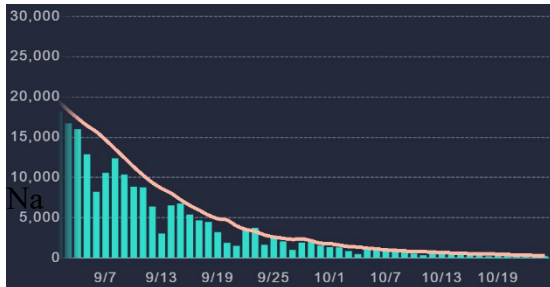


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Current Situation in Japan

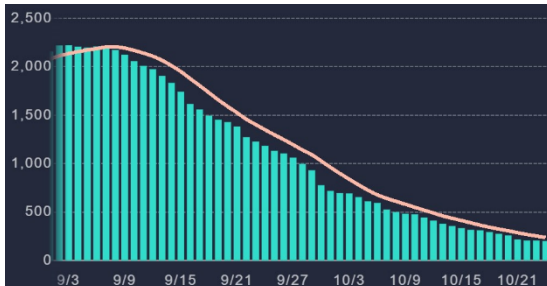
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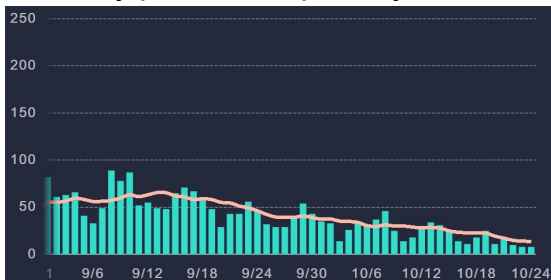
National Reproduction Rate - R_{eff} (R 0.67)



Critical Illness (Nationwide)- daily total



Mortality (Nationwide) – daily



New cases continue to fall and are now at the lowest level seen in over 12 months. As a direct consequence of widespread vaccination, the national seven-day average of daily infections has fallen to below 300, significantly below the rate seen between previous waves. For comparison, at the lowest levels seen in February (between waves 3 and 4) and June (between waves 4 and 5), infections still trended at over 1,000 per day. Gradual resumption of travel and increases in economic activity do not yet appear to be resulting in an increase in contagion, affording some hope that robust herd immunity has been achieved. This having been said, maintenance of herd immunity will require that the uptake of booster vaccinations matches that of the initial series of immunizations which most people received over the summer.

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Current Situation in Tokyo & the Kanto Region

Tokyo daily cases (R 0.62)

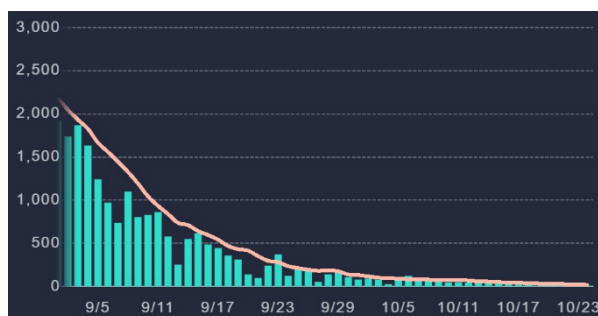


Chiba prefecture (R 0.59)



New infections continue to decline across the region. In the capital they have remained at below 100 per day for over two weeks, with only 19 infections reported on Sunday the 24th.

Kanagawa prefecture (R 0.55)



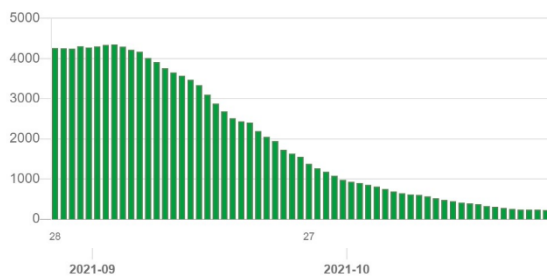
Saitama prefecture (R 0.59)



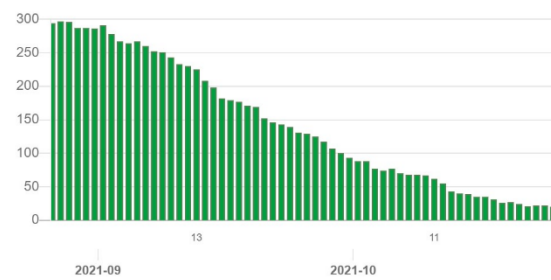
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Hospital Care and Testing in Tokyo

Number of hospital patients



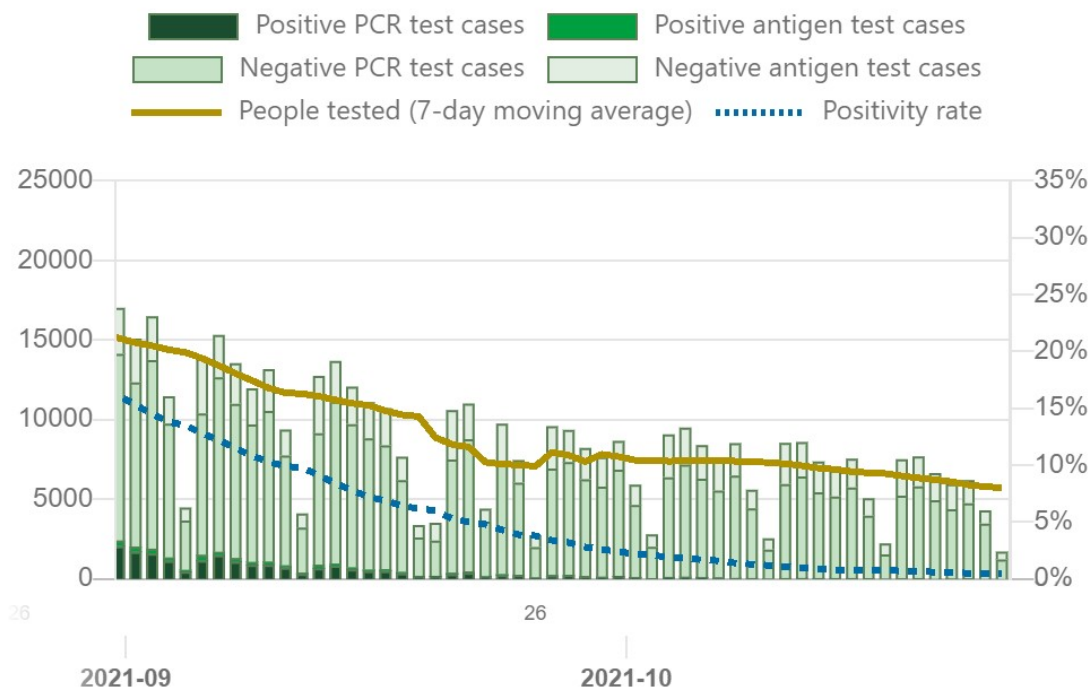
Number of critically ill patients



Hospital bed occupancy continues to decline though COVID19 allocated beds remain ring-fenced against a potential 6th wave. Presently 226 out of 6,651 (3%) of designated beds are occupied.

20 of 503 available intensive care beds are now reported to be occupied (4%). As with non-critical care beds, ICU availability is being kept at the level reached at the peak of the 5th wave (late September).

Testing for COVID 19



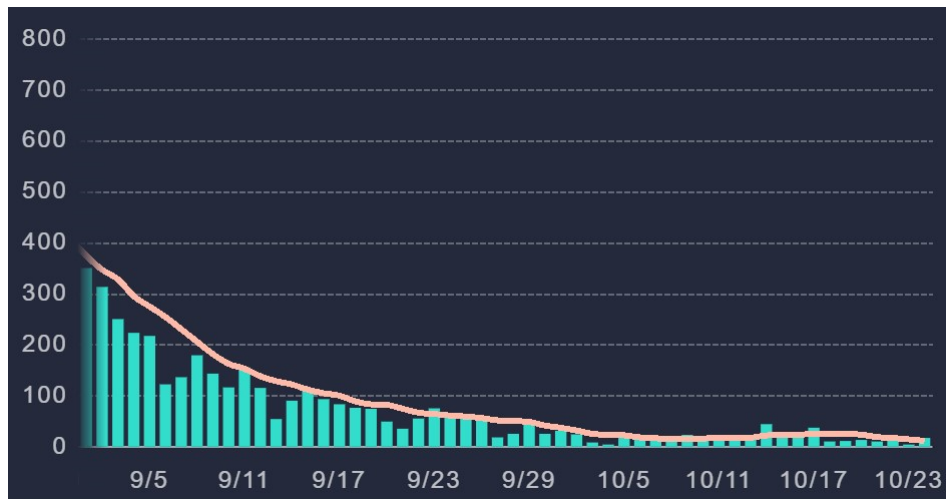
The rate of positive tests has continued to fall and now stands at 0.5%. The number of daily tests (excluding very large numbers of screening tests on healthy people performed by individuals and companies) continues to be maintained at the relatively low level of approximately 6,000 per day.

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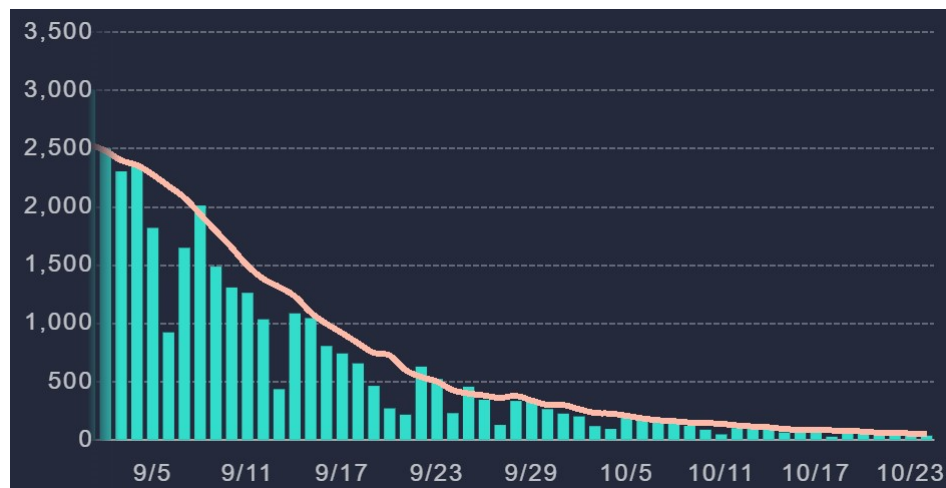
Regional Situation

Case numbers are presently low and stable across all parts of the country. Okinawa continues to record the highest number of infections on a per capita basis, but even here, new cases have fallen to 7.43 per 100,000 population per week and continue to trend down.

Hokkaido (0.57)



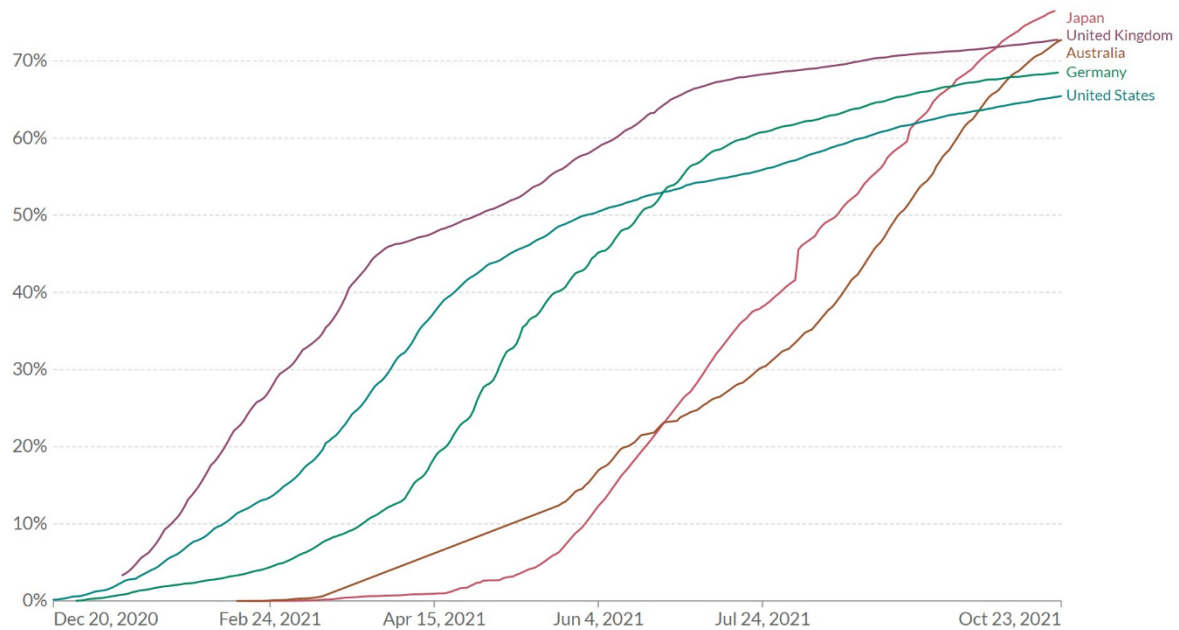
Osaka (R 0.69)



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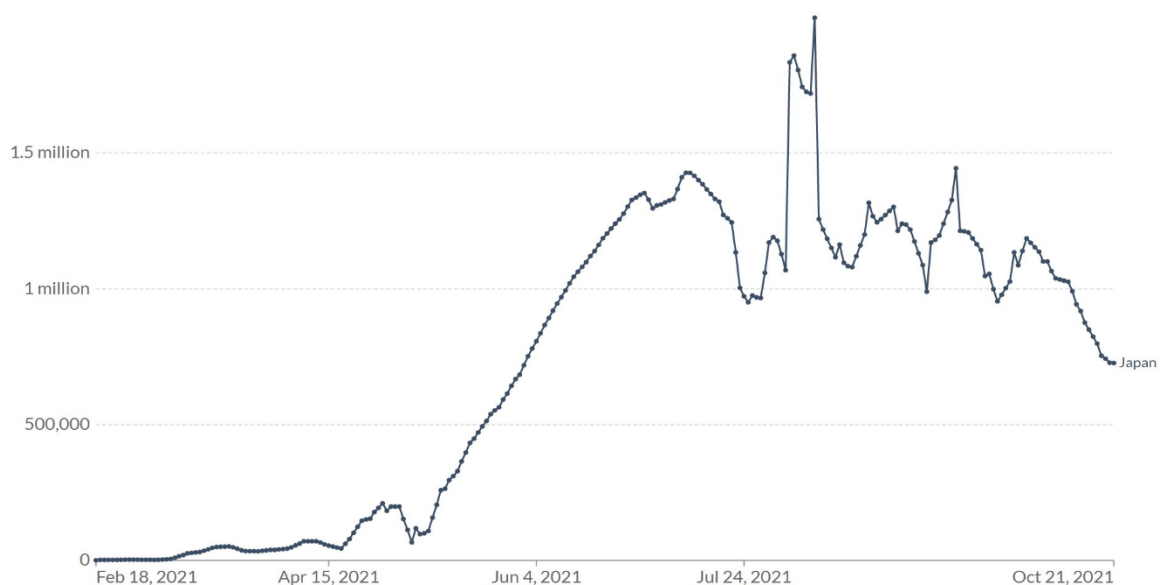
COVID-19 Vaccination in Japan

Vaccine doses administered (cumulative, nationwide, percentage)



76.9% of the population have received at least one dose of a COVID19 vaccine and 69.9% are now fully vaccinated. Booster shot administration will commence in December - immunizations will be provided free of charge, following the same priority sequence used earlier in the year – healthcare workers initially, followed by those over 65, then general population.

Vaccines administered (7-day average of daily doses given)



Further details of the government's plans are available on the website of the Prime Minister's office: <https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/headline/kansensho/vaccine.html>

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References and Resources

Reported Caseload Graphs and data sourced from MHLW as reported by Toyo Keizai and the Tokyo metropolitan government –

<https://toyokeizai.net/sp/visual/tko/covid19/en.html> <https://stopcovid19.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/en/>

<https://www.stopcovid19.jp/#Tokyo>

<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/special/coronavirus/vaccine/progress/> ***Resources***

How to get help if you suspect that you have COVID19 (Tokyo residents)

<https://stopcovid19.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/en/flow>

FAQ: How foreign residents can get coronavirus vaccinations in Japan

<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20210212/p2a/00m/0na/046000c>