

COVID-19 Weekly Surveillance Report

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Summary for the week 30 May to 05 June 2022 (inclusive)

In the week of 30 May to 05 June 2022 there were:

- 48,309 COVID-19 cases reported (29% decrease compared to previous week)
 - o 18,190 with positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests (27% decrease)
 - o 30,119 with positive rapid antigen tests (RAT) (31% decrease)
 - o 47,243 locally-acquired, 787 interstate acquired, 279 overseas acquired
- 165 hospital admissions (35% decrease) and 7 transfers into an intensive care unit (36% decrease)
- 35 deaths reported (0% change), aged between 69 to 102 years old
- 70,304 COVID-19 PCR tests conducted (23% decrease).

Surveillance summary

There were 70,304 PCR tests conducted in the current reporting week (week ending 05 June 2022), a 23% decrease compared to the previous reporting week, with the proportion of positive PCR tests reducing slightly, but still remaining relatively high over the course of the week with a 7-day average of 26.7%.

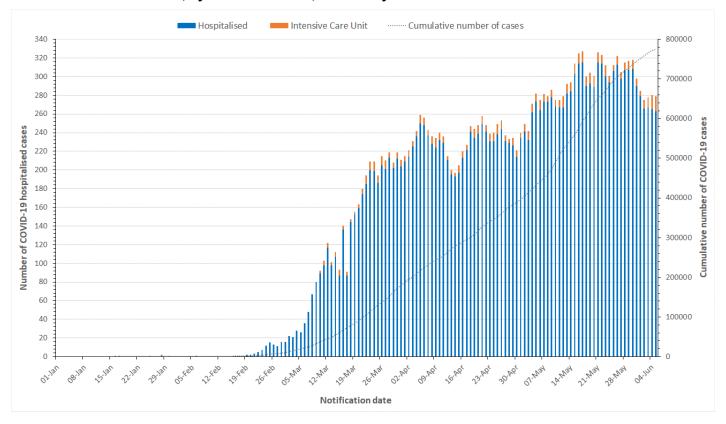
Overall, case numbers decreased by 29% compared to the previous week, compared to the 31% week-on-week decrease observed during the previous 7-day period. There was a decrease in cases diagnosed by PCR test and RAT of 27% and 31%, respectively. The relatively slower decline in proportion of positive PCR tests indicates that while the case load in the community is reducing, the steeper decline in case number is also a reflection of reduced testing rates.

Case rates per 100,000 population for all public health regions are decreasing, with the South West region and Perth metro area having the highest rates. Rates in the Perth metropolitan area are tracking approximately 10% higher than in Western Australia Country Health Service (WACHS) areas combined. Younger age groups less than 40 years old continue to represent the highest proportion of cases reported, with decreasing trends observed in all age groups. While the rate of cases per 100,000 population has continued to decline, WA still remains higher than all other Australian jurisdictions.

There were 2,724 cases and 1 death in the Aboriginal population during the reporting period, a 25% decrease in cases compared to the previous report week. Cases in the Aboriginal population are continuing to be reported at a similar rate compared to the non-Aboriginal population, with the rate ratio increasing slightly to 1.04 in the past week.

Hospitalisations, ICU admissions and deaths

Figure 1. Number of COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital and intensive care unit transfers, and cumulative number of COVID-19 cases, by notification date, 01 January to 05 June 2022.



Notes

Data sourced from Western Australia Department of Health dataset

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'Hospitalised' relates to active and cleared COVID-19 cases that are current hospital inpatients. The reason for admission may be unrelated to COVID-19 for some people

'Intensive care unit' (ICU) is a subset of hospitalised and relates to active/cleared COVID-19 cases that are currently in an ICU.

Table 1. Number of COVID-19 related deaths reported by vaccination status and age group, 30 May to 05 June 2022 and 01 January to 05 June 2022.

	Week 30 May to 05 June 2022	01 Jan 2022 – 05 June 2022
Number of COVID-19 vaccine doses	Deaths n=35	Deaths n=276
0	11 (31.4%)	74 (26.8%)
1	1 (2.9%)	19 (6.9%)
2	4 (11.4%)	46 (16.7%)
3+	19 (54.3%)	137 (49.6%)
Age group (years)		
0-9	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
10-19	0 (0%)	2 (0.7%)
20-29	0 (0%)	1 (0.4%)
30-39	0 (0%)	4 (1.5%)
40-49	0 (0%)	5 (1.8%)
50-59	0 (0%)	16 (5.8%)
60-69	1 (2.9%)	23 (8.3%)
70-79	6 (17.1%)	52 (18.9%)
80-89	15 (42.9%)	100 (36.2%)
90+	13 (37.1%)	73 (26.4%)

Data sourced from Western Australia Department of Health dataset

Number of vaccination doses sourced from Australian Immunisation Register. Vaccination data are available for WA residents only, therefore, the number of unvaccinated individuals (0 doses) may be overestimated

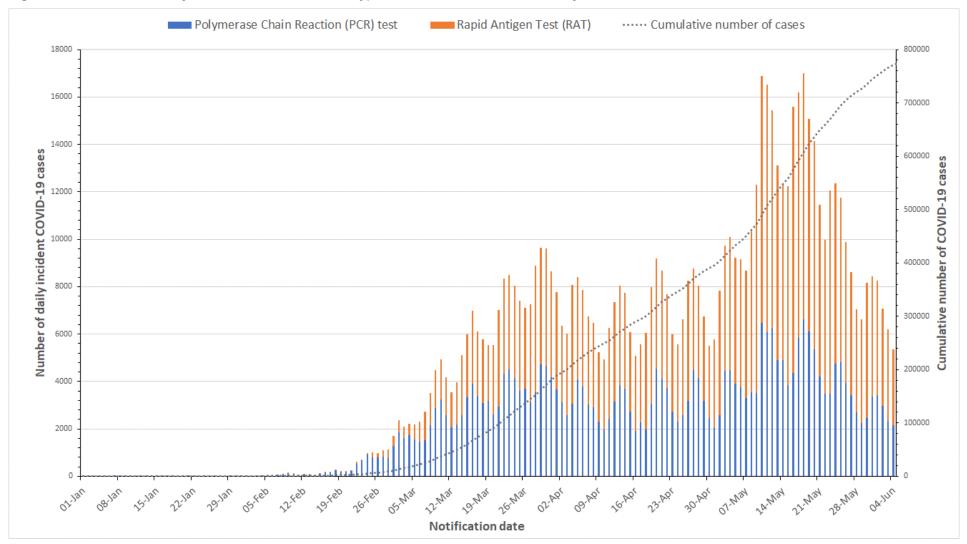
Hospitalisation and intensive care unit breakdown available in bi-weekly WA COVID-19 data update. Link here.

Deaths are counted by notification date and may include historical deaths that occurred (i.e. date of death) prior to the current report week Notification date refers to data collected up to the end of the 24-hour reporting period 8pm to 8pm

Deaths are not necessarily associated with hospital and/or ICU admissions.

Case data

Figure 2. COVID-19 cases by notification date and test type, Western Australia, 01 January to 05 June 2022.

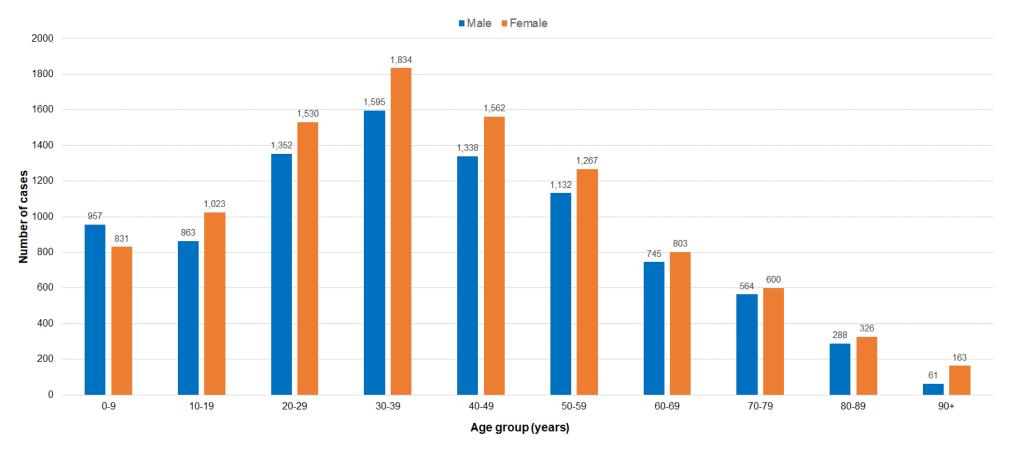


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Figure 3. COVID-19 cases by age group and sex, Western Australia, 30 May to 05 June 2022.



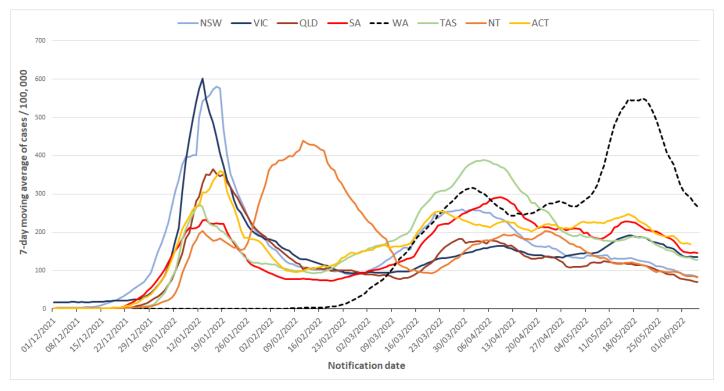
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Gender data is partially incomplete due to the unavailability of this variable during rapid antigen test registration, resulting in a discrepancy to total case numbers reported for the week.

- Males: n=8,895 (47.2%). Females: n=9,939 (52.8%)
- Median age = 31 years; range: 0 to 108 years

Figure 4. 7-day moving average of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people, by Australian jurisdiction, 01 December 2021 to 05 June 2022.



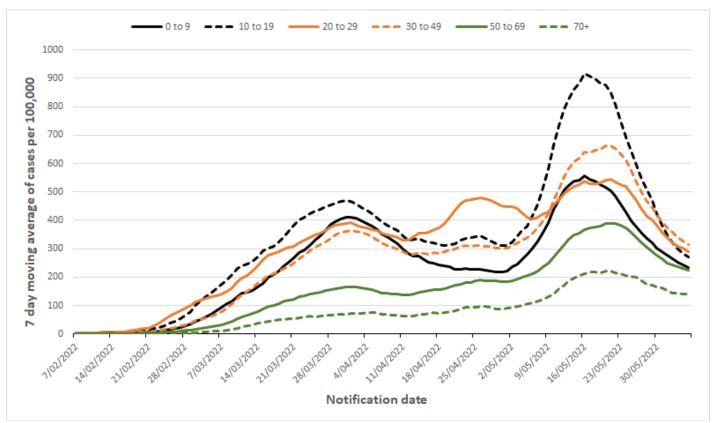
Data sourced from the respective jurisdictional health department datasets

ACT data is unavailable from 4th June inclusive

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Population denominator is sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics June 2021 estimates.

Figure 5. 7-day moving average of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 by age group, Western Australia, 07 February to 05 June 2022.



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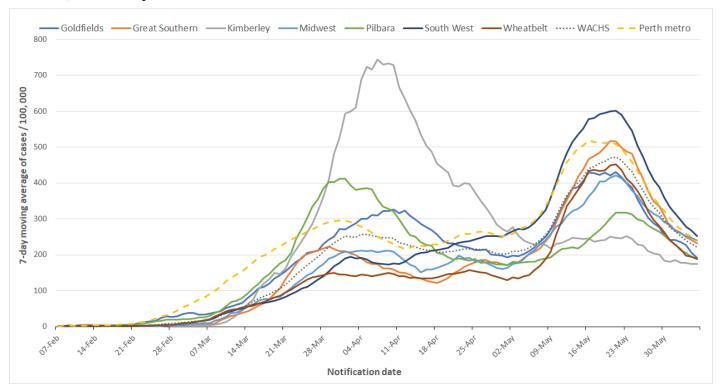
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Cases include all cases whose source of infection is classified as 'locally-acquired', 'interstate-acquired', 'overseas-acquired' and 'source under investigation'

Case data includes those determined by both polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests and rapid antigen tests (RAT)

Population denominator sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics June 2019 estimates.

Figure 6. 7-day moving average of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people, by public health region, Western Australia, 07 February 2022 to 05 June 2022.



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Case data is by place of usual residence for positive case (due to unavailability of data for specific location of acquisition)

Case data includes those determined by both polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests and rapid antigen tests (RAT)

Western Australia Country Health Service (WACHS) includes Goldfields, Great Southern, Kimberley, Midwest, Pilbara, South West and Wheatbelt public health regions combined

Perth metro includes East Metropolitan Health Service, North Metropolitan Health Service and South Metropolitan Health Service combined Population denominator sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics June 2019 estimates.

Table 2. Number of COVID-19 cases and case rates per 100,000 population, by region, 30 May to 05 June 2022 and 23 May to 29 May 2022.

		Week 30 May	to 05 June 2022	Week 23 May to 29 May 2022		
	Region	Number for current week	Rates for current week (cases/100,000 pop)	Number for previous week	Rates for previous week (cases/100,000 pop)	
WACHS Regions	Goldfields	822	1344	1184	1936	
	Great Southern	1035	1623	1504	2359	
	Kimberley	497	1223	575	1415	
	Midwest	1192	1673	1528	2145	
	Pilbara	930	1322	1306	1856	
	South West	3467	1770	5329	2720	
	Wheatbelt	1047	1316	1557	1957	
WACHS total*		8990	1543	12,983	2228	
Other**		533	-	786	-	
Metropolitan		38,786	1692	54,631	2383	
Total		48,309	1680	68,400	2379	

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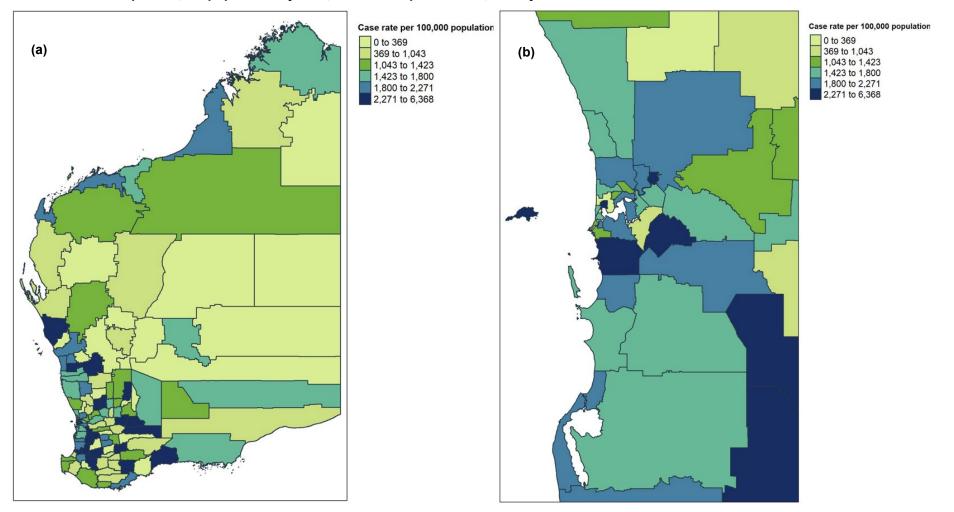
*Western Australia Country Health Service (WACHS) includes Goldfields, Great Southern, Kimberley, Midwest, Pilbara, South West and Wheatbelt public health regions combined

Total excludes WACHS*

Metropolitan includes East Metropolitan Health Service, North Metropolitan Health Service and South Metropolitan Health Service combined **Other includes overseas and interstate residential addresses, and cases whom had no residential data available

Population denominator is sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics 2019 estimates.

Figure 7 (a). Locally-acquired COVID-19 case rates per 100,000 population by LGA, regional Western Australia, 30 May to 05 June 2022. (b) Locally-acquired COVID-19 case rates per 100,000 population by LGA, Perth metropolitan area, 30 May to 05 June 2022.



Data sourced from Western Australia Department of Health dataset

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'Locally-acquired' cases include all cases whose source of infection is classified as 'locally-acquired' and 'source under investigation' only (excludes interstate and overseas-acquired cases) Case data is represented on the map by place of usual residence for positive case (due to unavailability of data for specific location of acquisition)

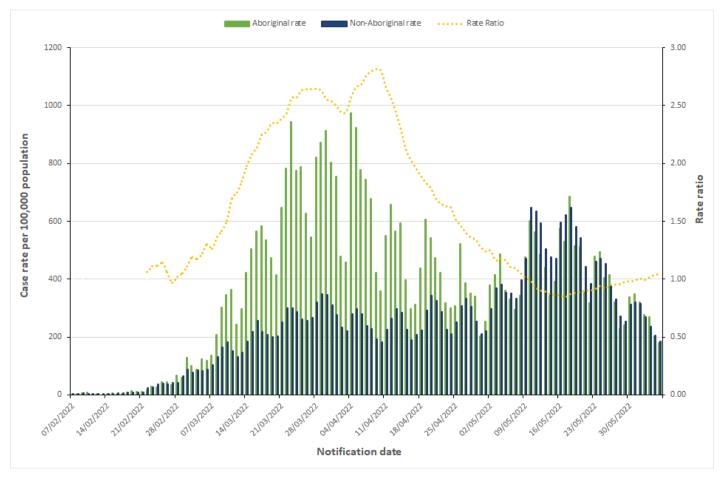
Case data includes those determined by both polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests and rapid antigen tests (RAT)

Areas on the map are defined by Local Government Area (LGA) boundaries

Population denominator is sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics 2019 estimates.

Aboriginal case summary

Figure 8. COVID-19 cases in Western Australia per 100,000 population, and rate ratio, by Indigenous status and notification date, 07 February to 05 June 2022.



Notes

Data sourced from Western Australia Department of Health dataset

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Aboriginal status is defined as those who identify as 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (TSI) origin'/'Aboriginal but not TSI origin'/'TSI but not Aboriginal origin'

Cases where Aboriginal status was not stated were designated as non-Aboriginal

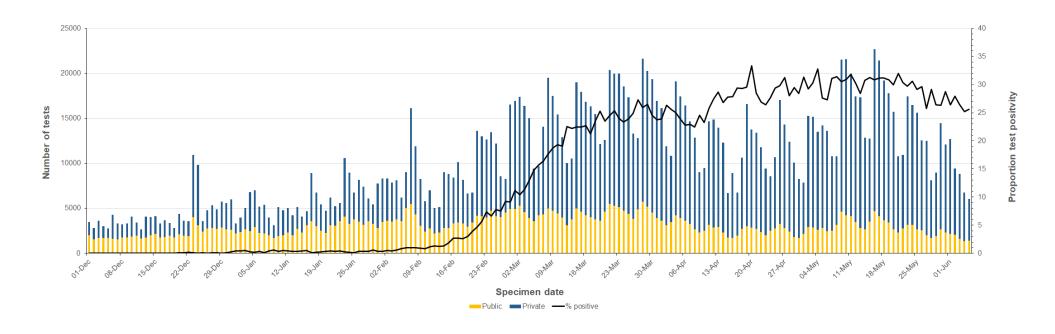
Cases include those determined by both polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests and rapid antigen tests (RAT)

Population denominator is sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics 2019 estimates

Rate ratio is calculated as Aboriginal rate/Non-Aboriginal rate, with a 7-day average of the respective rate ratios applied to smooth the trend Rate ratio is only plotted from 22nd February 2022 onwards due to there being too few case numbers prior to this date.

Testing data

Figure 9. The number of COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction tests and proportion positive by laboratory category and specimen date, 01 December 2021 to 05 June 2022.



Notes

Data sourced from Western Australian public and private pathology laboratories Specimen date refers to the date that specimen was collected Number of tests includes both positive and negative tests.

Table 3. Number of COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction tests and testing rates, by region, Western Australia, 30 May to 05 June 2022 and 23 May to 29 May 2022.

		Week 30 May	to 05 June 2022	Week 23 May to 29 May 2022		
	Region	Number for current week	Rates for current week (tests/100,000 pop)	Number for previous week	Rates for previous week (tests/100,000 pop)	
WACHS	Goldfields	468	765	758	1239	
Regions	Great Southern	805	1263	1262	1979	
	Kimberley	442	1088	448	1103	
	Midwest	728	1022	913	1282	
	Pilbara	650	924	659	937	
	South West	4325	2208	5293	2702	
	Wheatbelt	640	804	924	1161	
WACHS total *		8058	1383	10,257	1761	
Other**		577	-	636	-	
Metropolitan		61,669	2690	80,767	3523	
Total		70,304	2445	91,660	3188	

Data sourced from Western Australian public and private pathology laboratories

Number of tests includes both positive and negative tests

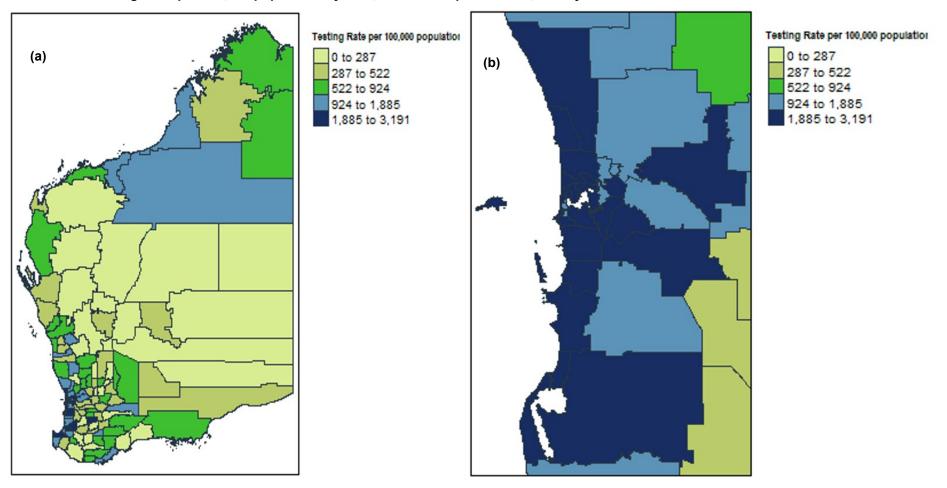
Population denominator is sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics 2019 estimates.

Region of residential address for person tested
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Total excludes WACHS*

**Other includes overseas and interstate residential addresses

Figure 10 (a). Polymerase chain reaction testing rates per 100,000 population by LGA, regional Western Australia, 30 May to 05 June 2022. (b) Polymerase chain reaction testing rates per 100,000 population by LGA, Perth metropolitan area, 30 May to 05 June 2022.



Data sourced from Western Australian pathology laboratories and includes both positive and negative tests
RAT testing numbers could not be included due to the department only receiving positive RAT tests
Population denominator is sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics 2019 estimates
Testing data is represented on the map by place of usual residence for person tested (due to unavailability of data for place of test)
Areas on the map are defined by Local Government Area (LGA) boundaries.

Appendix 1

Regional cases by postcode, 30 May – 05 June 2022

WACHS Regions	Postcode	Week 30 May to 05 June 2022	WACHS Regions	Postcode	Week 30 May to 05 June 2022	WACHS Regions	Postcode	Week 30 May to 05 June 2022
Goldfields	872	<5	Great Southern	6394	<5	Pilbara (continued)	6713	36
	6346	24	(continued)	6395	16		6714	332
	6429	8		6396	<5		6716	5
	6430	399	Kimberley	6725	264		6718	6
	6432	93		6726	51		6720	41
	6437	7		6728	45		6721	59
	6438	16		6740	21		6722	167
	6440	<5		6743	96		6751	112
	6442	36		6765	16		6753	120
	6443	5		6770	<5		6754	31
	6445	<5	Midwest	6514	8	-	6758	<5
	6446	<5		6515	<5	-	6762	5
	6447	<5		6517	6	South West	6218	7
	6448	<5		6518	<5	-	6219	9
	6450	225		6519	18		6220	96
Great Southern	6316	<5		6522	8	-	6221	5
Southern	6317	44		6525	72	-	6223	<5
	6318	5		6528	6		6224	26
	6320	6		6530	746	-	6225	223
	6321	<5		6532	121	-	6226	29
	6322	<5		6535	19		6227	32
	6323	6		6536	14		6228	5
	6324	32		6537	7	-	6229	<5
	6326	<5		6620	10	-	6230	977
	6327	<5		6623	18		6232	301
	6328	5		6625	<5	-	6233	473
	6330	784		6630	6		6236	47
	6333	71		6632	<5		6237	38
	6335	7		6635	<5		6239	100
	6336	6		6638	<5]	6243	<5
	6337	<5		6642	6		6244	10
	6338	22		6701	53		6251	<5
	6341	6		6705	<5	1	6252	<5
	6343	<5		6707	57]	6253	7
	6348	10	Pilbara	6710	15		6254	<5

WACHS Regions	Postcode	Week 30 May to 05 June	WACHS Regions	Postcode	Week 30 May to 05 June	WACHS Regions	Postcode	Week 30 May to 05 June 2022
South		2022	Wheatbelt		2022	Wheatbelt	2.422	_
West	6255	75	(continued)	6361	< 5	(continued)	6480	< 5
(continued)	6256	<5		6365	<5		6485	7
	6258	92		6367	12		6488	<5
	6260	23		6368	<5		6489	<5
	6262	6		6369	20		6501	5
	6271	82		6370	7		6502	11
	6275	10		6375	7		6503	25
	6280	402		6383	5		6505	<5
	6281	123		6390	26		6507	17
	6282	16		6391	20		6509	<5
	6284	44		6392	7		6510	43
	6285	163		6401	96		6511	8
	6286	5		6403	<5		6512	<5
	6288	10		6405	<5		6513	5
	6290	6		6407	18		6516	22
	6398	7		6409	<5		6521	8
Wheatbelt	6041	26		6410	13		6560	31
	6042	<5		6411	<5		6562	18
	6043	<5		6412	<5		6564	6
	6044	10		6413	<5		6566	39
	6302	58		6414	<5		6567	5
	6304	14		6415	31		6568	<5
	6306	10		6418	35		6569	<5
	6308	27		6419	<5		6574	<5
	6309	6		6421	<5		6603	12
	6311	12		6424	<5		6606	<5
	6312	92		6425	<5		6608	<5
	6313	<5		6426	17		6609	11
	6315	36		6428	<5		6612	<5
	6350	9		6460	15		6480	<5
	6352	8		6461	17		6485	7
	6353	5		6462	5		6488	<5
	6355	<5		6475	5		6489	<5
	6358	<5		6477	7			
	6359	9		6479	24			
	6041	26		6361	<5			
	6042	<5		6365	<5			
	6043	<5		6367	12			
	6044	10		6368	<5			

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Exact number of cases less than 5 not reported for confidentiality

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