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The reference laboratories of the National Neisseria Network, Australia report laboratory data on invasive meningococcal disease (IMD) cases, confirmed by laboratory testing using culture- and non-culture-based techniques, for the Australian Meningococcal Surveillance Programme (AMSP). Culture-positive cases, where *Neisseria meningitidis* is grown from a normally sterile site or skin lesions, and non-culture-based diagnoses (nucleic acid amplification testing), are defined as IMD by the Public Health Laboratory Network definitions. Data contained in quarterly reports are restricted to a description of the numbers of cases by jurisdiction and serogroup, where known. Some minor corrections to data in Table 1 may be made in subsequent reports if additional data are received. However, it is noted that there has been a substantial reduction in the number of IMD cases notified in 2020, across all quarters. A full analysis of laboratory-confirmed cases of IMD in each calendar year is contained in the AMSP annual report published in *Communicable Diseases Intelligence*.

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Table 1: Number of laboratory-confirmed cases of invasive meningococcal disease, Australia, 1 October to 31 December 2020,\(^a\) by serogroup and state or territory

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\(^a\) Data analysed by specimen collection date.  
\(^b\) ND: not determined.  
\(^c\) ytd: year to date.