

Weekly update for coronavirus figures in the county

Wednesday 26 August 2020

How is coronavirus affecting people in Lancashire?

This is a weekly bulletin produced by the Lancashire Resilience Forum with the latest figures on the number of coronavirus-related cases and deaths in the county, as well as figures at a unitary and district level.

It also shows how Lancashire compares to other areas of the country.



Confirmed cases from positive 'pillar 1 and 2' tests up to 24 August 2020

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10,815

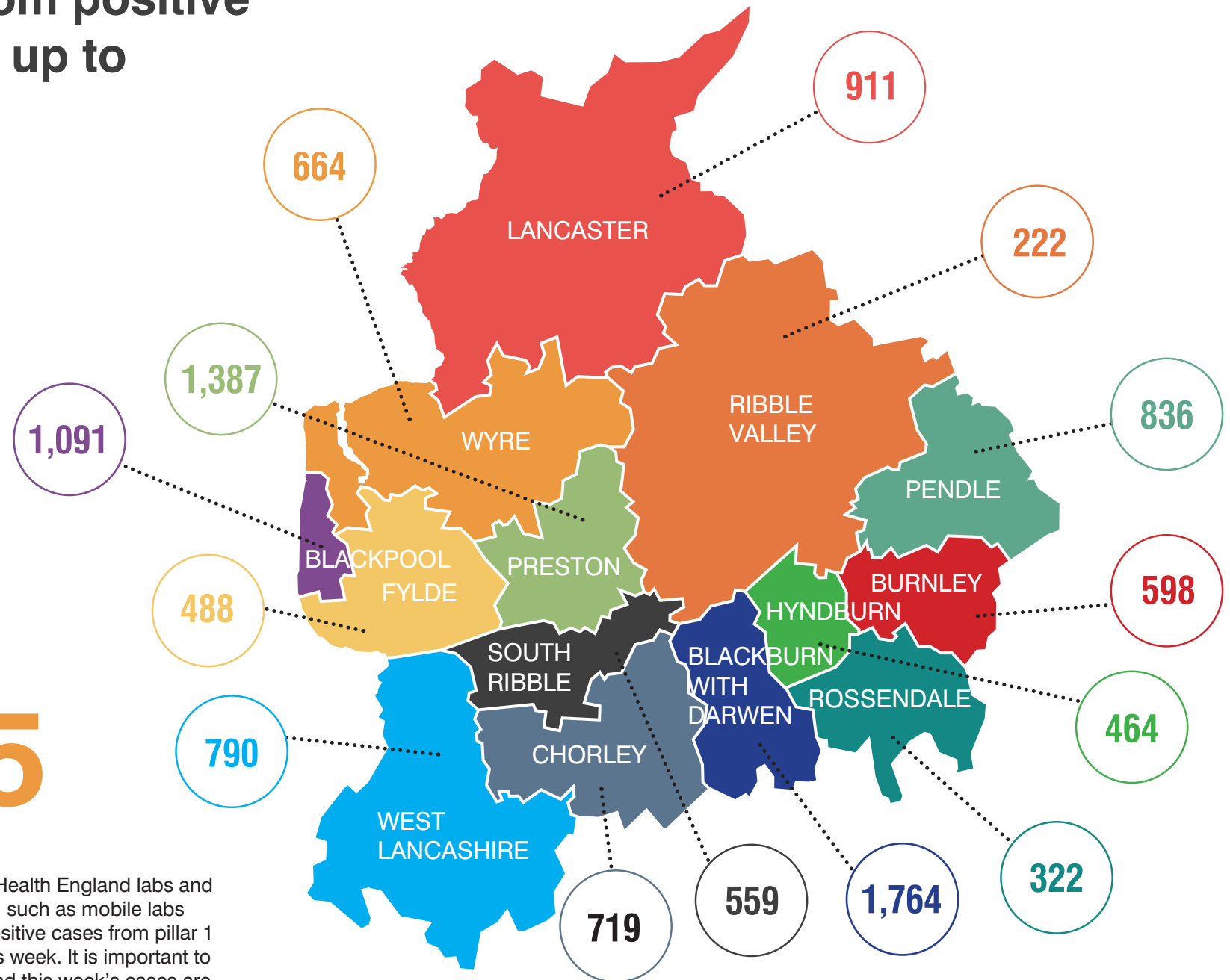
NORTH WEST

51,494

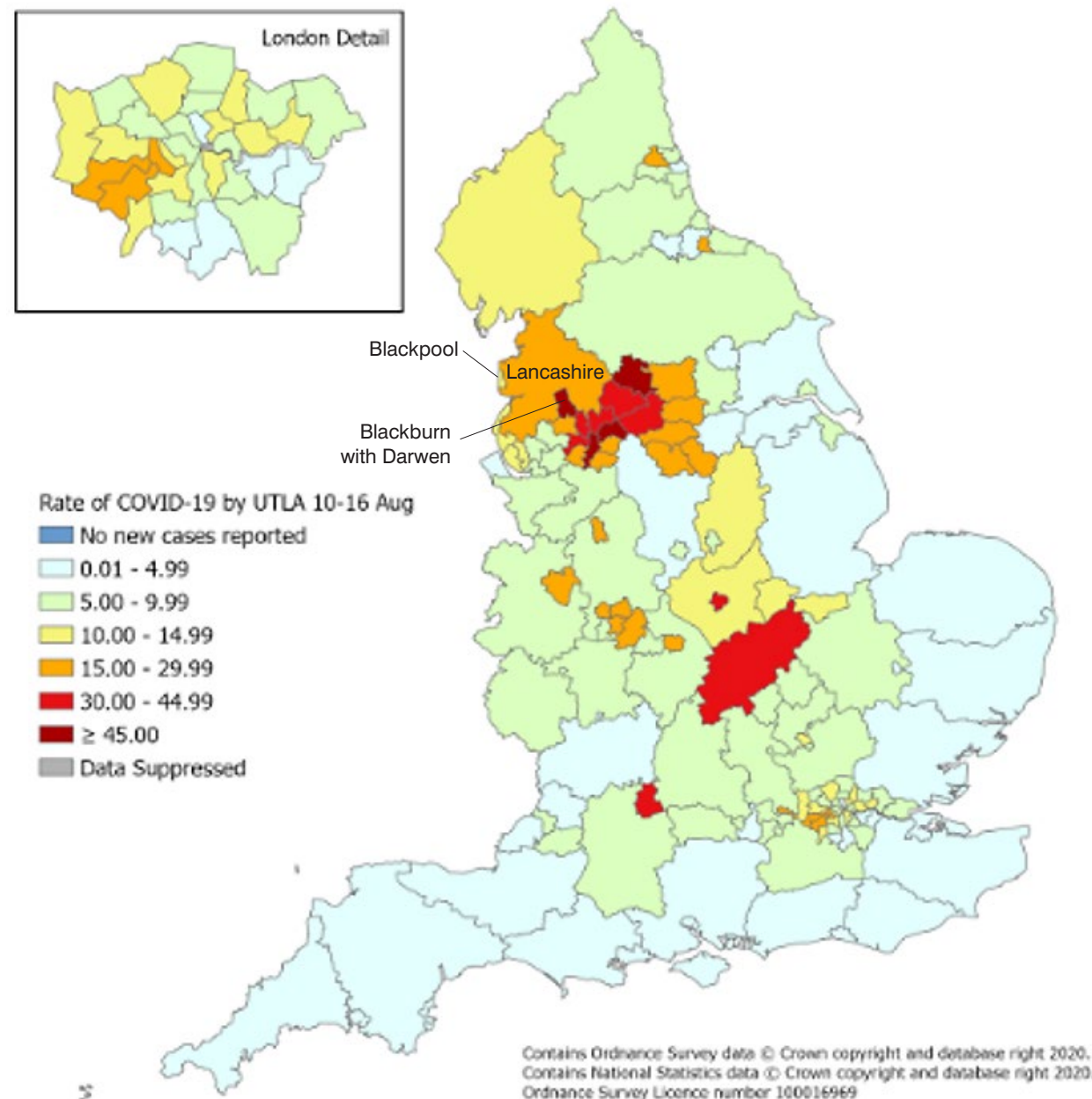
ENGLAND

282,215

These figures are from tests carried out in Public Health England labs and in the NHS (Pillar 1) and from other testing routes, such as mobile labs (Pillar 2). 24 June and 1 July bulletins included positive cases from pillar 1 only, hence the counts are lower than they are this week. It is important to note that the cases haven't suddenly increased and this week's cases are based on both pillars.



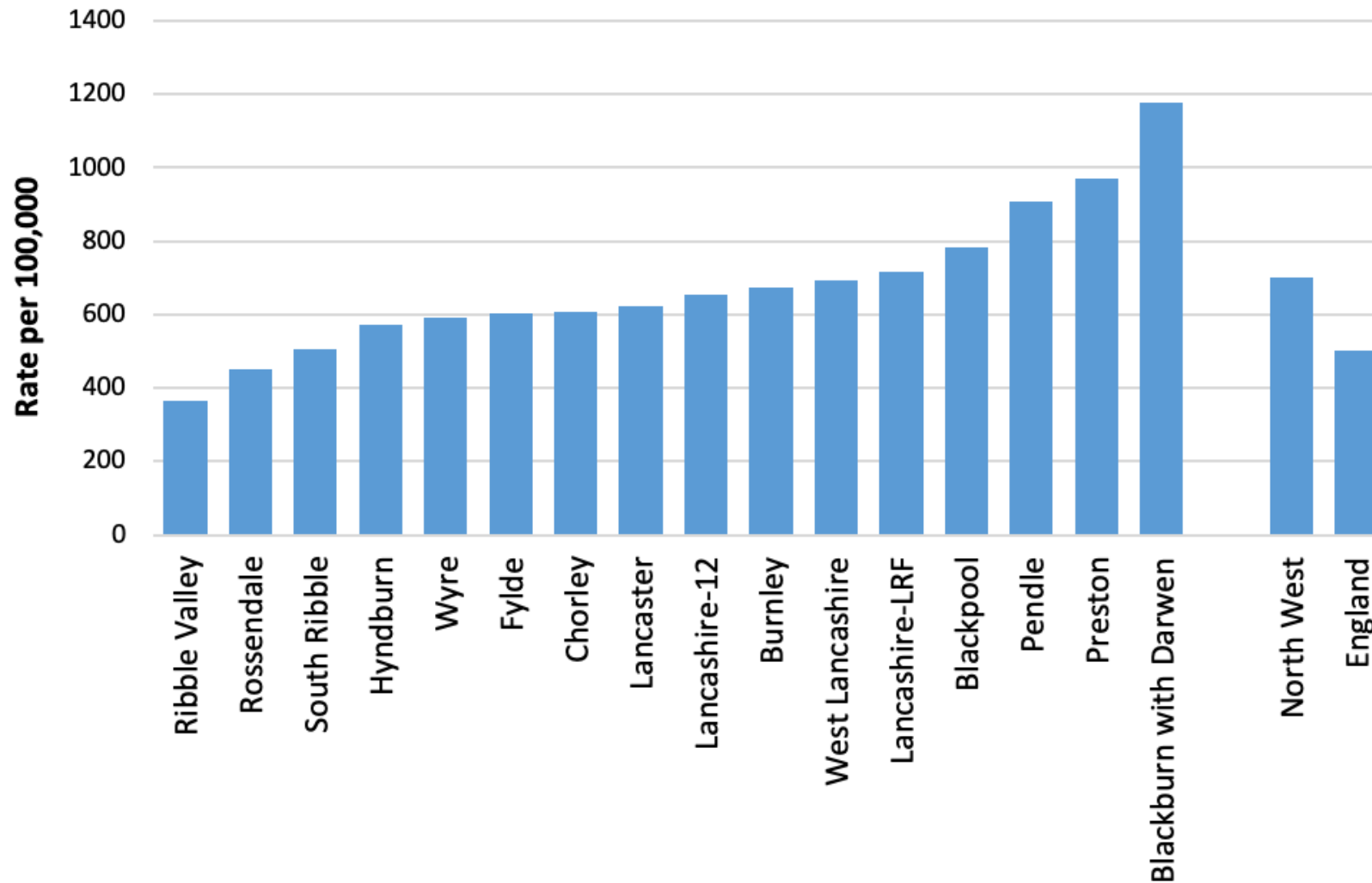
Weekly rate of Covid-19 cases per 100,000 population tested under pillar 1 and pillar 2 (Week 32 - data between 10 August and 16 August 2020).



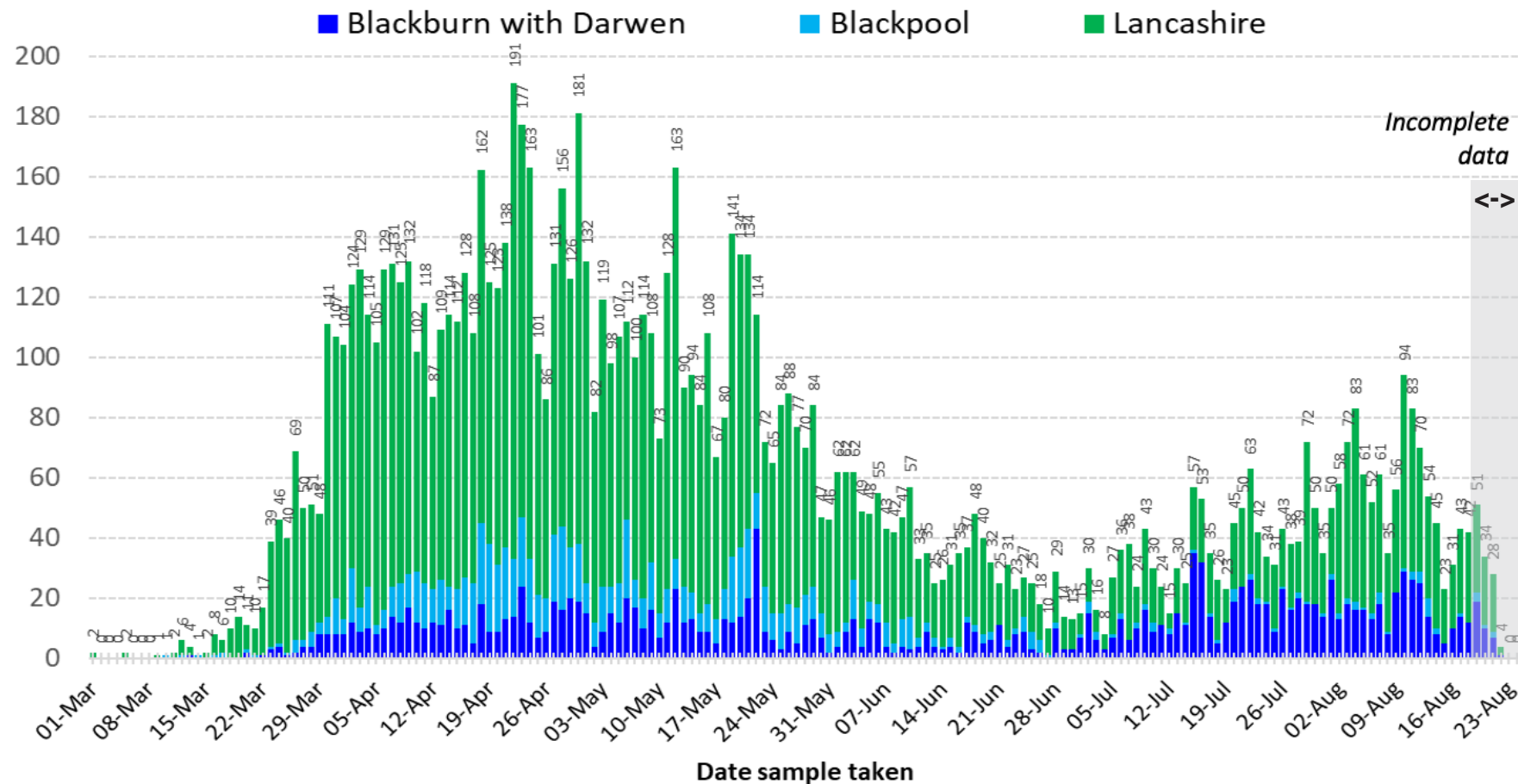
For rate of cases detected via Pillar 1 & 2 testing:
Blackpool is in the third lowest category
Lancashire is in the third highest category
Blackburn with Darwen is in the highest category

Pillar 1 = swab testing in PHE labs & NHS hospitals for those with a medical need and key workers & their families
Pillar 2 = testing by commercial partners - swab testing for the wider population from out in the community

Cumulative lab-confirmed cases up to 24 August, rate per 100,000



Daily pillar 1 and pillar 2 lab-confirmed cases to 23 August



Positive tests are counted according to the date the sample was taken. However, most swabs taken in recent days will not yet have produced a result, so it is important not to jump to the conclusion that the epidemic is tailing off quicker than it really is. The PHE website cautions that only data from five days or more ago can be considered complete. The greyed-out columns in figure above are liable to be added to as more results come in.

Figures relating to confirmed cases by Upper Tier Local Authority can be downloaded from: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk>

Covid-19 cases (number of people with a lab-confirmed positive test result) by Middle Super Output Area (MSOA).

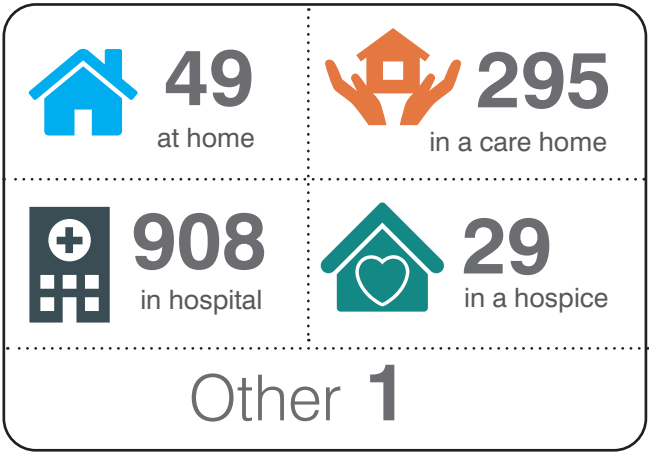
MSOAs are small areas with around 7,200 average population and are used to facilitate the reporting of small area statistics.

Source:
<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/cases>

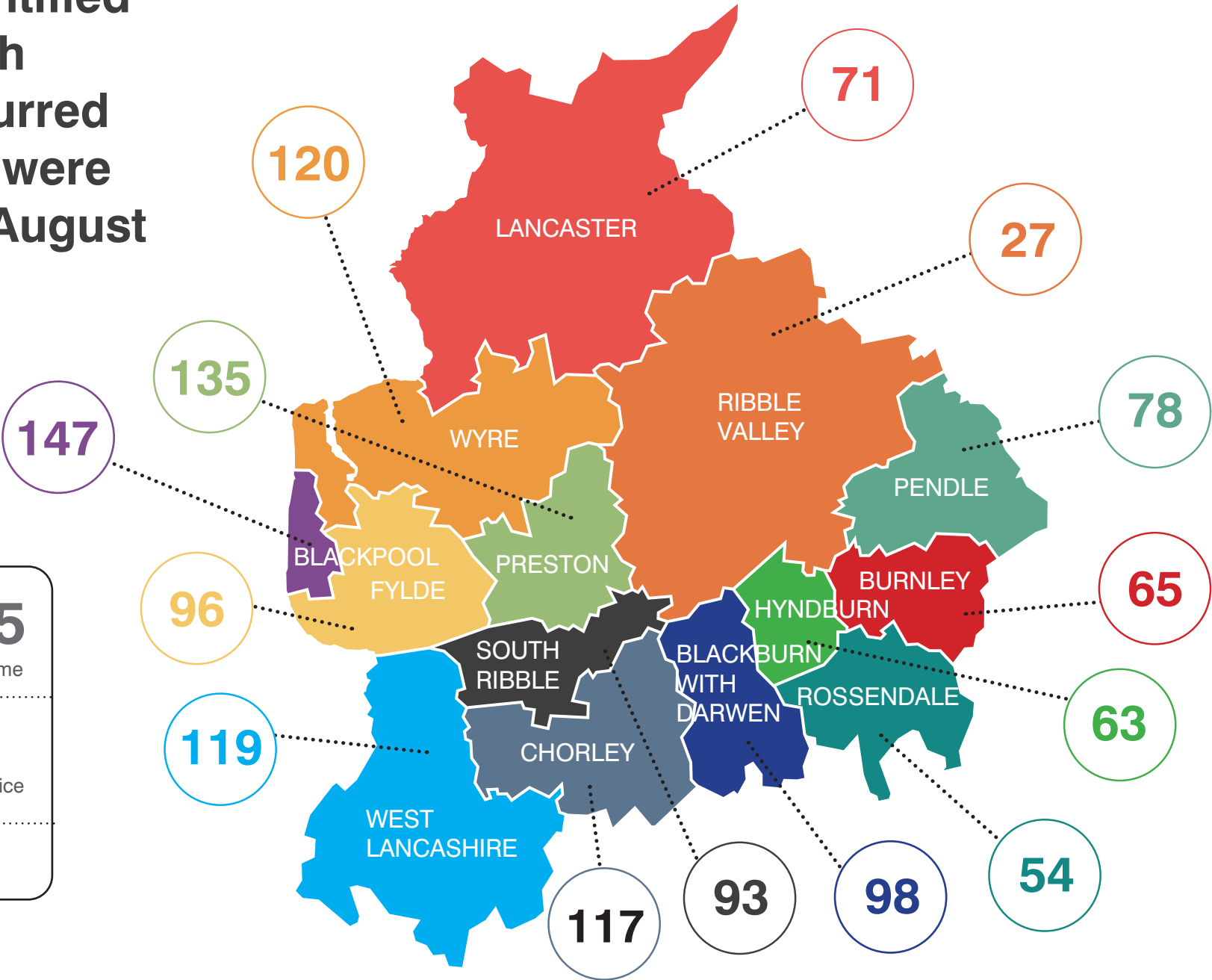
Top 20 MSOAs with the highest cases, in the latest 7 days to 20 August		
Local authority	MSOA	Number of cases
Pendle	Nelson West	27
Blackburn with Darwen	Audley	16
Blackburn with Darwen	Wensley Fold	14
Blackburn with Darwen	Little Harwood	12
Pendle	Nelson East	10
Preston	Moor Park	9
Blackburn with Darwen	Bastwell	8
Blackburn with Darwen	Central Blackburn	7
Blackburn with Darwen	Lammack & Revidge	6
Blackburn with Darwen	Shadsworth & Intack	6
Pendle	Nelson Bradley	6
Preston	Plungington & University	6
Chorley	Chorley South West	5
Pendle	Brierfield & Reedley	5
Burnley	Rose Hill & Burnley Wood	5
Hyndburn	Rishton	4
Lancaster	Marsh, Haverbreaks & Scotforth West	4
Rossendale	Bacup	4
South Ribble	Penwortham North	4
Wyre	Poulton South	3

Count of deaths identified as Covid-19 on death certificates and occurred up to 14 August but were registered up to 22 August

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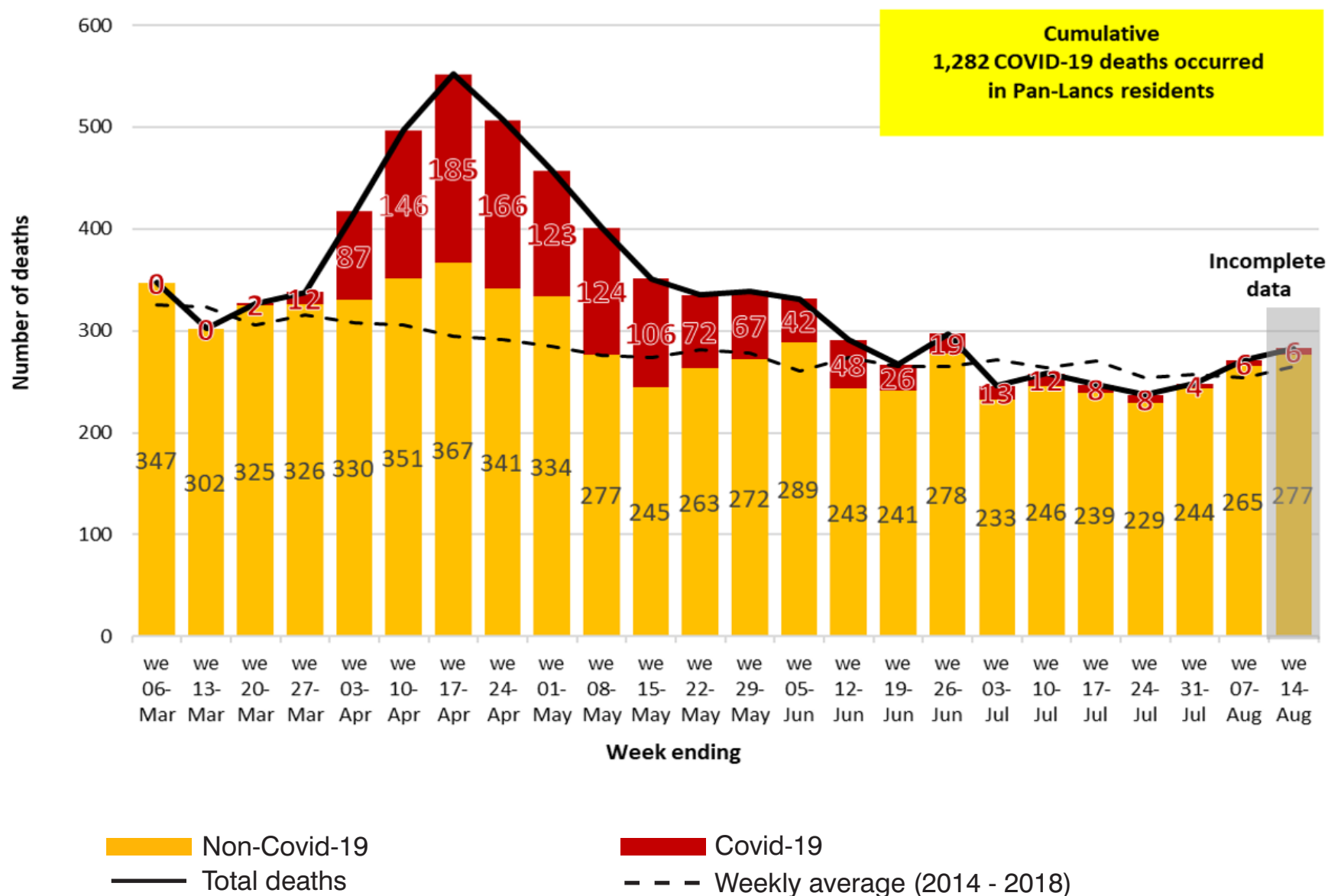


TOTAL 1,282



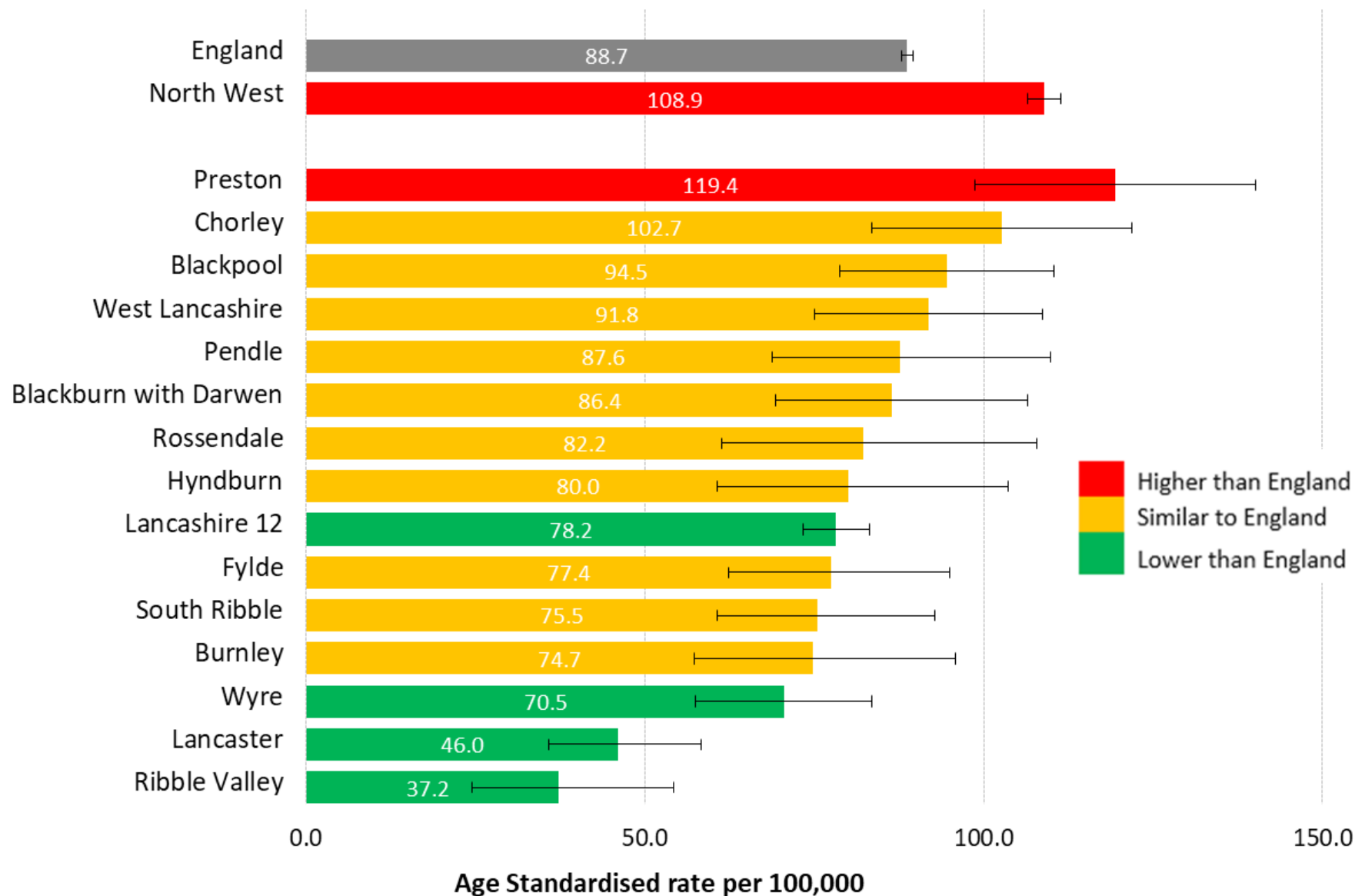
Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

Weekly deaths occurring up to 14 August, compared with the five-year weekly average



Covid-19 mortality rate, all persons

1 March to 30 June 2020, rate per 100,000



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Access our [range of resources](#) to share on social media to encourage Lancashire people to play their part to combat coronavirus.

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We are all working together in Lancashire to combat coronavirus.

