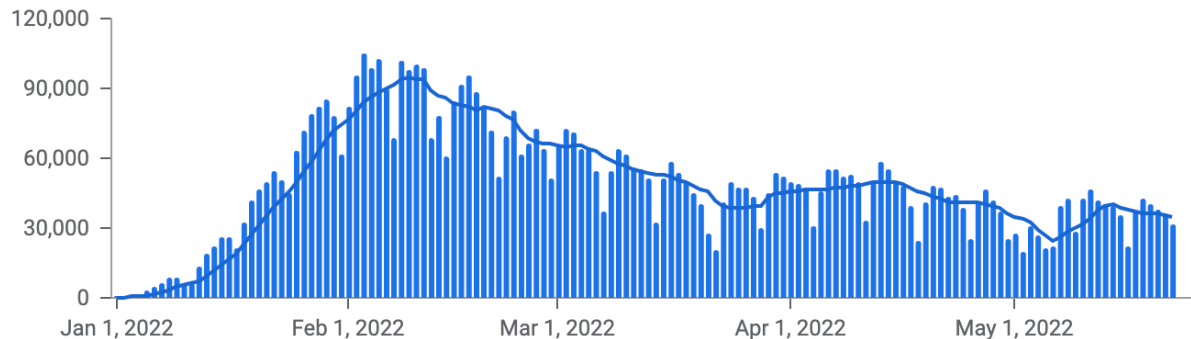


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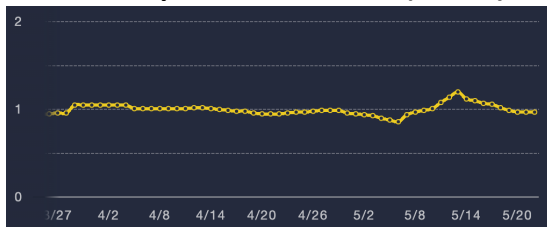
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Current Situation – Japan

Japan - daily Infections (Since Jan 1st 2022)

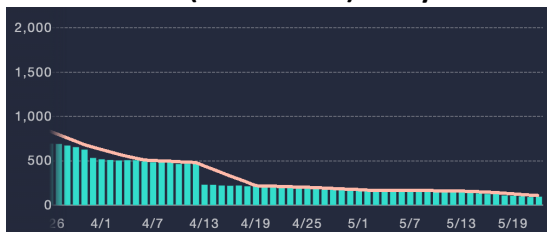


National Reproduction Rate – (R 0.97)



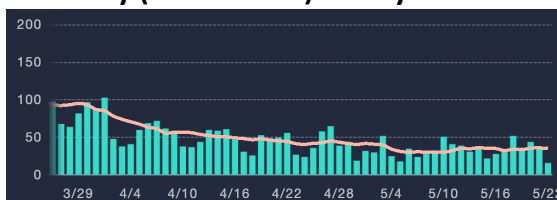
In a recent revision to public health guidelines released last Friday, Japan's health ministry advised that mask use should no longer be viewed as require In an outdoor setting if individuals are not engaged in conversation. Face covering is still strongly recommended indoors and on public transport.

Critical Illness (Nationwide)- daily total



Rates of infection appear to be falling again, after a substantial increase in reported new cases during the days following the golden week holidays. Intensive care occupancy rates remain low and stable, as is mortality due to COVID19.

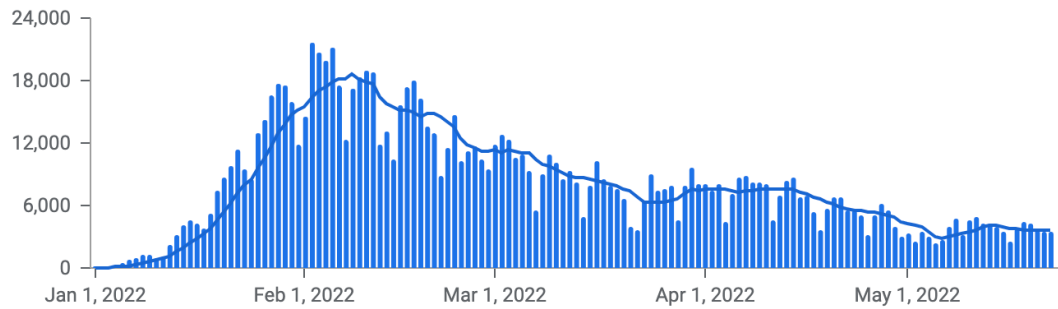
Mortality (Nationwide) – daily total



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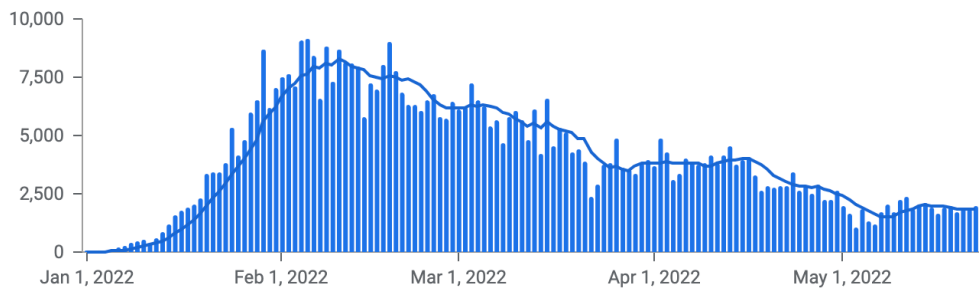
Tokyo and the surrounding Kanto region

Tokyo daily infections, since Jan 1st 2022 (R 0.97)

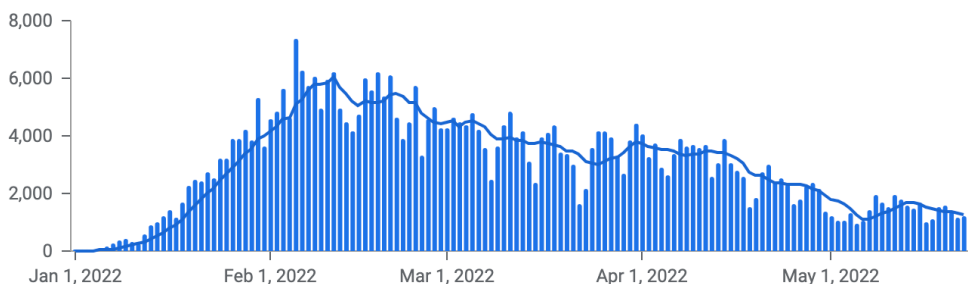


While new daily infections are declining gradually, they continue to be detected at a rate of over 3,000 per day. Over 60% of cases continue to occur in younger people (those age 40 or below), with cases in the over 60s being relatively sparse at less than 9% of the total. Normal economic and social activity has largely been resumed, and some large-scale annual events are being held for the first time in three years – including the Yokota air base friendship festival, which was held over the past weekend and saw over 100,000 people visit the base.

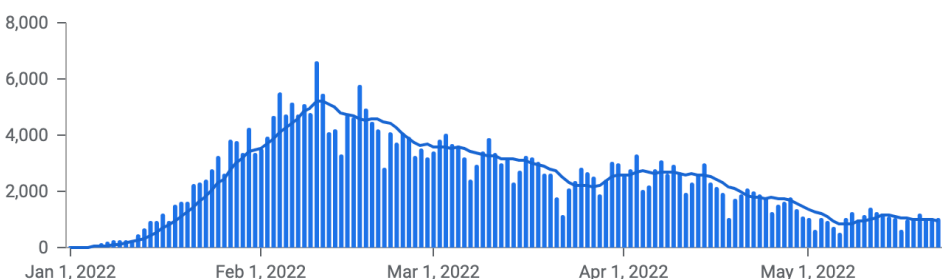
Kanagawa daily infections, since Jan 1st 2022 (R 0.97)



Saitama daily infections, since Jan 1st 2022 (R 0.93)

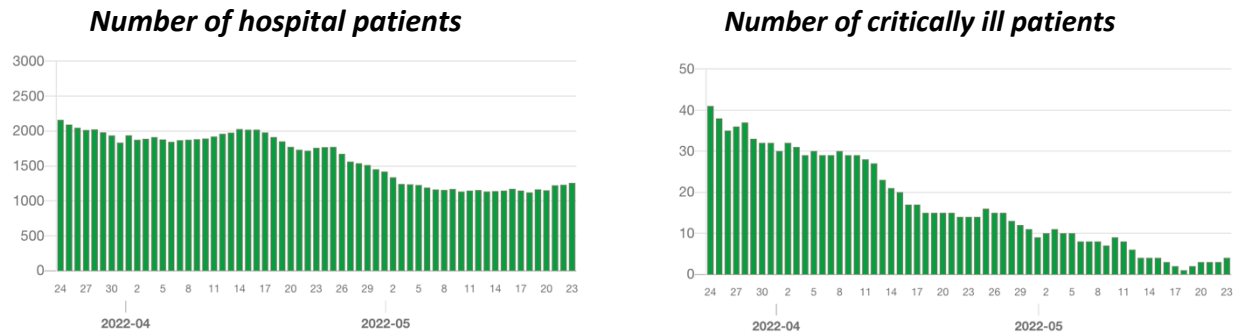


Chiba daily infections, since Jan 1st 2022 (R 0.96)



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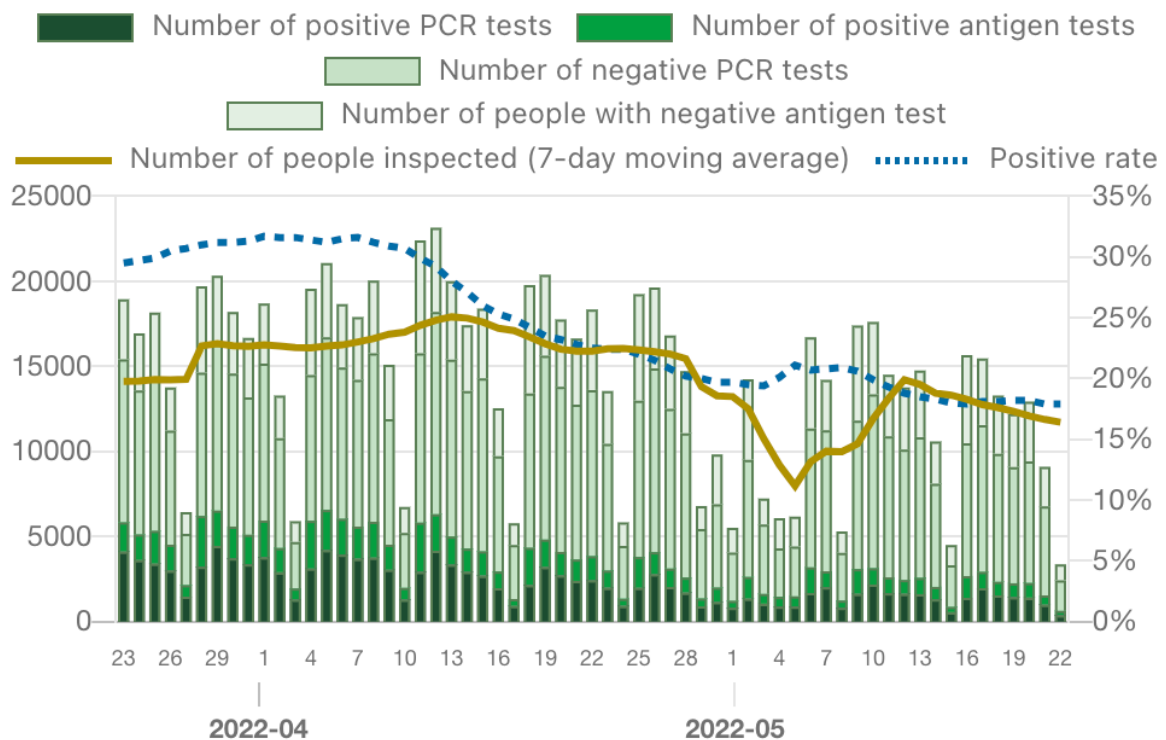
Hospital Care and Testing in Tokyo



Hospital bed occupancy has risen marginally and is now at 17.3% (1,248 of 7,216 beds in use). Available bed numbers have been very slightly decreased (from 7,229) over the past week, the first such reduction to occur this year.

Intensive care occupancy has similarly risen but is well within capacity, 0.8% (4 out of 510) of beds being occupied at present.

Testing for COVID 19



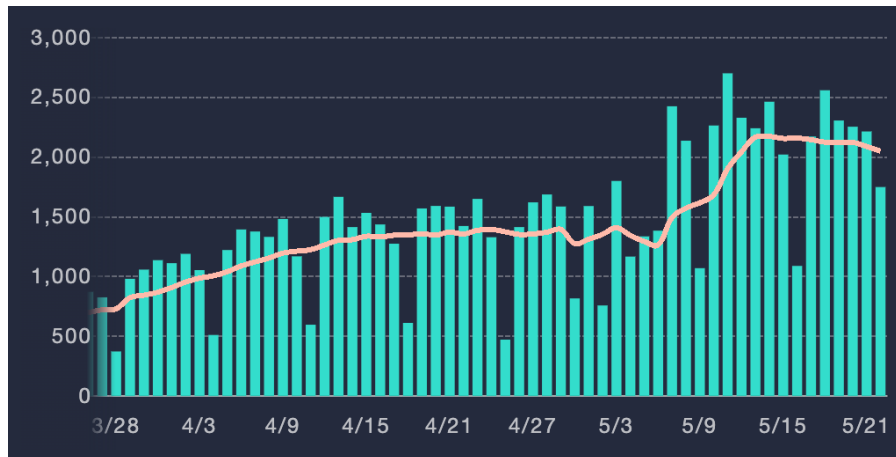
The proportion of people with symptoms of a respiratory infection who test positive for COVID19 continues to decline gradually and is now down to 17.9% from a peak of over 40%. This figure fell much earlier after previous waves (in 2020 and 2021), with the greater persistence of COVID19 in 2022 being due to the more contagious nature of the omicron variant and in particular, its greater propensity to infect children.

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Regional Situation

Okinawa continues to report the highest rate of COVID19 infections, with 949 infections per 100,000 people each week (about four times as high as the level of infections seen in Tokyo or Osaka).

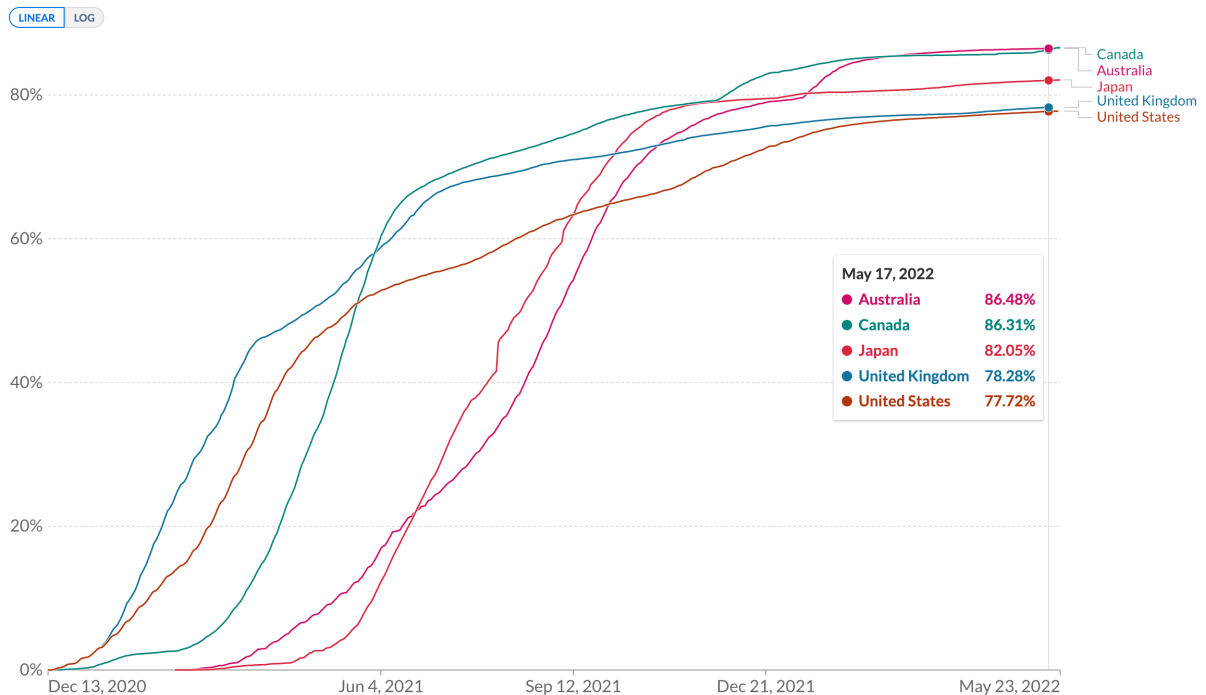
Okinawa (R 0.97)



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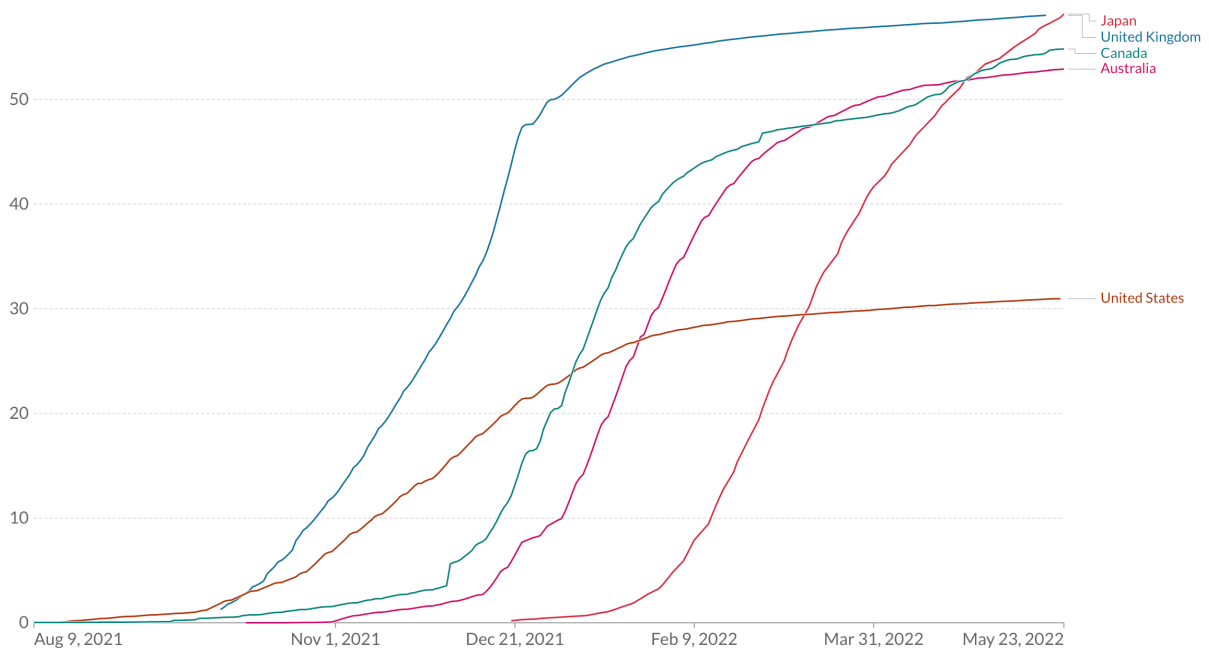
COVID 19 Vaccinations in Japan

Vaccine doses administered (cumulative, nationwide, percentages)



Vaccine uptake rates in Japan remain high by international standards, other than in the age 5-11 group, of whom only 15.5% have had one or more immunizations. Second booster (4th shot) vaccines are now being given to people aged 18 or above who have pre-existing medical conditions or are obese and will be offered universally to all those over 60. The minimum interval between 3rd and 4th vaccines has been set at 5 months and as before, health authority issued vouchers (mostly yet to be released) will be required.

Booster (3rd) vaccine doses administered (cumulative, nationwide, percentages)



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References and Resources

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<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>