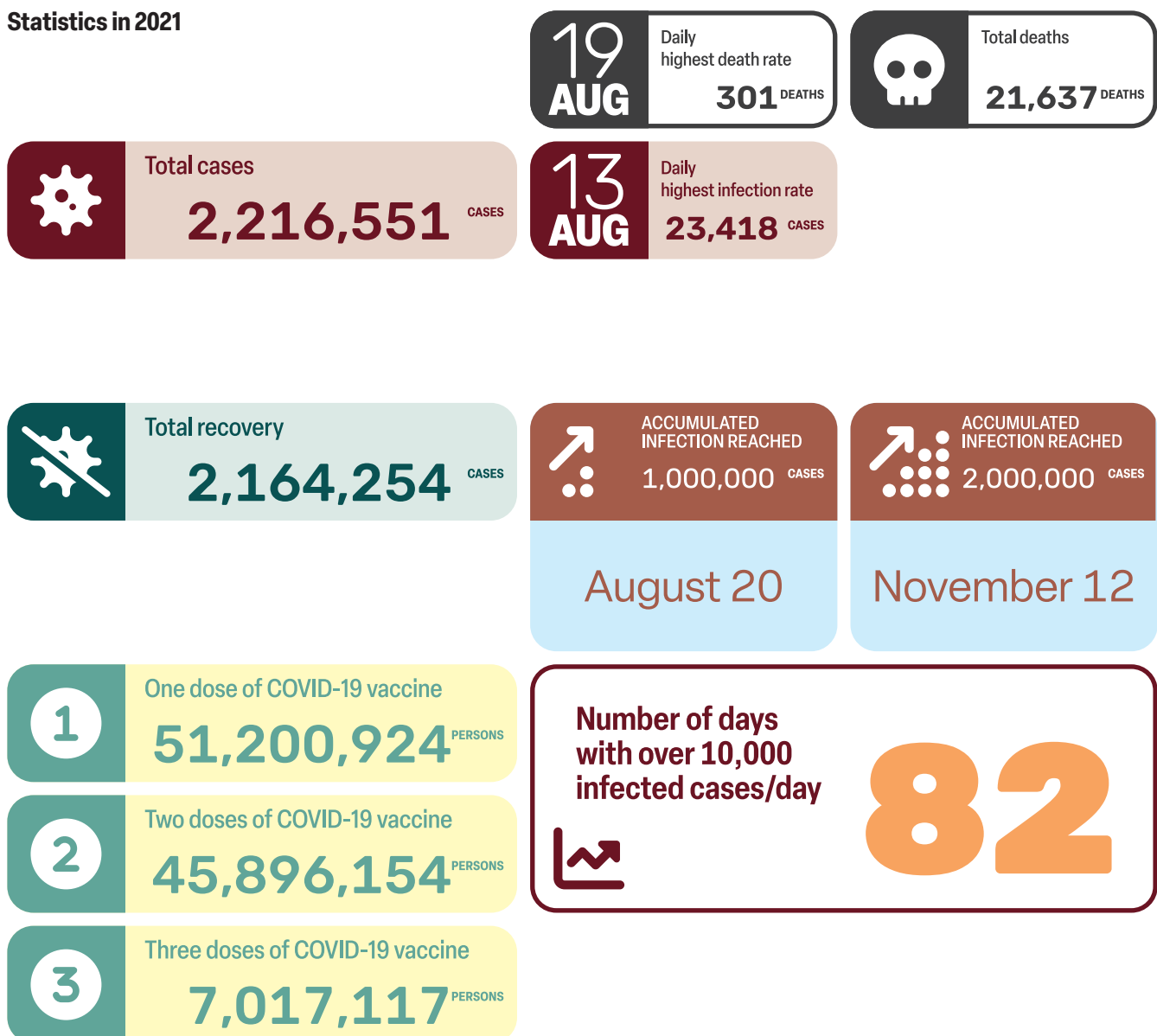


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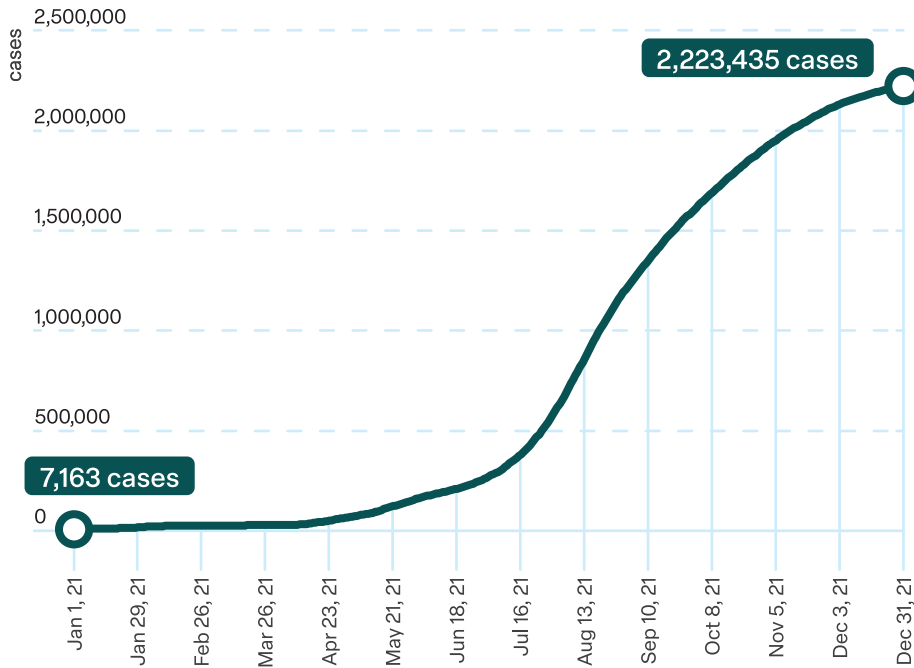
COVID-19 Outbreak in Thailand During 2021

From the first reported case of COVID-19 in Thailand (January 2020) to December 31, 2020, a total of 6,884 confirmed cases of infection were reported. By contrast, in 2021, COVID-19 had infected more than 2.2 million Thais, leading to over 20,000 COVID deaths.

Statistics in 2021



Total COVID cases in 2021

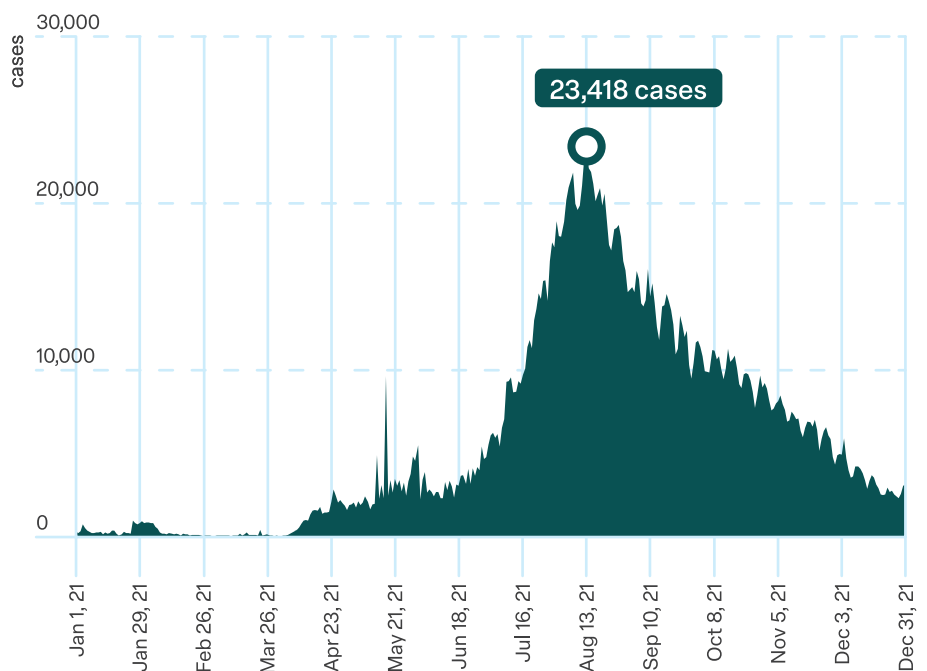


Source: Total Coronavirus Cases in Thailand 2021, Worldometer

“ In 2021, the series of waves of COVID outbreak posed a considerable challenge for the country’s public health system and caused country-wide stress for the Thai people. At the same time, 2021 was when Thailand started to roll out vaccination, shedding hope in controlling the outbreak leading to the new normal lifestyle for years to come. ”

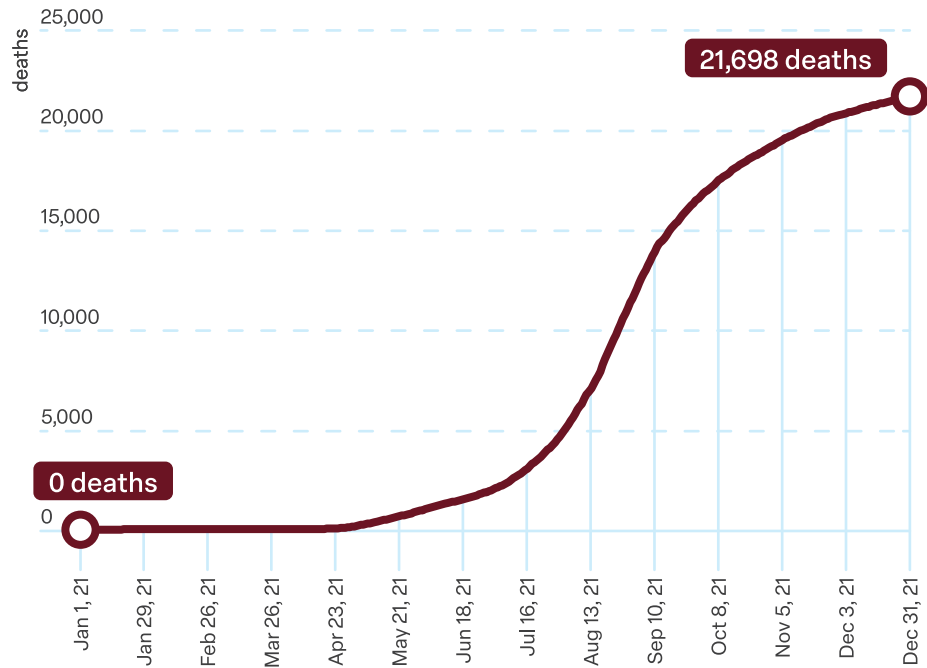
Daily new cases

In the first quarter of 2021, the level of COVID-19 outbreak remained limited. However, in April, there was a major cluster of transmission (from Alpha Variant) traced to night-time entertainment venues in the Thonglor and Ekkamai sections of Bangkok. For the first time in Thailand, daily infections exceeded 1,000 cases. During the same time, there was news about the spread of the Delta variant overseas.



Source: Daily New Cases in Thailand 2021, Worldometer

Total coronavirus deaths



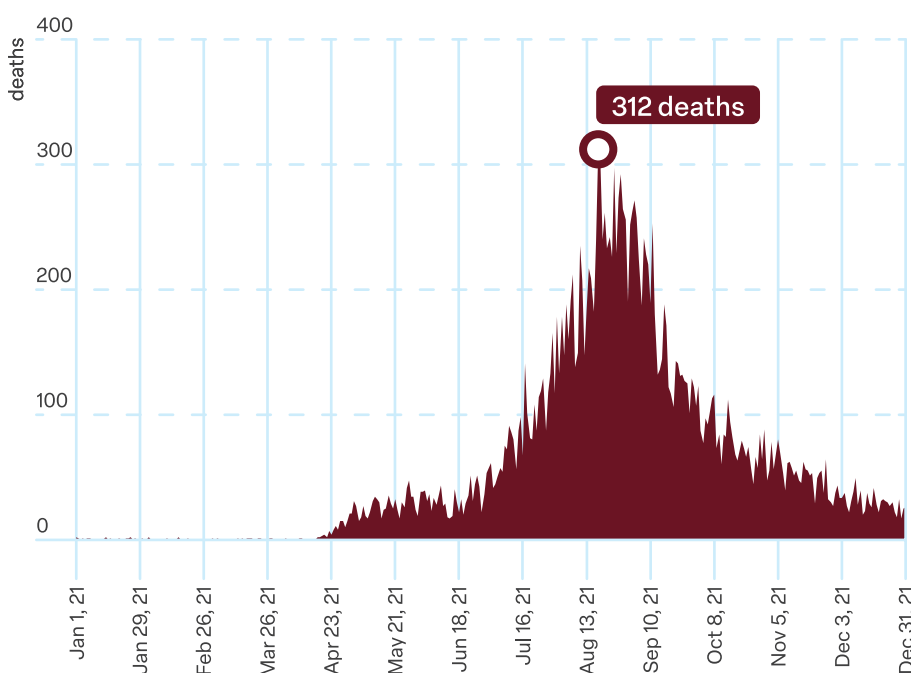
Source: Total Coronavirus Deaths in Thailand 2021, Worldometer

The third quarter of 2021 was considered the most challenging time for Thailand in its attempt to control the pandemic since, by that time, the highly infectious Delta variant of COVID had become the dominant strain in the country. In August 2021, the new daily cases averaged 19,595 with an average of 217 deaths per day.

During that time, Thailand started constructing field hospitals in anticipation of overflow of cases from the hospitals. The demands for hospital care had increased to 50,000 cases per day, and with over 150,000 active cases in field hospitals each day.

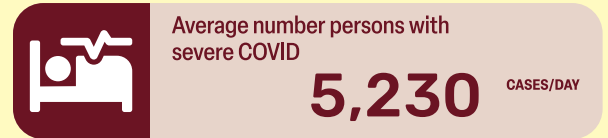
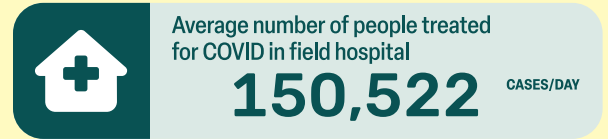
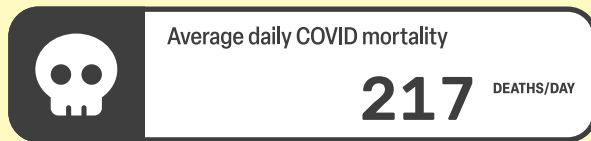
By the final quarter of 2021, COVID incidence began to plateau, and by mid-October, the daily caseload of new infections had fallen back to below 10,000 a day.

Daily new deaths



Source: Daily New Deaths in Thailand 2021, Worldometer

Thailand launched a pilot vaccine trial in February 2021 and started a nationwide vaccination campaign on June 7, 2021. However, it was a logistical challenge to roll the program out nationwide, and in an atmosphere of public uncertainty and some opposition to vaccines. Nevertheless, by the end of 2021, at least 51 million people in Thailand had received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine, and nearly 46 million had received two doses.

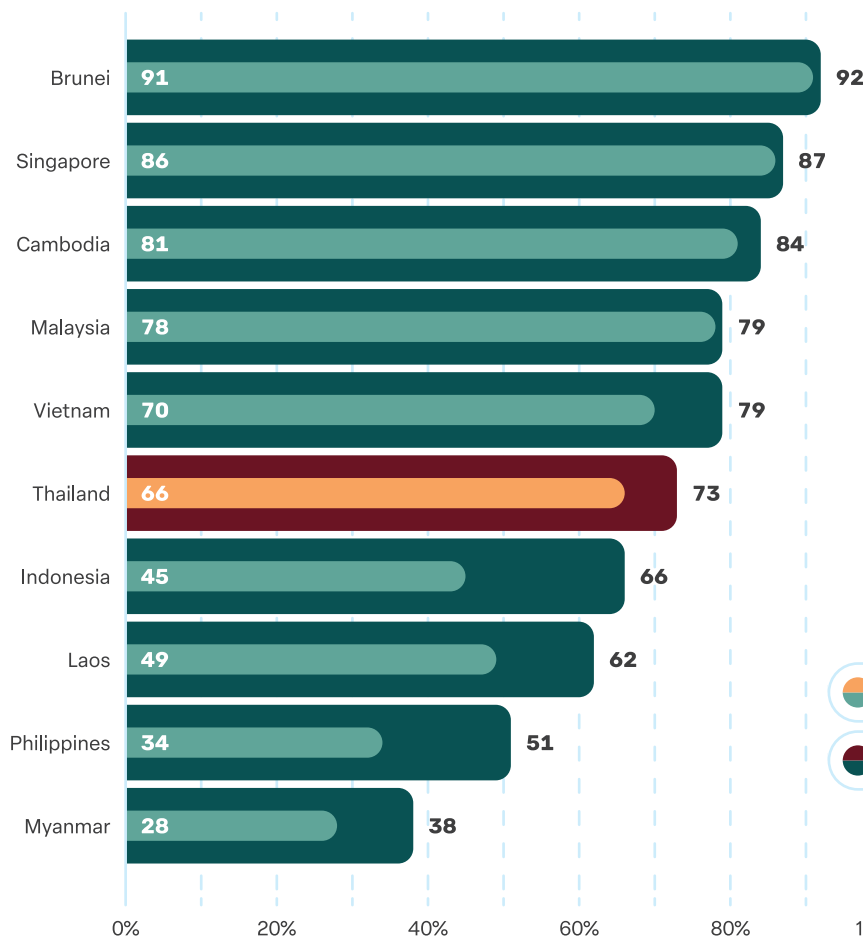


The height of the COVID outbreak in Thailand in 2021 is in

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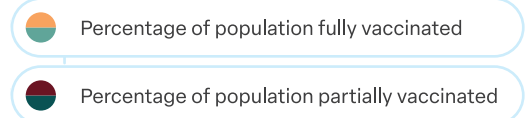
Statistics in August 2021

Percentage of vaccination in Thai people
compared with ASEAN countries, as of December 31, 2021



Compared to other member countries of ASEAN, Thailand ranked sixth from ten countries in terms of being partially vaccinated at 73%. However, if considering the coverage of the population who are fully vaccinated, Thailand ranked fifth in the ASEAN region, at 66%.

By the end of 2021, the newest variant, Omicron, was quickly replacing the Delta variant around the world. There is some uneasiness about what shape the pandemic will take in 2022. Omicron is likely to be more infectious, but may cause less severe symptoms. As people receive more vaccines, the COVID situation is likely to improve in the future.



Source: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccinations 2021. Our World in Data