



Highlights of the week

As of week 31, **729,216** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **448,383 (61.4%)** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.

In week 31, **2,793** new cases of COVID-19 and **162** new deaths were reported. This is a **24%** decrease in cases and **45%** decrease in deaths compared to week 30 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **150,778** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **6,936** associated deaths (**CFR=4.6%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 31

Indicator	New number in week 31	% of change compared to week 30	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	19,285	3%	729,216
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	10,278	-6%	448,383
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	2,793	-24%	150,778
# Recovered/discharged	4,268	-30%	103,395(68.5%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	162	-45%	6,936 (CFR=4.6)

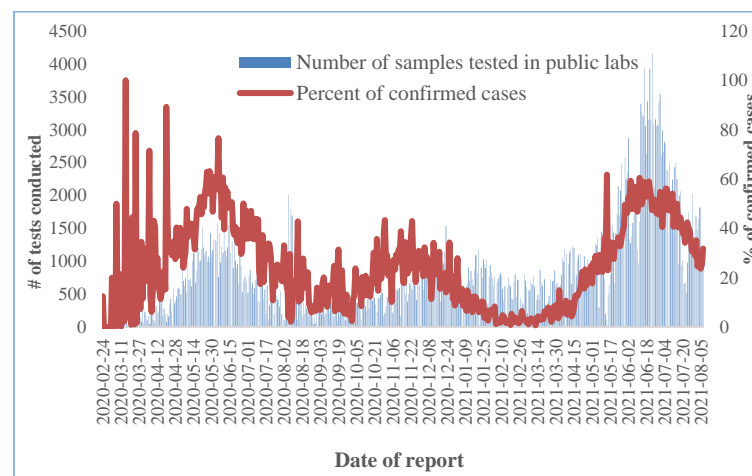
In week 31, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the west and east (**717** cases, **469** cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Herat (**493** cases), Kabul (**255** cases), Nangarhar (**246** cases), Daykundi (**211** cases), and Paktika (**129** cases).

Overall, Afghanistan has reported **4,682** confirmed cases and **93** associated deaths among healthcare workers (HCWs) since 2020. To date, Herat, Kabul, Nangarhar, Balkh and Kunar reported the highest number of positive cases among HCWs.

Table 2: COVID-19 cases by region, as of week 31

Region	# of new cases in week 31 (%)	% of change compared to week 30	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	304 (11%)	-40%	43,711(29.0%)
Central West	304 (11%)	-14%	12,754 (8.5%)
East	469 (17%)	34%	16,468 (10.9%)
North	260 (9%)	39%	13,416 (8.9%)
North East	311 (11%)	-41%	16,207 (10.7%)
South	107 (4%)	-58%	15,376 (10.2%)
South East	321 (11%)	-19%	10,100 (6.7%)
West	717 (26%)	-35%	22,746 (15.1%)
National	2793(100%)	-24%	150,778 (100%)

Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and percent of confirmed cases, as of 7 Aug 2021



COVID-19 vaccination highlights:

As of 7 Aug 2021, **1,722,735** individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Of this number, **952,993 (55%)** individuals are fully vaccinated, and **764,237 (45%)** are partially vaccinated.

Of the total number vaccinated, **60.1%** are males and **39.9%** are females, **154,853 (8.9%)** are HCWs, **21,435 (1.2%)** are IDPs living inside camps, and **10,892 (0.6%)** are returnees from neighboring countries.

Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 7 Aug 2021

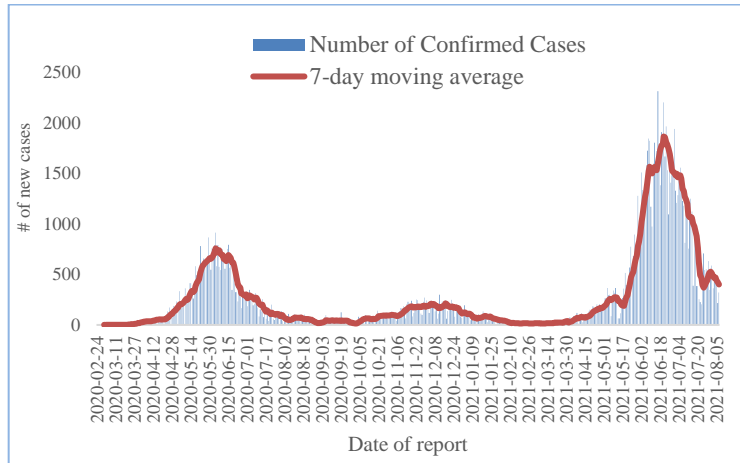


Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 7 Aug 2021

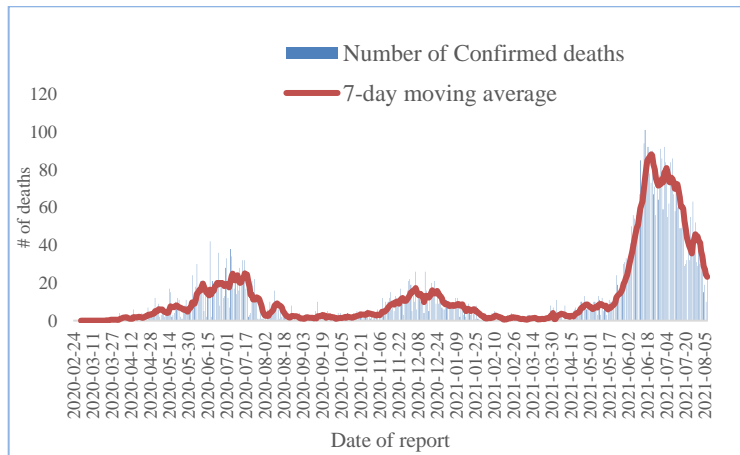
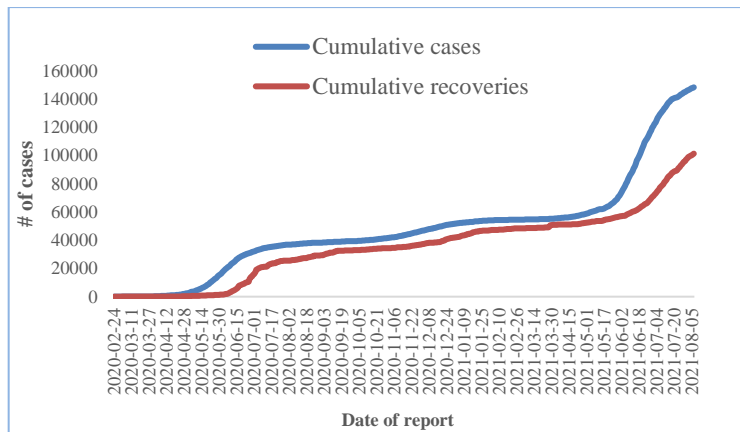
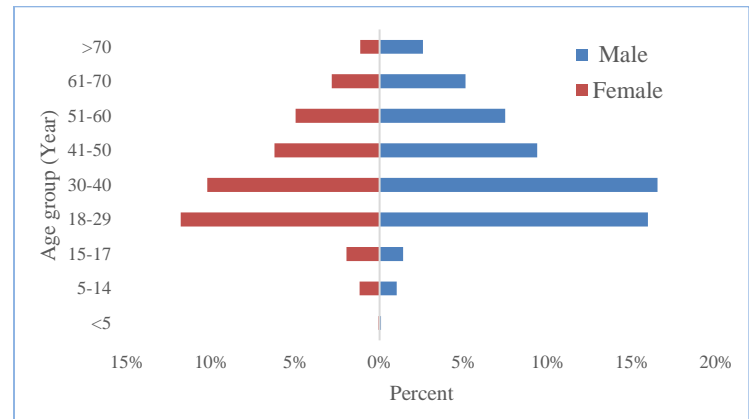


Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 7 Aug 2021



Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases, **59%** have been reported among males and **41%** among females. Majority of cases have been reported among those aged 18-29 years.

Figure 5: Age distribution percentage of COVID-19 cases, 24 Feb 2020 to 7 Aug 2021



Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **66%** were reported among males and **34%** among females. The trend indicates that deaths increased by age group, with most reported among 61-70 years old.

Figure 6: Age distribution percentage of COVID-19 associated deaths, 24 Feb 2020 to 7 Aug 2021

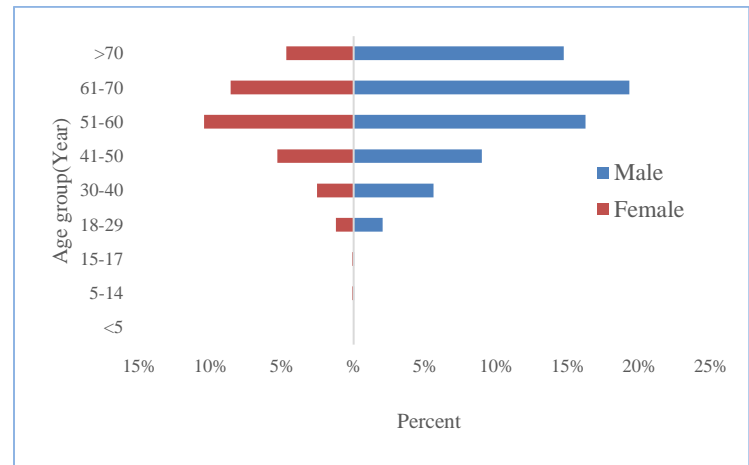


Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 7 Aug 2021

