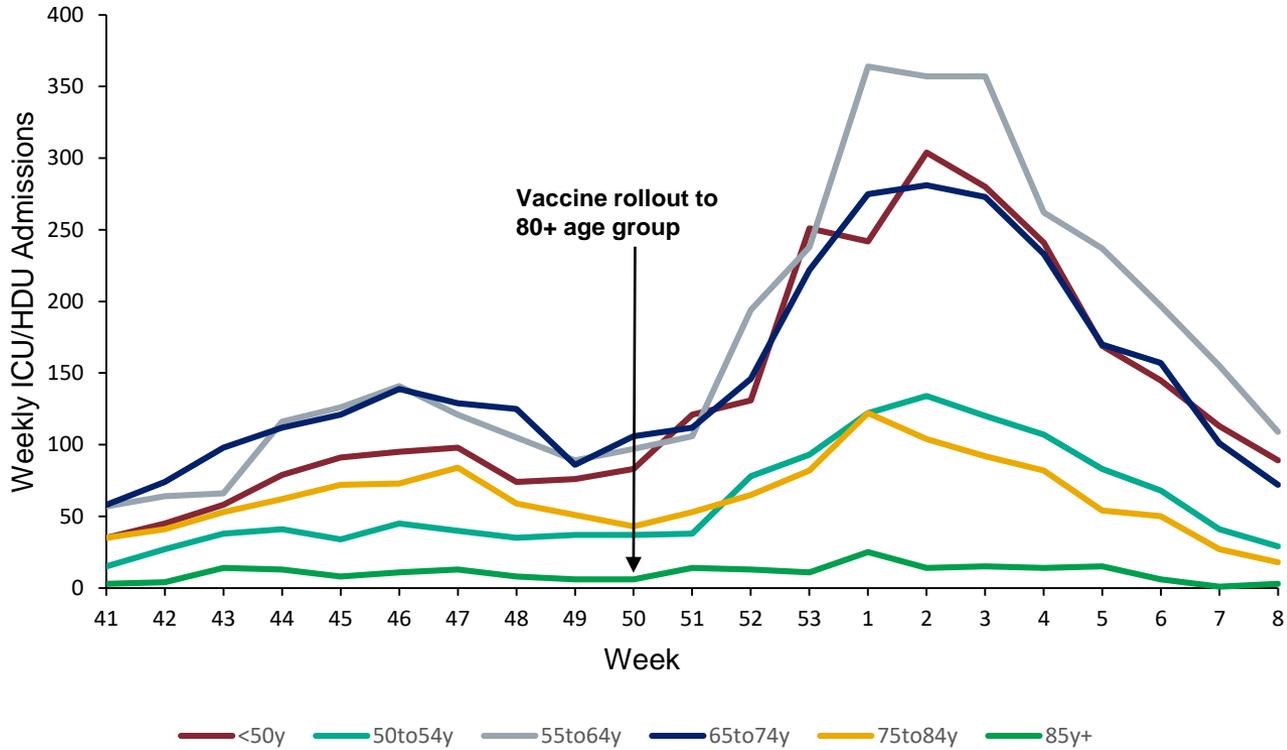


Weekly number of hospitalisations for lab confirmed COVID-19, by age group



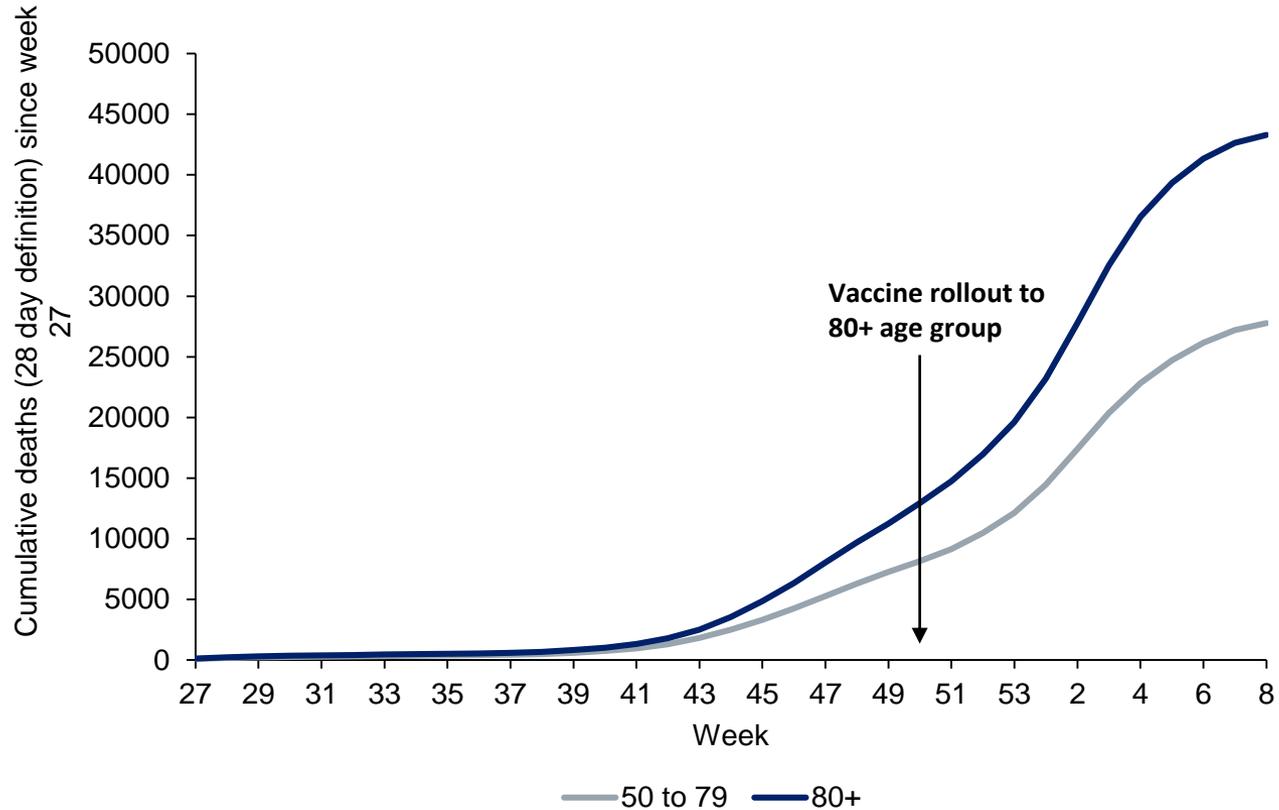


Weekly number of admissions to ICU/HDU for lab confirmed COVID-19, by age group





Cumulative number of COVID-19 deaths since week 27 (28 day definition), by age group





Co/secondary infections with COVID-19



Co/secondary infections with COVID-19 (data updated monthly)

- Caveat - a limited number of COVID-19 cases are tested for other respiratory viruses therefore data could represent an underestimate of co/secondary infection cases. Due to the low number of cases data is representative of January to December 2020 unless stated.
- Co/secondary infections refers to when a patient has an infection with more than one pathogen at the same time (co-infection), or acquires another infection after contracting the first infection (secondary infection).
- Numbers of co/secondary infection remain low across PHE surveillance systems except for patients requiring Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) which are those with the most severe respiratory signs. Analysis of ECMO cases indicates co/secondary infections account for just less than a third of respiratory infection cases.
- Preliminary data analysis from the first pandemic wave (health care associated infections, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, influenza, ECMO data) to end of September 2020 indicates that patients requiring ECMO and those not requiring ECMO with co/secondary infection have increased risk of mortality in comparison to patients without co/secondary infection.

Definitions agreed with DAs



Co/secondary infections among Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) patients (patients with most severe clinical respiratory signs)

Based on cumulative data on ECMO activity from week 40 (week beginning 30 Sep 2020) to week 5 (week ending 7 February 2021), which includes data from the first and second waves of the pandemic. COVID-19 cases from week 10 2020 (3 March 2020).

- 29% (151/515) of patients admitted to ECMO with a laboratory confirmed respiratory infection had a co/secondary infection reported.
- 43% (16/37) of patients with influenza had co/secondary infections
- 29% (120/418) of patients with COVID-19 had co/secondary infections. Of these 120 cases, the most frequent co/secondary infections in COVID-19 cases were Gram-negative bacilli and fungi, accounting for 58% (69/120).



Co/secondary infections among patients with Healthcare Associated Infections: Blood stream and respiratory infections (bacterial and fungal) in COVID-19 cases up to December 5th 2020, by wave

Wave 1 – 1 Jan – 28 Jun 2020; Wave 2 – 29 Jun- 4 Dec 2020 incl.

- 1.0% of COVID-19 patients had a bacterial/fungal infection at or within 28 days following their COVID-19 diagnosis: 0.2% respiratory infection and 0.6% bloodstream infection in wave 1, and <0.1% respiratory infection and 0.1% bloodstream infection in wave 2.
- Most (61% in wave 1 and 77% in wave 2) co/secondary infections were categorised as secondary infections.
- Most frequent species identified from respiratory co/secondary infection isolates were were *Staphylococcus spp.*, *Klebsiella spp.*, *Pseudomonas spp.* and *Haemophilus influenzae* in wave 1, and *Staphylococcus spp.*, *Klebsiella spp.*, *Haemophilus influenzae* and *Pseudomonas spp.* in wave 2
- Most frequent species identified from blood co/secondary infection isolates were *Escherichia coli*, *Enterococcus spp.*, *Klebsiella spp.* and *Streptococcus spp.* (wave 1 and 2)
- Co-infections occur more frequently in the elderly (>70y accounting for 70% of co-infections in wave 1 and 62% in wave 2).



Co/secondary infection with respiratory viruses, vaccine preventable bacteria and fungi

Bacteria/Fungi	Cases per Month												Total Cases		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	24.01.2020
Influenza A	0	0	28	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TBC	TBC	33
Influenza B	0	0	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	TBC	TBC	14
Influenza A & B	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TBC	TBC	1
Flu (not typed)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TBC	TBC	1
Parainfluenza (any subtype)	0	3	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TBC	TBC	14
Seasonal coronavirus	0	6	41	56	8	0	0	0	0	3	6	13	TBC	TBC	133
Enterovirus	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	TBC	TBC	7
Adenovirus	0	2	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	TBC	TBC	15
Rhinovirus	0	21	68	7	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	7	TBC	TBC	110
RSV	0	5	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TBC	TBC	23
Human metapneumovirus	0	3	44	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TBC	TBC	55
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> ISOLATES (azole resistant)	0	0	5 (1)	30 (3)	10	1	0	1	2	1	16	16	26 (1)	7	115 (5)
Probable/Proven cases of CAPA	0	0	1	8	3	3	0	0	2	0	3	10	8	2	40
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TBC	0
<i>Candida</i> spp.: Candidemia	0	0	1	21	6	1	0	0	1	0	5	3	16	6	60
Osteomyelitis/discitis:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ventriculitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	-	-	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	TBC	5
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TBC	2
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	0	0	16	23	1	0	0	0	2	3	7	2	22	TBC	76

The UK moved out of influenza season in early 2020/21 when COVID-19 increase began in March 2020

Data contains results from two systems (Respiratory DataMart system and SGSS).

Mycology data contains results from Mycology reference laboratory data, *Candida*emia is representative of deep infection.

Legionella, *Mycoplasma* and gastrointestinal infection data not included