

HIGHLIGHTS

Globally, COVID-19 cases have surpassed 231.5 million with more than 4.7 million deaths.

In the United States as of September 26, the total number of cases stands at 42,770,371 and deaths at 684,884.

The IHS Vaccine Task Force is pleased to announce an upcoming webinar, “COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Additional Doses, Safety and Age Indications”, hosted by the IHS Tele-Behavioral Health Center of Excellence (TBHCE). This webinar will be Wednesday, September 29th, 2021, at 10:00 AM MST (12:00 PM EST). The webinar will be recorded and available on the TBHCE website: <https://www.ihs.gov/teleducation/webinar-archives/>.

The CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ (ACIP) recommendation for a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in certain populations and also recommended a booster dose for those in high risk occupational and institutional settings. CDC recommends the following at risk groups receive a booster shot: people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings, people aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions, people aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster shot based on their individual benefits and risks, and people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a booster shot based on their individual benefits and risks. View the full list of CDC recommendations [HERE](#).

UNITED STATES

COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance* (as of 9/26/21)

- Total cases: 42,770,371
- Total deaths: 684,884
- Jurisdictions reporting cases: 55 (50 states, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)

*As of April 14, 2020, CDC case counts and death counts include both confirmed and probable cases and deaths. This change was made to reflect an interim COVID-19 position statement issued by the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists on April 5, 2020.

A confirmed case or death is defined by meeting confirmatory laboratory evidence for COVID-19.

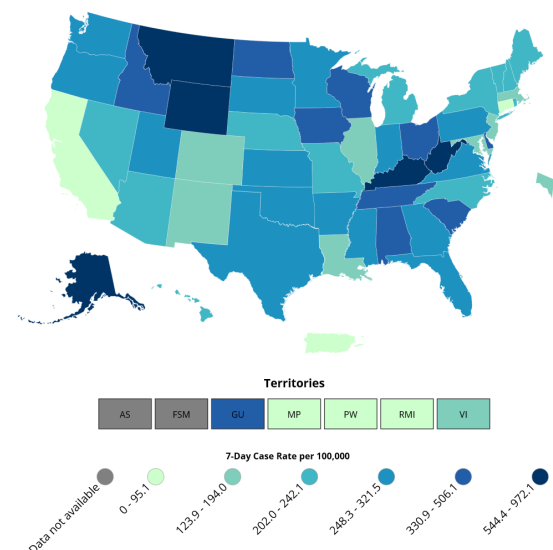
A probable case or death is defined by:

- meeting clinical criteria AND epidemiologic evidence with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19; or
 - meeting presumptive laboratory evidence AND either clinical criteria OR epidemiologic evidence; or
 - meeting vital records criteria with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19.
- State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.

National Laboratory Testing Data

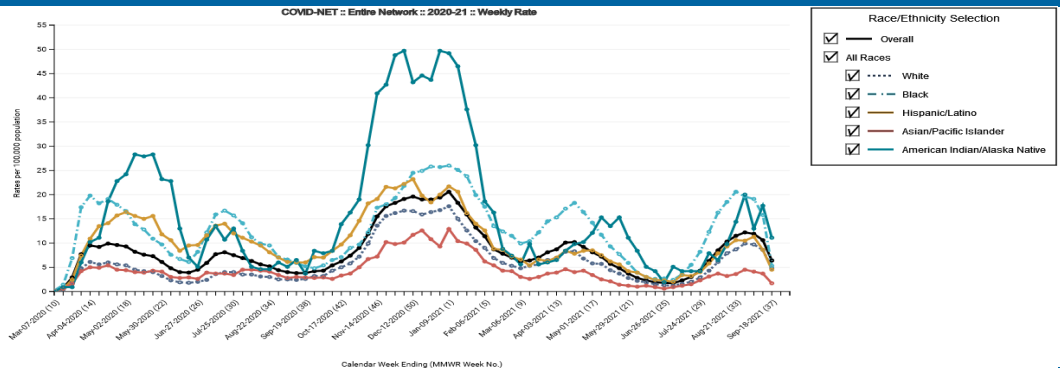
- Total tests reported: 570,080,992
- Positive tests reported: 44,392,321
- Percent of positive tests (7-day): 7.1%

US COVID-19 7-Day Case Rate per 100,000, by State/Territory



RATES FOR COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY, U.S.

As of September 18, 2021, the table to the right shows that AIAN nationwide higher rates of COVID-19 hospitalization than any other race/ethnicity group.



COVID-19 CASES BY IHS AREA

	NEGATIVE CASES	POSITIVE CASES	TESTED
ALASKA	644,474	19,022	762,171
ALBUQUERQUE	81,486	8,837	112,625
BEMIDJI	186,951	14,379	202,503
BILLINGS	107,402	8,591	119,723
CALIFORNIA	100,992	11,842	117,580
GREAT PLAINS	158,021	15,906	174,650
NASHVILLE	98,417	9,179	109,548
NAVAJO	229,242	36,103	317,454
OKLAHOMA CITY	593,559	84,645	681,614
PHOENIX	183,810	26,661	211,552
PORTLAND	146,070	10,750	157,527
TUCSON	34,369	3,225	37,720

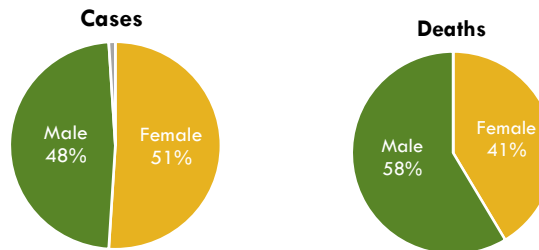
*as of 11:59PM EST September 26, 2021

CALIFORNIA

As of September 27, 2021, there were a total of 4,471,635 positive cases and 68,362 deaths in California.

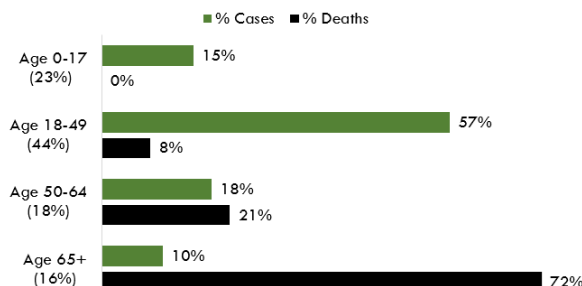
Confirmed positive cases by gender:

- Female: 2,280,534
- Male: 2,146,385
- Unknown: 44,716



Confirmed positive cases by age:

- Age 0-17: 670,745
- Age 18-49: 2,548,832
- Age 50-64: 804,894
- Age 65 and older: 447,164





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California COVID-19 threat level: **High**

DAILY NEW CASES

15.5 PER 100K

COVID NOT CONTAINED, BUT DAILY NEW CASES ARE AT MEDIUM LEVELS

INFECTION RATE

0.80

COVID IS STILL SPREADING, BUT AT LOW LEVELS

POSITIVE TEST RATE

3.2%

INDICATES MEDIUM TESTING

Lab tests reported statewide*: 91,654,152

7-day test positivity rate*: 2.6%

*as of 9/26/21

Numerous public health labs in California are testing for COVID-19 samples. Click [HERE](#) to find your nearest testing site.

COVID-19 CASES BY VARIANTS OF INTEREST, CALIFORNIA

As of September 22, 167,468 samples have been sequenced in California. In August 2021, 9% of cases in California have been sequenced so far. In July 2021, 16% of cases in California were sequenced. The table below shows the percent of specimens sequenced that are variants of concern or variants of interest statewide.

Specimen Collection Month	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon	Zeta	Eta	Iota	Kappa	Mu
21-Sept	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	93.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%

The following table shows the number of COVID-19 cases by variants of interest among the California counties with the most COVID-19 cases reported.

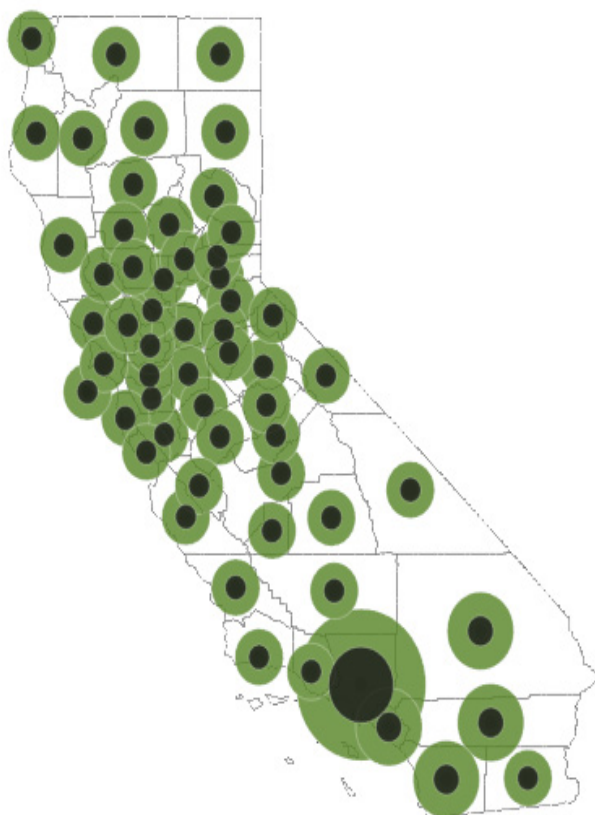
County	Number of Cases by Variants of Interest		Total COVID-19 Cases
	Alpha	Delta	
Los Angeles	N/A*	N/A*	1,454,172
San Diego	2,697	3,552	354,391
Riverside	169	373	354,041
San Bernardino	N/A*	N/A*	343,215
Orange	560	3,081	295,227
STATEWIDE TOTALS	16,525	67,116	4,471,635
Updated as of 9/27/21			
*to be updated as data becomes publicly available			

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CALIFORNIA AREA

117,580 Tribal or Urban Indian Health Program patients in the California Area have been tested for COVID-19 as of 9/26/2021.

Of these, 11,842 patients have tested positive for COVID-19 and 100,992 have tested negative for COVID-19. The 7-day rolling average positivity rate is 14.2%.

CONFIRMED CASES AND DEATHS BY COUNTY



Counties with most reported cases

Los Angeles	1,390,577
San Diego	354,414
Riverside	342,257
San Bernardino	339,771
Orange	296,085

Counties with most reported deaths

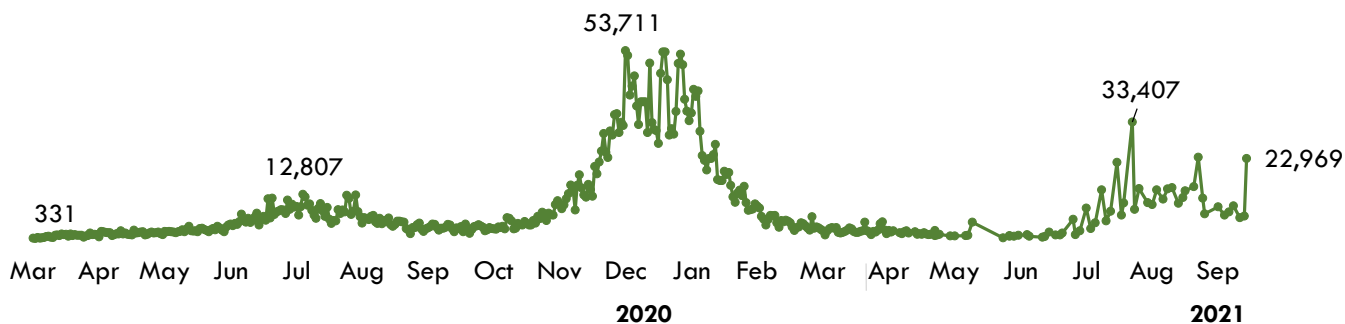
Los Angeles	26,035
San Bernardino	5,545
Orange	5,409
Riverside	4,864
San Diego	4,051

As of 9/27/2021. Source: CDPH

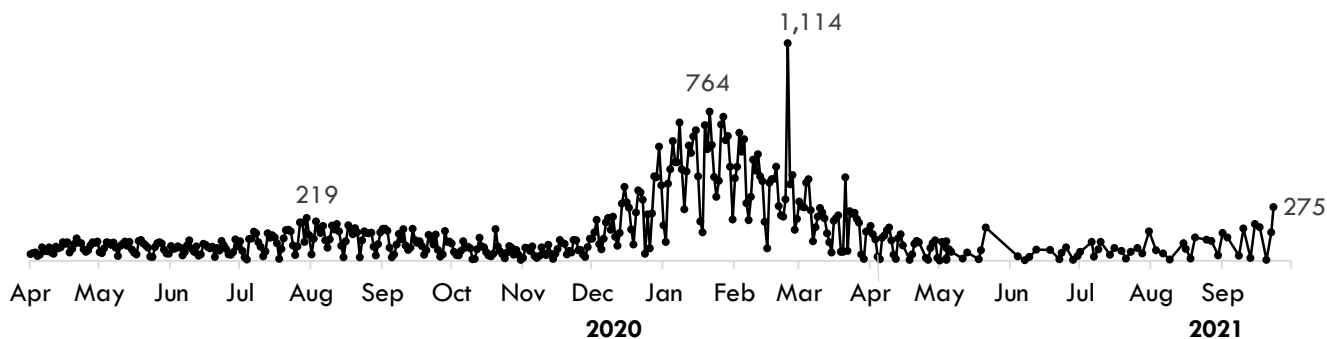
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New Confirmed Cases in California by Date



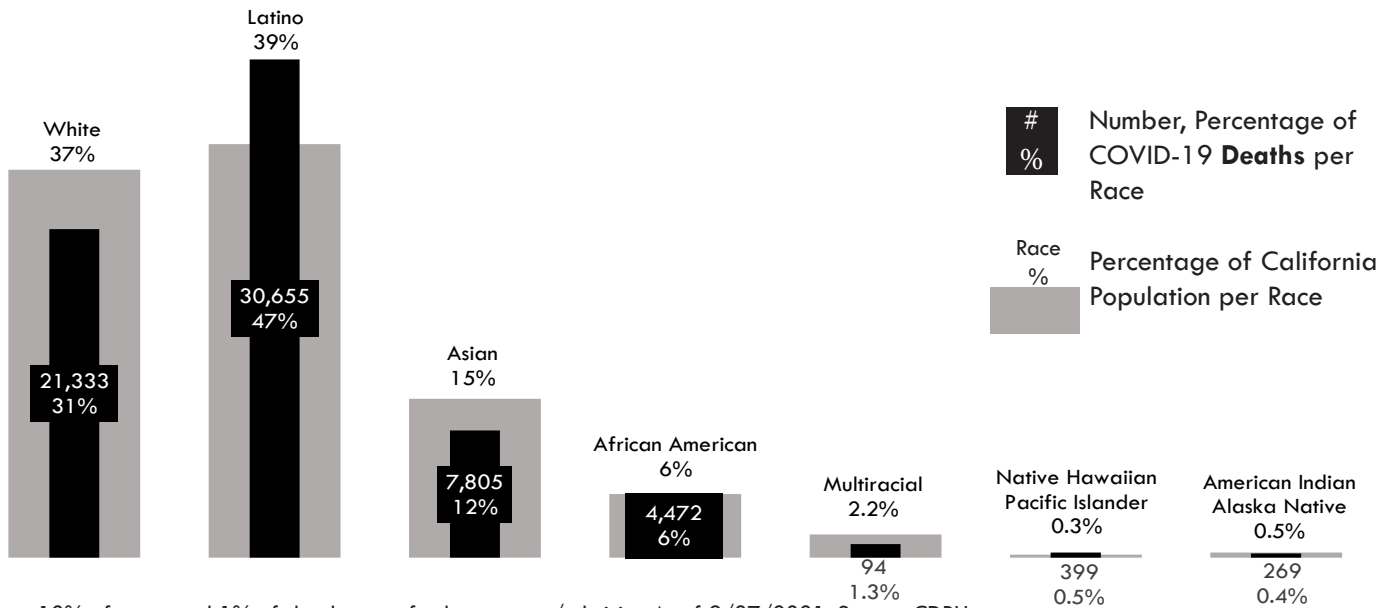
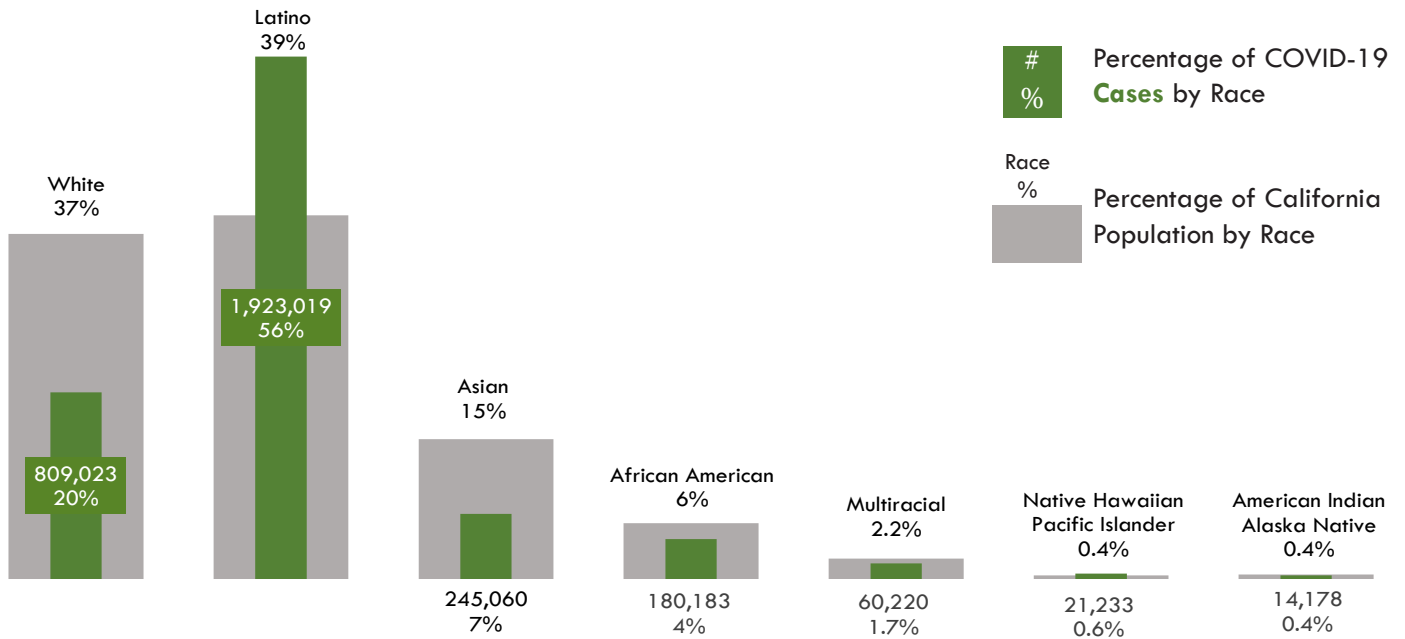
New Confirmed Deaths in California by Date



As of 9/27/2021. Source: CDPH

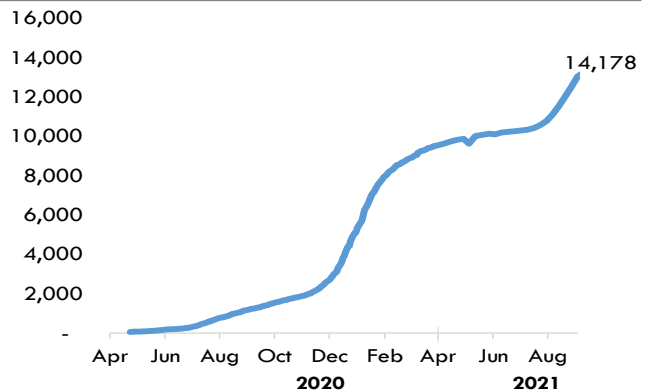
Racial distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths in California

American Indians and Alaska Natives account for 0.5% percent of the population, **0.4% of COVID-19 cases**, and **0.4% of deaths** in California. This includes a total of **14,178 cases** and **269 deaths** among American Indian and Alaska Native people in California.



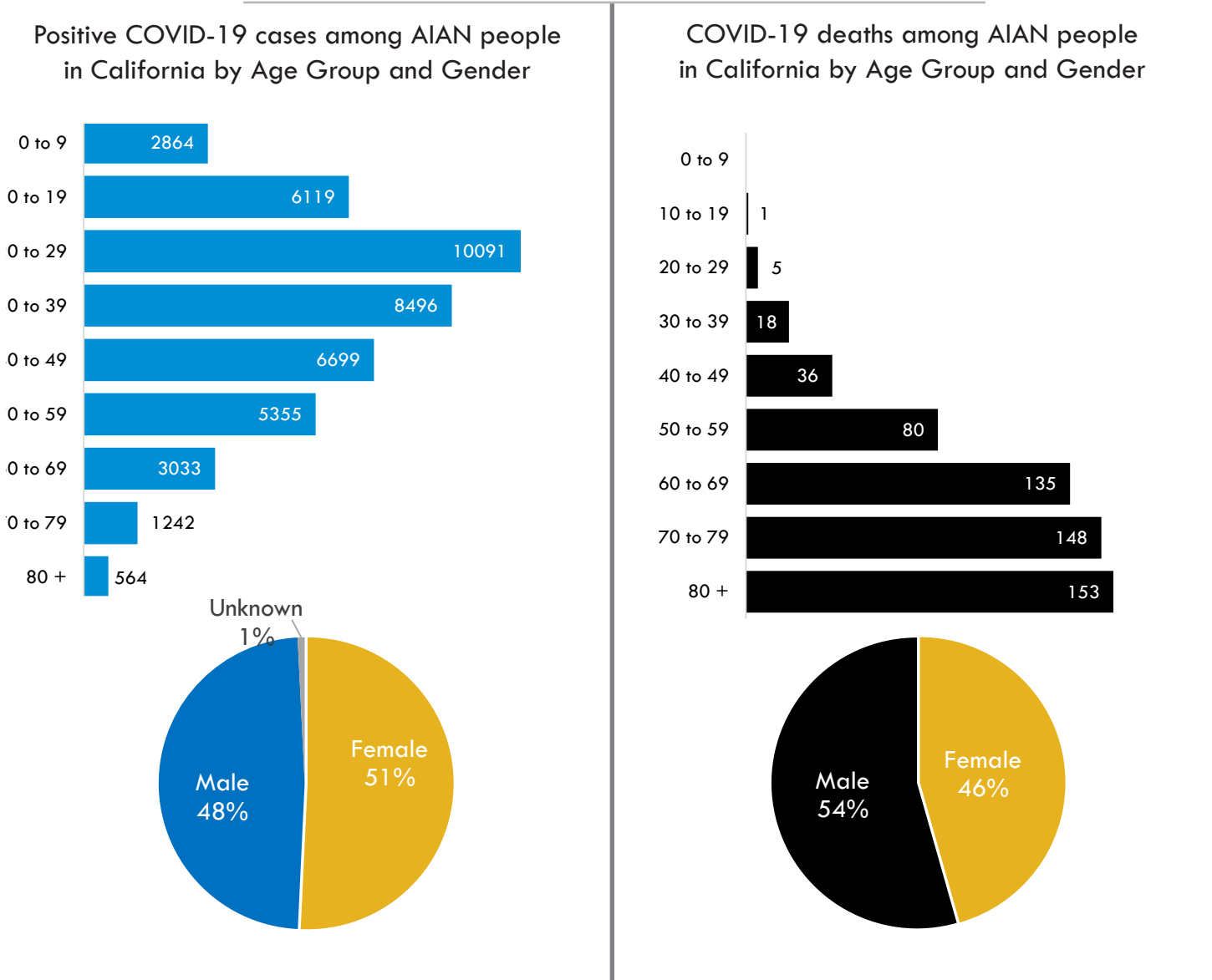
Note: 10% of cases and 1% of deaths are of unknown race/ethnicity. As of 9/27/2021. Source: CDPH

Data from California Department of Public Health (CDPH) include all positive cases of AIAN diagnosed in California.



As of 9/27/2021. Source: CDPH

American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) data reported by California to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

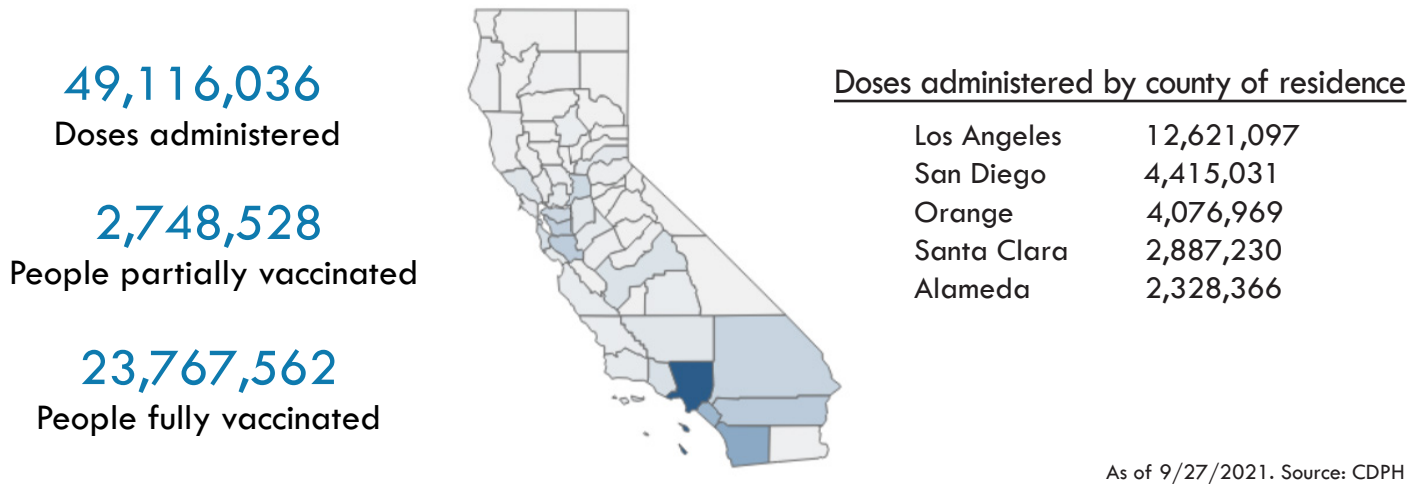


California Department of Public Health reports COVID-19 data on American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) people that only identify in one racial category. Below is a comparison using CDC's data on AIAN cases and deaths in California by racial classification, using a more restrictive definition (AIAN alone) versus a more comprehensive definition (AIAN in combination with other races/ethnicities).

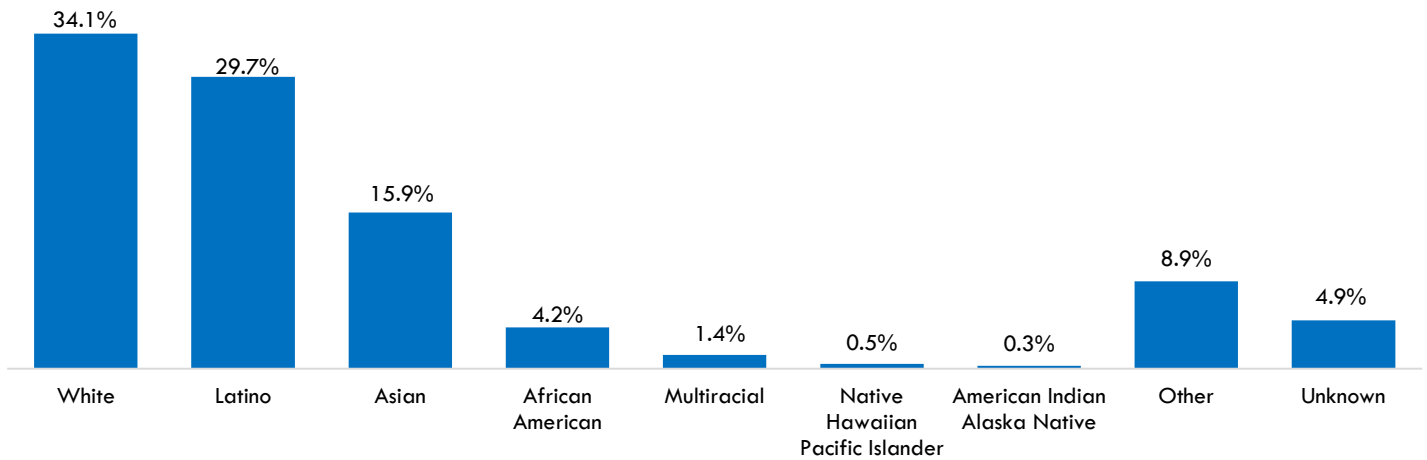
	Cases	Deaths
AIAN alone	11,010	246
AIAN in combination	44,463	589

Two sources for tracking American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) vaccinations administered in California

Data from [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) does not include vaccines administered by Federal entities such as **Indian Health Service**, Department of Defense, U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons, and Veterans Affairs.



Racial distribution of people with at least one dose of vaccine administered in California



Note: "Other" means those who don't fall under any race or ethnicity. "Unknown" includes those who declined to state or whose race and ethnicity information is missing. As of 9/22/2021. Source: CDPH

Data from the [Indian Health Service \(IHS\)](#) shows the total number of vaccine doses (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen) distributed and administered by IHS Area to date

Area	Total Doses Distributed	Total Doses Administered
Albuquerque	137,405	139,686
Bemidji	173,365	130,481
Billings	78,425	53,625
California	245,485	167,724
Great Plains	152,180	106,883
Nashville	108,265	79,232
Navajo	286,555	260,689
Oklahoma City	528,530	412,989
Phoenix	210,990	172,613
Portland	109,525	81,449
Tucson	13,790	10,647

*As of 9/20/2021. Source: IHS

American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) COVID-19 cases reported by local public health departments in selected California counties

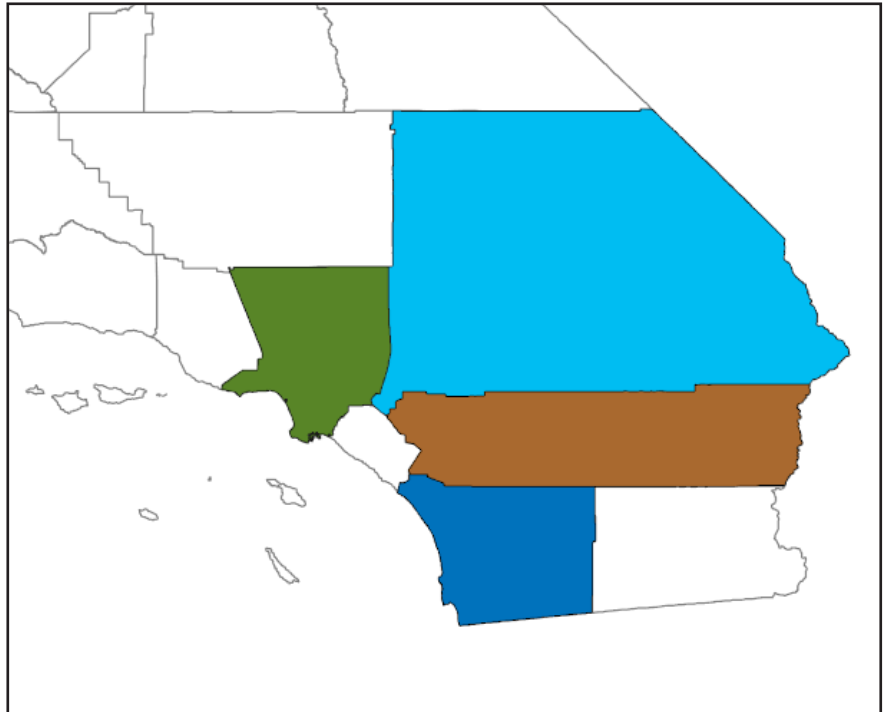
Los Angeles County*	
AIAN Cases	2,326
AIAN Deaths	53
AIAN Tested	11,838

*Note: Data do not include the Cities of Long Beach and Pasadena.

San Bernardino County	
AIAN Cases	3,108
AIAN Deaths	32

San Diego County	
AIAN Cases	1,166
AIAN Deaths	13
AIAN Tested	16,438

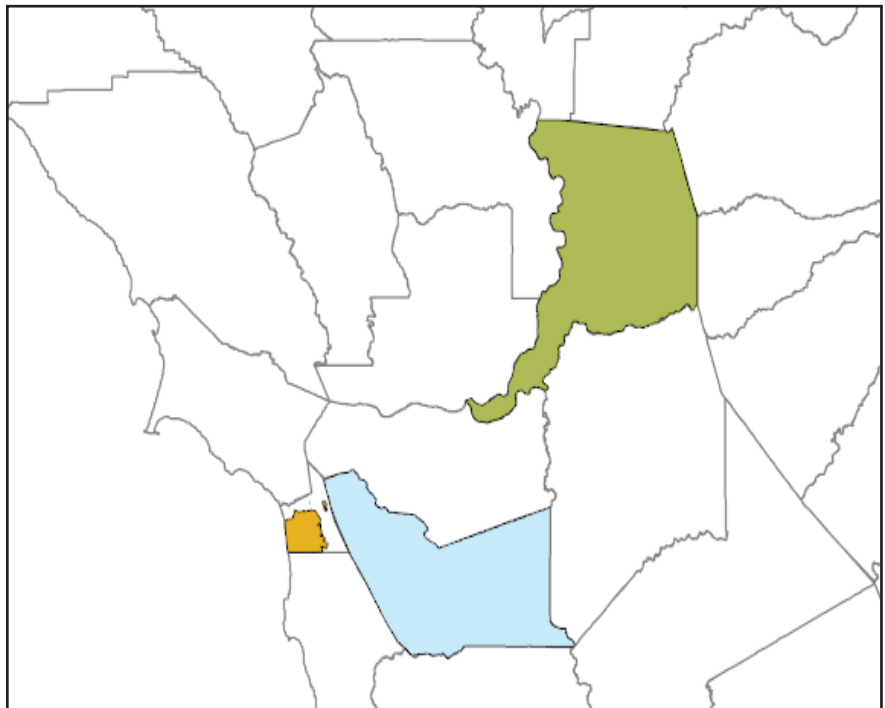
Riverside County	
AIAN Cases	1,329
AIAN Deaths	25



Sacramento County	
AIAN Cases	619
AIAN Deaths	13

San Francisco County	
AIAN Cases	164
AIAN Deaths	0

Alameda County	
AIAN Cases	277
AIAN Deaths	na



As of 9/27/2021. Source: County of Los Angeles Public Health, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, San Diego County Communicable Disease Registry, Riverside University Health System-Public Health, Sacramento County Public Health, DataSF, and Alameda County Department of Public Health.