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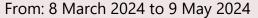


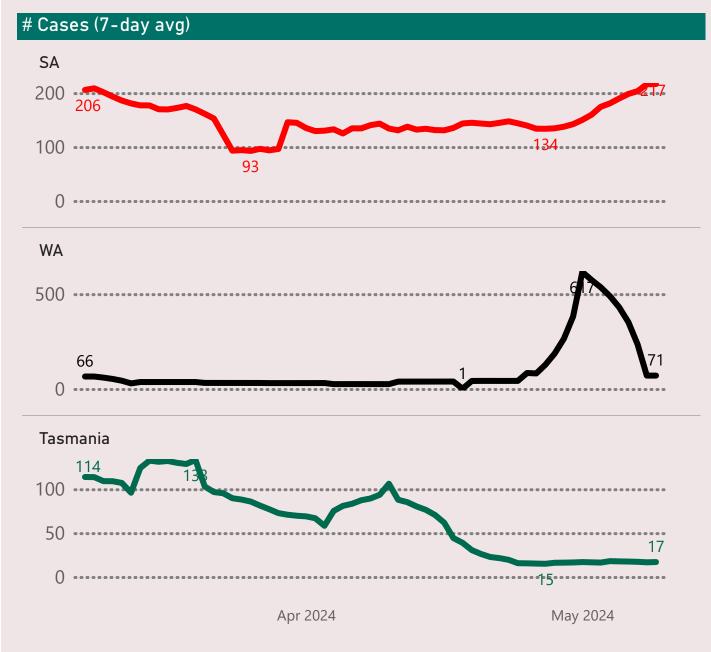
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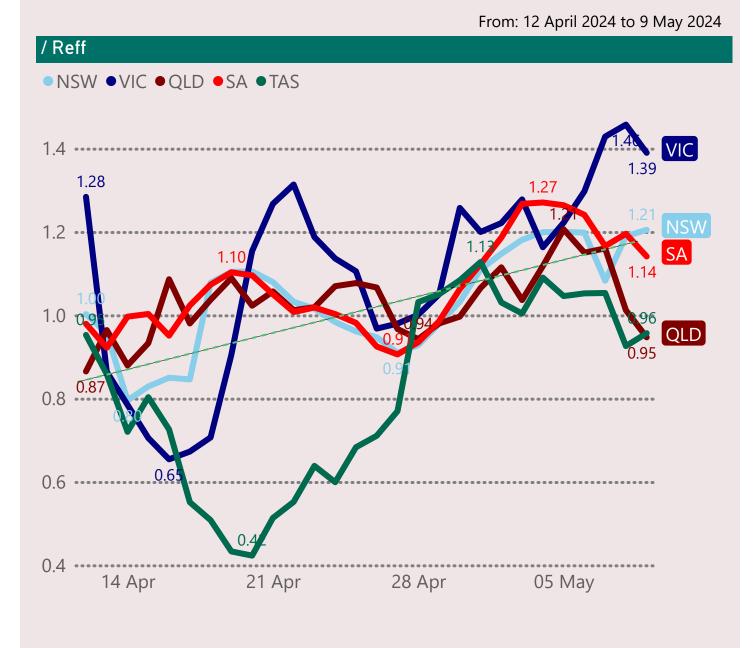
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- SA: PCR+RAT cases
- WA: long lags with sporadic "massive dumps". Quite useless for analysis, but included for completeness
- TAS: was PCR+RAT but changed in April 2024 to PCR only, so can only compare trends.

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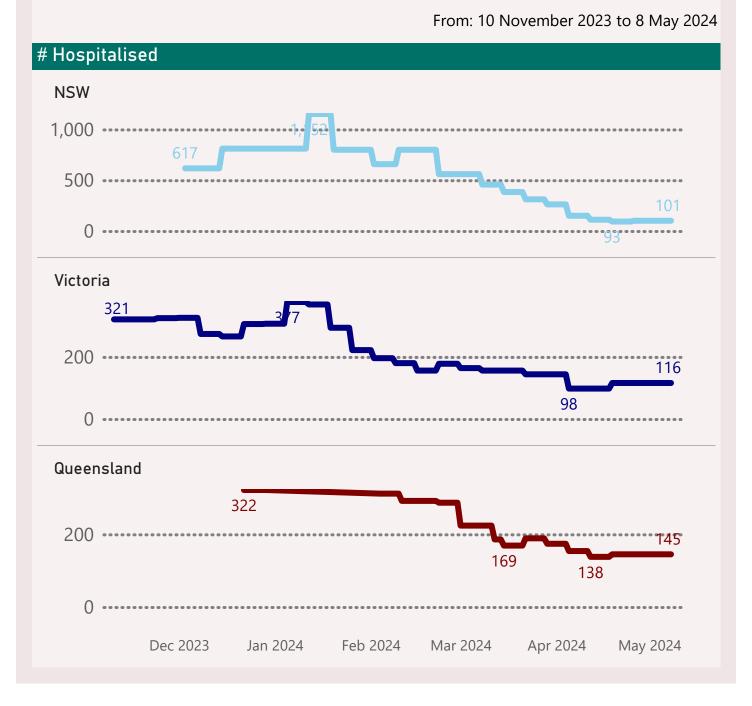
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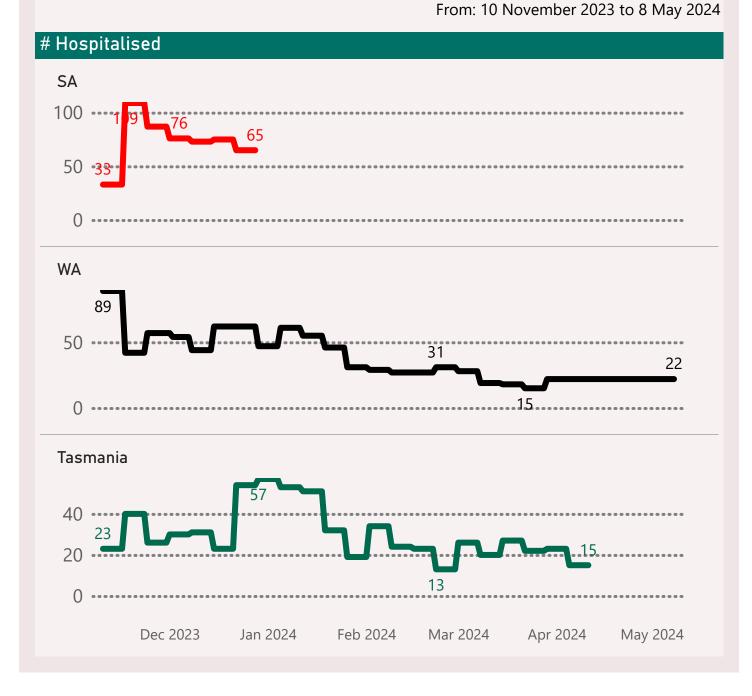
The Reff is a comparison of the current 7-day average against the same figure 7 days ago. This will tend to smooth out the differences in data collection methods and criteria across these states.

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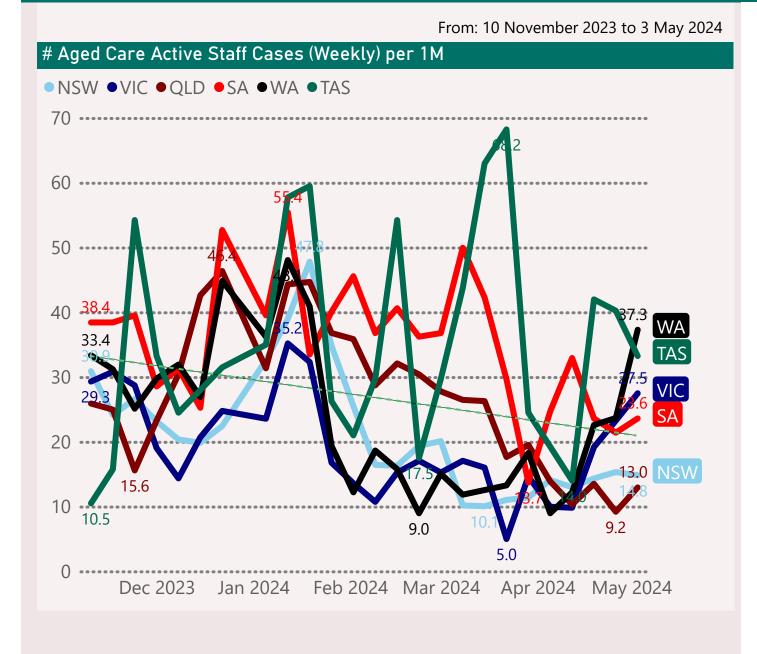
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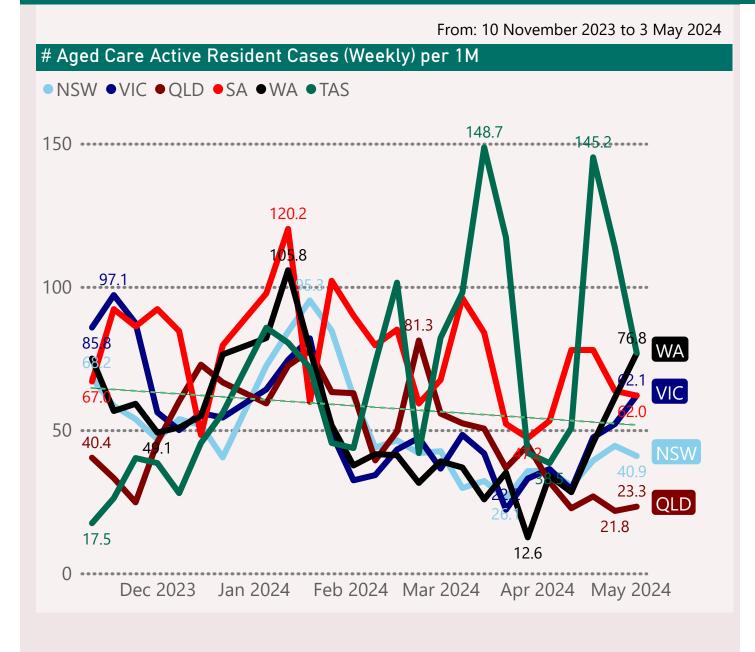
This page shows the trends in hospitalised cases for South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

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This page shows Aged Care Active Staff cases for all states. These are probably one of the closest proxies available for infection levels, due to higher testing levels in this cohort.

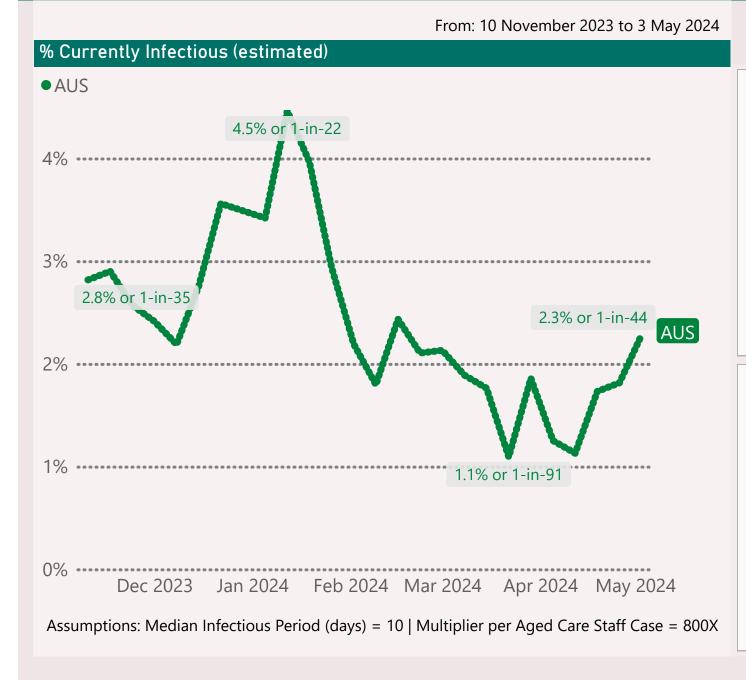
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This page shows Aged Care Active Resident cases for all states.

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### Australian COVID statistics by Geography. Data from <a href="health.gov.au">health.gov.au</a>. Source files and more info on <a href="github">github</a>.



% People Infected (estimated)

41.6%

# People Infected (estimated)

10.8M

This page estimates the % of the Australian population Currently Infectious, based on Aged Care Staff Cases. The (somewhat heroic) assumption is that this data series has been consistent across the time period, with data shared for all states and territories, with the same data collection and testing methods used in every jurisdiction and over time, and with the same relative relationship to population cases.

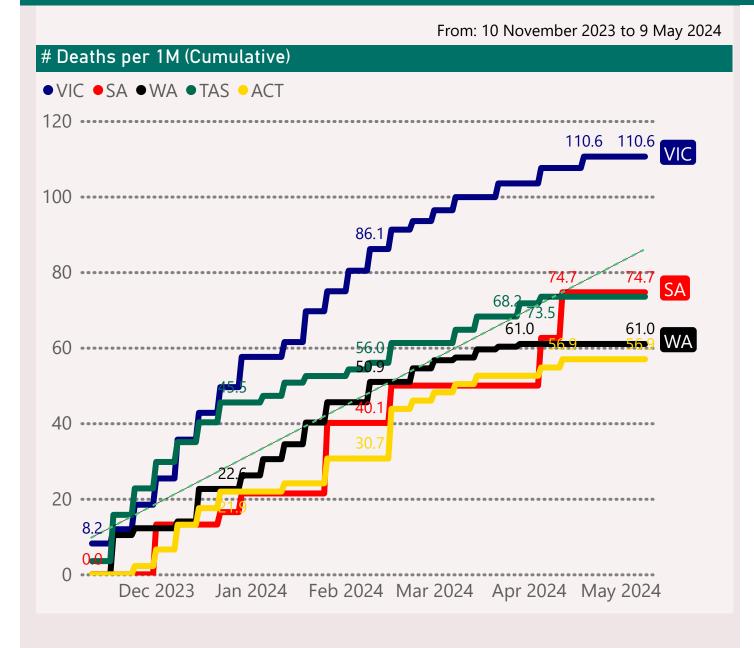
Starting from that assumption, the total of Aged Care Staff Cases were translated into population level infections using this method:

#### Starting from the <u>Kirby seroprevalence surveys</u>:

- 1. Between Round 3 and 4, seroprevalence increased by 19%
- 2. Add 20% for the limits of seroprevalence testing (maxes out at 80%) = 23% infected
- 3. 23% of the Australian population of  $\sim$ 26M = 6M
- 4. Between the end date for Round 3 (2 Sep 2022) and Round 4 (13 Dec 2022), around 7,600 Australian Aged Care Staff cases were reported
- 5. Therefore, each Aged Care Staff Case represents ~800 infections in the broader population (6M / 7,600 = 789)

The last 6 months are shown. A median Infectious Period of 10 days is used to get from daily cases to the percentage Currently Infected.

The estimated total number of people infected across that period is calculated, both as a % of the Australian population and as the number of people. This ignores reinfections during the period, which are less likely over a 6-month window.



This page shows cumulative deaths for the states that still report deaths, currently: Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania plus the ACT.

They are shown on a per-capita basis: cases per 1 million population, to help compare death rates.

There may be some differences in the criteria used by each state.

South Australia only reports deaths once per months, so the cumulative presentation helps to standardise SA vs the other states.

The last 26 weeks are shown.