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COVID-19



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COVID-19: Highlights and Situation Overview

Global Updates

- **Worldwide**, over 696 million cases and over 6 million deaths have been attributed to COVID-19.
- **Hong Kong (SAR)**: The recent death of a 20-month-old child who contracted COVID-19 underlines the need for parents to get their children vaccinated (RTHK, 2023). Experts, including Lau Yu-lung, a University of Hong Kong pediatrics professor, and Patrick Ip, an HKU pediatrician, emphasized the importance of vaccination. They said that complications from COVID-19 are more common in children without immune protection and who haven't been vaccinated. They also noted that up to October 15th, only 30% of Hong Kong's young children have received one or two doses of Covid vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **India** has recorded 51 new coronavirus infections, 259 active cases, and 533,293 deaths. The country's COVID-19 case tally is 45 million, with a recovery rate of 98.81% and a case fatality rate of 1.19% (PTI, 2023). The number of people recovering has increased to 44,467,574, and 2.21 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered so far. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Bulgaria** has reported 403 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last 24 hours, with a 13.7% positive rate (Novinite.com, 2023). Six patients have died, and 458 people have been diagnosed in hospitals, with 28 in intensive care units. 208 people have been cured in the last 24 hours, and 5,343 active cases are currently present. 3,383 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in the last 24 hours, with 4,683,676 doses administered since the start of the vaccination campaign. 38,528 people have lost their battle against the virus. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Republic of Korea**: South Korea's COVID-19 patient count decreased for the ninth consecutive week, with seniors accounting for nearly 40% of new cases (Yoon-seung, 2023). The country downgraded COVID-19 to Class 4, the lowest level on par with the seasonal flu, and suspended its full-scale testing system. Health authorities started vaccinations for seniors to address new variants, with younger citizens starting next month. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Canada**: New Brunswick has seen a surge in COVID-19 hospital admissions, with 57 admissions between October 8 and 14, compared to the previous week (Perry, 2023). The majority of patients were aged 65 and over, with seven people aged 45 to 64, three people aged 20 to 44, and one person aged five to 19. Three more patients died in the hospital during that week, all aged 65 and over. The number of new COVID cases increased from 133 the previous week, and the test positivity rate rose to 17%. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Pakistan** has reported 13 new COVID-19 cases in the past week, with a 0.76% positivity rate (Dental News, 2023). The Ministry for National Health Services has reinforced Border and Health Services to enhance preparedness and monitoring at entry points, including airports. Despite 90% of the population having received the vaccine, no new fatalities have been attributed to the virus. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Updates

- The **Philippines** has reported 152 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total to 4,119,152 since the pandemic began (Untalan, 2023). Active infections increased by 23 cases to 2,912, while recoveries rose by 129 to 4,049,509. The death toll remains at 66,734. The National Capital Region had the most new cases in the past 14 days, followed by Quezon City, Cavite, Rizal, Laguna, and Bulacan provinces. [\[Full article\]](#)



ASEAN Travel Advisories (new update/s) as of 26 October 2023

ASEAN Member States	Published	Foreign travelers allowed	COVID-19 vaccination requirement	Required COVID-19 testing for fully vaccinated	Required COVID-19 testing for NOT fully vaccinated	Quarantine upon arrival	Health insurance requirement	Arrival health declaration/ registration/ documents
Brunei Darussalam	December 1, 2022	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Cambodia	October 6, 2022	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Indonesia	June 10, 2023	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Lao PDR	December 29, 2022	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Malaysia	August 2, 2022	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Myanmar	September 5, 2023	Yes	No	Passengers are subject to medical screening and could be subject to a test upon arrival.	No	No	Printed medical insurance except Myanmar nationals.	COVID-19 Myanmar Declaration upon arrival. Passengers must present a Health Form
Philippines	July 25, 2023	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Singapore	February 13, 2023	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Thailand	March 1, 2023	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Vietnam	May 16, 2022	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No

- Reference: [IATA Travel Centre](#)



COVID-19 Cases and Deaths

- As of 26 October 2023 (5PM, GMT+7), worldwide, there were **696,957,814** confirmed cases, including **6,931,543** deaths. Globally, Case Fatality Rate (CFR) was **1.0%**.
- 36,445,502 total confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in the **ASEAN Region**.
- The CFR in the **ASEAN** Region was **1.01%**.

COVID-19 cases in the ASEAN region

ASEAN MEMBER STATES	FIRST CONFIRMED CASES	LATEST REPORT ON CONFIRMED	CUMULATIVE CASES	CUMULATIVE CASES IN 2023	NEW CASES SINCE LAST REPORT	CUMULATIVE DEATHS	NEW DEATHS SINCE LAST REPORT	CUMULATIVE CASES/ 100,000	CUMULATIVE WITH AT LEAST ONE DOSE	CUMULATIVE FULLY VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE BOOSTED	FULLY VACCINATED PER 100
Brunei Darussalam	10-Mar-20	26-Oct-23	311,905	50,465	291	225	-	70,023	451,149	446,714	340,466	100.3
Cambodia	27-Jan-20	18-Sep-23	138,941	503	-	3,056	-	809	15,307,310	14,683,705	10,746,738	85.5
Indonesia	02-Mar-20	26-Oct-23	6,813,652	101,949	50	161,920	2	2,441	203,878,383	174,962,515	69,291,610	62.7
Lao PDR	24-Mar-20	15-Oct-23	218,888	1,302	10	758	-	660	6,324,678	5,691,962	2,451,034	17.2
Malaysia	25-Jan-20	25-Oct-23	5,129,800	110,400	1,132	37,181	4	15,678	28,111,429	27,524,901	16,327,477	84.1
Myanmar	23-Mar-20	20-Oct-23	641,337	7,762	10	19,495	-	1,161	40,354,937	35,196,377	13,903,599	63.7
Philippines	30-Jan-20	25-Oct-23	4,174,101	61,523	-	66,734	91	3,661	82,684,774	78,443,972	23,811,248	69.7
Singapore	23-Jan-20	26-Oct-23	2,634,870	448,196	14,801	1,885	-	44,332	5,322,825	5284984	4798512	88.9
Thailand	13-Jan-20	23-Oct-23	4,757,919	39,011	191	34,486	6	6,789	57,675,350	54,188,358	27,405,038	77.3
Vietnam	23-Jan-20	24-Oct-23	11,624,089	100,722	35	43,206	-	11,747	90,272,853	85,961,564	57,975,220	86.9
ASEAN COUNTRIES			36,445,502	921,833	16,520	368,860	9	368,946	530,383,688	482,385,052	227,050,942	70.2

REGION	TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES	NEW CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	NEW DEATHS
AFRICA	12,843,125	-	258,840	-
AMERICAS	197,970,037	4,413	3,013,467	13
ASIA & OCEANIA	235,477,340	204	1,582,133	-
EUROPE	250,667,312	2,248	2,077,103	4
TOTAL	696,957,814	6,865	6,931,543	17

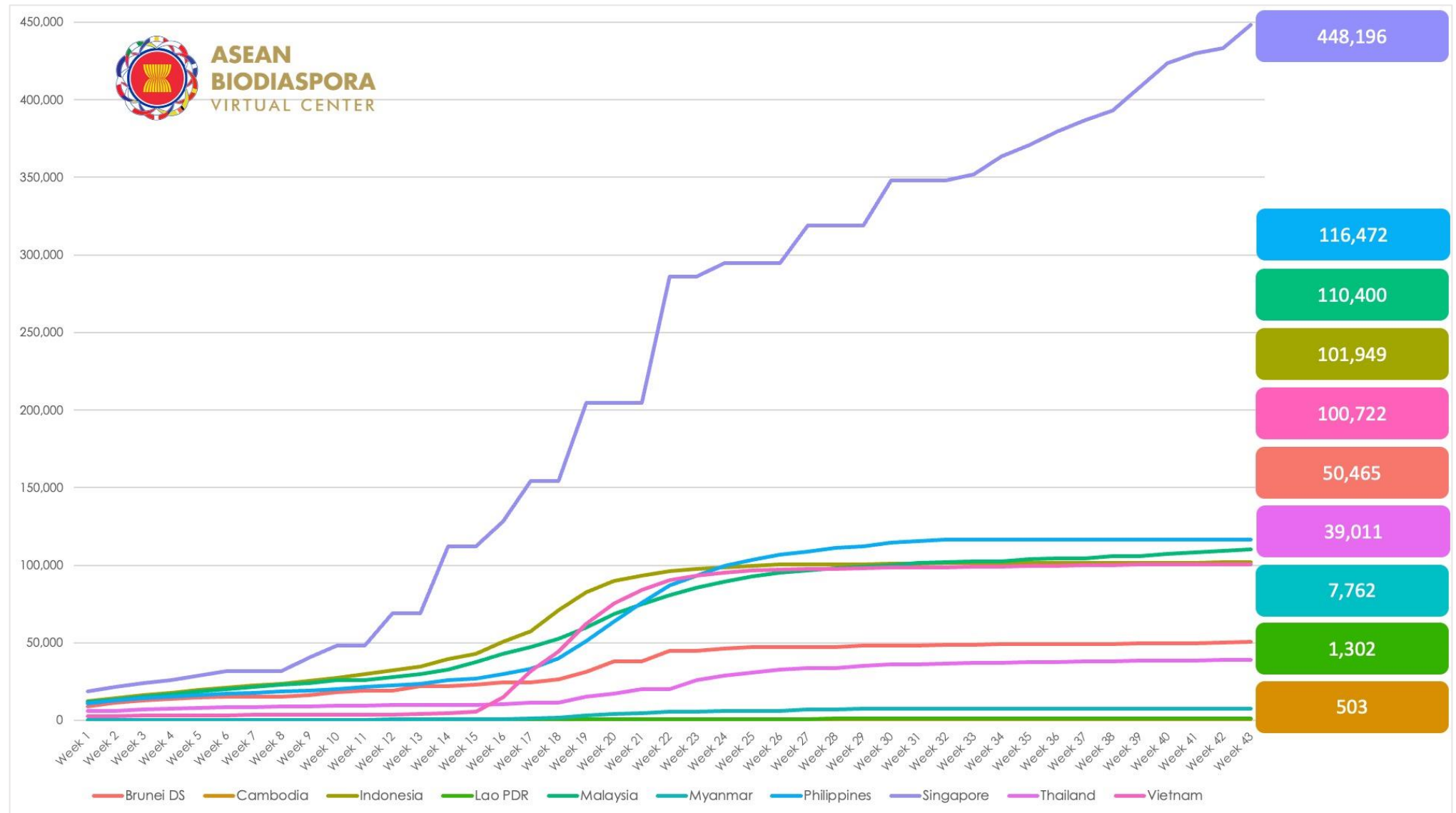
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**Data References: [Singapore Government](#), [Worldometer](#), and the [WHO](#)



COVID-19 Epidemic Curve Among ASEAN Member States

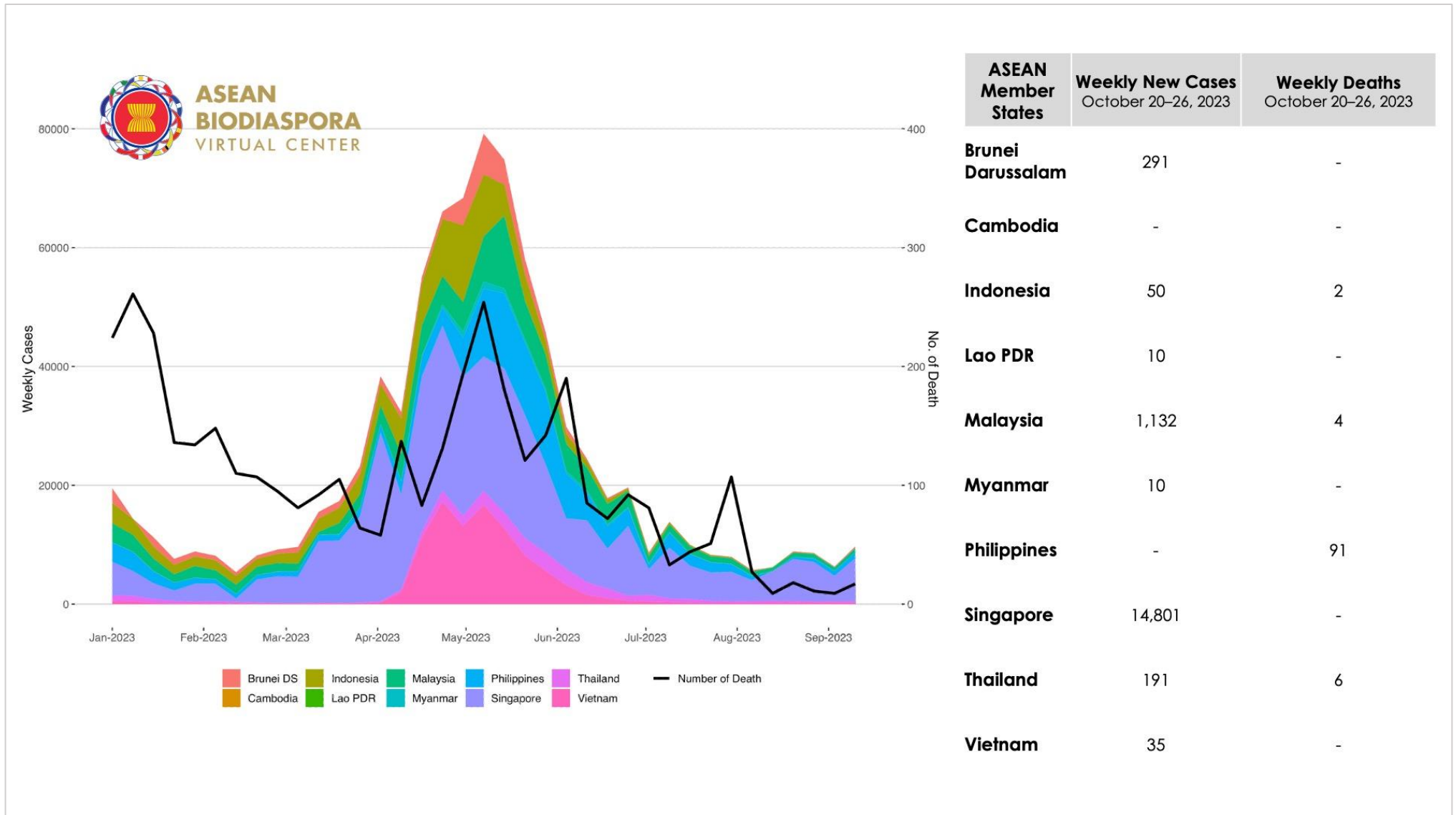
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ASEAN Weekly COVID-19 New Cases and Deaths

From January 1, 2023 to October 26, 2023

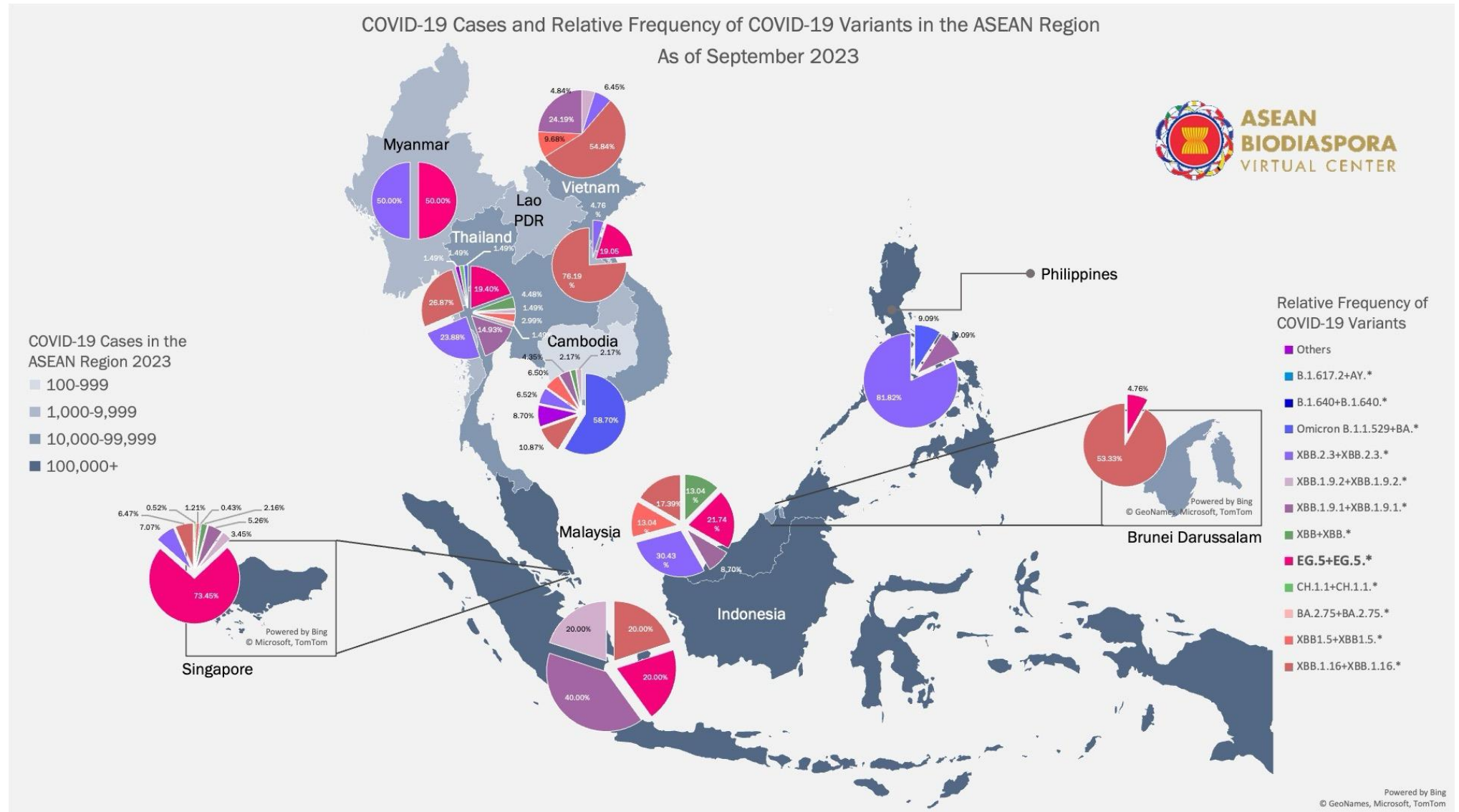


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COVID-19 Variants Frequencies Among ASEAN Member States

As of September 2023

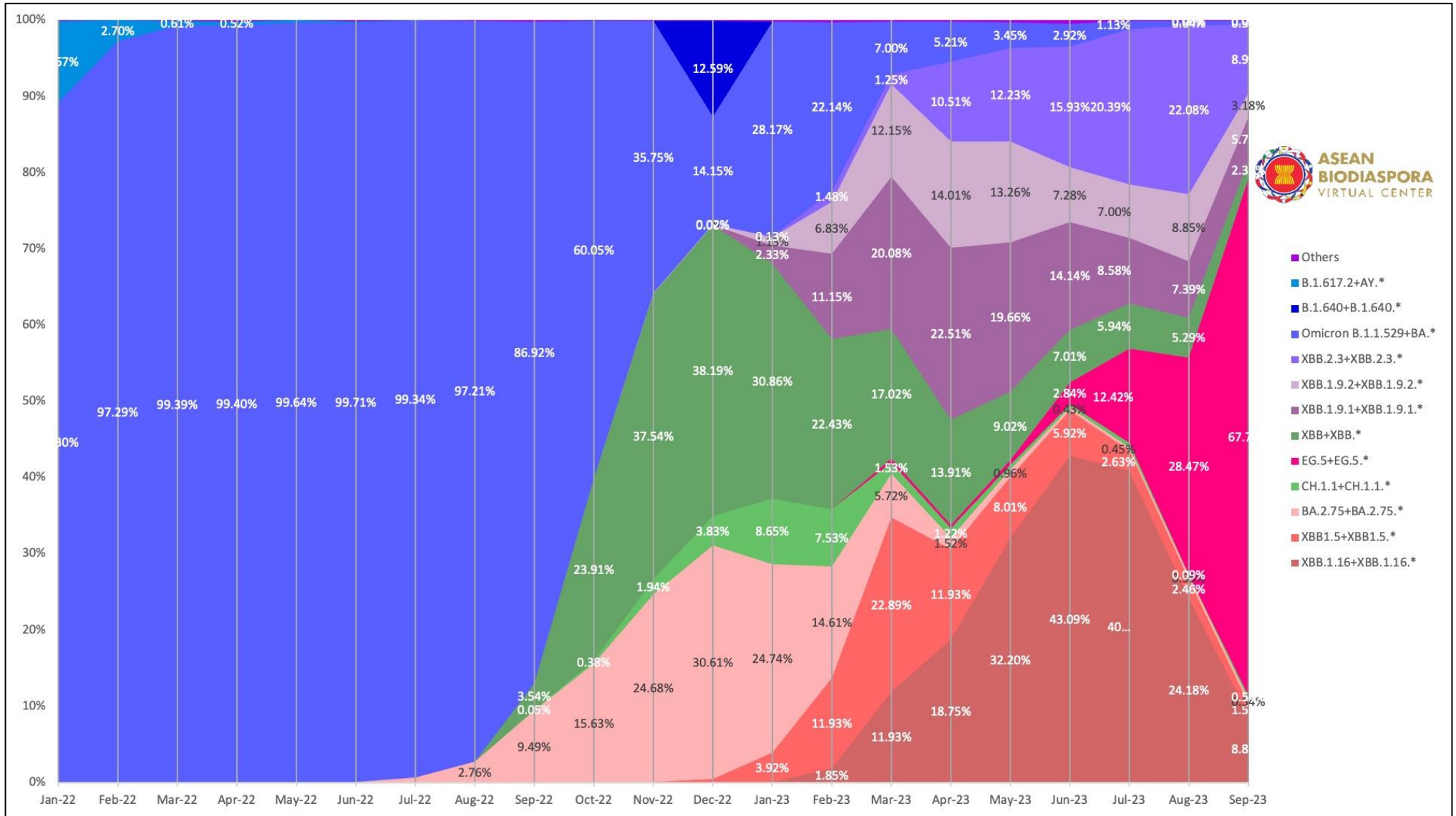


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COVID-19 Variants Frequencies in the ASEAN Region

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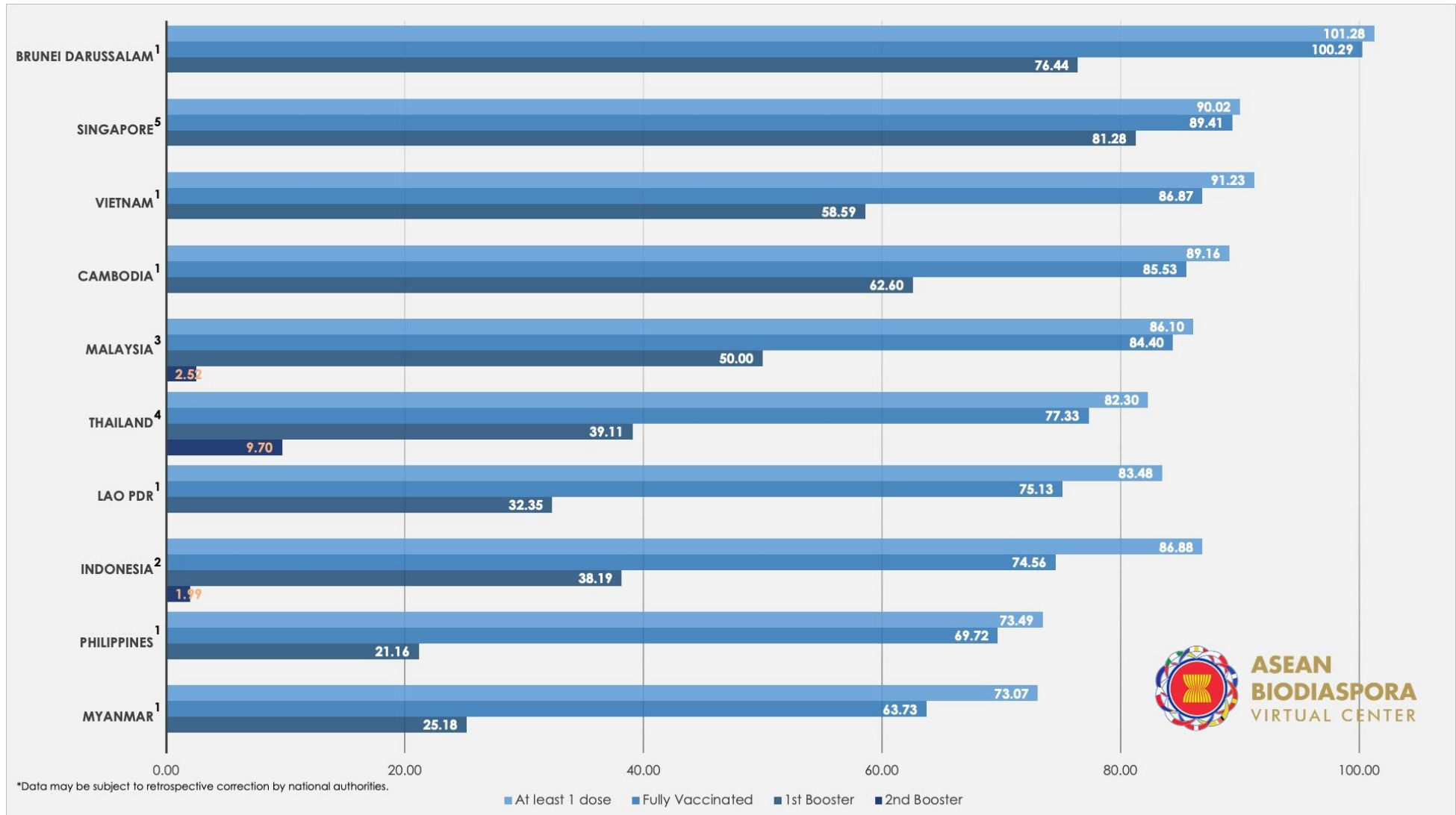


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ASEAN COVID-19 Vaccination Status

as of 26 October 2023



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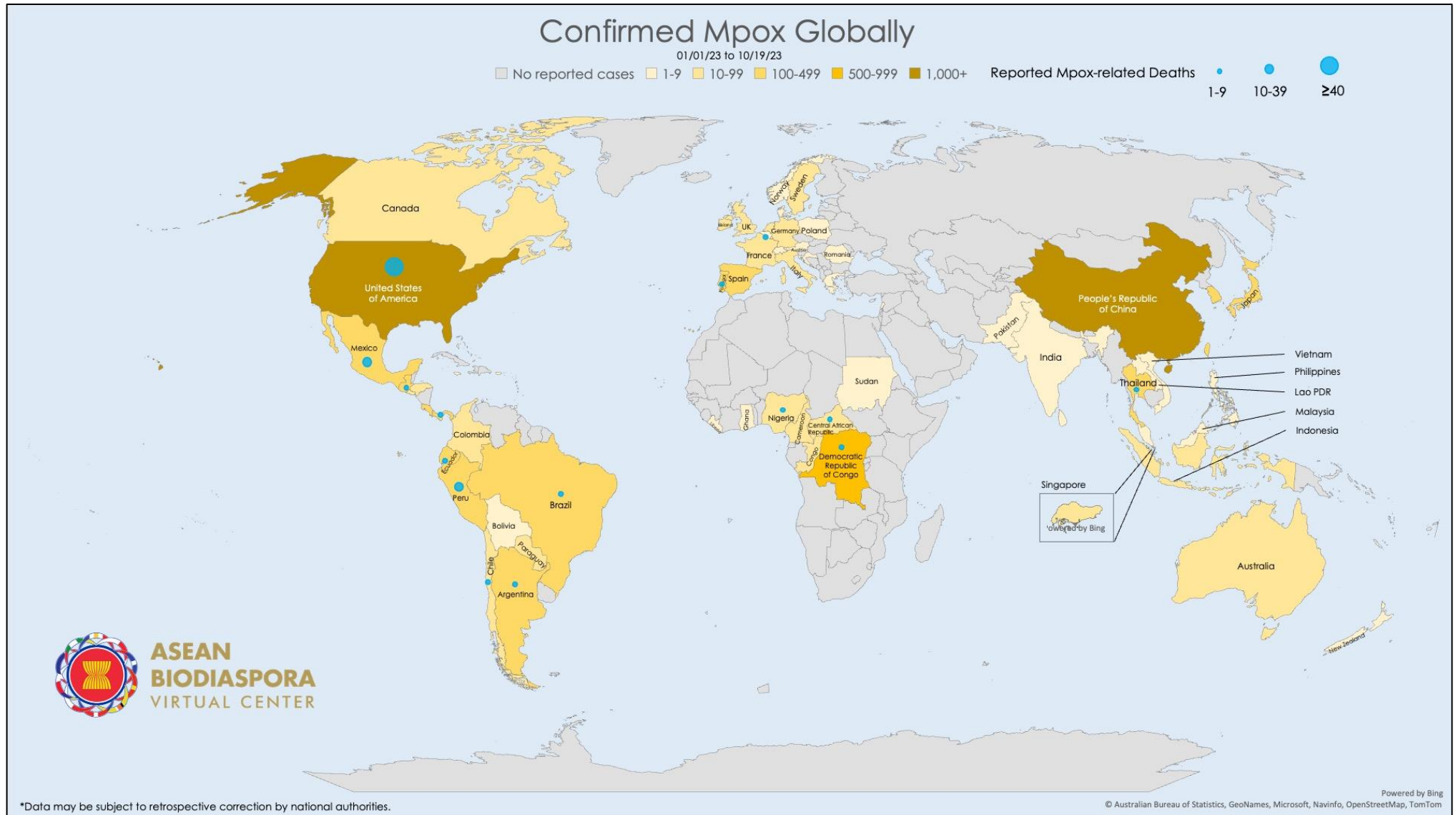


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Mpox Cases Reported Globally

January 1 – October 19, 2023

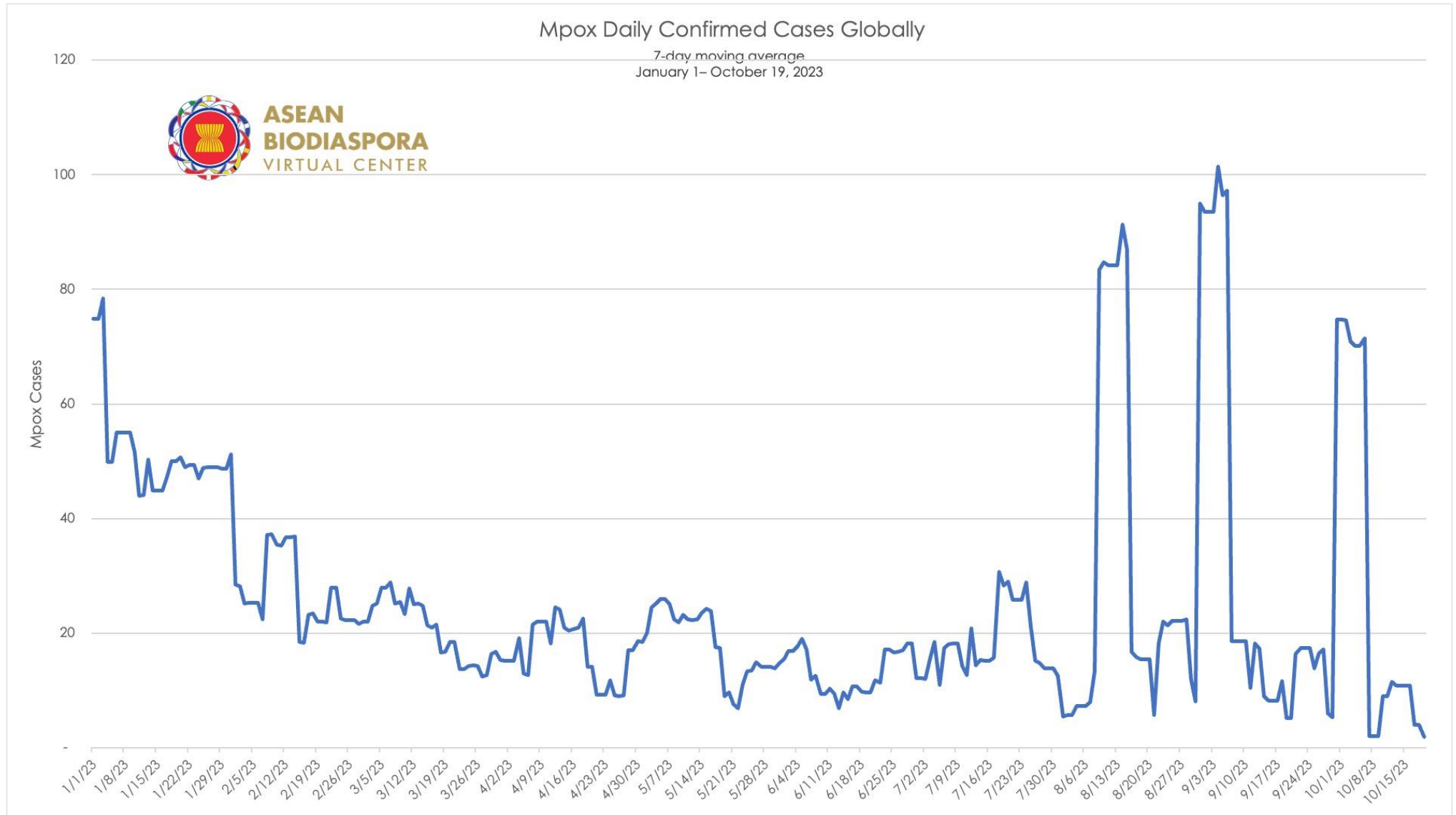


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Mpox Daily Trend Globally

January 1 – October 19, 2023



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Mpox: Highlights and Situation Overview

- From 01 January to 26 October 2023, there were **7,018** confirmed cases worldwide in 2023, including **83** deaths. Globally, the CFR was **1.19%**.
- **506 confirmed cases** including **1 death** in the **ASEAN region** in 2023, with a CFR of **0.21%**.
- **6,512 confirmed cases** of mpox have been reported in other **5 regions** in 2023 (other than the ASEAN region):

Mpox cases in the ASEAN region (Jan. 1 to Oct. 26, 2023)

Country	Cumulative Cases 2023	New Cases Since Previous Report	Cumulative Deaths	CFR
Indonesia	14	13	-	0.00%
Lao PDR	1	-	-	0.00%
Malaysia	2	-	-	0.00%
Philippines	1	-	-	0.00%
Singapore	16	4	-	0.00%
Thailand	448	-	1	0.22%
Vietnam	24	21	-	0.00%
ASEAN Total	506	38	1	0.20%

Mpox cases in the Asia-Pacific region (Jan. 1 to Oct. 26, 2023)

Country/Territory	Cumulative Cases 2023	New Cases Since Previous Report	Cumulative Deaths	CFR
Australia	12	-	-	0.00%
India	7	-	-	0.00%
Japan	202	4	-	0.00%
Nepal	1	-	-	0.00%
New Zealand	2	-	-	0.00%
People's Republic of China*	1,475	-	-	0.00%
Republic of China*	349	65	-	0.00%
Republic of Korea*	141	4	-	0.00%
Sri Lanka	2	-	-	0.00%
Asia Pacific Total	2,189	73	0	0.00%

*People's Republic of China – China, Hong Kong (SAR), and Macao (SAR); Republic of China – Taiwan, Republic of Korea – South Korea

Top 5 countries with the most mpox cases globally (Jan. 1 to Oct. 26, 2023)

Country	Cumulative Cases 2023	New Cases Since Previous Report	Cumulative Deaths	CFR
People's Republic of China	1,475	0	0	0.00%
United States of America	1,077	44	35	3.24%
Democratic Republic of Congo	610	0	2	0.33%
Brazil	456	0	2	0.44%
Thailand	448	0	1	0.22%



Mpox cases per region

REGION	CUMULATIVE CONFIRMED CASES (JAN. 1 – OCT. 26, 2023)	NEW CASES SINCE THE PREVIOUS REPORT	CUMULATIVE DEATHS	CFR
AFRICA	756	-	5	0.66%
AMERICAS	3,110	-	75	2.41%
ASEAN	506	38	1	0.20%
ASIA PACIFIC	2,147	30	-	0.00%
EUROPE	526	10	2	0.38%
MIDDLE EAST	12	-	-	0.00%
TOTAL	7,057	78	83	1.18%

World Health Organization. "2022-23 Mpox (Monkeypox Outbreak Global Trends," accessed October 26, 2023, https://worldhealthorg.shinyapps.io/mpox_global/

Regional Updates

- Indonesia:** The number of positive cases of mpox in Jakarta has risen to 13, following the discovery of two additional cases on October 23, 2023 (Andelin, 2023). The increase was attributed to close contact between the two cases, with one resulting from sexual intercourse. The local Health Service's Head of Surveillance, Epidemiology and Immunization, stated that 11 other people were suspected of having symptoms, and those suspected have undergone PCR laboratory examination. The first positive case in Jakarta was in August 2022, involving a 27-year-old man with a history of traveling abroad. The number of cases increased by 1 on October 13, 2023. [\[Full article\]](#)
- Vietnam:** On October 25, Ho Chi Minh City recorded its first monkeypox death, marking the first in Vietnam (Tuan, 2023). The 29-year-old patient, residing in Long An province, was hospitalized due to fever and blisters for 9 days. Despite intensive treatment, the patient developed a severe systemic infection, progressing into septic shock and multiple organ failure. The Ho Chi Minh City Department of Health has directed the establishment of a Professional Council to report on this case. As of October 22, 20 cases of monkeypox were being treated at the Tropical Diseases Hospital, with 18 diagnosed with B20. Doctors are treating patients, but it is impossible to predict their outcomes in advance. [\[Full article\]](#)



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