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# Summary

November 2022

November 1 – November 30, 2022 (n = 31,080)

## Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September 2021, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by February 2022 likely due to third vaccine dose administration. Recently rising values in most age groups may be related to vaccination or infection.

## Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in November was 70.78% (95% CI 70.27, 71.30), higher than in October was 67.37% (95% CI 66.84, 67.89),  $P < 0.0001$ ). There was week-to-week fluctuation over November from 69.90% (95% CI 68.74, 71.06) to 70.42% (95% CI 69.50, 71.34) to 71.23% (95% CI 70.26, 72.20) to 70.80% (95% CI 69.77, 71.83).
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate at 84.55% (95% CI 83.39, 85.71) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to October.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in November compared to October in all provinces, however the increase was not statistically significant in Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (78.67% (95% CI 77.65, 79.70)) compared to white donors (68.58% (95% CI 67.99, 69.17)).

October 2022

October 1 – October 31, 2022 (n = 31,457)

### Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September 2021, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by February 2022 likely due to third vaccine dose administration. Recently rising values in most age groups may be related to vaccination or infection.

### Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in October was 67.37% (95% CI 66.84, 67.89), higher than in September (63.22% (95% CI 62.69, 63.76),  $P < 0.0001$ ). There was a modest week to-week change over October from 66.37% (95% CI 65.29, 67.44) to 66.12% (95% CI 65.07, 67.16) to 67.79% (95% CI 66.72, 68.86) to 68.47% (95% CI 67.51, 69.42).
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate at 81.73% (95% CI 80.50, 82.96) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to September.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in October compared to September in all provinces, however the increase was not statistically significant in Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (75.25% (95% CI 74.14, 76.35)) compared to white donors (65.33% (95% CI 64.73, 65.94)).

## September 2022

September 1 - September 30, 2022 (n=31,637)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September 2021, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by February 2022 likely due to third vaccine dose administration.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in September was 63.22% (95% CI 62.69, 63.76), higher than in August (58.54% (95% CI 58.02, 59.06)),  $P < 0.0001$ ). There was a modest week-to-week change over September from 61.14% (95% CI 60.02, 62.26) to 63.43% (95% CI 62.41, 64.46) to 62.85% (95% CI 61.84, 63.86) to 65.38% (95% CI 64.29, 66.48).
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (78.26% (95% CI 76.96, 79.57)) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to August.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in September compared to August in all provinces, however the increase was not statistically significant in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (70.14% (95% CI 68.97, 71.31)) compared to white donors (61.75% (95% CI 61.13, 62.37)).

## August 2022

August 1 - August 31 2022 (n=35,165)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September 2021, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by February 2022 likely due to third vaccine dose administration.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in August was 58.54% (95% CI 58.02, 59.06), higher than in July (54.01% (95% CI 53.45, 54.56)),  $P < 0.0001$ ). There was a modest week-to-week change over August from 56.80% (95% CI 55.64, 57.96) to 58.29% (95% CI 57.30, 59.27) to 58.59% (95% CI 57.59, 59.59) to 59.87% (95% CI 58.89, 60.86).
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (74.98% (95% CI 73.68, 76.28) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to July.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in August compared to July in all provinces, however the increase was not statistically significant in Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (67.44% (95% CI 66.30, 68.58)) compared to white donors (56.62% (95% CI 56.02, 57.23)).

## July 2022

July 1 - July 31 2022 (n=31,275)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September 2021, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by February 2022 likely due to third vaccine dose administration. A slight increase in concentration in those over 60 was observed in May and June, consistent with a fourth dose, however this increase levelled off in July.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in July was 54.01% (95% CI 53.45, 54.56), higher than in June (50.7% (95% CI 50.15, 51.26))  $P < 0.0001$ ). There was a modest week-to-week change over July from 52.32% (95% CI 51.22, 53.42) to 52.70% (95% CI 51.62, 53.77) to 54.68% (95% CI 53.61, 55.74) to 56.51% (95% CI 55.35, 57.67).
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (71.15% (95% CI 69.71, 72.59) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to June.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in July compared to June in all provinces except PEI, however the increase was only statistically significant in British Columbia, Ontario, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (62.27% (95% CI 61.03, 63.51)) compared to white donors (52.01% (95% CI 51.37, 52.06)).

## June 2022

June 1 - June 30 2022 (n=32,121)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September 2021, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by February 2022 likely due to third vaccine dose administration. An increase in concentration in those over 60 is observed in May and continued into June consistent with a fourth dose.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in June was 50.7% (95% CI 50.15, 51.26), higher than in May 2022 (46.32% (95% CI 45.77, 46.87)  $P < 0.0001$ ). There was minimal week-to-week change over June from 50.47% (95% CI 49.32, 51.63) to 51.07% (95% CI 50.04, 52.10) to 50.26% (95% CI 49.25, 51.27) to 50.76% (95% CI 49.58, 51.94).
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (66.29% (95% CI 64.81, 67.77) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to May.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in June compared to May in all provinces.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (58.03% (95% CI 56.79, 59.27)) compared to white donors (49.01% (95% CI 48.38, 49.65)).

May 2022

May 1 - May 31 2022 (n=31,764)

**•Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):**

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September 2021, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by February 2022 likely due to third vaccine dose administration. An increase in concentration in those over 60 is observed in May.

**•Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):**

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in May 2022 was 46.32% (95% CI 45.77, 46.87), higher than April 2022 (36.71% (95% CI 36.16, 37.26),  $P < 0.0001$ ). There was a gradual increase over May from 42.74% (95% CI 41.65, 43.84) to 46.11% (95% CI 45.00, 47.21) to 47.03% (95% CI 45.96, 48.10) to 48.96% (95% CI 47.87, 50.06) with the persistence of the Omicron variant.
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (64.47% (95% CI 62.96, 65.98) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to April.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in May compared to April in all provinces except PEI.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (54.35% (95% CI 53.12, 55.58)) compared to white donors (44.31% (95% CI 43.67, 44.95)).
- Among repeat tested donors, new infections in unvaccinated donors have increased from June 2021 1.53% (95% CI 1.14, 2.00) to 9.12% (95% CI 8.24, 10.07) in January 2022 and 46.83% (95% CI 44.57, 49.10) in May 2022
- Potential breakthrough infections remained low from June 2021 to December 2021, but increased from 5.19% (95% CI 4.68, 5.74) in January 2022 to 31.02% (95% CI 30.17, 31.88) in May 2022.



## April 2022

April 1 - April 30 2022 (n=29,787)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 99.74% (95% CI 99.60, 99.88%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September 2021, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by February 2022 likely due to third vaccine dose administration, but are now declining.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in April 2022 was 36.71% (95% CI 36.16, 37.26), higher than March 2022 (28.70% (95% CI 28.15, 29.26),  $P < 0.0001$ ). There was a gradual increase over April from 32.83% (95% CI 31.67, 33.98) to 35.54% (95% CI 34.47, 36.60) to 37.64% (95% CI 36.62, 38.65) to 40.04% (95% CI 38.90, 41.18) with the persistence of the Omicron variant.
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (55.37% (95% CI 53.76, 56.99) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to March.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in April compared to March in all provinces.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (45.06% (95% CI 43.77, 46.34)) compared to white donors (34.78% (95% CI 34.15, 35.42)).
- Among repeat tested donors, new infections in unvaccinated donors have increased from June 2021 1.53% (95% CI 1.14, 2.00) to 9.12% (95% CI 8.24, 10.07) in January 2022 and 37.19% (95% CI 35.14, 39.28) in April 2022
- Potential breakthrough infections remained low from June 2021 to December 2021, but increased from 5.19% (95% CI 4.68, 5.74) in January 2022 to 21.99 (95% CI 21.19, 22.80) in April 2022.

## March 2022

March 1 - March 31 2022 (n=26,026)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 99.57% (95% CI 99.42, 99.73%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by February likely due to third vaccine dose administration, but were starting to decline in March.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in March 2022 was 28.70% (95% CI 28.15, 29.25), higher than February 2022 (23.68% (95% CI 23.18, 24.18)).( $P < 0.0001$ ). There was a gradual increase over the 31 day reporting period from 27.02% (95% CI 25.95, 28.09) to 27.54% (95% CI 26.47, 28.61) to 30.68% (95% CI 29.61, 31.75) to 29.52% (95% CI 28.34, 30.69) consistent with the persistence of the Omicron variant.
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (44.27% (95% CI 42.54, 46.01) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to February.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in March compared to February in all provinces with the exception of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador where sample sizes are smaller.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (38.58% (95% CI 37.21, 39.95)) compared to white donors (26.27% (95% CI 25.65, 26.89)).
- Among repeat tested donors, new infections in unvaccinated donors have increased from June 1.53% (95% CI 1.14, 2.00) to 9.12% (95% CI 8.24, 10.07) in January and 29.49% (95% CI 27.57, 31.48) in March
- Potential breakthrough infections remained low from June to December, but increased from 5.19% (95% CI 4.68, 5.74) in January to 17.50 (95% CI 16.66, 18.37) in March.

## February 2022

February 1 - February 28 2022 (n=28,616)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 99.60% (95% CI 99.45, 99.75%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by February likely due to third vaccine dose administration.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in February 2022 was 23.68% (95% CI 23.18, 24.18), higher than January 2022 (12.12% (95% CI 11.76, 12.48)). ( $P < 0.0001$ ). There was a gradual increase over the 28 day reporting period from 21.39% (20.31, 22.48) to 23.43% (22.41, 24.45) to 23.68% (22.77, 24.58) to 25.25% (95% CI 24.30, 26.20) consistent with emergence of the Omicron variant.
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (36.27% (95% CI 34.68, 37.86%)) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to January.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in February compared to January in all provinces.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (33.45% (95% CI 32.16, 34.73)) compared to white donors (21.17% (95% CI 20.62, 21.72%)).
- Among repeat tested donors, new infections in unvaccinated donors have increased from June 1.53% (1.14, 2.00) to 9.12% (95% CI 8.24, 10.07) in January, and more than doubled in February (23.71%, 95% CI 22.10, 25.37).
- Potential breakthrough infections remained low from June to December, but increased from 5.19% (95% CI 4.68, 5.74) in January to 15.56% (95% CI 14.72, 16.42) in February.

## January 2022

January 1 - January 31 2022 (n=32,505)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 98.89% (95% CI 98.73, 99.06%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. Concentrations increased in all age groups by January likely due to third vaccine dose administration.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in January 2022 was 12.12% (95% CI 11.76, 12.48), higher than December 2021 at 6.39% (95% CI 6.01, 6.76) ( $P < 0.001$ ). There was a gradual increase over the 31 day reporting period from 7.16% (6.62, 7.71) to 10.09% (9.46, 10.71) to 12.65% (11.84, 13.45) to 16.30% (95% CI 15.51, 17.09) consistent with emergence of the Omicron variant.
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (22.22% (95% CI 20.93, 23.51%)) compared to other age groups. However, the seroprevalence rate increased in all age groups compared to December.
- Seroprevalence rates increased in January compared to December in almost all provinces.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (18.29% (95% CI 17.27, 19.32)) compared to white donors (10.73% (95% CI 10.34, 11.12%)).
- Among repeat tested donors, new infections in unvaccinated donors have increased from June 1.53% (1.14, 2.00) to 3.91% (3.11, 4.83%) in December and more than doubled in January to 9.012% (95% CI 8.24, 10.07).
- Potential breakthrough infections remained low from June to December, but increased from 0.74% (95% CI 0.48, 1.10) in December to 5.19% (95% CI 4.68, 5.74) in January.

## December 2021

December 14 - December 30 2021 (n=16,816)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 98.58% (95% CI 98.34, 98.82%) (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were high by September, but gradually decreased. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. By December, concentrations increased in older age groups likely due to administration of third doses consistent with policies to vaccinate older age groups earlier.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in December was 6.39% (95% CI 6.01, 6.76), higher than November at 5.08% (95% CI 4.58, 5.50) ( $P < 0.001$ ). There was a gradual increase over the 17 day reporting period from 5.60% (5.03, 6.18) to 6.55% (5.95, 7.15) to 7.51% (6.63, 8.39) consistent with emergence of the Omicron variant.
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (11.37% (95% CI 9.99, 12.75%)) compared to other age groups.
- Seroprevalence rates remained similar to November in most provinces, however, rates increased in December in Alberta (12.94% (95% CI 11.62, 14.27%),  $P < 0.001$ ) and Ontario (5.43% (95% CI 4.94, 5.92%),  $P < 0.001$ ) compared to November.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (10.40% (95% CI 9.32, 11.48%)) compared to white donors (5.21% (95% CI 4.81, 5.61%)).
- Among repeat tested donors, new infections in unvaccinated donors have increased since June 1.53% (1.14, 2.00) to 3.91% (3.11, 4.83%) in December but vaccine breakthrough infections are low, 0.74% (0.48, 1.10%).

## November 2021

November 13 - November 24 2021 (n=9,018)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The (adjusted) proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 98.52% (95% CI 98.18, 98.86%), slightly higher than October (based on results from the Spike antibody assay)( $P = 0.039$ ). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were very high (>2500 U/mL) by July, but gradually decreasing in almost all age groups as the months progress with the greatest decrease in older age groups. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. These results are consistent with policies to vaccinate older age groups earlier.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in November was 5.08% (95% CI 4.58, 5.50), higher than October at 4.26% (95% CI 3.85, 4.68%) ( $P = 0.014$ ).
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (9.35% (95% CI 7.62, 11.07%)) compared to other age groups.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (8.28% (95% CI 6.82, 9.74%)) compared to white donors (4.56% (95% CI 4.05, 5.07%)).
- Among repeat tested donors, new infections in unvaccinated donors have increased since June 1.53% (1.14, 2.00) to 3.19% (2.42, 4.13) in November but vaccine breakthrough infections are low, 0.6% (0.37, 0.93).

## October 2021

October 14 - October 23 2021 (n=9,627)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 98.01% (95% CI 97.65, 98.36%), slightly higher than September (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were very high (>2500 AU/mL) by July, but began to decrease in older individuals by September. In October values are still very high but gradually decreasing in all age groups. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. These results are consistent with policies to vaccinate older age groups earlier.
- Similar to past reports, donors living in affluent neighbourhoods had higher seroprevalence rates, 99.25% (95% CI 98.72, 99.79%) compared to those living in the most materially deprived neighbourhoods, 97.13% (95% CI 95.64, 98.61%).
- Of 25,100 donors tested on 2 or more occasions since January 2021, the most common (55.2%) test profile was presumed unvaccinated to vaccinated (N negative S negative on their first tested donation and N negative S positive on their last tested donation). There were 15 presumed breakthrough infections (donors who were N negative S positive on their first tested donation and N positive S positive on their last tested donation).

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in October was 4.26% (95% CI 3.85, 4.68%) similar to September, 2021 at 4.38% (95% CI 3.96, 4.81%).
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (7.50% (95% CI 5.98, 9.01%)) compared to other age groups.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (6.18% (95% CI 4.92, 7.45%)) compared to white donors (3.85% (95% CI 3.40, 4.31%)).

## September 2021

September 14 - September 24 2021 (n=9,363)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 97.03% (95% CI 96.62, 97.44%), slightly higher than August (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Spike antibody concentrations were very high (>2500 AU/mL) by July, but are beginning to decrease in older individuals by September. A peak in values followed by decline is expected after vaccination. These results are consistent with policies to vaccinate older age groups earlier.
- Similar to past reports, donors living in affluent neighbourhoods had higher seroprevalence rates, 97.56% (95% CI 96.83, 98.28%) compared to those living in the most materially deprived neighbourhoods, 94.72% (95% CI 92.93, 96.51%).
- Of 21,727 donors tested on 2 or more occasions since January 2021, the most common (54.0%) test profile was presumed unvaccinated to vaccinated (N negative S negative on their first tested donation and N negative S positive on their last tested donation). There were 12 presumed breakthrough infections (donors who were N negative S positive on their first tested donation and N positive S positive on their last tested donation).

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in September was 4.38% (95% CI 3.96, 4.81%) similar to August, 2021 at 4.43% (95% CI 3.99, 4.86%).
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (8.70% (95% CI 7.06, 10.34%)) compared to other age groups. Rates in the 60+ age group increased significantly in September (2.78% (95% CI 2.13, 3.43%)) compared to August (1.61% (95% CI 1.09, 2.12%)) while other age groups did not change.
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (7.61% (95% CI 6.24, 8.97%)) compared to white donors (3.65% (95% CI 3.20, 4.10%)).



## August 2021

August 15 - August 26 2021 (n=9,109)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 96.09% (95% CI 95.63, 96.54) slightly up from July (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Median spike antibody concentrations increased in July compared to previous months ( $P < 0.001$ ) but increased even further in August ( $P < 0.001$ ).
- Similar to past reports, donors living in affluent neighbourhoods had higher seroprevalence rates, 98.25% (95% CI 97.56, 98.95%) compared to those living in the most materially deprived neighbourhoods, 93.41% (95% CI 91.45, 95.37%).
- Of 17,762 donors tested on 2 or more occasions since January 2021, the most common (52.9%) test profile was presumed unvaccinated to vaccinated (N negative S negative on their first tested donation and N negative S positive on their last tested donation). There were 11 presumed breakthrough infections (donors who were N negative S positive on their first tested donation and N positive S positive on their last tested donation).

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in August was 4.43% (95% CI 3.99, 4.86%) similar to July, 2021 at 4.08% (95% CI 3.65, 4.51%).
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (8.44% (95% CI 6.80, 10.09%)) compared to other age groups. Rates in this age group were highest in Manitoba at 24.95% (95% CI 13.53, 36.37%).
- Racialized groups have a higher seroprevalence rate (11.14% (95% CI 9.14, 13.15%)) compared to white donors (3.30% (95% CI 2.86, 3.74%)). Natural infection rates in racialized donors also increased significantly compared to July. Compared to previous reports, the gap between those in materially deprived vs. affluent neighbourhoods has begun to widen likely due to the 4th wave, 7.85% (95% CI 5.87, 9.83%) vs 3.27% (95% CI 2.52, 4.02%).

## July 2021

July 14 - July 23 2021 (n=8,457)

### •Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Spike antibody assay):

- Spike antibody results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 94.69% (95% CI 94.16, 95.22) a significant increase from June (based on results from the Spike antibody assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- Median Spike antibody concentrations increased in June compared to previous months ( $P < 0.001$ ) but increased more in July ( $P < 0.001$ ).
- The seroprevalence of white donors (95.04% (95% CI 94.44, 95.64%)) was not different from racialized groups (93.82% (95% CI 92.48, 95.15%)), this gap has closed compared to earlier surveys. Similar to past reports, donors living in affluent neighbourhoods had higher seroprevalence rates, 96.72% (95% CI 95.82, 97.61%) compared to those living in the most materially deprived neighbourhoods, 92.94% (95% CI 90.89, 95.00%).
- Of 14, 201 donors tested on 2 or more occasions since January 2021 the most common (51.2%) test profile was N negative S negative on their first tested donation and N negative S positive on their last tested donation, most likely due to vaccination. There were 5 donors who were N negative S positive on their first tested donation and N positive S positive on their last tested donation, potentially breakthrough infections.

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Nucleocapsid antibody assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in July was 4.08% (95% CI 3.65, 4.51%), decreased from June, 2021.
- Natural seroprevalence in most provinces except Alberta plateaued, likely due to widescale vaccination and social restrictions.
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (6.71% (95% CI 5.17, 8.25%)) compared to other age groups, however, this number has decreased since June, 2021.
- Rates in this age group were highest in Alberta at 11.88% (95% CI 6.80, 16.97%) and British Columbia at 9.91% (95% CI 5.44, 14.37%). Since June, 2021 these rates have decreased or stayed very similar in almost every province with the exception of British Columbia where they have increased.
- Racialized groups had a higher seroprevalence rate (7.29% (95% CI 5.95, 8.63%)) compared to white donors (3.33% (95% CI 2.87, 3.78%)). Compared to previous reports, the gap between those in materially deprived vs. affluent neighbourhoods is closing, 4.62% (95% CI 3.03, 6.22%) vs 3.87% (95% CI 3.02, 4.71%). However, those living in more socially deprived settings (had lower social contact) had lower seroprevalence rates compared to those that were least deprived, 3.35% (95% CI 2.39, 4.30%) vs. 5.63% (95% CI 4.47, 6.80%).

June 2021

June 14 - June 29 2021 (n=16,884)

**•Humoral Immunity (Based on results from the Roche S assay):**

- Roche S results indicate a SARS-CoV-2 humoral response to vaccination or natural infection. Because people are advised to be vaccinated irrespective of past infection, those with Roche N and S positive results together likely have been infected and may or may not have been vaccinated.
- The proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 90.78% (95% CI 90.32, 91.25) a significant increase from May (based on results from the Roche S assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.
- The proportion of blood donors with presumed vaccine-induced humoral immunity to SARS-CoV-2 was 86.05% (95% CI 85.50, 86.59%), a significant increase from May (based on results from the Roche S-only assay).
- White donors did not have different seroprevalence rates (Roche S, primarily vaccine-induced) (90.81% (95% CI 90.25, 91.35%)) compared to other racialized groups (91.37% (95% CI 90.27, 92.47%)), this gap has closed compared to previous surveys. However, white donors had higher seroprevalence rates (Roche S-only, presumed vaccine induced) (86.87% (95% CI 86.26, 87.49%)), compared to other racialized groups (83.14% (95% CI 81.72, 84.56%)) with a decreased difference between these two groups compared to May. Similarly, donors living in affluent neighbourhoods had higher seroprevalence rates (Roche S, primarily vaccine-induced), 93.68% (95% CI 92.90, 94.46%) compared to those living in the most materially deprived neighbourhoods, 88.33% (95% CI 86.60, 90.06%).

**•Natural Infections (Based on results from the Roche N assay):**

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in June was 4.5% (95% CI 4.19, 4.83%), increased from May, 2021.
- Natural infections in most provinces except Alberta plateaued, likely due to widescale vaccination.
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (9.3% (95% CI 8.04, 10.57%)) compared to other age groups.
- Rates in this age group were highest in Alberta at 17.53% (95% CI 13.23, 21.82%), Saskatchewan at 14.26% (95% CI 6.66, 21.87%), and Manitoba at 15.56% (95% CI 8.46, 22.65%).
- Racialized groups had a higher seroprevalence rate (7.95% (95% CI 6.95, 8.95%)) compared to white donors (3.72% (95% CI 3.38, 4.06%)). Those living in materially deprived vs. affluent neighbourhoods had a higher rate of natural infections, 6.95% (95% CI 5.62, 8.27%) vs 4.26% (95% CI 3.66, 4.87%).

## May 2021

May 22 -June 4 2021 (n=17,001)

- The proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity for SARS-CoV-2 was 63.9% (95% CI 63.2, 64.6) a significant increase from April (based on results from the Roche S assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.

### •Vaccine-Induced Humoral Immunity (Reactive to Roche S-only):

- The proportion of blood donors with vaccine-induced humoral immunity to SARS-CoV-2 was 59.8% (95% 59.1, 60.6), a significant increase from April.
- White donors had higher seroprevalence rates (vaccine-induced) (61.8% (95% CI 60.9, 62.7) compared to other racialized groups (48.9% (95% CI 47.1, 50.7%). Similarly, donors living in affluent neighbourhoods also had higher seroprevalence rates 64.8% (95% CI 63.4, 66.2%) compared to those living in the most materially deprived neighbourhoods, 56.6% (95% CI 54.0, 59.1%).

### •Natural Infections (Based on results from the Roche N assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in May was 4.0% (95% CI 3.7, 4.3), increased from April, 2021.
- Natural infections in most provinces except Ontario and Alberta plateaued, likely due to widescale vaccination.
- Consistent with previous surveys donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (7.0% (95% CI 5.9, 8.1)) compared to other age groups.
- Rates in this age group were highest in Alberta 12.7% (95% CI 9.0, 16.4) and Manitoba 11.3% (95% CI 5.2, 17.4).
- Racialized groups had a higher seroprevalence rate (7.4% (95% CI 6.5, 8.3)) compared to white donors (3.3% (95% CI 2.9, 3.6)). Those living in materially deprived vs. affluent neighbourhoods had a higher rate of natural infections 5.7% (95% CI 4.5, 6.8) vs 3.1% (95% CI 2.6, 3.6).

## April 2021

April 13-April 30 2021 (n=16,931)

- The proportion of blood donors with humoral immunity to SARS-CoV-2 was 26.9% (95% CI 26.2, 27.6) a significant increase from March (based on results from the Roche S assay). This was predominantly driven by vaccination.

### • Vaccine-Induced Humoral Immunity (Reactive to Roche S-only):

- The proportion of blood donors with vaccine-induced humoral immunity to SARS-CoV-2 was 23.6% (95% CI 23.0, 24.3), a significant increase from March.
- Vaccine inequity emerged in April 2021.
- White donors had higher seroprevalence rates (vaccine-induced) (25.0% (95% CI 24.3, 25.8) compared to other racialized groups (17.9% (95% CI 16.5, 19.3%)). Similarly, donors living in affluent neighbourhoods also had higher seroprevalence rates 26.9% (95% CI 25.6, 28.2%) compared to those living in the most materially deprived neighbourhoods, 20.9% (95% CI 18.8, 23.0%).

### • Natural Infections (Based on results from the Roche N assay):

- Seroprevalence (natural infection) in April was 3.2% (95% CI 3.0, 3.5), similar to March 2021.
- Natural infections in most provinces except Ontario decreased or plateaued, likely due to widescale vaccination.
- Consistent with previous surveys donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rate (5.4% (95% CI 4.4, 6.3)) compared to other age groups.
- Rates in this age group were significantly higher in Alberta 8.9% (95% CI 5.7, 12.0) and Manitoba 15.0% (95% CI 7.9, 22.0) compared to the full sample.
- Racialized groups had a higher seroprevalence rate (5.3% (95% CI 4.4, 6.1)) compared to white donors (2.8 (95% CI 2.5, 3.1)). Those living in materially deprived vs. affluent neighbourhoods had a higher rate of natural infections 4.6% (95% CI 3.5, 5.7) vs 2.7% (95% CI 2.2, 3.2).

## March 2021

February 27-March 13, 2021 (n=16,873)

- Serological testing using the Roche nucleocapsid (N) and the Roche spike (S) total antibody assays allows us to monitor trends in natural infection transmission and vaccine-induced seropositivity.
- Overall, as of March 2021 adjusted seroprevalence by the Roche S assay (proxy for humoral immunity, vaccine or natural infection immunity) was 9.9% (95% CI 9.4, 10.3). The fraction of the population naturally exposed as opposed to developing immunity post-vaccination varied across Canada.
- Adjusted seroprevalence by the Roche S assay alone (N negative, proxy for vaccine-induced immunity) was 6.8% (95% 6.4, 7.16) a significant increase from January.
- Using self-reported vaccine history the Roche S assay alone had a sensitivity of 96.1% to identify vaccination (after 2 weeks)
- Despite broader access to COVID-19 vaccines, seroprevalence by the Roche N assay (proxy for natural infections) continued to increase from January (2.2% (95% 2.1, 2.4) to March (3.3% (95% CI 3.0, 3.5))
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old demonstrated the highest seroprevalence rate (natural infection immunity) 6.37% (5.31, 7.44) compared to other age groups. Rates in this age group were significantly higher in Alberta 14.7% (95% CI 10.8, 18.6) and Manitoba 20.8% (95% CI 12.3, 28.0) than for the full sample.
- The disparities in natural infection immunity seroprevalence rates between racialized groups and white donors and those living in materially deprived vs. affluent neighbourhoods narrowed for the first time since November 2020 when disparities began to widen.

## January 2021 (Roche)

January 1-27, 2021 (n=33,400 Roche)

- In order to evaluate seroprevalence in the vaccine era, residual blood is now tested using the Roche Elecsys® Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Spike (S) (semi-quantitative) and N (qualitative) assays. All vaccines will produce antibodies to S but not N, and natural infection will usually produce antibodies to S and N.
- In January 2021, seroprevalence estimates were higher by the Roche S assay (2.78% (95% CI 2.58, 2.97%) compared to either nucleocapsid assays. Seroprevalence by the Roche N assay was 2.24% (95% CI 2.08, 2.41) comparable to the Abbott N (1.99% (95% CI 1.84, 2.15)).
- **New:** 511 (1.5%) of donors self-reported vaccination against COVID-19 in the last 3 months in January 2021.

## January 2021

January 1-27, 2021 (n=34,921)

- Seroprevalence in January was 1.99% (95% CI 1.84, 2.15)
- Across Canada seroprevalence remained the highest in Manitoba (3.92% (95% CI 2.92, 4.93)) and lowest in PEI (0%)
- Seroprevalence increased significantly in Ontario (1.16% vs 1.82%) and in Alberta (2.12% to 3.41%) from December 2020 until January 2021
- Consistent with previous surveys, donors aged 17-24 years old the highest seroprevalence rate (3.45% (95% CI 2.87, 4.02)).
- Disparities by socioeconomic status and racialized groups widened. Donors living in the most materially deprived neighbourhoods were nearly 4-times more likely to be positive than those living in affluent neighbourhoods (4.04% compared with 1.17%) . Racialized groups of donors were two time more likely to be positive than self identified white donors (3.37% compared to 1.66%)
- Detailed comparison with the previous survey (December 2020) is included.

## December 2020

December 10-23, 2020 (n=16,961)

- Seroprevalence in December was 1.37% (95% CI 1.18, 1.56)
- Regional variation: Across Canada seroprevalence remained the highest in Manitoba (3.02% (95% CI 1.75, 4.29)) however this was a significant decrease from the last report.
- Donors aged 17-24 years old remained the age group with the highest seroprevalence (2.75% (95% CI 2.01, 3.49))
- Disparities by socioeconomic status widened, donors living in the most materially deprived neighbourhoods were 3-times more likely to be positive than those living in affluent neighbourhoods (2.2% compared with 0.72%)
- **New:** Longitudinal data on repeat donors illustrating waning S/co ratios over time

## November 2020

**November 7-25, 2020 (n=17,049)**

- Seroprevalence in November was 1.51% (95% CI 1.31, 1.71)
- Regional variation: Seroprevalence increased mostly in Western Canada. Highest rates were observed in the Prairies; Manitoba's rate increased to 8.56% (95% CI 6.51, 10.62) and Saskatchewan's rate increased to 4.2% (95% CI 2.3, 5.8). There was a slight decrease in Ontario to 0.77% (95% CI 0.56, 0.97%) and PEI remained at 0.
- Donors aged 17-24 years old had the highest seroprevalence rates 2.97% (95% CI 2.20, 3.37%) while donors 40-59 years old 1.09% (95% CI 0.80, 1.38%) had the lowest rates.
- New: Revised time series (Additional data from the correlates of immunity study from April until Aug 31, 2020 are included in this report)
- Comparison of Wave 1 (May-July) to November 2020

## October 2020

**October 12-31, 2020 (n=16,811)**

- Seroprevalence increased significantly in October to 0.88% (95% CI 0.73, 1.04) (p=0.04).
- Regional variation: Manitoba's seroprevalence rate increased to 2.96% (95% CI 1.70, 4.23), the highest in Canada. Ontario remained stable at 0.87% (0.65, 1.08)
- New: Heat maps to illustrate inter-provincial variation (by economic regions)
- Disparities widen: Donors that self-identified as white (0.75%; 95% CI 0.61, 0.92) had significantly lower seroprevalence compared to other racialized groups (1.82%; 95% CI 1.21, 2.62)

## Wave 1

**May 9, 2020- July 21, 2020 (n=74,642)**

- Seroprevalence was estimated at 0.70% (95% CI 0.63, 0.77)
- Regional variation: Ontario, 0.88% (95% CI 0.78, 0.99) had the highest seroprevalence, very low seroprevalence in Atlantic provinces.
- Disparities: Donors that self-identified as white (0.66%; 95% CI 0.59, 0.74) had lower seroprevalence compared to racialized groups (1.09%; 95% CI 0.84, 1.34)



## Introduction

SARS-CoV-2 is responsible for the respiratory illness, coronavirus infection disease 2019 (COVID-19). Some people become extremely ill and can die from complications, while others experience mild symptoms or may not be aware of their infection at all. Early in the pandemic (by late March 2020) strict physical distancing measures were implemented. As a result, the first wave of the epidemic in Canada peaked by the end of April 2020 and plateaued during the summer. A resurgence of cases began in late September 2020, peaking in January 2021 (the second wave). This was followed by a third wave that emerged in many regions across Canada in March 2021, which then subsided in late April. A fourth wave of this epidemic began in early August 2021 and subsided by the end of October. In mid-December 2021, a fifth wave began and subsided somewhat over January with a sixth wave in March/April and a seventh in July. As of December 3, 2022, 4,440,971 cases of COVID-19 had been reported in Canada.

Beginning in January 2021, Alpha (B.1.1.7) began to establish itself as the primary variant of concern (VOC). In late June 2021, Delta (B.1.617.2) was transitioning to be the primary VOC. In mid-December 2021, a new more contagious VOC, Omicron (B.1.1.529) began to establish itself as a primary VOC followed by subvariants. Peak timepoints when each VOC became dominant varied between provinces. By late December 2021 public health testing facilities were overwhelmed and restrictions on testing were implemented in many jurisdictions. Because many people with symptoms were not being tested, as well as those infected but without symptoms, the reported cases underestimate the infection rate. Many regions relaxed public health restrictions by 2022 due to milder symptoms for many people. Surveillance studies that monitor SARS-CoV-2 antibodies are important to understand what proportion of the population have detectable antibodies (the seroprevalence) and to monitor trajectories over the course of the pandemic. These data improve mathematical models to predict the course of infection and inform public health policies.

Antibody concentrations typically peak within a month of vaccination and then gradually decrease. Antibody concentrations can be much higher after a subsequent dose of vaccine, or when an infection occurs pre- or post-vaccination. More than 88% of the people in Canada aged 18 and older had received a primary vaccine series as of December 4, 2022. Starting in November 2021, some Canadians became eligible for a third dose with 60% of Canadians aged 18 and older having received at least one additional dose. A fourth dose was encouraged in risk groups and older individuals and bi-valent vaccines became widely available in August 2022. By fall of 2022 the additional dose was encouraged for all age groups. Monitoring spike (vaccine) antibody concentrations and the proportion of people with Omicron variant infection provides data for mathematical models to estimate the status of humoral immunity.

In partnership with the COVID-19 Immunity Task Force, Canadian Blood Services is testing residual blood for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies from blood donors. This report tracks SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence distinguishing natural and vaccine induced humoral immunity. We present seroprevalence rates based on two Roche total Ig- assays that detect Spike (S) and Nucleocapsid (N) antibodies and monitor the concentration of S antibodies. We assess temporal

changes and evaluate differences by geographical regions, age groups, racialized groups, and socioeconomic status.

## Methods

### Population

Canadian Blood Services has blood collection sites in all large cities and many smaller urban centres in all provinces except Quebec. People in rural areas may have less opportunity to donate and donations are not collected in the northern territories. Blood donors are reasonably representative of healthy Canadians between the ages of 17 and about 60.

### Blood donor eligibility

Before each donation, blood donors must answer screening questions to ensure that they are in good health and do not have risk factors for infections that may be transmitted to blood recipients. There is no evidence that SARS-CoV-2 can be transmitted through blood transfusion, but it is important to ensure other donors and staff are safe while in the blood clinic. Donors are asked if they have had COVID-19 or been in contact with someone who has. Donors are deferred for 2 weeks after symptoms disappear (3 weeks if hospitalized) if they have been in contact with someone who was infected or if they have had the infection. Donors also have their temperature and their hemoglobin level checked before they can donate.

### Blood samples

Just before a donor gives their blood donation, several small tubes of blood are collected for infectious disease screening. An extra sample is taken, known as the retention sample, in case extra testing is required (80% of these retention samples are not needed for operational testing). For this study retention samples were aliquoted and frozen at -20°C or colder, starting on May 9, 2020.

### Periodicity

All retention samples were tested for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies until July 21, 2020 (Wave 1). From August 2020 until December 2020, only samples from approximately the last two weeks of each month were tested (except samples from August and September which were not tested). In January 2021 a larger sample was tested and in February samples were not tested. As of March, testing of approximately 2 weeks per month resumed. Beginning in July 2021 the sample size was reduced to include about 300 samples per age/region grouping plus extra repeat tested donors. In December 2021 samples from 2 weeks were tested without sorting in order to be able to report more quickly, and as of January 2022 samples from all weeks of the month were tested. Seroprevalence estimates also include an additional 1,500 residual blood tests from the correlates of immunity study from April 2020 to January 2021. These were tested on a battery of assays (orthogonal testing) including the Abbott IgG Assay.

		2020											
		March		April		May		June		July		August	
		September		October		November		December					
Seroprevalence <sup>1</sup>						14,541	51,963	21,594					16,811
Correlates of Immunity Study <sup>2</sup>													17,049
													16,961
		2021											
		January		February		March		April		May		June	
		July		August		September		October		November		December	
Seroprevalence <sup>1</sup>		34,921				16,873	16,931	17,001	16,884	8,457	9,109	9,363	9,627
Correlates of Immunity Study <sup>2</sup>													9,018
													16,816
		2022											
		January		February		March		April		May		June	
		July		August		September		October		November			
Seroprevalence <sup>1</sup>		32,505	28,616	26,027	29,787	31,764	32,121	31,275	35,165	31,637	31,457	31,080	
Correlates of Immunity Study <sup>2</sup>													

<sup>1</sup> Samples tested with the **Abbott SARS-CoV-2 IgG Assay until January 2021** (residual blood from August 2020, September 2020 and February 2021 are aliquoted but have not been tested). As of January 2021, all samples were tested using the Roche Elecsys® Anti-SARS-CoV-2 assays (S and N).

<sup>2</sup> Orthogonal Testing (PI: S. Drews (CIHR 2020) sampling 1,500 samples per month until and including January 2021 (Abbott tested); this study is known as the "Correlates of Immunity Study"

## SARS-CoV-2 antibody testing

Two assays were used. The Roche Elecsys® Anti-SARS-CoV-2 spike semi-quantitative immunoassay detects total antibodies (including IgA, IgM and IgG) to the SARS-CoV-2 spike (S) protein (**Spike antibody**). The Elecsys® Anti-SARS-CoV-2 qualitative immunoassay detects total antibodies (including IgA, IgM and IgG) to SARS-CoV-2 using a recombinant protein, nucleocapsid (N) antigen (**Nucleocapsid antibody**). At a concentration of  $\geq 0.8$  U/mL, the Spike antibody assay was assumed to have sensitivity of 98.8% and specificity of 99.6%. At a concentration of  $\geq 1.0$  U/mL, the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was assumed to have sensitivity of 99.5% and specificity of 99.8%<sup>1</sup>. All testing was conducted at Canadian Blood Services laboratories in Ottawa.

Samples from January to August were tested neat and at a 1:10 dilution for Spike antibody, however, by June many samples were above the maximum detection level when diluted. From September onwards samples were tested up to a 1:400 dilution.

Serological testing using the Nucleocapsid, and Spike antibody assay allows trends in natural infection transmission and vaccine-induced seropositivity to be monitored<sup>2</sup>. In this report the dual terms Spike antibody/ humoral immunity (by vaccine or natural infection) and Nucleocapsid antibody/proxy for natural infection will be used interchangeably. This is to ease interpretation for readers, with the caveat that these interpretations do not reflect the complexity of adaptive immunity.

## Ethical issues

All data were de-identified by the information technology team at Canadian Blood Services by providing a random identification number. Demographic variables and vaccination history were extracted from the Canadian Blood Services donor database (e.g., donation date, birth year, sex, racialized groups, Forward Sortation Area of residential postal code) and linked to the test

data. In the donor pamphlet “What you must know to donate blood” which donors must read before each donation, and in the pamphlet entitled “What happens to your blood donation?” donors were informed that their blood will be tested for routine infectious disease markers and other tests as required. Information about the study was made available on the website in late June 2020 prior to commencing testing. Donors were not informed of their results because confirmatory/supplemental testing was not carried out. This study was approved by the Canadian Blood Services Research Ethics Board.

### Data management and analysis

De-identified demographic data were analysed by the Canadian Blood Services Epidemiology & Surveillance Department. Socioeconomic status was estimated by quintiles of the Pampalon Material and Social Deprivation Indices (MSDI). MSDI was derived from 2016 Statistics Canada census, aggregated from postal codes to the dissemination area (DA) level (the smallest geographic unit available in the Canadian census, consisting of 400–700 persons). Because blood donors tend to live in areas close to a blood clinic there will be higher concentrations of donors in certain areas compared with the general population, and lower concentrations in other areas. To make inference to the general population, weighting factors were applied based on the donor’s residential Forward Sortation Area (FSA), age group and sex. Data were weighted based on Statistics Canada data (catalogue # 98-400-X2016008). For FSAs with few donors, several FSAs were combined, generally to include at least 500 donors. For data with no FSA recorded or if not in a province where blood is collected (0.2% of samples) weighting was based on FSA of the blood centre.

The seroprevalence was calculated as the number of positive samples divided by all samples tested. Ninety-five percent confidence intervals were calculated based on the Exact method. The adjusted seroprevalence and confidence intervals present the weighted data adjusted for sensitivity and specificity of the assay using the Rogan-Gladen equation<sup>3</sup>. SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence was stratified by geography (regions, province and selected metropolitan cities), sex, age groups, self-reported ethnicity, and social and material deprivation indices.

Temporal trends by monthly intervals were evaluated by demographic variables. Statistical comparisons between groups were carried out using logistic regression.

## Results

Between November 1 and November 30, 2022 a total of 31,080 unique donors were tested for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies.

Table 1 compares adjusted seroprevalence rates by different assays (**Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody**) by sociodemographic variables for all Canadian provinces (except Quebec and territories). Overall adjusted seroprevalence by Spike antibody (a proxy of humoral immunity) was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00%). The adjusted seroprevalence by Nucleocapsid antibody (proxy for natural infection) was 70.78% (95% CI 70.27, 71.30) (please refer to points of interpretation). There was week-to-week fluctuation over the 30-day reporting period from

69.90% (95% CI 68.74, 71.06) to 70.42% (95% CI 69.50, 71.34) to 71.23% (95% CI 70.26, 72.20) to 70.80% (95% CI 69.77, 71.83).

Figure 1 illustrates temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence from April 4, 2020, until November 30, 2022, by monthly intervals. The discontinuation of the line in January 2021 represents the transition from the Abbott assay to the Roche assay. The largest increase in seroprevalence was seen in the Roche S assay, from early-March 2021 onwards, mirroring wider first and second dose vaccine roll out. Figure 2 stratifies seroprevalence by regions. Much of the humoral immunity was induced by vaccines (compared to natural infections) across the country. The largest increase in seroprevalence using Roche N began in February 2022 and has continued to increase consistent with the Omicron variant wave. Appendix Tables A1.1-A1.6 compare seroprevalence rates by sex, age groups and material deprivation in different regions.

Table 2 compares temporal changes in seroprevalence rates by natural infection (**Nucleocapsid antibody**) between October 2022 and November 2022. Overall, the seroprevalence rate for natural infections was higher in November (70.78% (95% CI 70.27, 71.30 compared to October (67.37% (95% CI 66.84, 67.89)) ( $P < 0.0001$ )), and natural infections increased compared to the previous month across all demographics, although the increases did not reach statistical significance in the provinces of Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and the metro area of Calgary. Donors aged 17-24 years old continued to have the highest seroprevalence rate at 84.55% (95% CI 83.39, 85.71) compared to other age groups.

After vaccination an increase in antibody concentration followed by gradual decline is expected. From September 2021 to November 2022 dilution of high concentration spike antibody samples permitted measurement of antibody concentrations as high as 100,000 U/mL. Figure 3 illustrates distributions of log transformed S antibody concentrations by age group from September 2021 to November 2022.

Figure 4 shows regional weekly trends since December 2021 for Nucleocapsid by age group. Figures 5A-H illustrate temporal trends of seroprevalence by Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody results by sociodemographic variables (ethnicity, age, material deprivation, and social deprivation) from January 2021 to November 2022. Differences in natural infections between white and racialized groups were seen from January 2021 to November 2022 with racialized groups having higher natural infection rates. Other sociodemographic variables had significant differences at various months corresponding to the vaccine roll out across Canada with evident trends in certain groups having increased Spike and/or Nucleocapsid antibodies compared to others. Tables A 1.1 to A 1.6 show selected demographic results for November by region (Nucleocapsid and Spike), and additional weekly breakdown of Nucleocapsid results are shown in Tables A 2.1 and A 2.2

## Conclusion

As of November 2022 adjusted seroprevalence by the Spike antibody assay (proxy for humoral immunity) was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00%). While humoral immunity has been largely

driven by vaccination, the fraction of the population naturally exposed (with hybrid immunity) has increase sharply since December 2021 consistent with the arrival of the Omicron variant and subsequent subvariants.

## Points for Interpretation

1. Blood donors are a healthy sub-set of the adult Canadian population. Important points to keep in mind with regard to representativeness of the sample are:
  - blood donors self-select to donate blood therefore those who choose not to donate blood for whatever reason are not included in the sample.
  - Blood donations are collected from people aged 17 years and older, however there are relatively few donations from elderly donors.
  - Blood donations are collected in larger cities and many smaller urban areas, but people in rural areas may be under-represented. Canadian Blood Services does not collect blood in the northern territories or the province of Quebec.
2. Data were weighted for age, sex, and location to more closely reflect the Canadian population. For example, the Nucleocapsid antibody assay unweighted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence for the full sample was 70.02% (95% CI 69.51, 70.53), and after weighting factors applied it was 70.49% (95% CI 69.98, 71.00), then after the weighted seroprevalence was adjusted for sensitivity and specificity, 70.78% (95% 70.27, 71.30). Using the Spike antibody assay, the unweighted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence for the full sample was 99.47% (95% CI 99.38, 99.54), and after weighting factors applied it was 99.48% (95% CI 99.40, 99.56), then after the weighted seroprevalence was adjusted for sensitivity and specificity, 100% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00).
3. The sensitivity and specificity of the Roche assays are very good, but it is still possible that some true positives may be missed, and some positive results may be false. Confirmatory testing has not been performed. The seroprevalence was adjusted for sensitivity and specificity using a well-established mathematical formula.
4. Different seroprevalence rates by the assays reflect different isotypes being measured. The Roche assay identifies IgA, IgG and IgM antibodies. The Abbott assay measured IgG. Detection of Nucleocapsid antibodies is likely a marker of natural infection while Spike antibodies can be induced by either natural infection or by vaccines.
5. Seroprevalence results reflect measurement of humoral immunity. The exact mechanisms of protective immunity against SARS-CoV-2 remains unknown. The protection at particular levels of Spike antibody is unknown. Quantitative results from the Spike antibody assay will be valuable to inform policy regarding booster shots as the science evolves.
6. As of September 2021, the dilution for higher concentration (>250 U/mL) was increased from 1:10 to 1:400. This allows antibody concentration to be measured as high as 100,000



U/mL rather than 2,500 U/mL. It is possible that values between 160 and 320 U/mL may be less accurate because they are at the lower end of sensitivity of the assay.

7. SARS-CoV-2 antibody signals wane over time.
8. Spike antibodies reflect SARS-CoV-2 humoral response. Many Spike antibody positive results are related to vaccination. However, Spike antibody positives are also due to natural infection (with or without N antibodies). Donors with both Spike and Nucleocapsid antibodies are assumed to have had a natural infection; however, they may have also been vaccinated before or after the infection.

Due to a variety of biological factors, donors may have variable antibody responses to different binding sites on the SARS-CoV-2 virus (e.g., Spike, receptor binding domain of Spike, nucleocapsid protein). In November 2022 the two most common positive antibody profile was positive on Spike antibody/positive on Nucleocapsid antibody (69.87%) followed by positive on Spike antibody/negative on Nucleocapsid antibody (29.60%) (see below).

### Diagnostic phenotypes in November 2022 (unadjusted)

	Nucleocapsid Antibody	Spike Antibody	Total N (%)
	Negative	Negative	118 (0.38)
	Negative	Positive	9,198 (29.60)
	Positive	Negative	48 (0.15)
	Positive	Positive	21,715 (69.87)
Total			31,079

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**Table 1.** Comparing SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by sociodemographic variables by Nucleocapsid and Spike antibody results in November 2022

Nucleocapsid Antibody Results (proxy for natural infection)					Spike Antibody Results (proxy for humoral immunity by either natural infection or vaccination)			
	Crude		Adjusted		Crude		Adjusted	
	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval
<b>Sex</b>								
Female	13,191	9,222	70.13	69.41, 70.85	13,191	13,135	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Male	17,888	12,541	71.48	70.75, 72.21	17,889	17,779	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Age</b>								
17-24	2,483	2,074	84.55	83.39, 85.71	2,483	2,480	100.00	100.00, 100.00
25-39	7,986	6,161	77.84	76.89, 78.79	7,986	7,956	100.00	100.00, 100.00
40-59	11,670	8,429	72.42	71.57, 73.27	11,671	11,605	100.00	100.00, 100.00
60+	8,940	5,099	56.60	55.55, 57.64	8,940	8,873	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Province</b>								
British Columbia	5,042	3,522	70.40	69.17, 71.62	5,042	5,010	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Alberta	5,640	4,225	76.28	75.03, 77.52	5,640	5,610	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Saskatchewan	1,221	878	72.81	70.27, 75.35	1,221	1,217	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Manitoba	1,609	1,132	72.17	69.80, 74.54	1,610	1,598	100.00	99.71, 100.00
Ontario	14,761	10,148	69.72	68.99, 70.44	14,761	14,683	100.00	100.00, 100.00
New Brunswick	912	621	68.40	65.29, 71.51	912	910	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Nova Scotia	1,238	789	64.21	61.31, 67.12	1,238	1,233	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Prince Edward Island	304	207	68.68	61.53, 75.84	304	302	99.53	97.57, 100.00
Newfoundland	352	241	68.84	65.13, 72.54	352	351	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Metro area</b>								
Vancouver	2,674	1,978	73.87	72.29, 75.45	2,674	2,661	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Calgary	2,129	1,630	77.34	75.20, 79.48	2,129	2,121	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Edmonton	1,902	1,394	74.45	72.27, 76.62	1,902	1,895	100.00	100.00, 100.00



Ottawa	1,682	1,107	67.14	64.28, 70.00	1,682	1,678	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Toronto	4,411	3,069	70.18	69.09, 71.28	4,411	4,389	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Winnipeg	1,111	765	70.53	67.38, 73.69	1,112	1,105	100.00	99.50, 100.00
<b>Ethnicity<sup>1,2</sup></b>								
White	24,887	16,924	68.58	67.99, 69.17	24,888	24,744	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Indigenous	449	348	78.64	74.90, 82.38	449	448	100.00	99.80, 100.00
Asian	3,198	2,533	79.45	78.12, 80.79	3,198	3,192	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Other racialized groups	2,101	1,616	77.80	76.05, 79.56	2,101	2,091	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Social Deprivation<sup>3</sup></b>								
1 (least deprived)	5,865	4,220	72.51	71.36, 73.67	5,865	5,838	100.00	100.00, 100.00
2	5,873	4,088	70.03	68.85, 71.22	5,873	5,838	100.00	100.00, 100.00
3	5,483	3,791	70.30	69.07, 71.53	5,484	5,458	100.00	100.00, 100.00
4	5,052	3,526	71.19	69.94, 72.45	5,052	5,028	100.00	100.00, 100.00
5 (most deprived)	4,984	3,396	68.06	66.75, 69.37	4,984	4,953	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Material Deprivation<sup>3</sup></b>								
1 (least deprived)	7,947	5,501	69.36	68.32, 70.40	7,948	7,920	100.00	100.00, 100.00
2	6,758	4,715	70.27	69.15, 71.39	6,758	6,719	100.00	100.00, 100.00
3	5,474	3,753	69.34	68.11, 70.57	5,474	5,443	100.00	100.00, 100.00
4	4,427	3,149	72.34	71.03, 73.65	4,427	4,397	100.00	100.00, 100.00
5 (most deprived)	2,651	1,903	73.13	71.50, 74.75	2,651	2,636	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,079</b>	<b>21,763</b>	<b>70.78</b>	<b>70.27, 71.30</b>	<b>31,080</b>	<b>30,914</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00, 100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup>Self reported ethnicity was missing for 444 (1.4%) donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 78.13% (95% CI 74.25, 82.02); and Spike antibody was 99.66% (95% CI 98.52, 100.00).

<sup>2</sup>Combining all racialized groups together resulted in adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence of 78.67% (95% CI 77.65, 79.70) by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay, and 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00) by Spike antibody.

<sup>3</sup>Postal codes were missing for 3,822 (12.3%) of donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 72.99% (95% CI 71.57, 74.42) and Spike antibody was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00).

**Table 2.** Changes in SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by **Nucleocapsid Antibody assay (proxy for natural infection)** by sociodemographic variables between October and November 2022

	October 2022 (crude)		October 2022 (adjusted)		November 2022 (crude)		November 2022 (adjusted)		P-Value*
	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval	
<b>Sex</b>									
Female	13,385	8,984	66.56	65.83, 67.30	13,191	9,222	70.13	69.41, 70.85	<0.0001
Male	18,072	12,079	68.22	67.47, 68.96	17,888	12,541	71.48	70.75, 72.21	<0.0001
<b>Age</b>									
17-24	2,433	2,000	81.73	80.50, 82.96	2,483	2,074	84.55	83.39, 85.71	0.0011
25-39	8,233	6,167	75.36	74.39, 76.34	7,986	6,161	77.84	76.89, 78.79	0.0003
40-59	11,832	8,167	69.24	68.37, 70.11	11,670	8,429	72.42	71.57, 73.27	<0.0001
60+	8,959	4,729	51.83	50.78, 52.88	8,940	5,099	56.60	55.55, 57.64	<0.0001
<b>Province</b>									
British Columbia	5,200	3,493	67.60	66.35, 68.84	5,042	3,522	70.40	69.17, 71.62	0.0017
Alberta	5,961	4,315	73.65	72.36, 74.94	5,640	4,225	76.28	75.03, 77.52	0.0041
Saskatchewan	1,285	880	69.53	66.92, 72.13	1,221	878	72.81	70.27, 75.35	0.0775
Manitoba	1,554	1,047	68.50	66.07, 70.93	1,609	1,132	72.17	69.80, 74.54	0.0343
Ontario	14,709	9,557	65.72	64.97, 66.46	14,761	10,148	69.72	68.99, 70.44	<0.0001
New Brunswick	740	466	64.24	61.06, 67.42	912	621	68.40	65.29, 71.51	0.0666
Nova Scotia	1,203	772	62.88	59.97, 65.79	1,238	789	64.21	61.31, 67.12	0.5244
Prince Edward Island	326	210	65.19	57.90, 72.48	304	207	68.68	61.53, 75.84	0.503
Newfoundland	479	323	67.15	63.42, 70.88	352	241	68.84	65.13, 72.54	0.5287
<b>Metro area</b>									
Vancouver	2,705	1,928	70.80	69.19, 72.41	2,674	1,978	73.87	72.29, 75.45	0.0077
Calgary	2,211	1,628	75.51	73.29, 77.72	2,129	1,630	77.34	75.20, 79.48	0.2441
Edmonton	1,920	1,324	70.51	68.26, 72.76	1,902	1,394	74.45	72.27, 76.62	0.0139
Ottawa	1,202	744	62.90	60.23, 65.57	1,682	1,107	67.14	64.28, 70.00	0.0341

Toronto	5,365	3,628	68.10	67.02, 69.19	4,411	3,069	70.18	69.09, 71.28	0.0082
Winnipeg	928	592	64.98	61.73, 68.24	1,111	765	70.53	67.38, 73.69	0.0166
<b>Ethnicity<sup>1,2</sup></b>									
White	24,519	15,988	65.34	64.73, 65.94	24,887	16,924	68.58	67.99, 69.17	<0.0001
Indigenous	386	272	72.08	67.55, 76.60	449	348	78.64	74.90, 82.38	0.0275
Asian	3,115	2,338	75.87	74.42, 77.32	3,198	2,533	79.45	78.12, 80.79	0.0004
Other racialized groups	2,235	1,675	75.28	73.52, 77.05	2,101	1,616	77.80	76.05, 79.56	0.0479
<b>Social Deprivation<sup>3</sup></b>									
1 (least deprived)	6,342	4,331	68.91	67.76, 70.06	5,865	4,220	72.51	71.36, 73.67	<0.0001
2	5,748	3,881	67.83	66.60, 69.06	5,873	4,088	70.03	68.85, 71.22	0.0112
3	5,427	3,529	65.62	64.35, 66.89	5,483	3,791	70.30	69.07, 71.53	<0.0001
4	5,085	3,376	66.53	65.24, 67.83	5,052	3,526	71.19	69.94, 72.45	<0.0001
5 (most deprived)	4,994	3,252	65.24	63.90, 66.57	4,984	3,396	68.06	66.75, 69.37	0.0031
<b>Material Deprivation<sup>3</sup></b>									
1 (least deprived)	7,820	5,171	66.00	64.93, 67.07	7,947	5,501	69.36	68.32, 70.40	<0.0001
2	6,828	4,510	66.57	65.43, 67.71	6,758	4,715	70.27	69.15, 71.39	<0.0001
3	5,718	3,798	66.59	65.36, 67.82	5,474	3,753	69.34	68.11, 70.57	0.002
4	4,502	3,012	67.70	66.35, 69.06	4,427	3,149	72.34	71.03, 73.65	<0.0001
5 (most deprived)	2,728	1,878	69.64	67.96, 71.33	2,651	1,903	73.13	71.50, 74.75	0.0036
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,457</b>	<b>21,063</b>	<b>67.37</b>	<b>66.84, 67.89</b>	<b>31,079</b>	<b>21,763</b>	<b>70.78</b>	<b>70.27, 71.30</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>

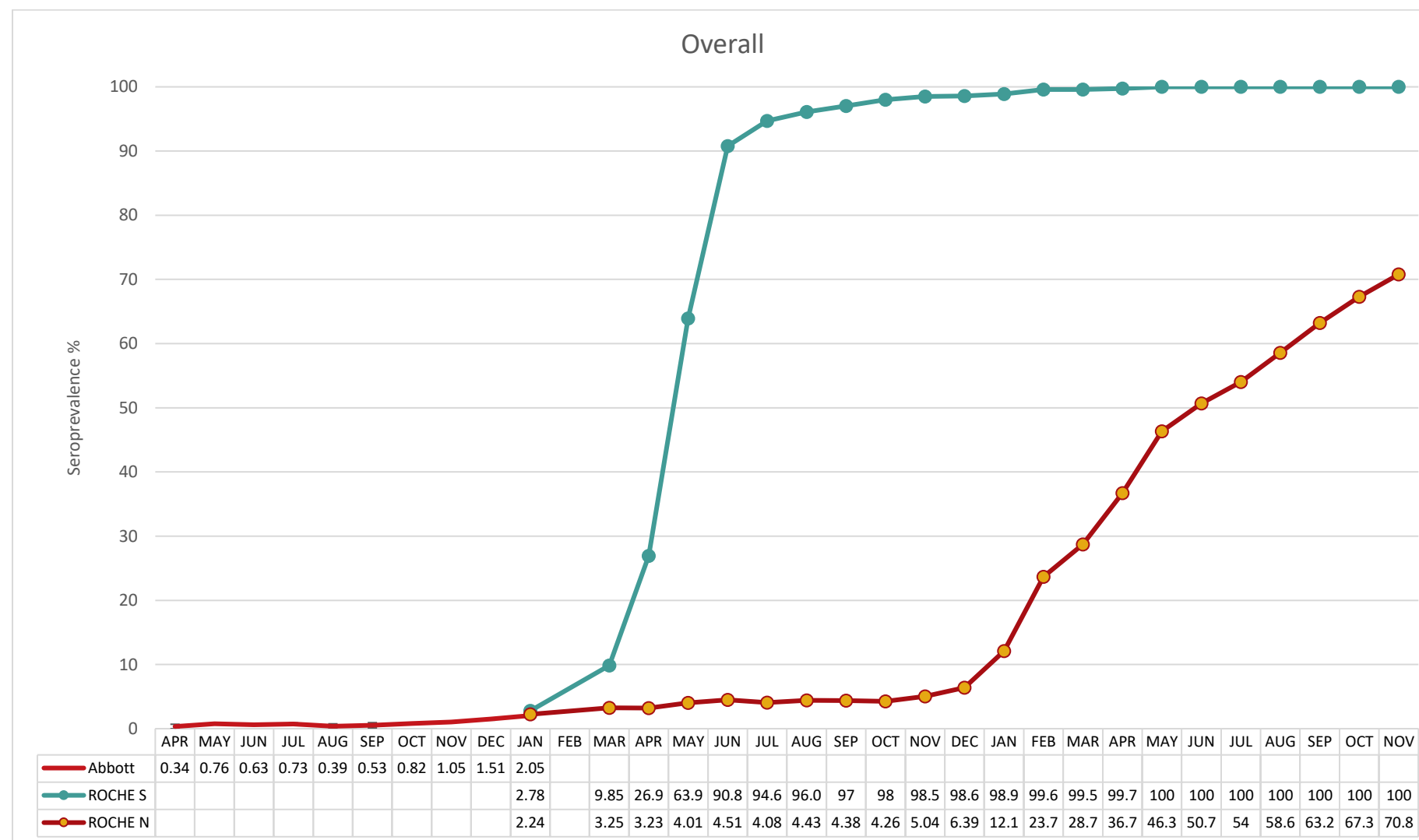
\*P-value reflects the difference between October and November results.

<sup>1</sup>In October, self reported ethnicity was missing for 1,202 (3.8%) donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 66.94% (95% CI 64.16, 69.72). In November, self reported ethnicity was missing for 444 (1.4%) donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 78.13% (95% CI 74.25, 82.02).

<sup>2</sup>In October, combining all racialized groups together resulted in adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence of 75.41% (95% CI 74.32, 76.50) by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay. In November, combining all racialized groups together resulted in adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence of 78.67% (95% CI 77.65, 79.70) by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay

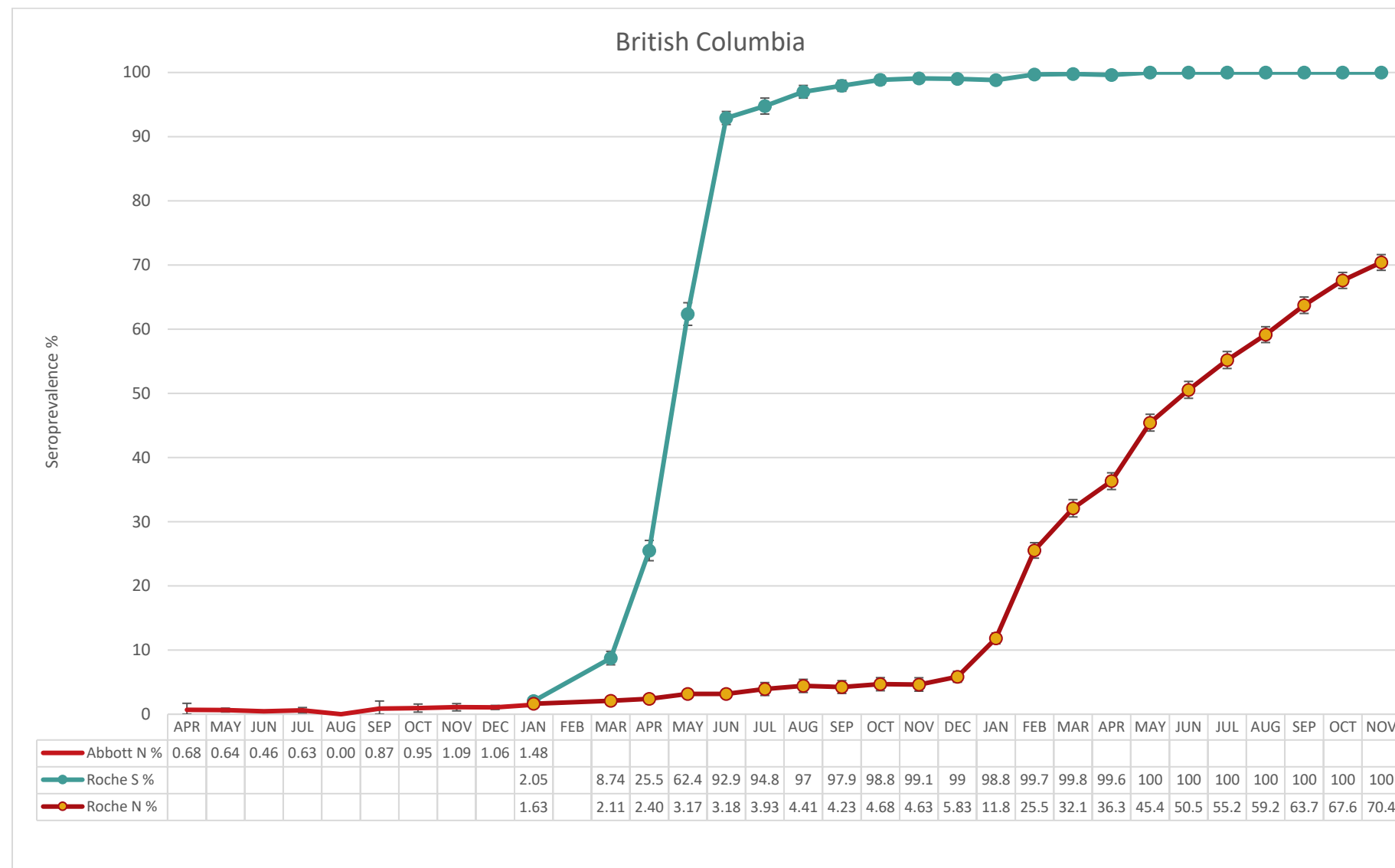
<sup>3</sup>In October, postal codes were missing for 3,861 (12.3%) of donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 70.57% (95% CI 69.10, 72.04). In November, postal codes were missing for 3,822 (12.3%) of donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 72.99% (95% CI 71.57, 74.42).

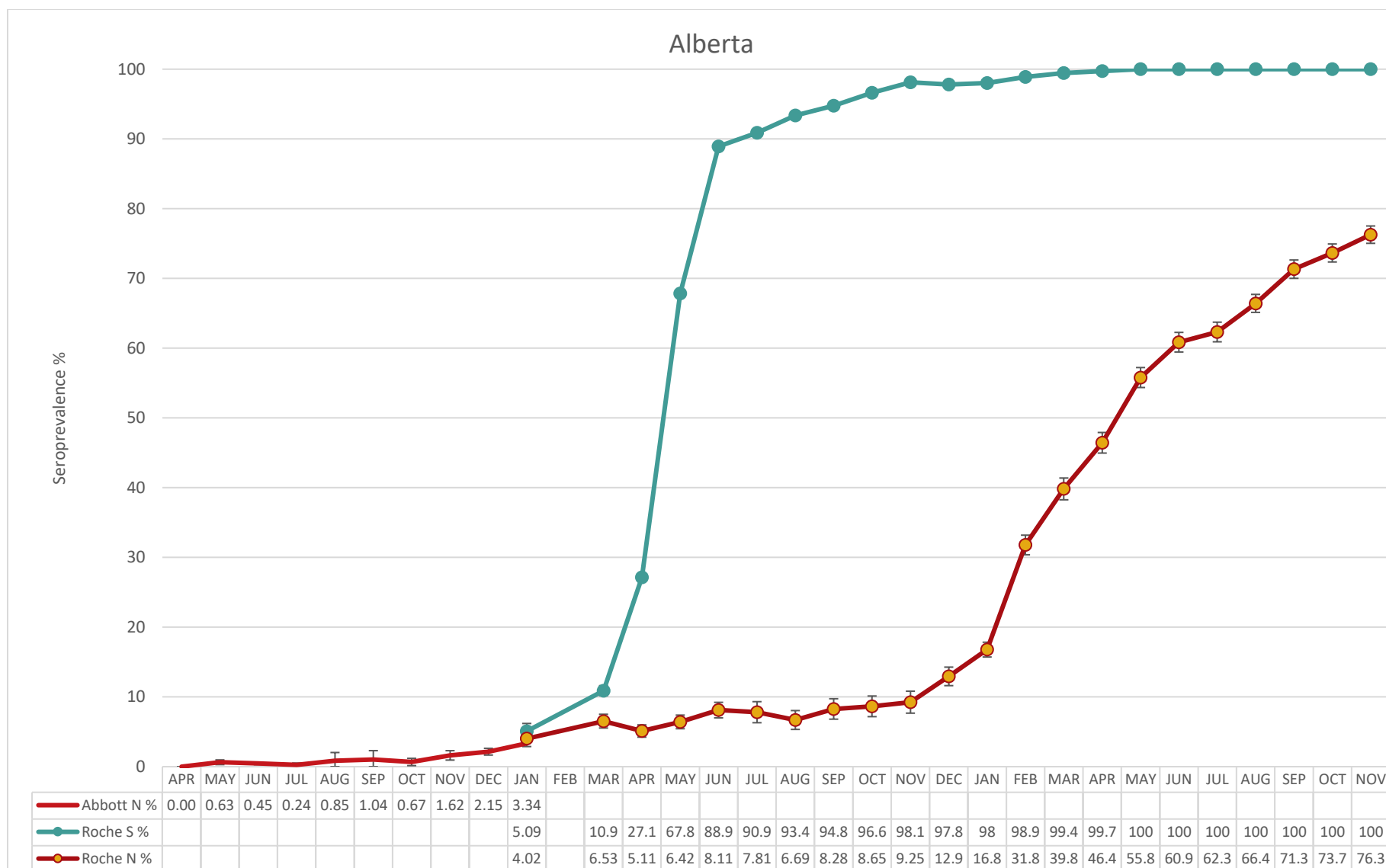
**Figure 1.** Overall temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by monthly intervals from April 2020 - November 2022 (comparing results from Abbott N (until January 2021) followed by seroprevalence estimated by Roche N and Roche S results).

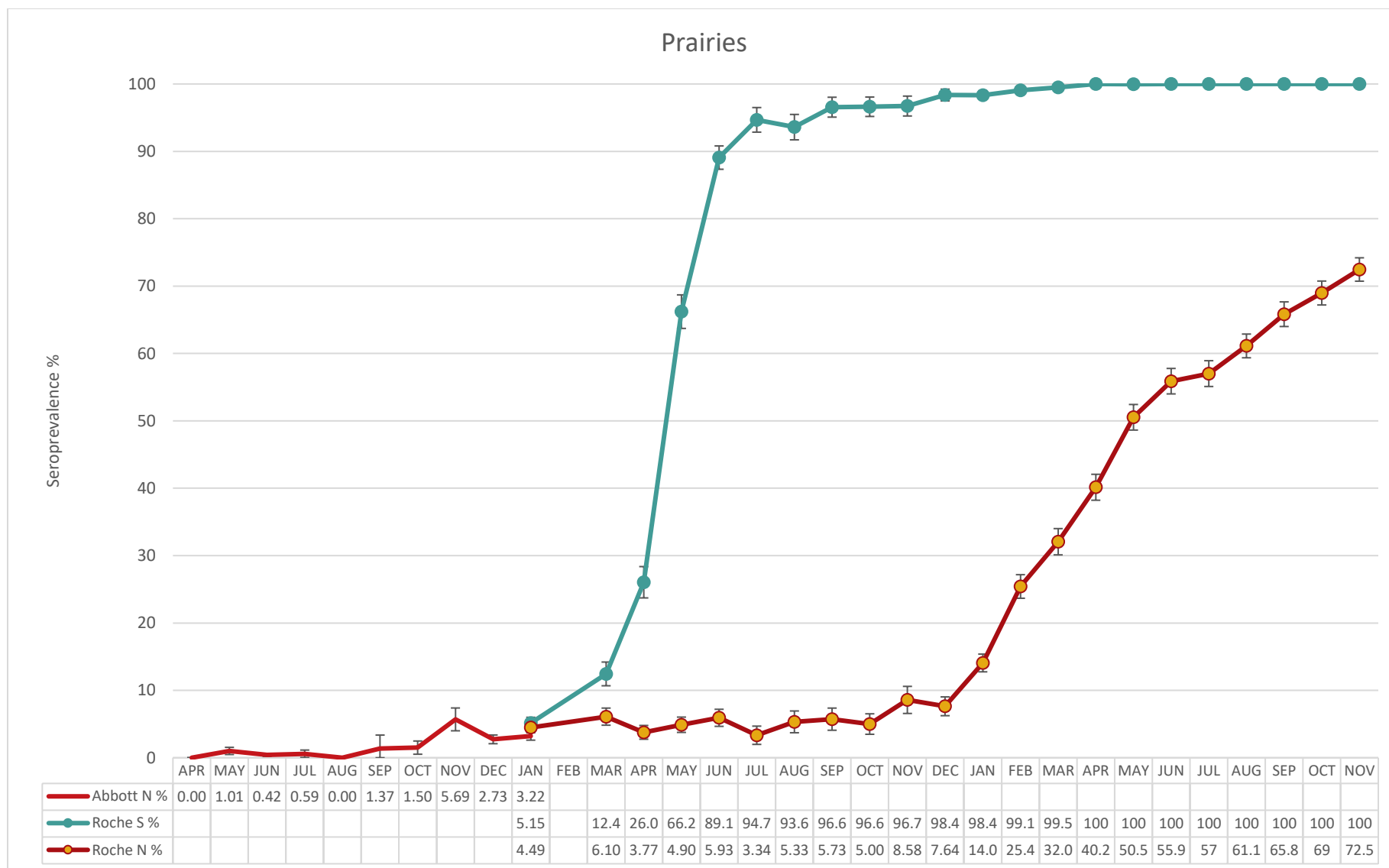


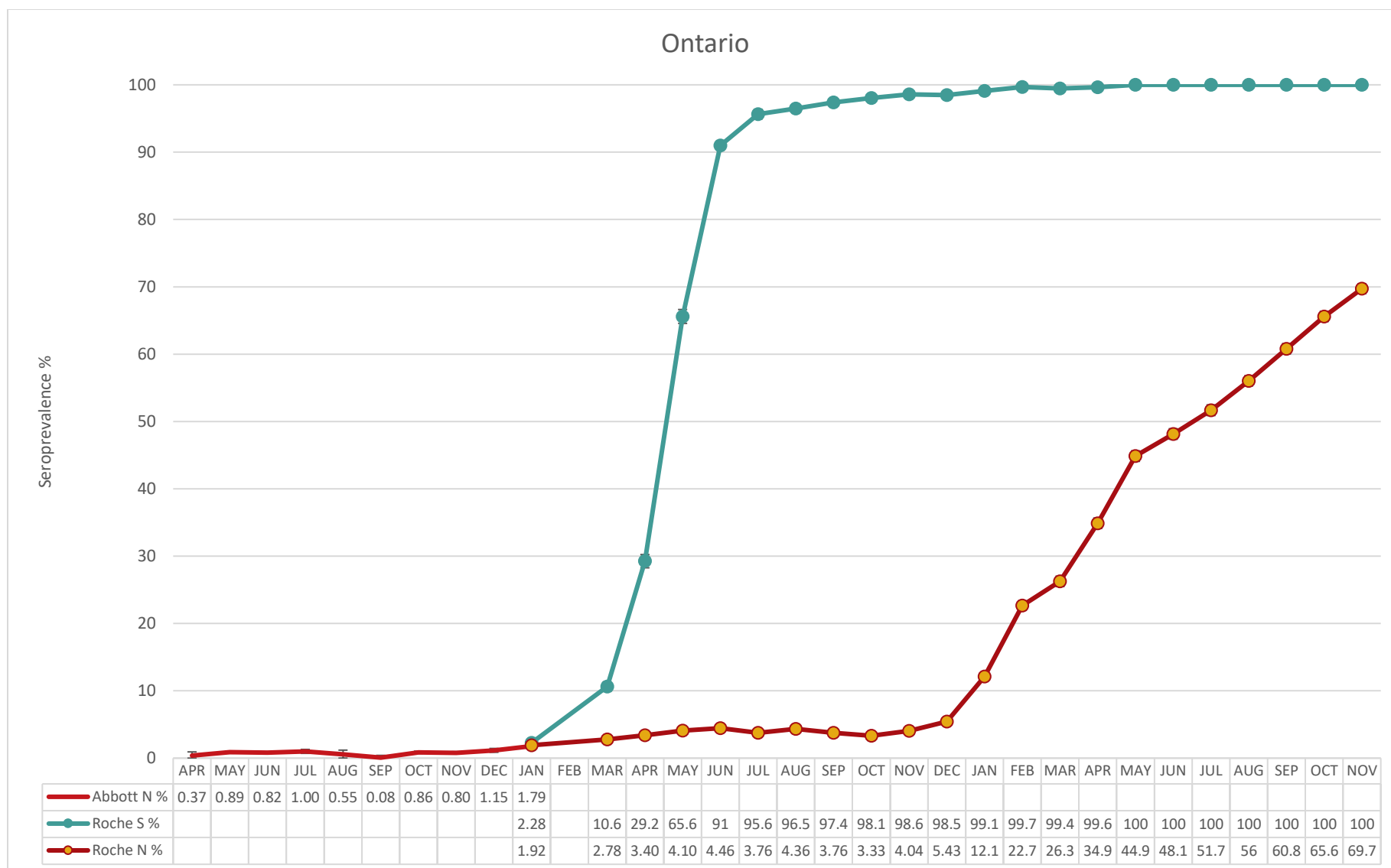
Notes: SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence rates (95% CI), that have been weighted and adjusted for test characteristics. Data from the CIHR funded study (Correlates of Immunity) from April 9, 2020 - January 31, 2021, have been included.

**Figure 2.** Regional temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence monthly from April 2020 - November 2022 (by Abbott N, Roche N and Roche S assays)

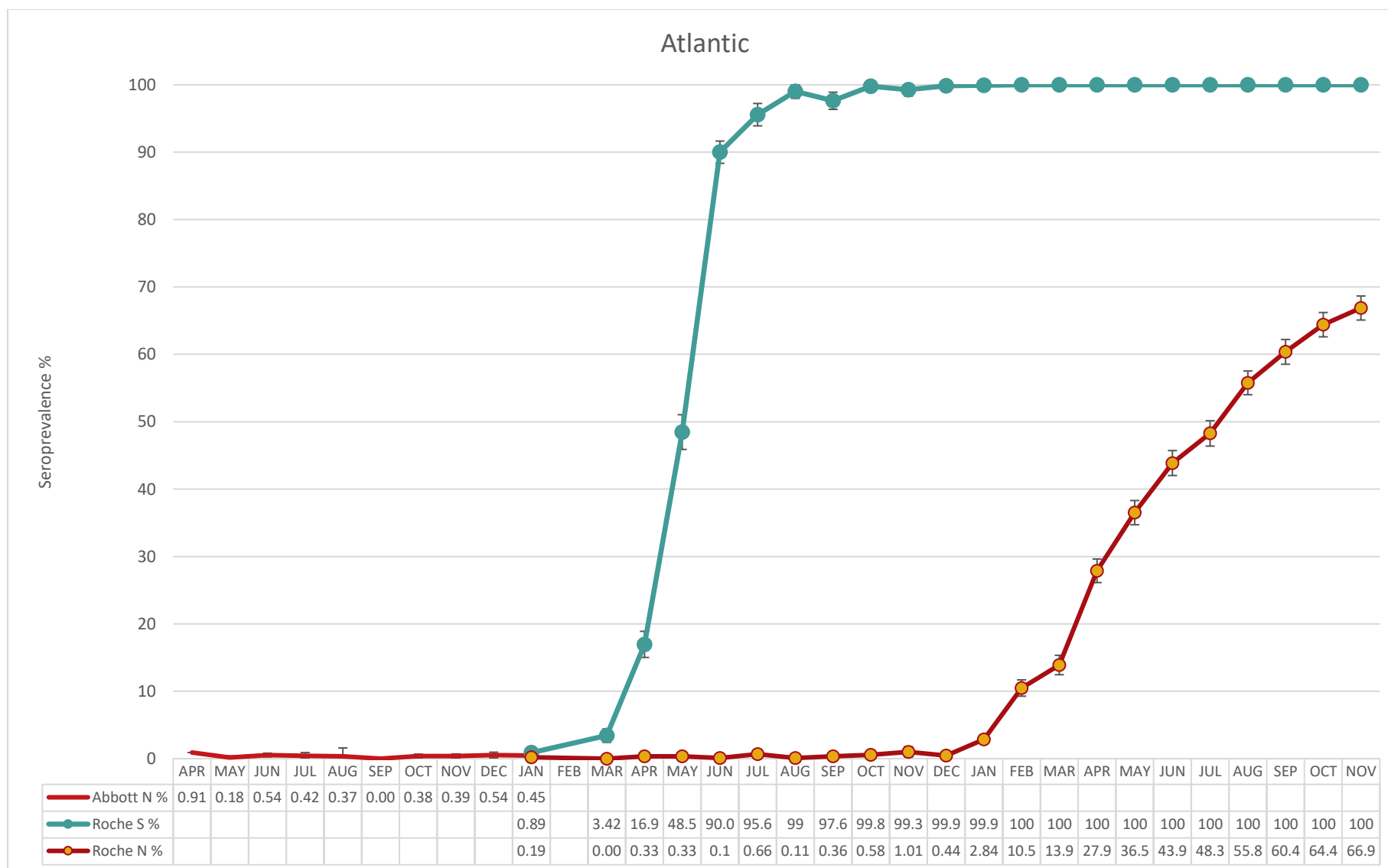






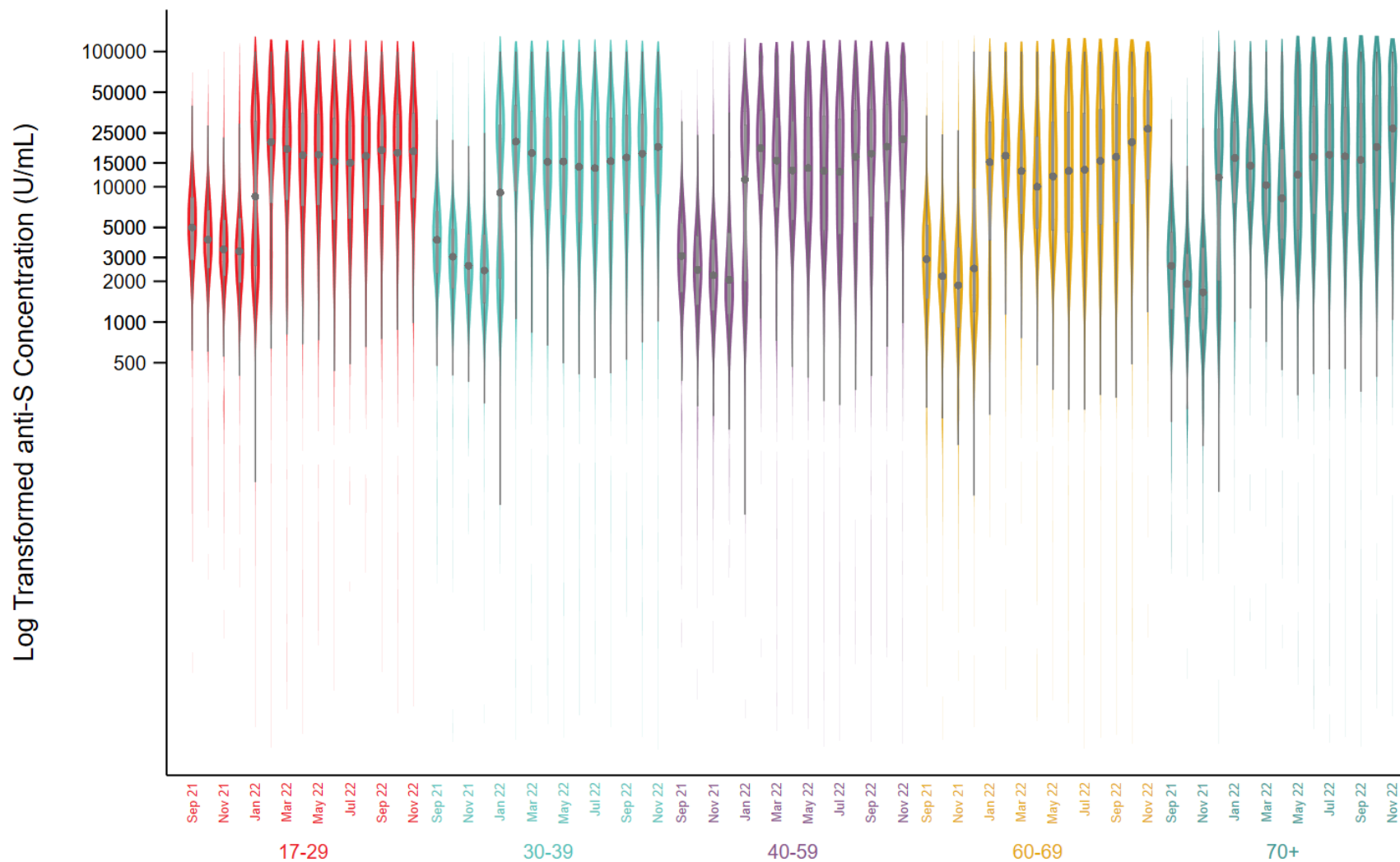




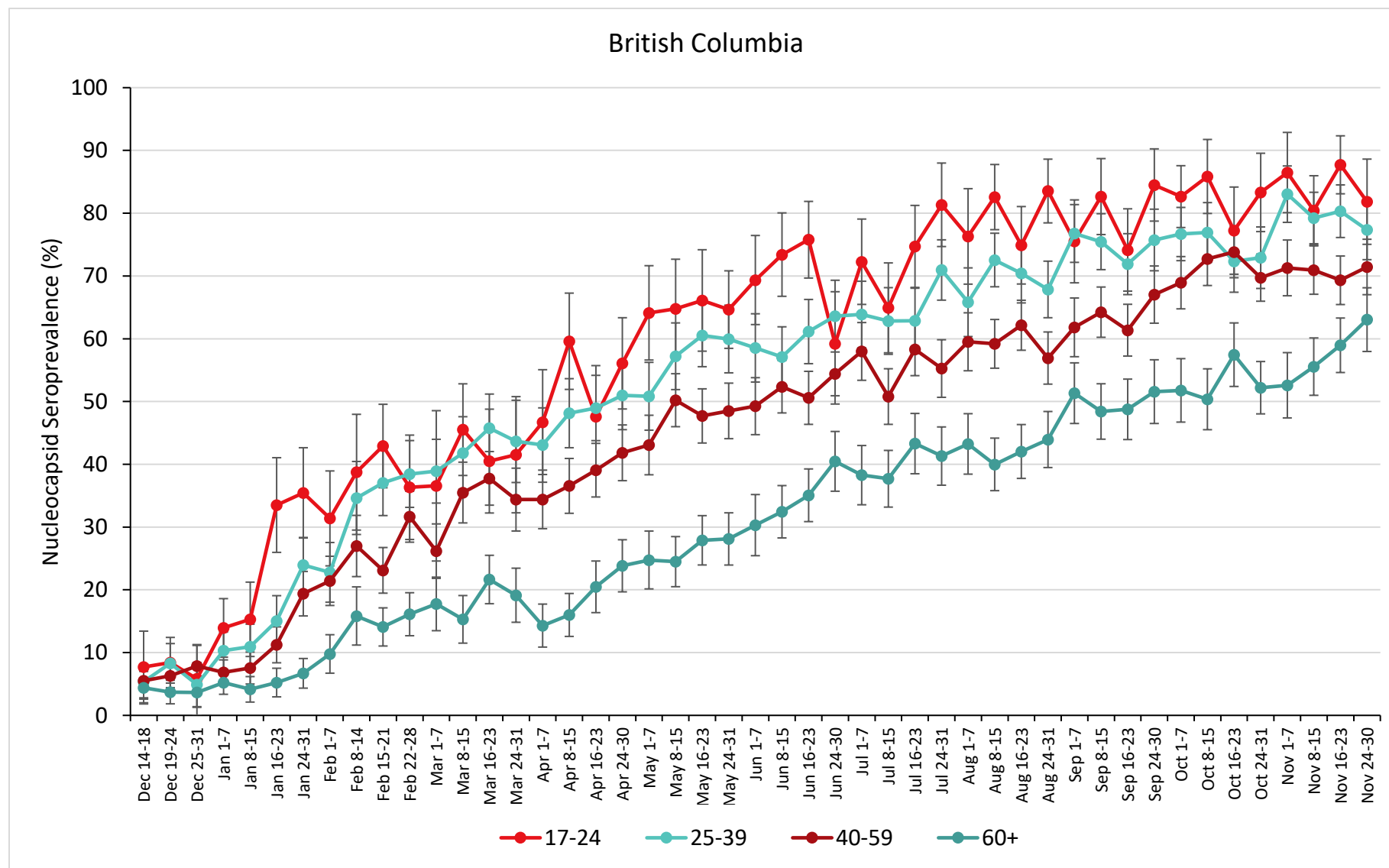


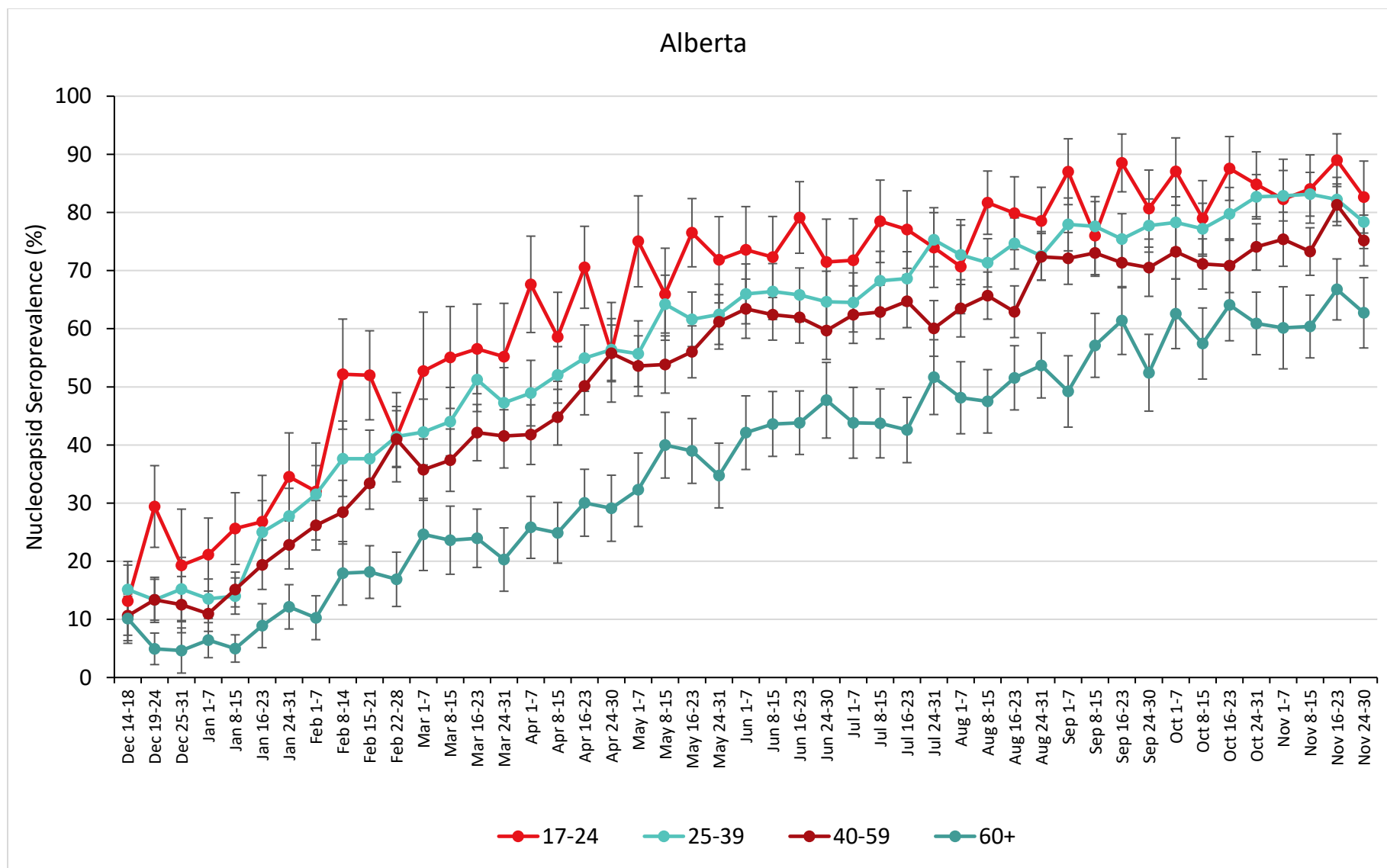
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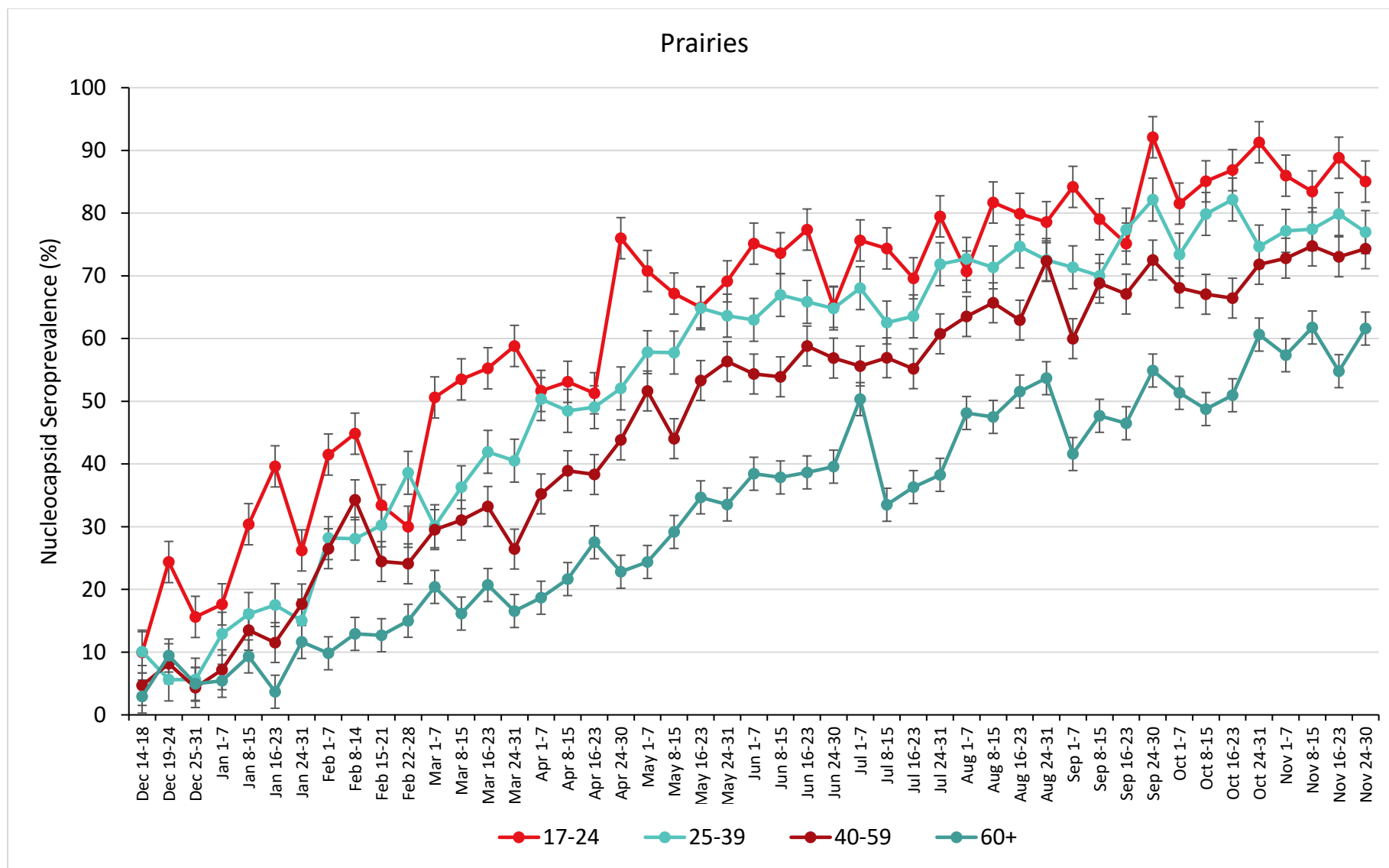
**Figure 3.** Distributions of log transformed Spike antibody concentration results (U/mL) (grey circle represents the median and the bar represents the IQR) in spike antibody seropositive donations from September 2021 - November 2022 stratified by age group.

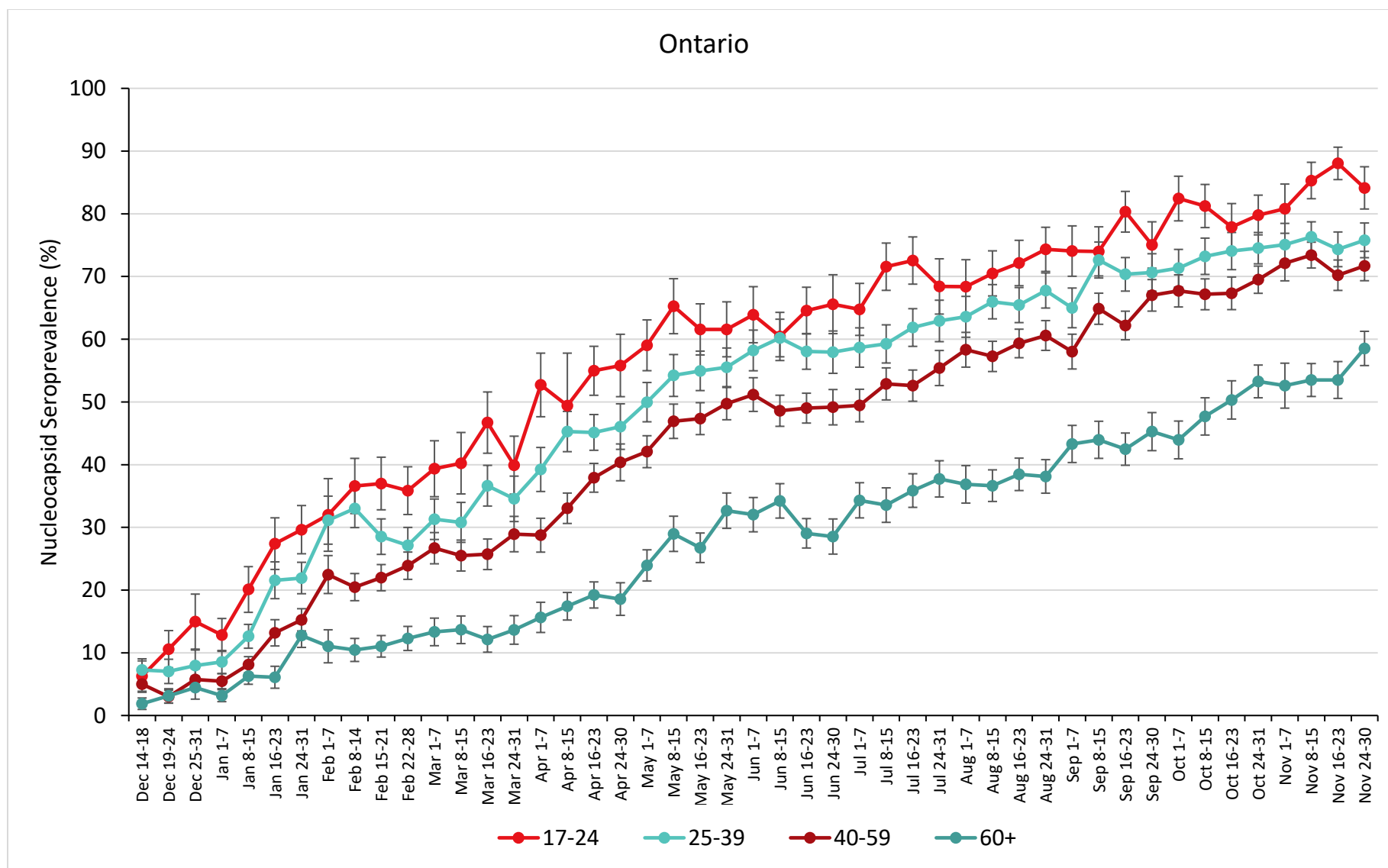


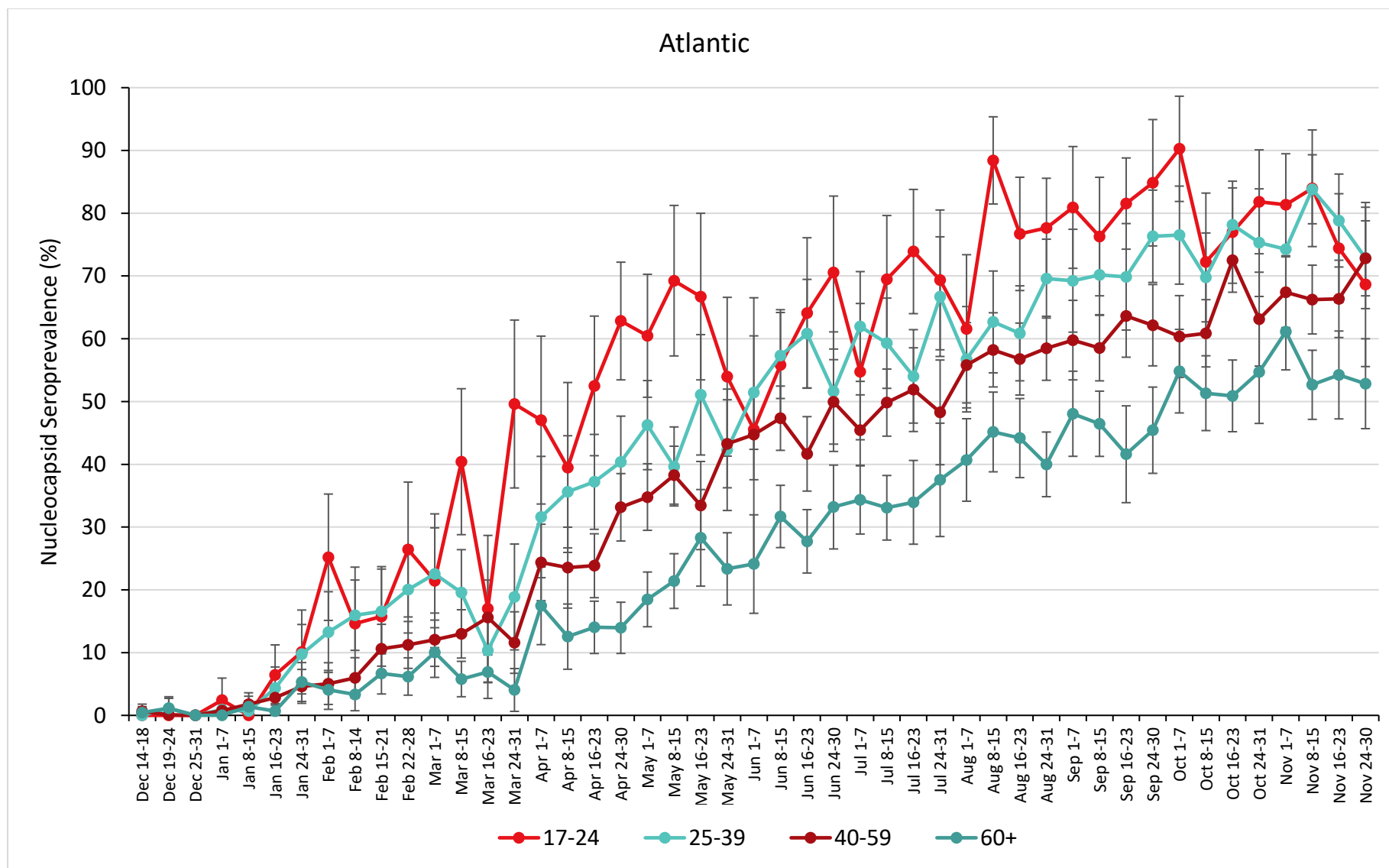
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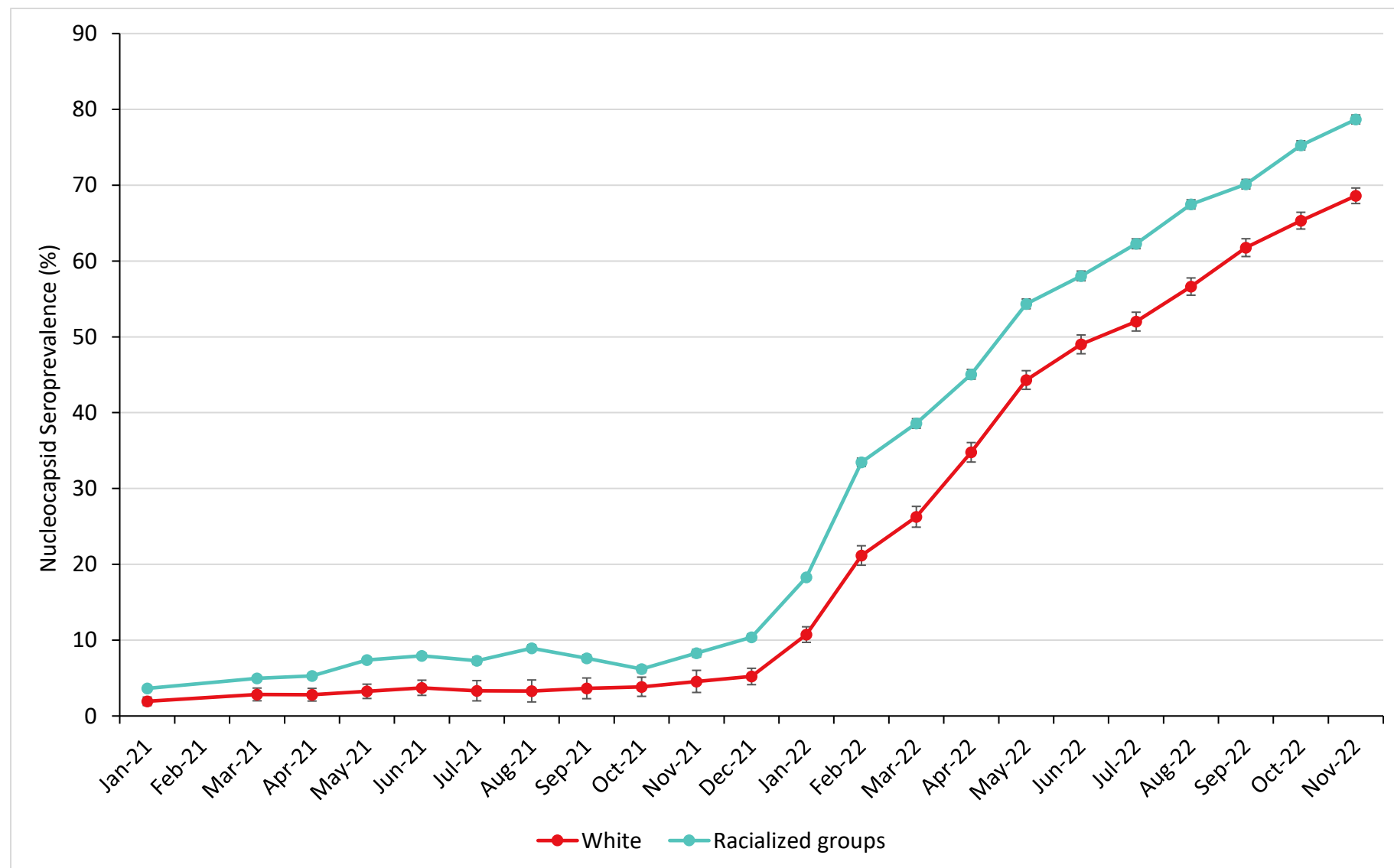






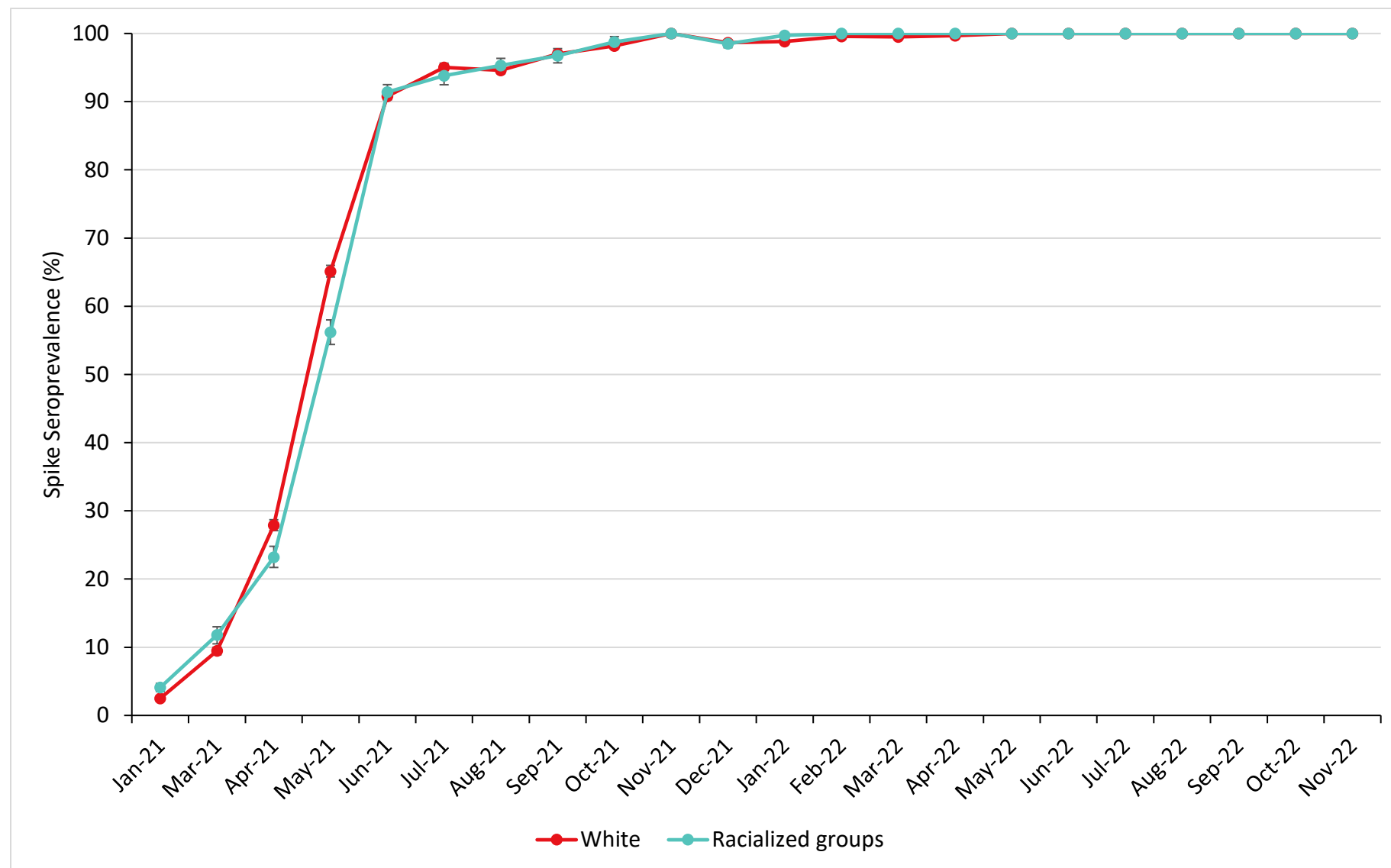


**Figure 5A.** Temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by monthly intervals from January 2021 - November 2022 estimated by Nucleocapsid antibody results by ethnicity.

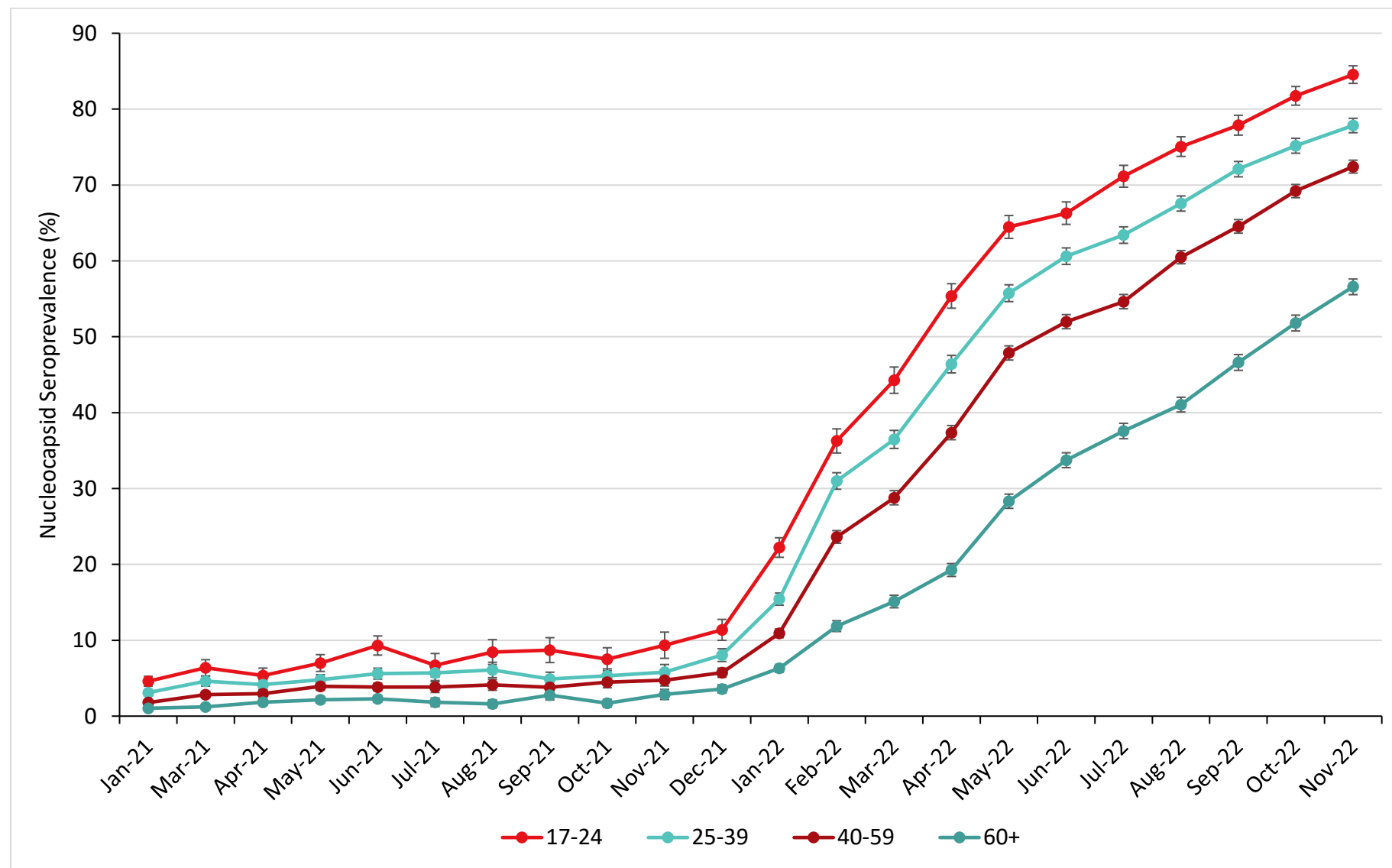




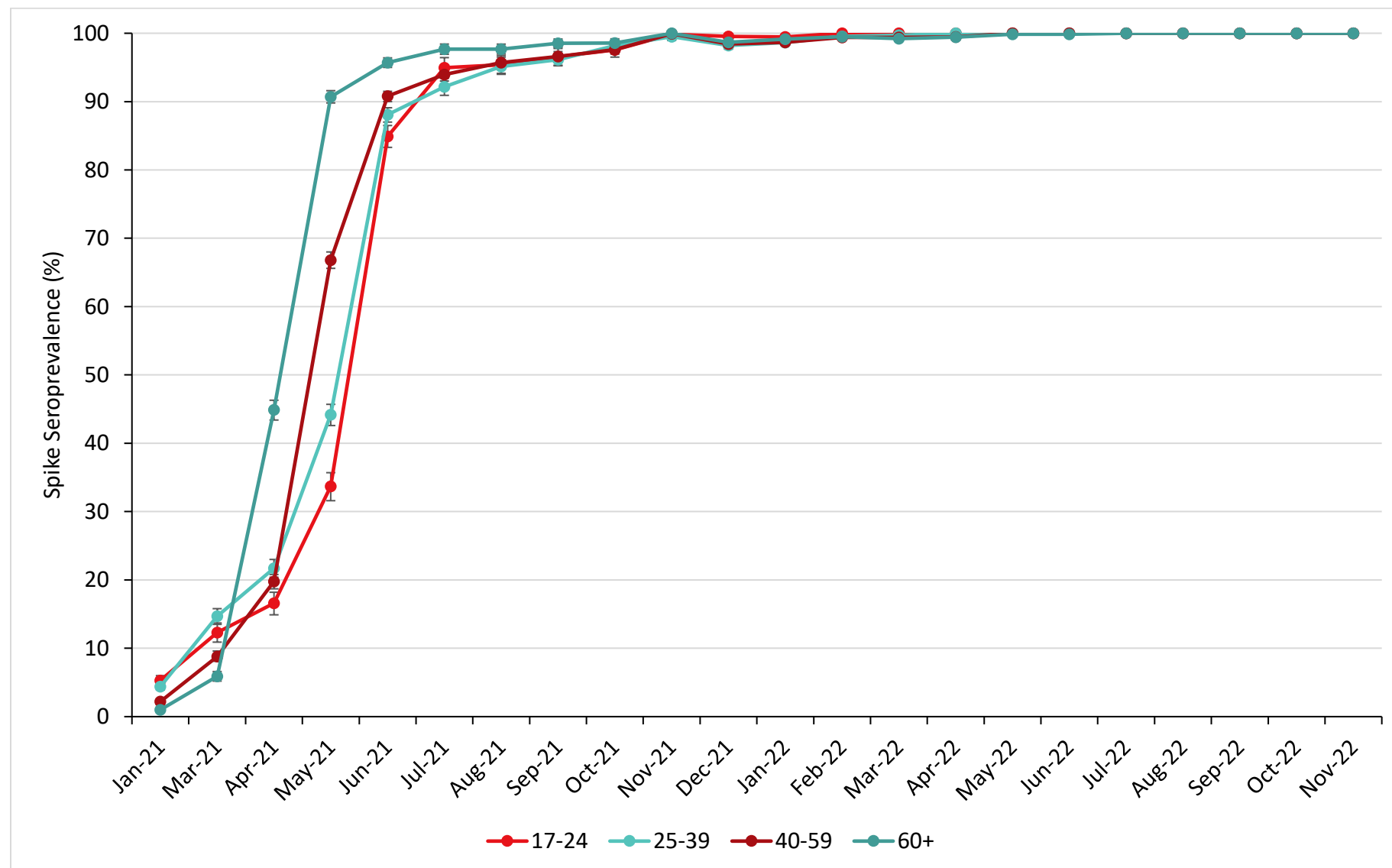
**Figure 5B.** Temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by monthly intervals from January 2021 - November 2022 estimated by Spike antibody results by ethnicity.



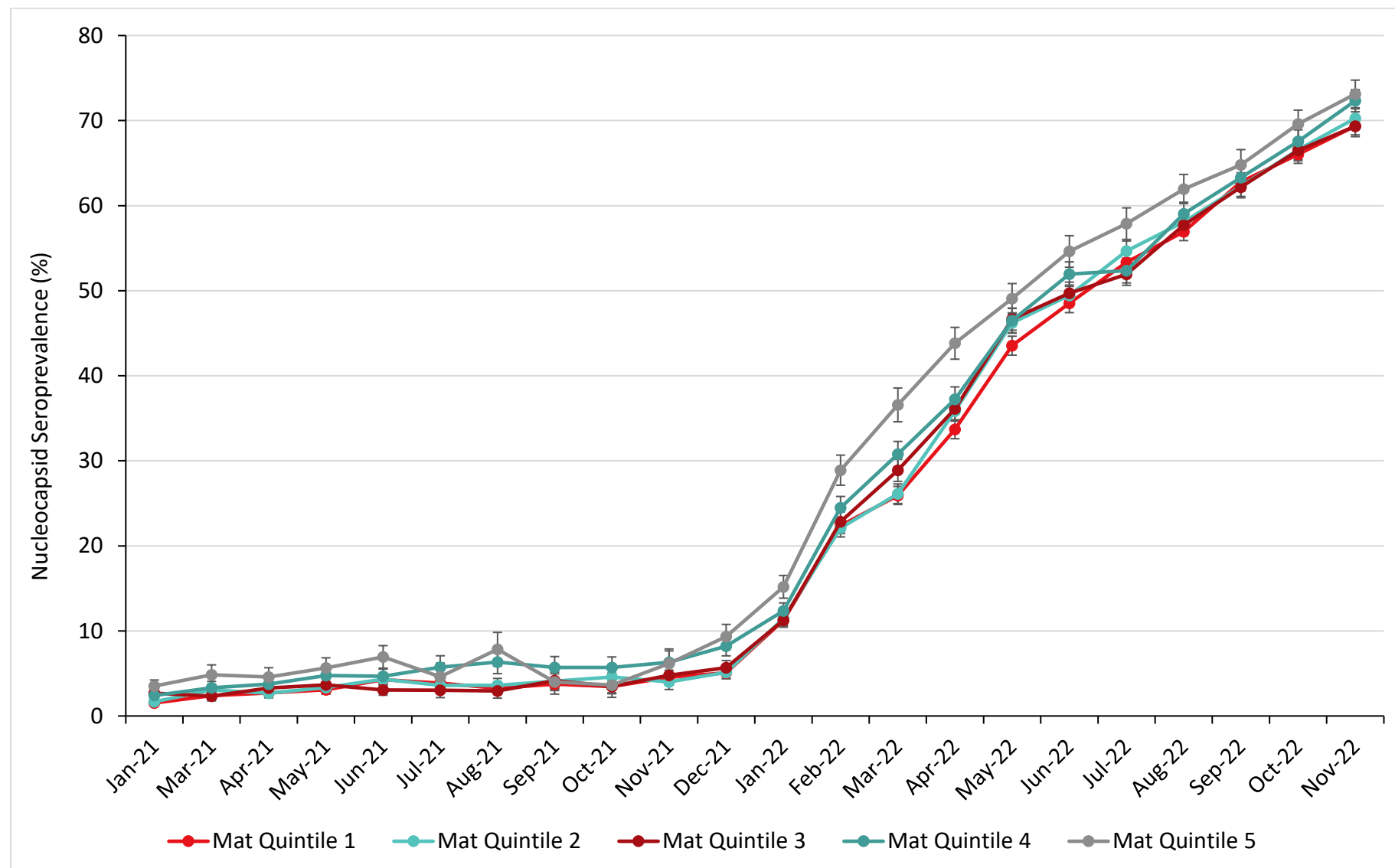
**Figure 5C.** Temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by monthly intervals from January 2021 - November 2022 estimated by Nucleocapsid antibody results by age group.



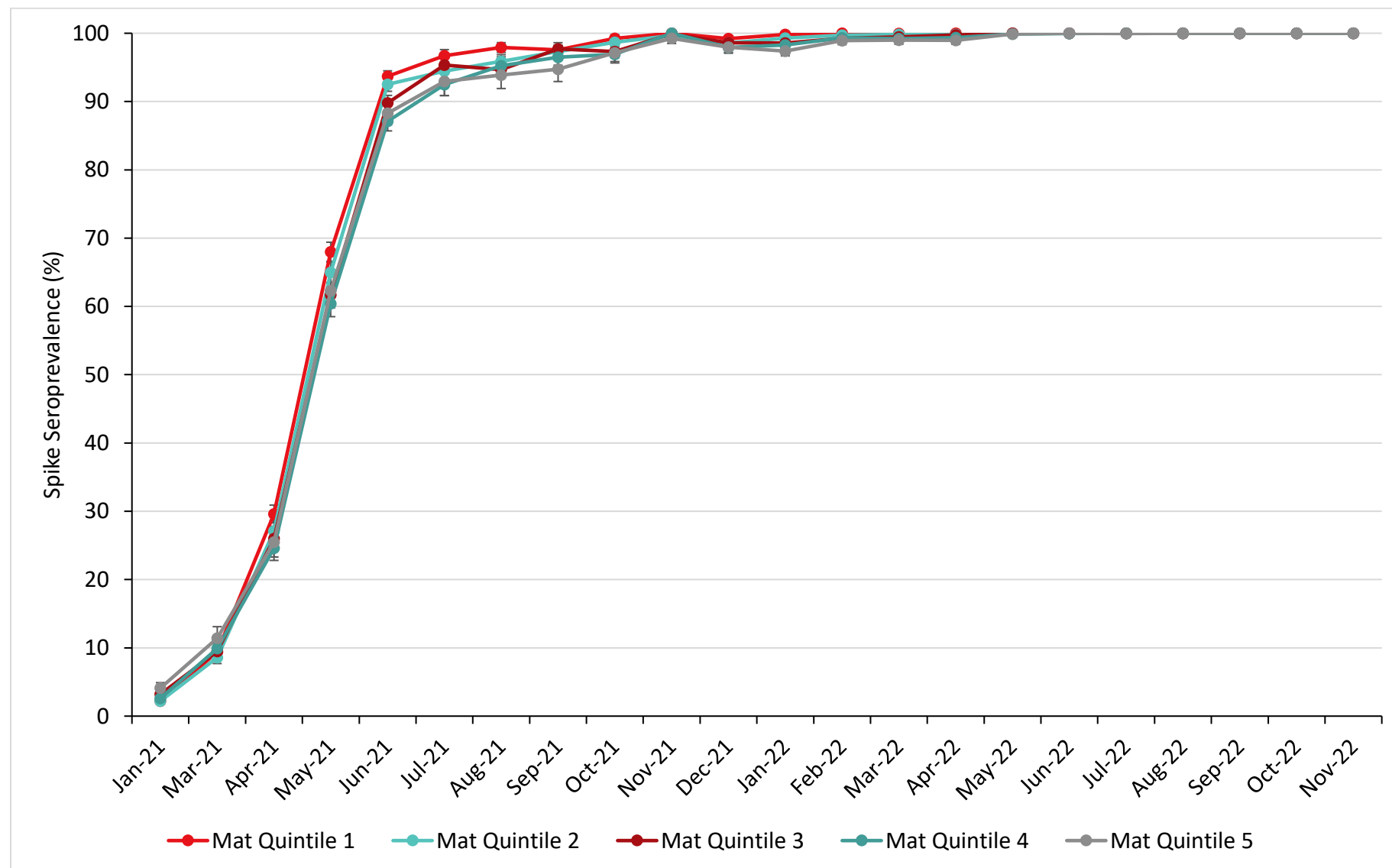
**Figure 5D.** Temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by monthly intervals from January 2021 - November 2022 estimated by Spike antibody results by age group.



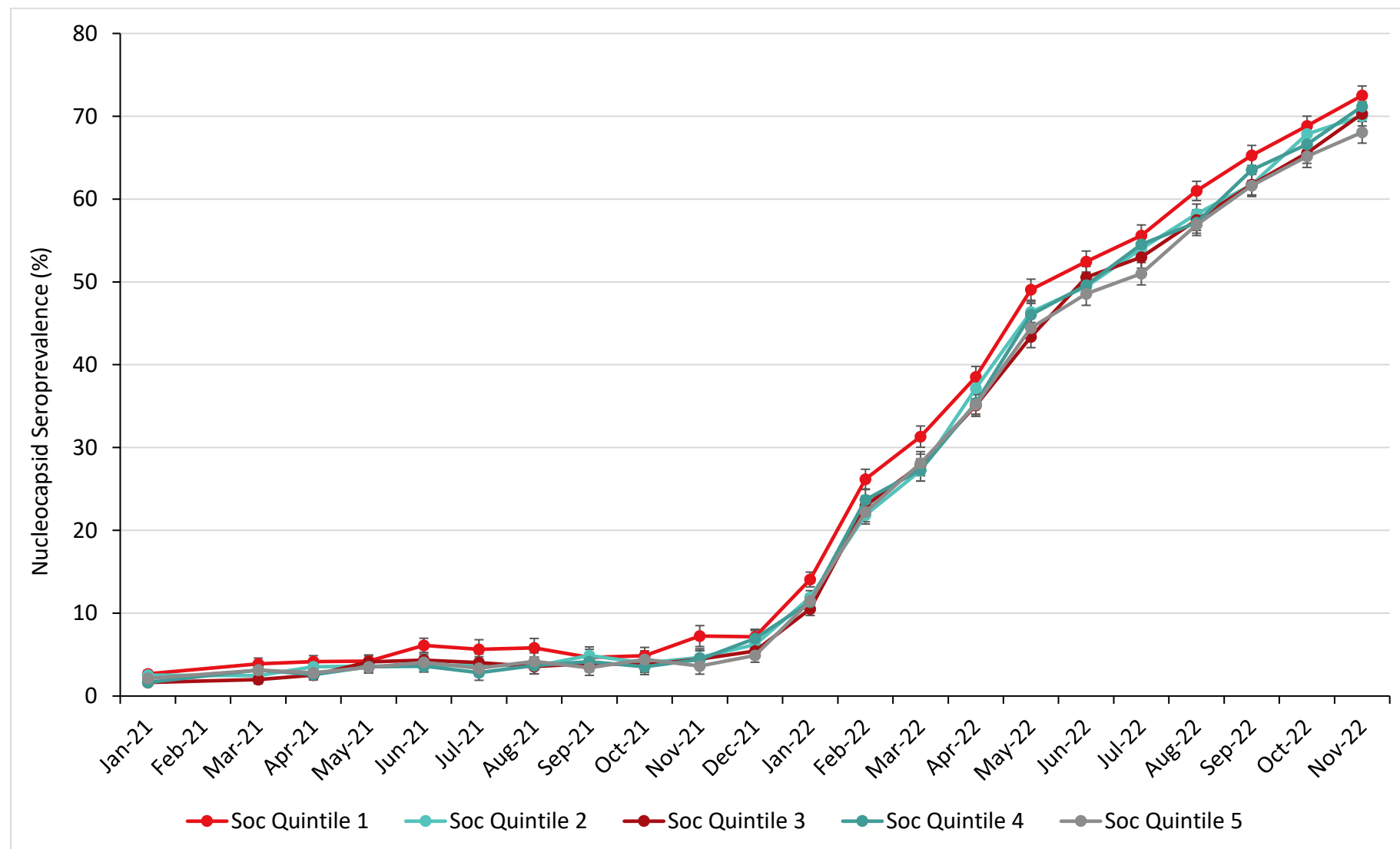
**Figure 5E.** Temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by monthly intervals from January 2021 - November 2022 estimated by Nucleocapsid antibody results by material deprivation level (1 = least deprived and 5 = most deprived).



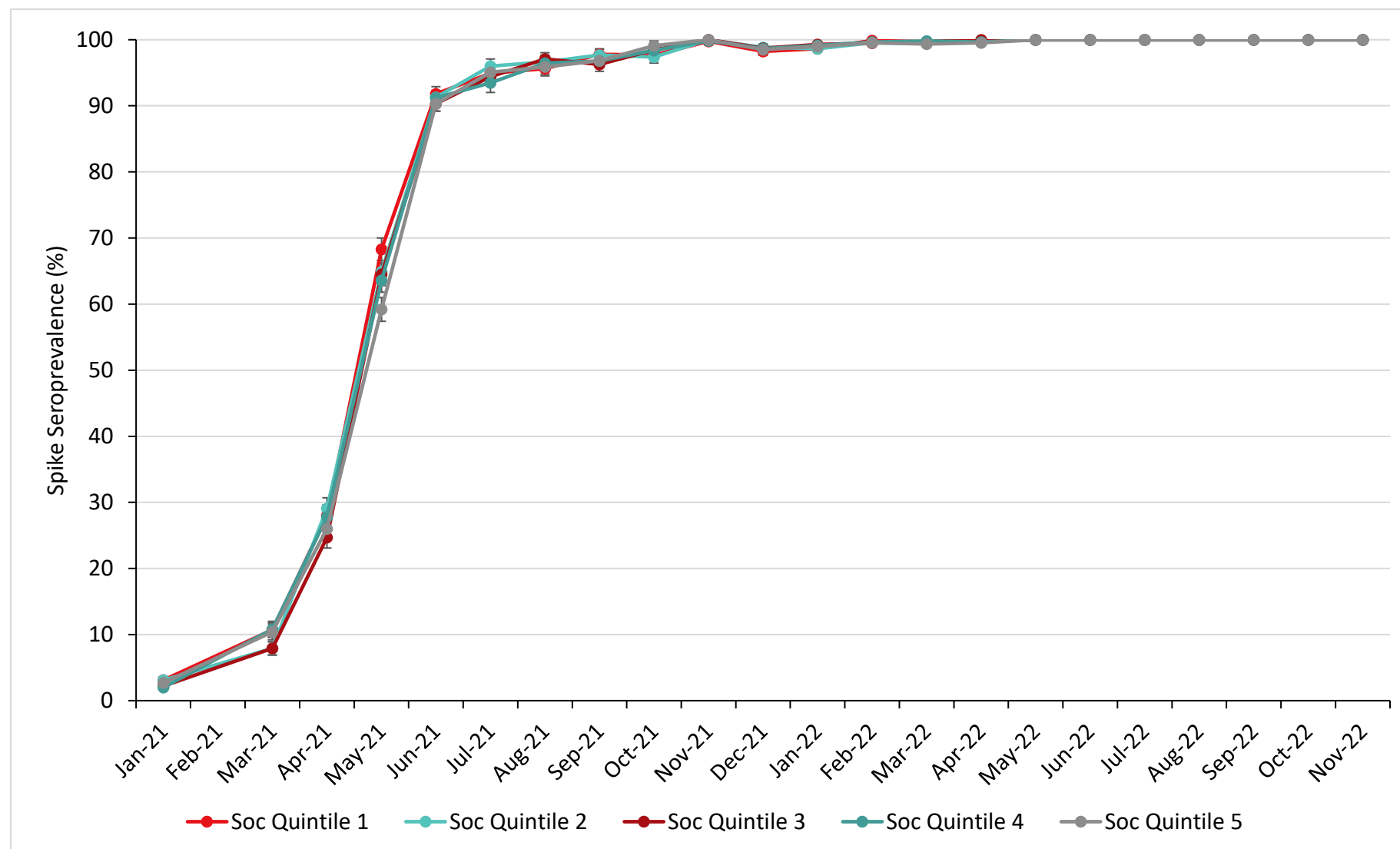
**Figure 5F.** Temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by monthly intervals from January 2021 - November 2022 estimated by Spike antibody results by material deprivation level (1 = least deprived and 5 = most deprived).



**Figure 5G.** Temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by monthly intervals from January 2021 - November 2022 estimated by Nucleocapsid antibody results by social deprivation level (1 = least deprived and 5 = most deprived).



**Figure 5H.** Temporal trends of SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by monthly intervals from January 2021 - November 2022 estimated by Spike antibody results by social deprivation level (1 = least deprived and 5 = most deprived).



**Table A1.1** British Columbia SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence, Nucleocapsid vs. Spike results in November 2022

Nucleocapsid Antibody Results (proxy for natural infection)					Spike Antibody Results (proxy for humoral immunity by either natural infection or vaccination)			
	Crude		Adjusted		Crude		Adjusted	
	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval
<b>Sex</b>								
Female	2,122	1,469	69.63	67.91, 71.35	2,122	2,110	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Male	2,920	2,053	71.21	69.47, 72.95	2,920	2,900	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Age</b>								
17-24	361	301	83.94	81.03, 86.84	361	361	100.00	100.00, 100.00
25-39	1,367	1,081	80.06	77.85, 82.27	1,367	1,365	100.00	100.00, 100.00
40-59	1,827	1,298	70.94	68.87, 73.01	1,827	1,815	100.00	100.00, 100.00
60+	1,487	842	57.09	54.69, 59.49	1,487	1,469	99.87	99.31, 100.00
<b>Material Deprivation<sup>1</sup></b>								
1 (least)	1,250	844	67.94	65.49, 70.40	1,250	1,244	100.00	100.00, 100.00
2	1,135	803	71.16	68.59, 73.73	1,135	1,124	99.85	99.19, 100.00
3	860	561	65.47	62.37, 68.58	860	854	100.00	99.73, 100.00
4	667	491	74.95	71.69, 78.21	667	662	100.00	99.54, 100.00
5 (most)	515	391	76.68	73.11, 80.25	515	514	100.00	99.87, 100.00
<b>Total</b>	5,042	3,522	70.40	69.17, 71.62	5,042	5,010	100.00	100.00, 100.00

<sup>1</sup>Postal codes were missing for 615 (12.2%) of donors which could not be included in the quintiles of Material Deprivation; 432/615 were positive by the Nucleocapsid antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence among missing postal codes was 71.02% (95% CI 67.55, 74.50); and 612/615 were positive by the Spike antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence was 100.00% (95% CI 99.97, 100.00).



**Table A1.2** Alberta SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence, Nucleocapsid vs. Spike antibody results in November 2022

Nucleocapsid Antibody Results (proxy for natural infection)					Spike Antibody Results (proxy for humoral immunity by either natural infection or vaccination)			
	Crude		Adjusted		Crude		Adjusted	
	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval
<b>Sex</b>								
Female	2,310	1,705	74.71	72.91, 76.50	2,310	2,302	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Male	3,330	2,520	77.86	76.13, 79.58	3,330	3,308	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Age</b>								
17-24	527	443	84.78	81.82, 87.74	527	526	100.00	100.00, 100.00
25-39	1,538	1,250	82.06	79.99, 84.13	1,538	1,536	100.00	100.00, 100.00
40-59	2,118	1,615	76.71	74.61, 78.82	2,118	2,106	100.00	100.00, 100.00
60+	1,457	917	63.16	60.20, 66.13	1,457	1,442	100.00	99.45, 100.00
<b>Material Deprivation<sup>1</sup></b>								
1 (least)	2,095	1,549	75.16	73.01, 77.31	2,095	2,086	100.00	100.00, 100.00
2	1,101	833	76.49	73.65, 79.32	1,101	1,094	100.00	100.00, 100.00
3	733	544	76.49	73.16, 79.81	733	728	100.00	99.52, 100.00
4	511	386	77.52	73.70, 81.34	511	510	100.00	100.00, 100.00
5 (most)	244	179	74.47	68.56, 80.38	244	243	99.83	98.26, 100.00
<b>Total</b>	5,640	4,225	76.28	75.03, 77.52	5,640	5,610	100.00	100.00, 100.00

<sup>1</sup>Postal codes were missing for 956 (17.0%) of donors which could not be included in the quintiles of Material Deprivation. 734/956 were positive by the Nucleocapsid antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence among missing postal codes was 77.89% (95% CI 74.94, 80.83); 949/956 were positive by the Spike antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence was 100% (95% CI 99.33, 100.00).

**Table A1.3** Saskatchewan SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence, Nucleocapsid vs. Spike antibody results in November 2022

Nucleocapsid Antibody Results (proxy for natural infection)					Spike Antibody Results (proxy for humoral immunity by either natural infection or vaccination)			
	Crude		Adjusted		Crude		Adjusted	
	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval
<b>Sex</b>								
Female	513	383	74.33	70.83, 77.83	513	510	100.00	99.36, 100.00
Male	708	495	71.24	67.56, 74.92	708	707	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Age</b>								
17-24	121	99	82.57	76.51, 88.63	121	121	99.98	98.26, 100.00
25-39	279	213	77.27	72.62, 81.93	279	279	100.00	99.75, 100.00
40-59	483	362	75.42	71.12, 79.72	483	483	100.00	100.00, 100.00
60+	338	204	60.96	55.70, 66.23	338	334	99.67	98.34, 100.00
<b>Material Deprivation<sup>1</sup></b>								
1 (least)	389	270	70.52	65.92, 75.12	389	389	100.00	100.00, 100.00
2	284	200	71.73	66.36, 77.09	284	283	99.98	98.69, 100.00
3	188	141	75.36	69.04, 81.68	188	187	99.77	98.04, 100.00
4	124	94	76.07	68.59, 83.54	124	122	98.90	96.28, 100.00
5 (most)	41	28	68.95	54.33, 83.57	41	41	96.67	90.41, 100.00
<b>Total</b>	1,221	878	72.81	70.27, 75.35	1,221	1,217	100.00	100.00, 100.00

<sup>1</sup>Postal codes were missing for 195 (16.0%) of donors which could not be included in the quintiles of Material Deprivation 145/195 were positive by the Nucleocapsid antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence among missing postal codes was 75.12% (95% CI 68.94, 81.30); 195/195 were positive by the Spike antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence was 100.00% (95% CI 98.81, 100.00).

**Table A1.4** Manitoba SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence, Nucleocapsid vs. Spike antibody results in November 2022

	Nucleocapsid Antibody Results (proxy for natural infection)				Spike Antibody Results (proxy for humoral immunity by either natural infection or vaccination)			
	Crude		Adjusted		Crude		Adjusted	
	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval
<b>Sex</b>								
Female	676	471	70.71	67.34, 74.07	676	671	100.00	99.36, 100.00
Male	933	661	73.70	70.37, 77.04	934	927	100.00	99.26, 100.00
<b>Age</b>								
17-24	151	131	88.21	83.53, 92.89	151	151	100.00	98.80, 100.00
25-39	385	301	78.25	73.91, 82.60	385	379	99.29	97.84, 100.00
40-59	585	422	72.56	68.48, 76.63	586	580	99.74	98.64, 100.00
60+	488	278	58.21	53.26, 63.16	488	488	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Material Deprivation<sup>1</sup></b>								
1 (least)	396	254	66.41	61.00, 71.81	397	397	100.00	99.66, 100.00
2	342	253	76.11	71.16, 81.05	342	341	100.00	99.16, 100.00
3	292	208	72.02	66.52, 77.53	292	287	99.37	97.72, 100.00
4	231	163	71.35	65.21, 77.49	231	230	100.00	98.56, 100.00
5 (most)	122	86	70.09	61.71, 78.47	122	120	99.09	96.45, 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>72.17</b>	<b>69.80, 74.54</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>99.71, 100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup>Postal codes were missing for 226 (14.1%) of donors which could not be included in the quintiles of Material Deprivation; 168/226 were positive by the Nucleocapsid antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence among missing postal codes was 76.79% (95% CI 71.17, 82.42); 223/226 were positive by the Spike antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence was 99.81% (95% CI 98.24, 100.00).

**Table A1.5** Ontario SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence, Nucleocapsid vs. Spike antibody results in November 2022

Nucleocapsid Antibody Results (proxy for natural infection)					Spike Antibody Results (proxy for humoral immunity by either natural infection or vaccination)			
	Crude		Adjusted		Crude		Adjusted	
	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval
<b>Sex</b>								
Female	6,233	4,286	69.07	68.06, 70.09	6,233	6,209	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Male	8,528	5,862	70.41	69.37, 71.45	8,528	8,474	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Age</b>								
17-24	1,111	935	85.54	83.97, 87.11	1,111	1,109	100.00	100.00, 100.00
25-39	3,820	2,856	75.52	74.12, 76.92	3,820	3,801	100.00	100.00, 100.00
40-59	5,607	4,027	72.21	71.02, 73.40	5,607	5,577	100.00	100.00, 100.00
60+	4,223	2,330	54.70	53.23, 56.17	4,223	4,196	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Material Deprivation<sup>1</sup></b>								
1 (least)	3,412	2,300	67.25	65.72, 68.79	3,412	3,400	100.00	100.00, 100.00
2	3,314	2,242	68.26	66.66, 69.86	3,314	3,295	100.00	100.00, 100.00
3	2,894	1,983	69.46	67.80, 71.12	2,894	2,882	100.00	100.00, 100.00
4	2,260	1,591	71.54	69.74, 73.34	2,260	2,243	100.00	100.00, 100.00
5 (most)	1,301	943	74.47	72.29, 76.66	1,301	1,291	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,761</b>	<b>10,148</b>	<b>69.72</b>	<b>68.99, 70.44</b>	<b>14,761</b>	<b>14,683</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00, 100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup>Postal codes were missing for 1,580 (10.7%) of donors which could not be included in the quintiles of Material Deprivation. 1,089/1,580 were positive by the Nucleocapsid antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence among missing postal codes was 71.29% (95% CI 69.13, 73.45); 1,572/1,580 were positive by the Spike antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence was 100.00% (95% CI 100.00, 100.00).

**Table A1.6** Atlantic Region SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence, Nucleocapsid vs. Spike antibody results in November 2022

Nucleocapsid Antibody Results (proxy for natural infection)					Spike Antibody Results (proxy for humoral immunity by either natural infection or vaccination)			
	Crude		Adjusted		Crude		Adjusted	
	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval	Number Tested	Number Positive	Percent Positive	95% Confidence Interval
<b>Sex</b>								
Female	1,337	908	67.66	65.19, 70.13	1,337	1,333	100.00	100.00, 100.00
Male	1,469	950	66.03	63.44, 68.62	1,469	1,463	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Age</b>								
17-24	212	165	77.36	72.53, 82.18	212	212	100.00	99.64, 100.00
25-39	597	460	77.86	74.35, 81.36	597	596	100.00	100.00, 100.00
40-59	1,050	705	68.20	65.24, 71.16	1,050	1,044	100.00	99.90, 100.00
60+	947	528	55.22	51.94, 58.50	947	944	100.00	100.00, 100.00
<b>Material Deprivation<sup>1</sup></b>								
1 (least)	405	284	71.56	67.18, 75.95	405	404	100.00	99.76, 100.00
2	582	384	66.61	62.65, 70.57	582	582	100.00	100.00, 100.00
3	507	316	62.93	58.65, 67.22	507	505	100.00	99.60, 100.00
4	634	424	68.04	64.23, 71.85	634	630	100.00	99.61, 100.00
5 (most)	428	276	64.29	59.74, 68.84	428	427	100.00	99.93, 100.00
<b>Total</b>	2,806	1,858	66.88	65.09, 68.66	2,806	2,796	100.00	100.00, 100.00

<sup>1</sup>Postal codes were missing for 250 (8.9%) of donors which could not be included in the quintiles of Material Deprivation; 174/250 were positive by the Nucleocapsid antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence among missing postal codes was 69.44% (95% CI 63.45, 75.43); 248/250 were positive by the Spike antibody, adjusted SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence was 99.57% (95% CI 97.94, 100.00).

**Table A2.1.** Weekly SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by sociodemographic variables by Nucleocapsid results in November 2022

	November 1-7			November 8-15			November 16-23			November 24-30		
	Crude	Adjusted		Crude	Adjusted		Crude	Adjusted		Crude	Adjusted	
	N Tested (N Positive)	Percent Positive	95% CI	N Tested (N Positive)	Percent Positive	95% CI	N Tested (N Positive)	Percent Positive	95% CI	N Tested (N Positive)	Percent Positive	95% CI
<b>Sex</b>												
Female	2,507 (1,742)	69.26	67.61, 70.91	3,995 (2,778)	69.79	68.50, 71.07	3,611 (2,533)	70.13	68.75, 71.50	3,228 (2,265)	70.14	68.71, 71.57
Male	3,762 (2,617)	70.53	68.91, 72.15	5,383 (3,726)	71.11	69.79, 72.44	5,024 (3,543)	72.38	71.01, 73.76	4,384 (3,096)	71.53	70.05, 73.01
<b>Age</b>												
17-24	506 (416)	82.53	79.78, 85.28	669 (559)	84.00	81.81, 86.19	769 (659)	87.08	85.16, 89.01	583 (480)	82.76	80.22, 85.30
25-39	1,598 (1,244)	78.05	75.92, 80.17	2,386 (1,853)	78.56	76.90, 80.23	2,203 (1,701)	77.71	75.89, 79.53	1,923 (1,458)	76.40	74.44, 78.35
40-59	2,400 (1,721)	71.79	69.88, 73.69	3,515 (2,521)	72.49	70.97, 74.01	3,137 (2,257)	71.76	70.10, 73.43	2,880 (2,096)	72.45	70.74, 74.16
60+	1,765 (978)	54.72	52.33, 57.10	2,808 (1,571)	55.24	53.36, 57.11	2,526 (1,459)	56.63	54.60, 58.65	2,226 (1,327)	59.46	57.40, 61.51
<b>Province</b>												
British Columbia	1,117 (778)	69.41	66.77, 72.04	1,476 (1,026)	69.72	67.45, 72.00	1,470 (1,024)	70.82	68.58, 73.06	1,093 (772)	71.56	68.98, 74.15
Alberta	1,190 (884)	76.54	73.72, 79.36	1,654 (1,203)	74.33	71.95, 76.71	1,762 (1,370)	79.32	77.15, 81.49	1,413 (1,038)	74.30	71.69, 76.90
Saskatchewan	230 (161)	71.48	65.58, 77.38	351 (261)	75.53	71.05, 80.02	355 (250)	72.29	67.55, 77.03	300 (213)	70.50	65.24, 75.76
Manitoba	307 (214)	71.33	65.99, 76.67	501 (347)	70.71	66.44, 74.97	428 (295)	71.47	66.88, 76.05	380 (279)	75.50	70.81, 80.19
Ontario	2,679 (1,822)	68.21	66.48, 69.94	4,489 (3,074)	69.95	68.67, 71.23	3,939 (2,692)	69.37	67.95, 70.79	3,870 (2,697)	69.98	68.57, 71.39
New Brunswick	211 (149)	71.12	64.81, 77.43	262 (190)	74.09	68.52, 79.65	215 (137)	62.65	56.04, 69.27	252 (163)	65.16	59.12, 71.20
Nova Scotia	345 (218)	64.30	58.83, 69.76	389 (241)	61.72	56.51, 66.92	331 (211)	65.00	59.50, 70.50	184 (124)	67.23	59.87, 74.60
Prince Edward Island	98 (69)	72.12	59.98, 84.26	142 (90)	64.94	53.37, 76.51	66 (44)	67.91	51.95, 83.87	30 (16)	56.98	32.12, 81.85
Newfoundland	92 (64)	70.25	63.06, 77.44	114 (72)	64.24	57.55, 70.92	69 (53)	75.58	67.49, 83.67	90 (59)	66.53	59.10, 73.96
<b>Metro area</b>												
Vancouver	619 (447)	70.77	67.38, 74.15	730 (547)	74.62	71.67, 77.57	777 (577)	75.12	72.28, 77.96	574 (419)	73.63	70.22, 77.04
Calgary	445 (357)	82.20	77.78, 86.62	615 (446)	73.40	69.10, 77.70	638 (503)	79.49	75.67, 83.31	531 (400)	75.63	71.26, 80.00
Edmonton	437 (313)	73.17	68.46, 77.87	602 (424)	71.98	68.03, 75.94	524 (403)	78.27	74.25, 82.28	459 (330)	73.18	68.52, 77.84
Ottawa	245 (178)	72.60	65.54, 79.67	324 (211)	67.08	60.53, 73.64	720 (464)	66.16	61.82, 70.49	424 (271)	65.84	60.10, 71.57

Toronto	831 (565)	68.68	66.06, 71.30	1,515 (1,075)	71.39	69.59, 73.19	959 (658)	69.62	67.35, 71.88	1,137 (796)	69.21	67.10, 71.33
Winnipeg	202 (138)	70.81	63.56, 78.06	332 (225)	68.58	62.73, 74.44	306 (199)	66.57	60.45, 72.69	277 (205)	76.64	70.82, 82.46
<b>Ethnicity<sup>1</sup></b>												
White	4,967 (3,353)	67.91	66.58, 69.25	7,627 (5,146)	68.38	67.32, 69.43	6,891 (4,700)	68.84	67.71, 69.97	6,124 (4,196)	68.62	67.44, 69.80
Indigenous	86 (71)	86.48	79.26, 93.70	119 (92)	76.22	68.69, 83.74	140 (106)	77.59	70.84, 84.34	114 (85)	73.93	65.76, 82.10
Asian	758 (596)	77.78	74.86, 80.69	864 (687)	80.12	77.66, 82.59	909 (730)	80.39	77.90, 82.87	711 (553)	78.64	75.74, 81.54
Other racialized groups	378 (280)	73.45	69.02, 77.87	636 (483)	76.51	73.35, 79.66	564 (434)	78.47	75.12, 81.82	557 (441)	80.31	77.03, 83.60
<b>Social Deprivation<sup>2</sup></b>												
1 (least deprived)	1,305 (949)	72.18	69.67, 74.68	1,664 (1,151)	70.83	68.64, 73.02	1,600 (1,186)	75.59	73.44, 77.73	1,465 (1,040)	71.07	68.67, 73.46
2	1,157 (808)	70.45	67.79, 73.12	1,771 (1,239)	70.94	68.80, 73.07	1,653 (1,134)	68.96	66.67, 71.25	1,428 (997)	69.38	66.98, 71.78
3	1,058 (718)	68.34	65.49, 71.19	1,683 (1,164)	70.24	68.05, 72.43	1,504 (1,027)	70.14	67.75, 72.52	1,395 (990)	72.08	69.71, 74.45
4	977 (649)	68.43	65.46, 71.39	1,584 (1,101)	71.57	69.37, 73.78	1,400 (1,005)	72.39	70.01, 74.77	1,237 (863)	70.25	67.74, 72.77
5 (most deprived)	1,016 (701)	68.26	65.33, 71.19	1,473 (993)	66.86	64.51, 69.20	1,444 (986)	68.16	65.76, 70.56	1,183 (807)	68.17	65.53, 70.81
<b>Material Deprivation<sup>2</sup></b>												
1 (least deprived)	1,546 (1,068)	69.12	66.76, 71.49	2,311 (1,589)	69.81	67.96, 71.67	2,349 (1,632)	69.50	67.59, 71.42	1,987 (1,368)	67.94	65.87, 70.01
2	1,248 (889)	71.94	69.41, 74.48	2,039 (1,407)	69.40	67.36, 71.45	1,927 (1,337)	69.90	67.77, 72.02	1,721 (1,208)	70.68	68.47, 72.89
3	1,124 (735)	65.42	62.59, 68.25	1,715 (1,177)	69.67	67.48, 71.87	1,463 (1,015)	70.09	67.72, 72.47	1,324 (920)	69.81	67.31, 72.31
4	966 (688)	72.52	69.63, 75.42	1,327 (932)	71.92	69.51, 74.32	1,198 (863)	73.42	70.91, 75.93	1,046 (743)	71.62	68.92, 74.31
5 (most deprived)	629 (445)	69.87	66.24, 73.50	783 (543)	70.72	67.74, 73.69	664 (491)	76.80	73.70, 79.90	630 (458)	74.37	71.09, 77.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,269 (4,359)</b>	<b>69.90</b>	<b>68.74, 71.06</b>	<b>9,378 (6,504)</b>	<b>70.42</b>	<b>69.50, 71.34</b>	<b>8,635 (6,076)</b>	<b>71.23</b>	<b>70.26, 72.20</b>	<b>7,612 (5,361)</b>	<b>70.80</b>	<b>69.77, 71.83</b>

<sup>1</sup>In Week 1, self reported ethnicity was missing for 80 (1.3%) donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 73.87% (95% CI 64.27, 83.46).  
In Week 2, self reported ethnicity was missing for 132 (1.4%) donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 73.91% (95% CI 66.32, 81.51).  
In Week 3, self reported ethnicity was missing for 131 (1.5%) donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 81.32% (95% CI 74.65, 88.00).  
In Week 4, self reported ethnicity was missing for 106 (1.4%) donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 82.19% (95% CI 74.73, 89.66).

<sup>2</sup>In Week 1, postal codes were missing for 756 (12.1%) of donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 71.45% (95% CI 68.20, 74.69).  
In Week 2, postal codes were missing for 1,203 (12.8%) of donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 72.42% (95% CI 69.89, 74.95).  
In Week 3, postal codes were missing for 1,034 (12.0%) of donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 72.46% (95% CI 69.68, 75.24).  
In Week 4, postal codes were missing for 904 (11.9%) of donors; Adjusted seroprevalence by the Nucleocapsid antibody assay was 75.18% (95% CI 72.28, 78.08).

**Table A2.2.** Weekly SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence by province and age group by Nucleocapsid results in November 2022

	November 1-7			November 8-15			November 16-23			November 24-30		
	Adjusted			Adjusted			Adjusted			Adjusted		
	N Tested (N Positive)	Percent Positive	95% CI	N Tested (N Positive)	Percent Positive	95% CI	N Tested (N Positive)	Percent Positive	95% CI	N Tested (N Positive)	Percent Positive	95% CI
<b>British Columbia</b>												
17-24	66 (57)	86.48	80.09, 92.87	116 (92)	80.45	74.92, 85.97	113 (99)	87.71	83.09, 92.33	72 (58)	81.83	75.04, 88.62
25-39	302 (248)	83.04	78.54, 87.53	397 (311)	79.24	75.14, 83.33	376 (299)	80.32	76.13, 84.51	310 (236)	77.37	72.60, 82.14
40-59	412 (294)	71.29	66.85, 75.73	528 (377)	70.94	67.09, 74.79	536 (369)	69.32	65.45, 73.18	393 (282)	71.43	67.02, 75.85
60+	337 (179)	52.59	47.39, 57.79	435 (246)	55.56	50.99, 60.13	445 (257)	58.96	54.62, 63.30	318 (196)	63.05	57.97, 68.12
Total	1,117 (778)	69.79	67.12, 72.46	1,476 (1,026)	69.72	67.45, 72.00	1,470 (1,024)	70.82	68.58, 73.06	1,093 (772)	71.56	68.98, 74.15
<b>Alberta</b>												
17-24	99 (81)	82.27	75.38, 89.16	139 (118)	84.03	78.16, 89.91	174 (153)	88.99	84.46, 93.53	138 (113)	82.65	76.46, 88.84
25-39	342 (284)	82.88	78.54, 87.22	429 (352)	83.14	79.37, 86.90	457 (371)	82.23	78.43, 86.04	368 (287)	78.35	73.79, 82.91
40-59	454 (342)	75.39	70.74, 80.04	606 (443)	73.28	69.19, 77.37	635 (510)	81.32	77.75, 84.90	538 (404)	75.19	70.82, 79.55
60+	295 (177)	60.16	53.10, 67.22	480 (290)	60.38	54.98, 65.78	496 (336)	66.76	61.51, 72.01	369 (234)	62.74	56.69, 68.78
Total	1,190 (884)	75.62	72.85, 78.39	1,654 (1,203)	74.33	71.95, 76.71	1,762 (1,370)	79.32	77.15, 81.49	1,413 (1,038)	74.30	71.69, 76.90
<b>Saskatchewan</b>												
17-24	27 (23)	85.92	74.05, 97.78	35 (29)	83.40	72.76, 94.04	34 (29)	86.44	76.19, 96.68	25 (18)	73.14	57.54, 88.73
25-39	43 (34)	80.81	70.19, 91.44	82 (67)	82.37	74.60, 90.14	87 (66)	76.72	68.45, 85.00	68 (47)	70.34	60.19, 80.49
40-59	80 (59)	74.13	63.72, 84.53	140 (104)	75.07	67.16, 82.98	144 (106)	74.01	66.05, 81.97	123 (96)	78.32	70.21, 86.43
60+	80 (45)	57.33	45.92, 68.73	94 (61)	65.74	56.34, 75.13	90 (49)	56.87	46.18, 67.56	84 (52)	59.90	49.19, 70.61
Total	230 (161)	72.12	66.28, 77.96	351 (261)	75.53	71.05, 80.02	355 (250)	72.29	67.55, 77.03	300 (213)	70.50	65.24, 75.76
<b>Manitoba</b>												
17-24	34 (29)	86.00	75.75, 96.26	38 (31)	83.50	73.19, 93.80	37 (33)	91.03	82.75, 99.31	42 (38)	92.25	84.76, 99.75
25-39	74 (55)	74.39	64.14, 84.64	112 (82)	72.99	64.42, 81.56	106 (87)	83.02	75.59, 90.45	93 (77)	83.34	75.19, 91.49
40-59	114 (81)	71.75	62.19, 81.32	195 (144)	74.51	67.77, 81.26	137 (97)	71.97	63.54, 80.40	141 (100)	70.79	62.39, 79.18
60+	85 (49)	57.35	45.63, 69.07	156 (90)	58.60	49.92, 67.27	148 (78)	53.36	44.37, 62.35	104 (64)	63.31	52.70, 73.93
Total	307 (214)	71.16	65.74, 76.59	501 (347)	70.71	66.44, 74.97	428 (295)	71.47	66.88, 76.05	380 (279)	75.50	70.81, 80.19



<b>Ontario</b>												
17-24	218 (175)	80.81	76.89, 84.74	299 (252)	85.30	82.40, 88.21	338 (292)	88.04	85.45, 90.62	271 (229)	84.13	80.76, 87.50
25-39	672 (498)	75.09	71.71, 78.47	1,173 (883)	76.31	73.90, 78.72	1,042 (771)	74.34	71.57, 77.10	971 (732)	75.76	73.00, 78.53
40-59	1,053 (754)	72.11	69.31, 74.91	1,723 (1,240)	73.41	71.35, 75.47	1,438 (1,018)	70.21	67.78, 72.63	1,466 (1,057)	71.67	69.33, 74.01
60+	736 (395)	52.60	49.01, 56.18	1,294 (699)	53.50	50.87, 56.12	1,121 (611)	53.50	50.56, 56.44	1,162 (679)	58.53	55.80, 61.26
Total	2,679 (1,822)	68.76	67.03, 70.49	4,489 (3,074)	69.95	68.67, 71.23	3,939 (2,692)	69.37	67.95, 70.79	3,870 (2,697)	69.98	68.57, 71.39
<b>Atlantic Canada</b>												
17-24	62 (51)	81.36	73.24, 89.47	42 (37)	83.97	74.68, 93.26	73 (53)	74.43	65.75, 83.10	35 (24)	68.64	55.57, 81.71
25-39	165 (125)	74.26	67.16, 81.36	193 (158)	83.82	78.32, 89.31	135 (107)	78.83	71.43, 86.24	113 (79)	72.87	64.80, 80.95
40-59	287 (191)	67.41	61.78, 73.05	323 (213)	66.24	60.76, 71.72	247 (157)	66.35	60.19, 72.51	219 (157)	72.82	66.84, 78.79
60+	232 (133)	61.14	55.04, 67.23	349 (185)	52.67	47.16, 58.17	226 (128)	54.23	47.23, 61.23	189 (102)	52.84	45.68, 60.00
Total	746 (500)	68.37	65.03, 71.70	907 (593)	66.10	62.89, 69.31	681 (445)	66.21	62.53, 69.88	556 (362)	65.89	61.98, 69.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,269 (4,359)</b>	<b>70.19</b>	<b>69.03, 71.34</b>	<b>9,378 (6,504)</b>	<b>70.42</b>	<b>69.50, 71.34</b>	<b>8,635 (6,076)</b>	<b>71.23</b>	<b>70.26, 72.20</b>	<b>7,612 (5,361)</b>	<b>70.80</b>	<b>69.77, 71.83</b>