Coronavirus (COVID-19) current situation and case numbers

We are managing the COVID-19 outbreak in Australia as a health emergency. We will update this page every day with the current situation, latest case numbers and related information.

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Current status

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced that COVID-19 is a pandemic.

Currently, Australia does not have widespread community transmission of COVID-19. Find out how we are managing the outbreakto slow the spread.

In Australia

As at 6.30am on 21 March 2020, there have been**874 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 in Australia. There have been 165 new cases since 6.30am yesterday.

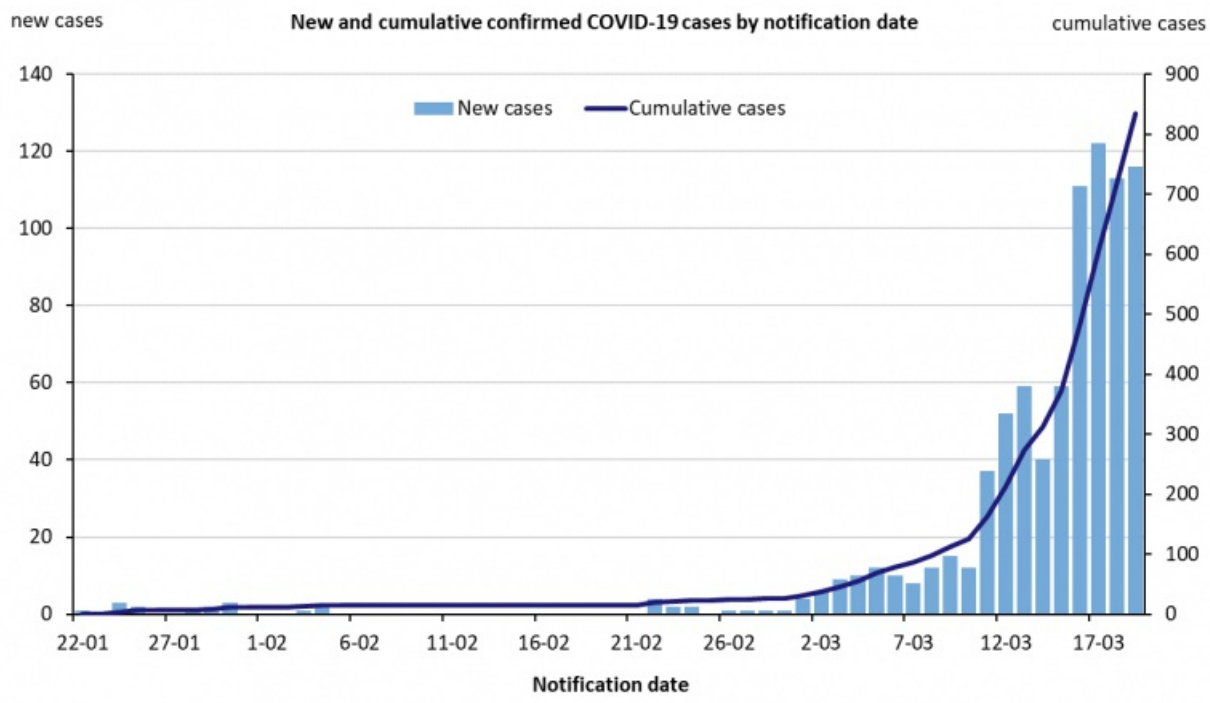
Location	Confirmed cases*
Australian Capital Territory	6
New South Wales	382
Northern Territory	2
Queensland	184
South Australia	50
Tasmania	8
Victoria	178
Western Australia	64
Total**	874

*Note that under National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System reporting requirements, cases are reported based on their Australian jurisdiction of residence rather than where they were detected. For example, a case reported previously in the NT in a NSW resident is counted in the national figures as a NSW case.

**Includes Diamond Princess repatriation cases: Qld (3), SA (1), Vic (4), WA (2, including 1 death)

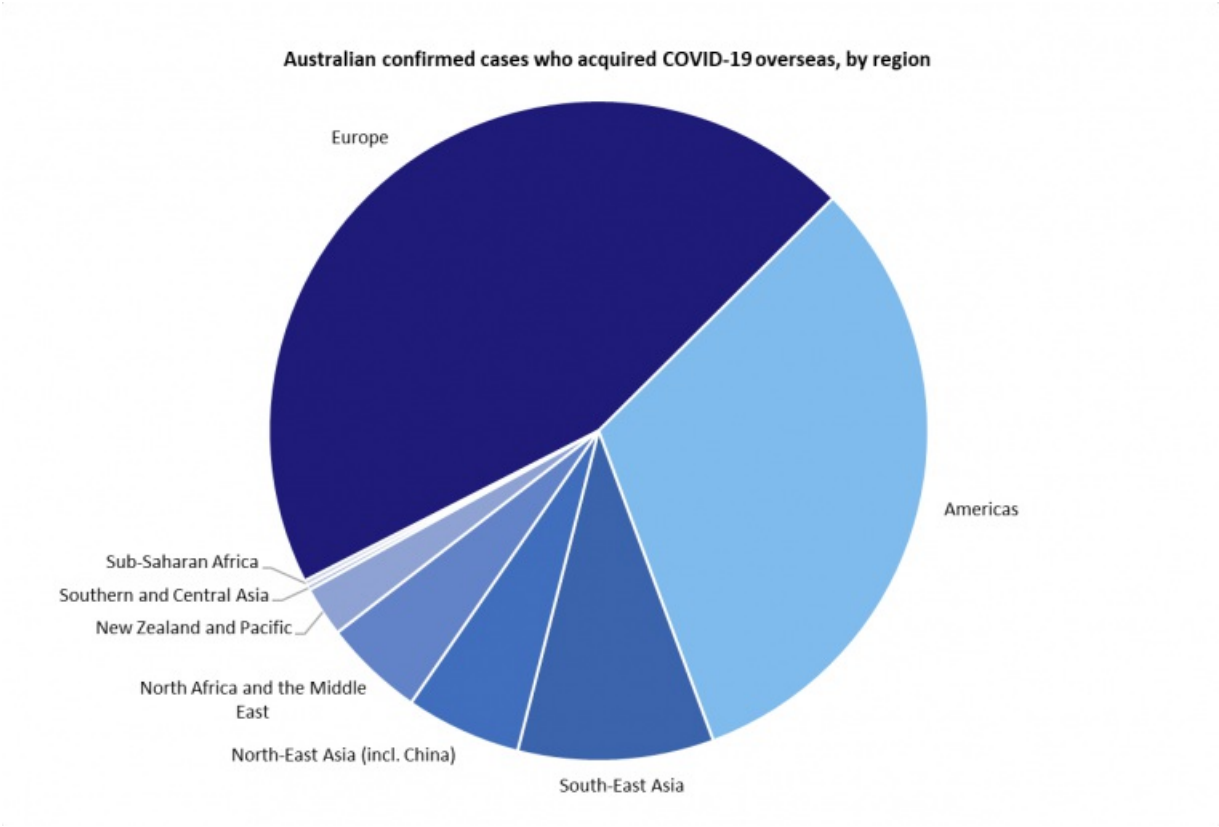
Of the 874 confirmed cases in Australia, 7 have died from COVID-19. More than 115,000 tests have been conducted across Australia.

This graph shows the number of confirmed cases by notification date. Interpret the most recently reported new cases shown in the graph with caution as there can be delays in reporting.



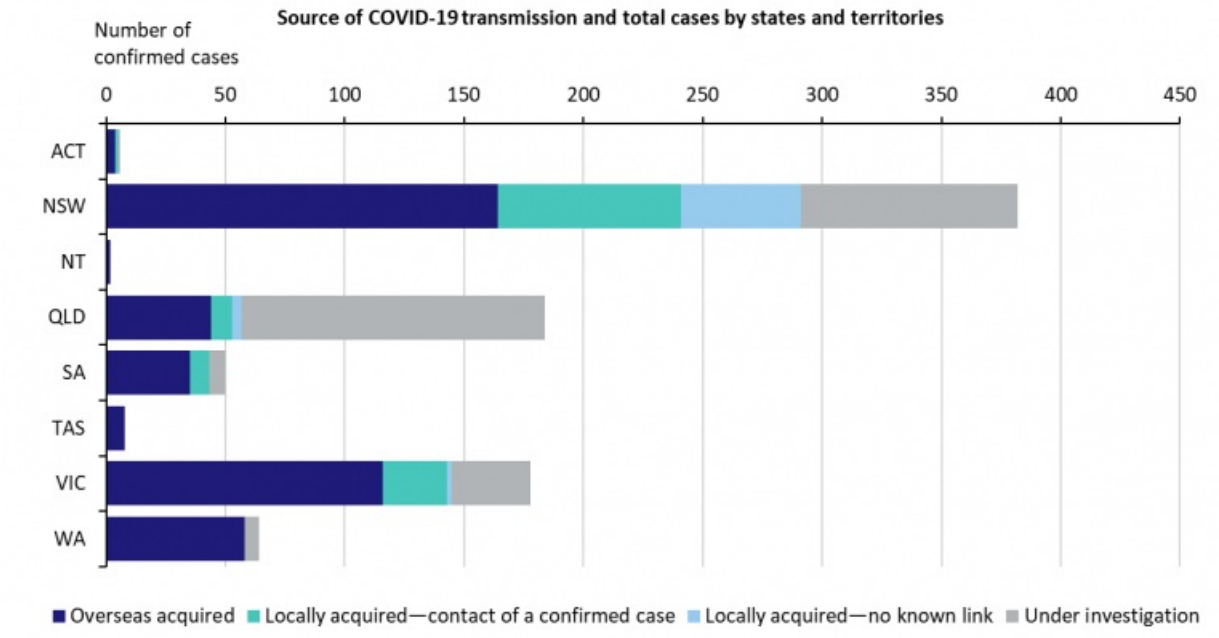
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To date, most confirmed cases are considered to have been acquired overseas although a large proportion are still under investigation to understand the source of infection.



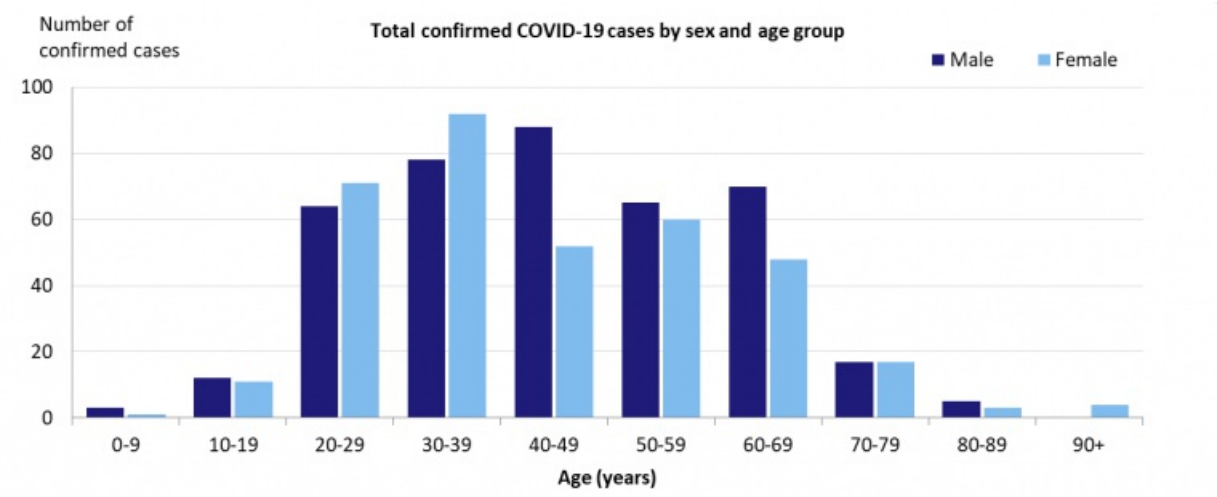
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The majority of Australian confirmed cases acquired overseas had a recent history of travel to Europe or the Americas, predominately the United States of America.



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Confirmed cases are seen across all age groups, with fewer cases reported in children and people over 70 years of age.



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Data used in the overview are based on confirmed cases reported from jurisdictions to the National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (NNDSS) at midnight 20 March 2020.

Further information regarding the epidemiology of cases in Australia is provided in the weekly epidemiology reports.

Across the world

> Across the world there have been more than **253,600 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 and more than **10,900 deaths**.

Find out how COVID-19 is affecting other countries on the World Health Organisation (WHO) website. View the:

- WHO daily situation reports
- WHO COVID-19 dashboard

If you're planning to go overseas, keep up to date with the latest advice for travellers.

How we are managing the outbreak

The Prime Minister has activated the Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To find out how the Australian Government is managing COVID-19, go to Government response to the outbreak.

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