

Three years of pandemic

As COVID-19, the most widespread pandemic to have hit the planet, enters its fourth year, it appears to be turning endemic and adding to the world's burden of diseases

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Year-wise cases

Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania saw their maximum caseload in 2022

	COVID-19 cases (in million)		
	2020	2021	2022
Africa	2.76	6.98	2.69
Asia	19.90	64.28	111.71
Europe	23.92	65.17	152.45
North America	23.21	41.91	52.51
Oceania	0.05	0.54	12.67
South America	13.23	26.45	25.71

Year-wise deaths

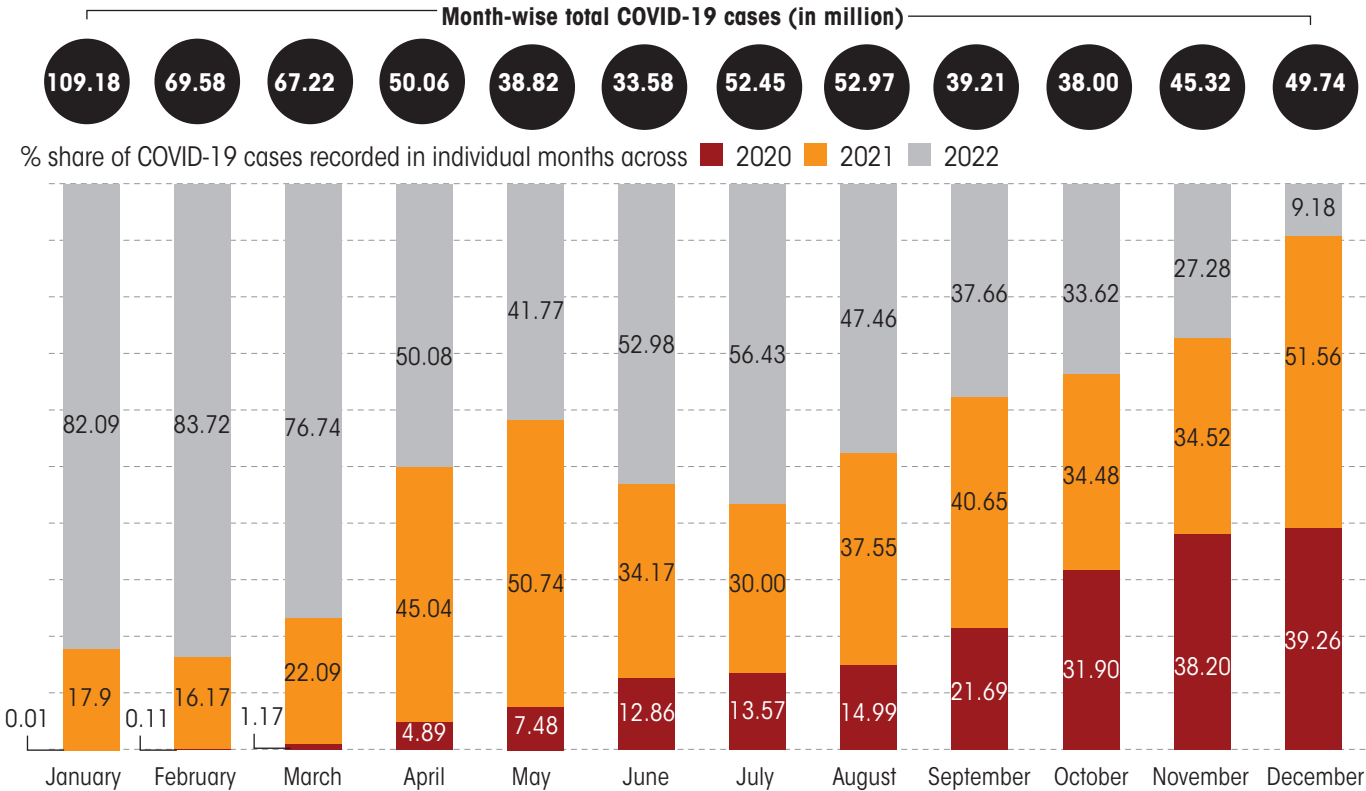
Europe and North America witnessed 64% of the total COVID-19 deaths in 2022

	COVID-19 deaths		
	2020	2021	2022
Africa	65,507	163,031	28,803
Asia	337,086	914,815	246,044
Europe	569,149	994,173	423,450
North America	508,701	706,598	320,624
Oceania	1,061	3,458	16,653
South America	413,261	765,948	133,481

As on December 5, 2022; Source: Our World in Data

2022 saw the highest case burden...

In seven months of 2022, the world saw the highest number of cases since the start of the outbreak



... but a lower death burden than previous years

The death burden has dropped significantly starting April this year

