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Daily Global Situation Report

March 15, 2021

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

AstraZeneca conducts a review of safety data, finding no evidence of increased blood clot risk.

At least 39 were killed in the deadliest day of Myanmar's anti-coup protests.

Turkey announces economic reset plans to reign in government spending and curb inflation.

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives appear to be heading for a crushing defeat in two state polls, as the nation launches elections that will eventually see Merkel leave the role she started more than 15 years ago.

Popular discontent over Germany's vaccination rollout and recent allegations that members of Merkel's Union bloc received PPE earlier than others are likely behind the poor electoral showing, which may foreshadow the vulnerability of other governments around the world.



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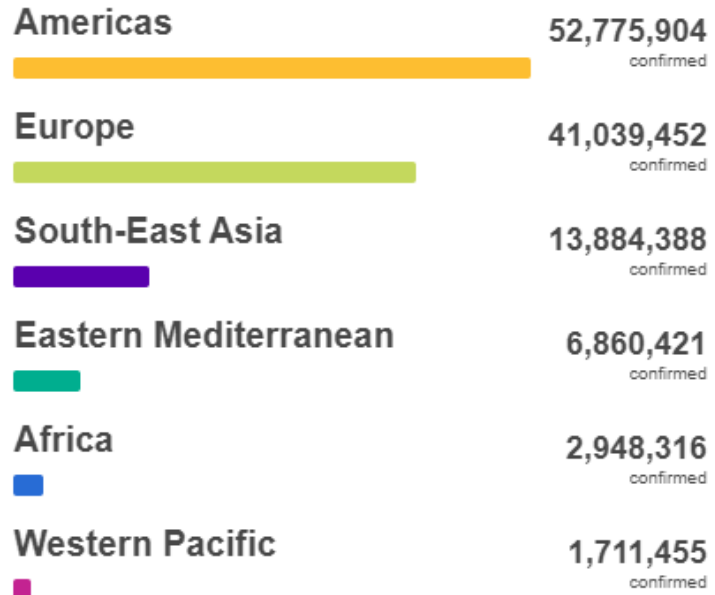
Confirmed coronavirus cases globally surpassed 119.8 million, with deaths at 2.6 million.

- The President of the International Olympic Committee reiterated that COVID-19 vaccination will not be a requirement for **Olympic athletes**.
- In another **extreme weather** event impacting the globe, China's worst sandstorm in a decade caused mass disruptions on Monday as swaths of the country were engulfed in a thick, orange haze of dust and sand, forcing authorities to cancel hundreds of flights, shutter roads and schools, and suspend outdoor activities.

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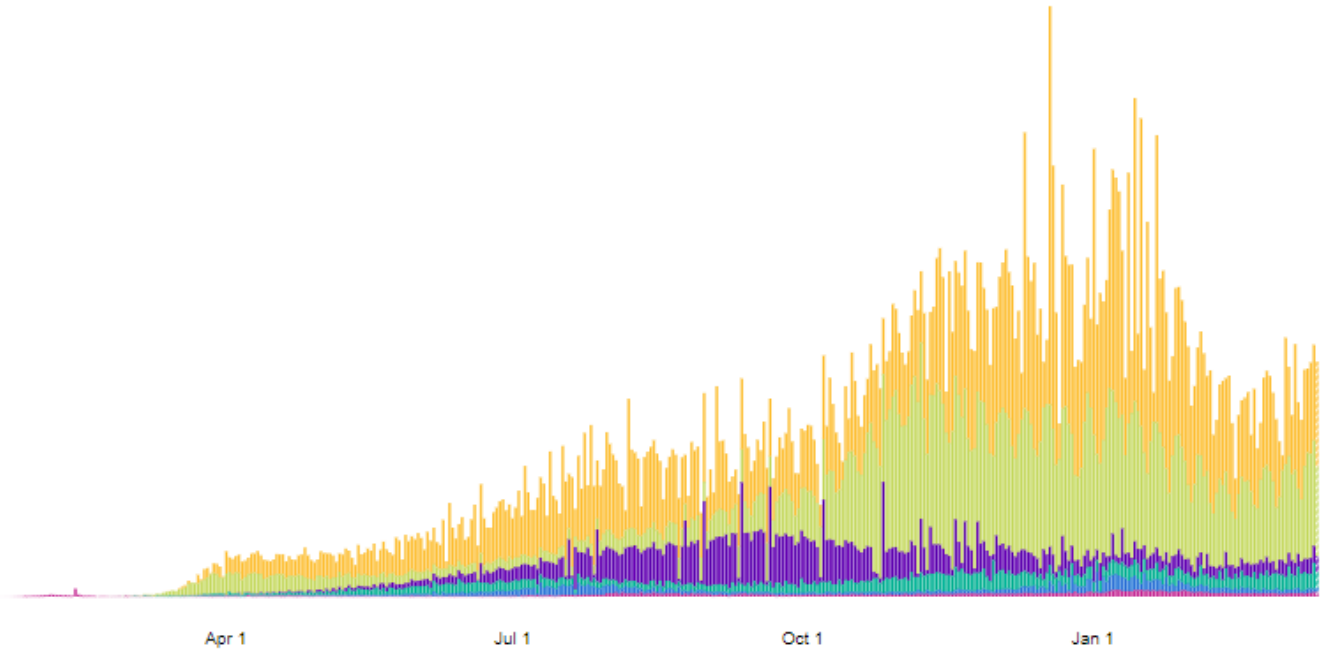
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Situation by WHO Region



Source: World Health Organization
Data may be incomplete for the current day or week.

Navigation controls: Daily Weekly Cases Deaths



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COVID-19 Vaccine

Regular booster vaccines will be needed because of mutations that make it more transmissible and better able to evade human immunity, per the head of Britain's genomes sequence program.

- Globally, **359.54 million** have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- **AstraZeneca** announced Sunday that a review of safety data found no evidence of Ireland on Sunday became the latest country to suspend the AstraZeneca vaccine. Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Iceland said last week they would halt the introduction of the AstraZeneca vaccine. Thailand announced plans to go ahead with AstraZeneca's vaccine and Germany said it would continue to administer the shot despite other countries suspending its use over safety fears. The WHO offered assurances that the vaccine's safety is being investigated and that there is no cause for alarm.
- Facebook is conducting a vast behind-the-scenes study of **doubts expressed by US users about vaccines**, a major project that attempts to probe and teach software to identify the medical attitudes of millions of Americans.
- Amid continuing issues with supply and the AstraZeneca vaccine, a group of **European** countries wrote to the European Commission to complain of disparities in vaccine allocation among EU members.
- Two of India's top vaccine manufacturers making AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson shots warned that the world's vaccine production is being threatened by **US pandemic export controls**.
- **Brazil's** government said it reached a deal to purchase 10 million doses of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine.
- As new COVID-19 cases surge, the head of vaccine strategy for the **Philippines** said the country's rollout is on schedule.
- The **French** government is making a final push to get healthcare workers to vaccinate, as it considers making the jab mandatory for health workers.
- The **US** has vaccine rollout has been the sixth-fastest in the world, but progress varies greatly by states.

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Markets & Business

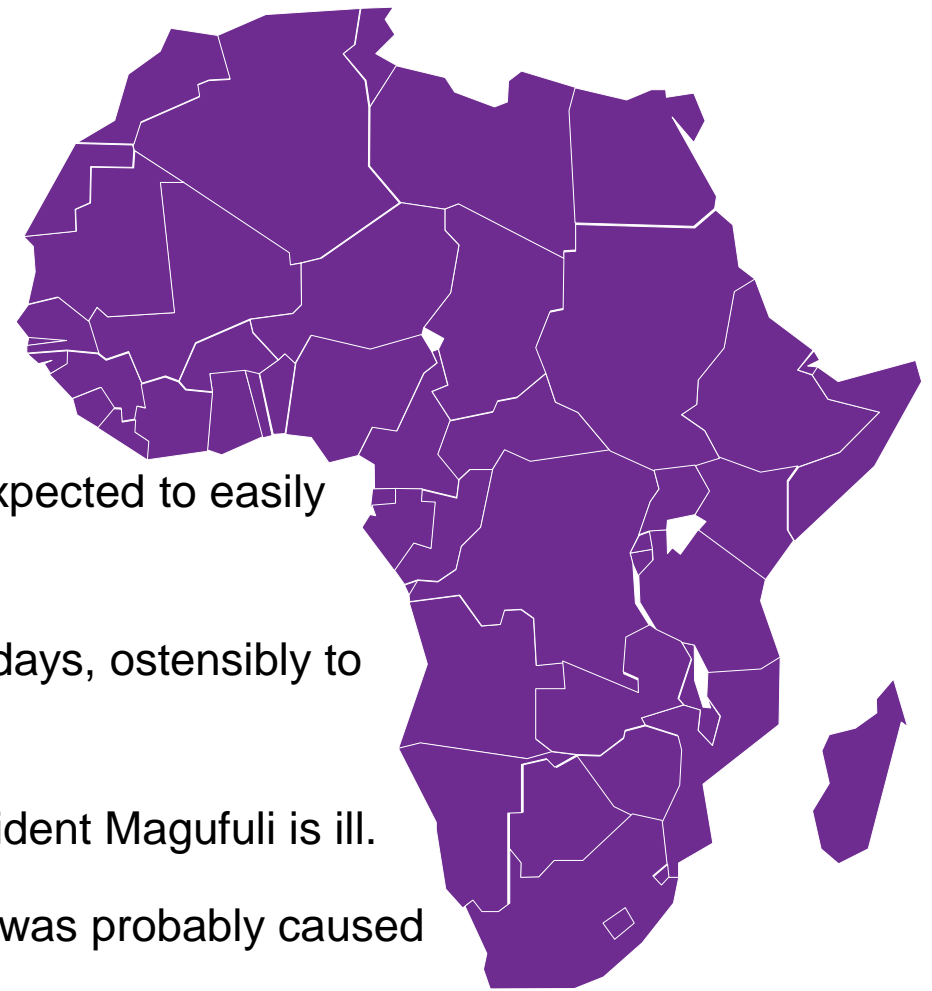
World shares inched higher while US bond yields hovered near a 13-month peak on Monday on bets economic growth would accelerate.

- Short sellers are increasing bets against SPAC deals, including those for **Social Finance, Lucid and Lordstown Motors**.
- The CEO of **British Airways** called for vaccinated people to be allowed to travel without any restrictions.
- **Virgin Atlantic** is set to receive a £160m support package.
- Investors in **Stripe** struck a deal valuing the online payments processor at \$95 billion, making it Silicon Valley's most valuable private company.
- The CFO of **Continental** called for the auto industry to improve its forecasting to avoid another global chip shortage.
- **Panasonic's** outgoing CEO discussed the company's plans to reduce its reliance on **Tesla** and make batteries more compatible with other EVs.

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Africa

- The **Central African Republic** began voting in the second round of legislative elections Sunday, after disruptions by rebel groups prevented most from voting; the party of President Touadere is expected to easily win reelection.
- **Kenya's** government banned political gatherings for the next 50 days, ostensibly to curb the spread of COVID-19.
- **Tanzanian** police arrested a man for circulating reports that President Magufuli is ill.
- New research indicates that the latest Ebola outbreak in **Guinea** was probably caused by reinfection.
- Gunmen abducted 39 students from a school in **Nigeria**, one of many recent similar kidnappings.
- The **Rwandan** government has begun vaccinating refugees inside its borders, per UNHCR.



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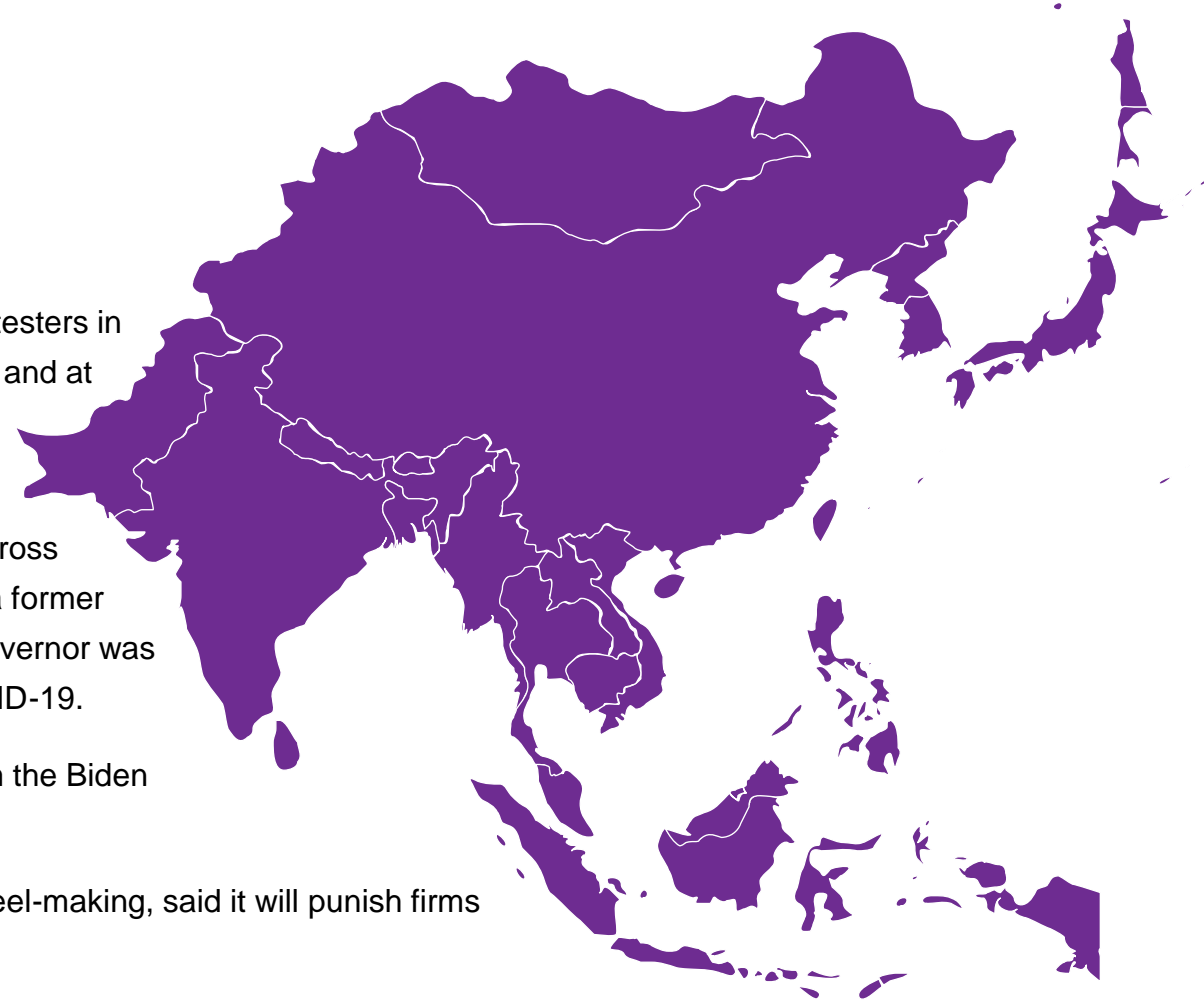
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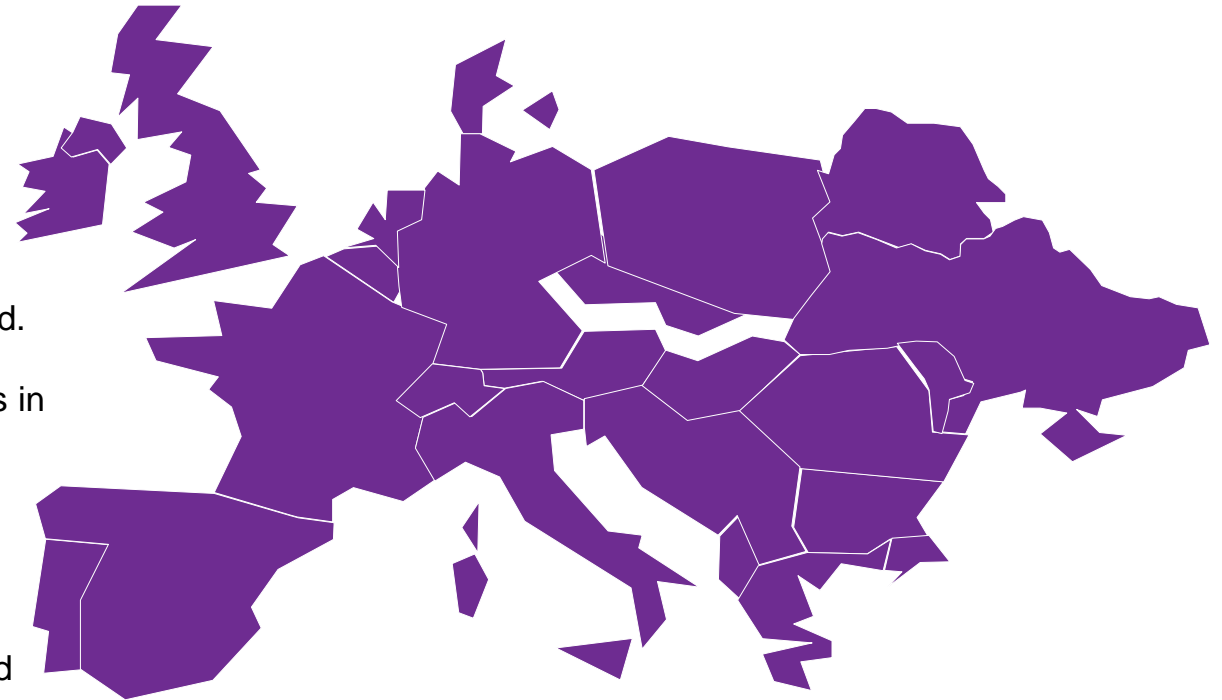
- An advocacy group reported that security forces killed at least 22 anti-coup protesters in **Myanmar** on Sunday after several Chinese-financed factories were set ablaze, and at least 16 protesters elsewhere, in what would be the deadliest day of protests since the coup.
- Thousands are expected to protest in front of the **Australian** parliament and across Australia today over rape allegations against two Attorney-General Porter and a former employee of Prime Minister Morrison. Western Australia's incumbent Labour governor was reelected in a landslide, demonstrating popular support for his handling of COVID-19.
- **North Korea** has not responded to behind-the-scenes diplomatic outreach from the Biden Administration, a senior official told media.
- Following weeks of smog in northern **China**, the city of Tangshan, known for steel-making, said it will punish firms that fail to adhere to anti-pollution plans.
- **Singaporean** Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said he hopes to reopen the country's borders to international travel by year end. Singapore and Australia are reportedly discussing a quarantine-free air travel corridor.
- **India** detected more than 26,500 new virus infections on Sunday, as the government faced stronger calls to accelerate the pace of vaccinations. India's western state of Maharashtra, where the financial capital Mumbai is located, is the worst affected, with New Delhi also seeing a surge.



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Europe

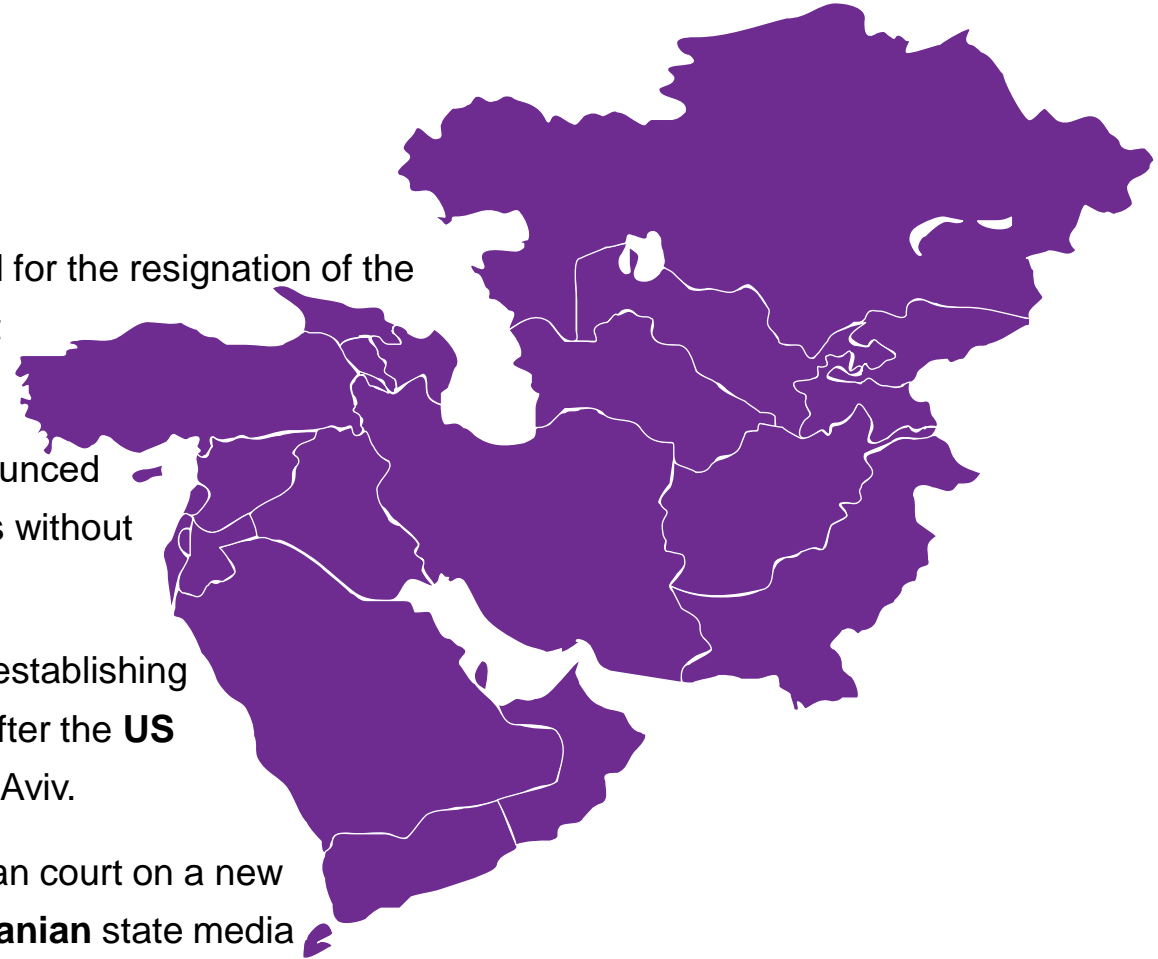
- **Iceland** has seen a sharp increase in recent seismic activity, raising concerns about the rising likelihood of a volcanic eruption on the island.
- **Germany's** Christian Democratic Union (CDU) suffered heavy defeats in regional elections.
- **Italy's** center-left Democratic party elected former Prime Minister Enrico Letta as its new leader.
- **Italian** Prime Minister Draghi announced new lockdown measures and new economic relief as the country sees another wave of COVID-19 cases. COVID-19 caused more deaths than other infectious diseases caused in any year for over a century in the **UK**. **Swiss** officials will convene on Friday to reconsider a planned relaxation of some coronavirus-related restrictions from March 22. **Dutch** police Sunday dispersed anti-lockdown protesters gathered in The Hague in the latest pandemic-related unrest to hit the country and ahead of national elections this week.
- The **EU and UK** are at odds over EU fishing rights in British waters, as the two sides continue contentious negotiations before provisional fishing rights expire on April 1. Ahead of Scottish elections in May, Prime Minister Johnson is leaning on the success of the UK's vaccination drive to curtail momentum for Scottish independence.
- **Turkey's** President Erdogan pledged to reign in government spending and bring inflation to below 10 percent as part of a planned economic reset.



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Middle East

- **Jordan's** health minister resigned, and members of parliament called for the resignation of the government amid protests after alleged government mismanagement resulted in oxygen shortages killed several COVID-19 patients.
- In **Saudi Arabia**, reforms to the country's "kafala" labor system, announced in November, went into effect; expatriate workers may now leave jobs without their employers' consent, among other freedoms.
- **Kosovo** will open its first embassy in Jerusalem today after formally establishing relations with **Israel** in September; Kosovo is only the third country, after the **US** and **Guatemala**, to establish embassies in Jerusalem rather than Tel Aviv.
- **British-Iranian** detainee Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe appeared in Iranian court on a new propaganda charge, one week after completing a 5-year sentence. **Iranian** state media attributed a Wednesday attack on an Iranian tanker in the Mediterranean to Israel, perhaps in retaliation for a similar attack against **Israel** earlier this month.
- A migrant leader in Sanaa, **Yemen** called for an international probe into a fire that killed at least 44 in a migrant camp last week.



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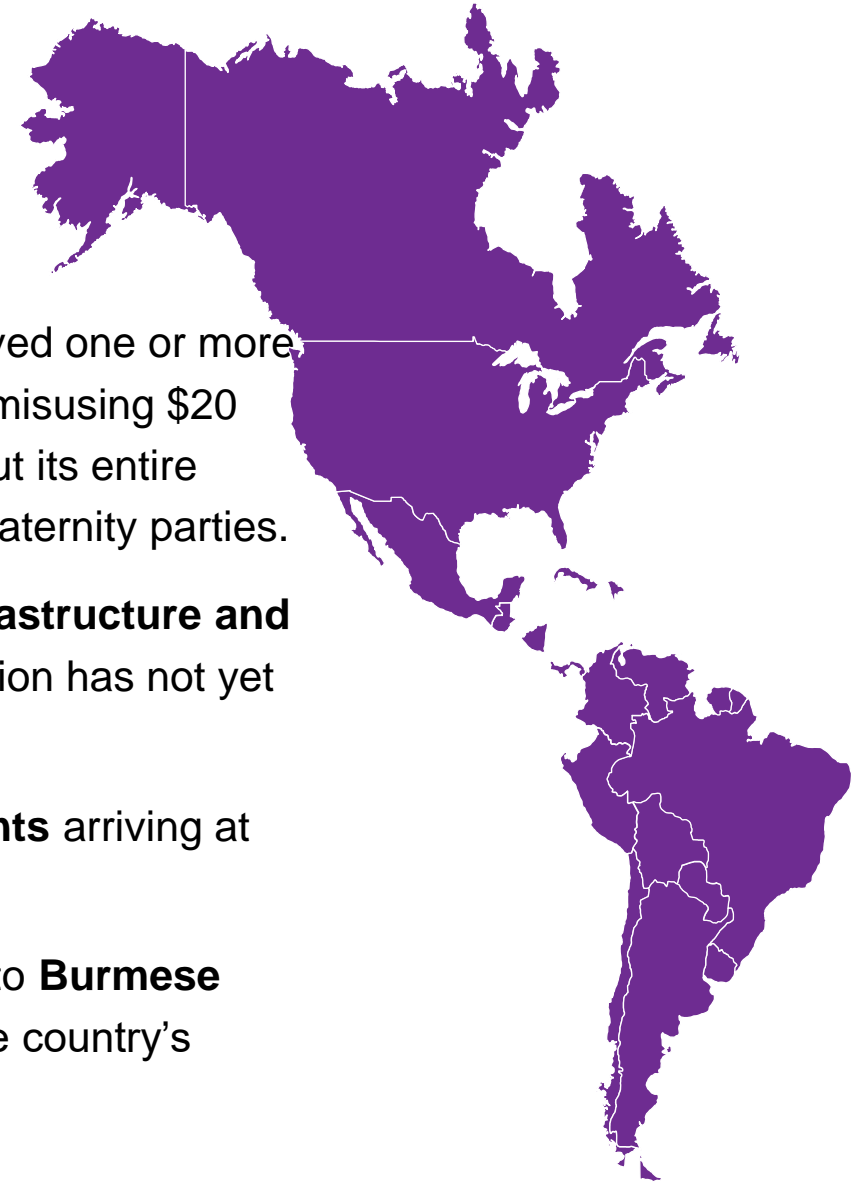
Americas

- Yesterday, **Hondurans** voted in primary election to choose a successor for outgoing President Hernandez, who has been accused of corruption several times, in the November presidential elections.
- **Bolivia's** conservative interim president Jeanine Áñez was arrested Saturday as the newly restored leftist government seeks to crackdown on those involved in the 2019 ouster of Evo Morales.
- **Mexico's** ruling Morena party confirmed the nomination of Félix Salgado as their candidate for a governorship in southern Mexico despite controversy over accusations that he raped two women.
- A new intelligence report alleges that the **Venezuelan** government is using fake Twitter accounts to influence public opinion and free a detained government ally in **Cape Verde**.



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Americas: US



- Nationally, 69.8 million people (21 percent of the total population) have received one or more **vaccine doses**. In **California**, a Los Angeles jury charged four people with misusing \$20 million in coronavirus relief funds. In **North Carolina**, Duke University has put its entire student body under quarantine amid a surge in coronavirus cases linked to fraternity parties.
- The Biden Administration is considering ways to pay for its next round of **infrastructure and social programs**; on Sunday, Treasury Secretary Yellen said the administration has not yet decided if it will pursue a **wealth tax**.
- The Biden Administration directed FEMA to help with a surge of **child migrants** arriving at the US-Mexico border.
- The Biden Administration agreed to offer Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to **Burmese** nationals living in the US, protecting them from deportation in response to the country's military coup.

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Vaccine Update: Balancing Precaution with the AstraZeneca Shot

By Briana Boland

Just a few months ago, the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine was among the most anticipated of all COVID-19 vaccines. However, the vaccine has since been faced with a series of headwinds, from hesitancy about use in elderly groups to a recent set of suspensions due to concerns about adverse effects.

The AstraZeneca jab originally stood out against the other two major western vaccines, those from Pfizer and Moderna, for its lower cost and easier distribution. Its early inclusion in Covax and strong global manufacturing presence – driven in particular by the Serum Institute of India, which has turned the jab into a key part of India’s own vaccine diplomacy – meant that the AstraZeneca vaccine showed promise in reaching underserved parts of the world. Though some leading medical authorities suggest that newfound concerns are likely overblown, the damage has been done to the AstraZeneca vaccine’s reputation. Even if scientists definitively conclude that the shot is safe and effective, the challenges of rollout so far have shown that vaccine confidence is harder to build than it is to damage.

Though the AstraZeneca-Oxford shot is being used across the world, the heart of AstraZeneca’s vaccine problems can be found in EU.

The pharmaceutical company was already on thin ice with the bloc due to a series of production issues that have resulted in AstraZeneca reducing supply targets and failing to even reach those reduced promises. While the manufacturing issues may be solved with time – company efforts to bolster production are underway – the vaccine faces bigger problems in the form of health and safety concerns, which harm perceptions of the vaccine even if ultimately proven unfounded. First, several countries, including Germany, initially recommended against giving the AstraZeneca vaccine to people over the age of 65 due to insufficient data on its impacts in the elderly. Most guidelines to that effect have now been reversed, as new trial data alleviated the concerns of extra-cautious health authorities. Even so, the inconsistency of policy and communication on the shot have taken their toll, prompting many Europeans to seek

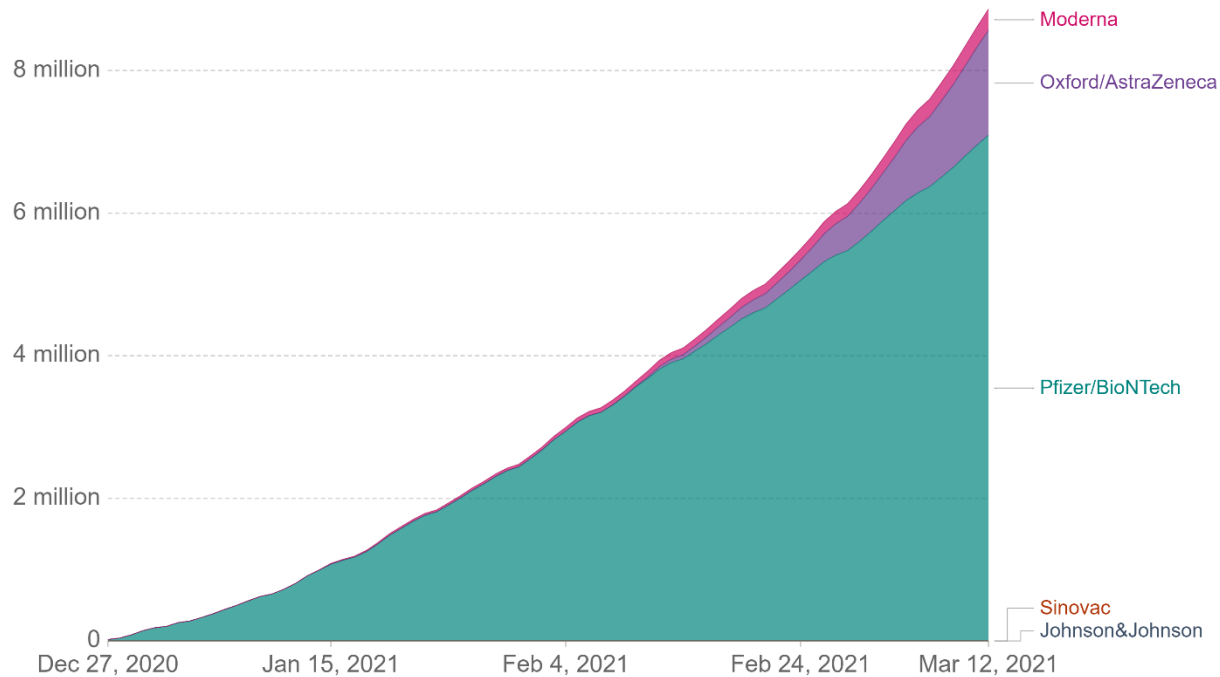
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COVID-19 vaccine doses administered by manufacturer, Germany

This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).

Our World
in Data



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data

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Note: Vaccines that are not used in a country can still appear in the legend with a count of 0 dose if they are used in another country.

Limits to the supply and use of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine have meant that in many European countries, it has only been used in a fraction of total vaccinations.

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the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, which has led to the underutilization of AstraZeneca doses.

Over the past two weeks, a more serious set of concerns has emerged about AstraZeneca's safety, rather than its efficacy. Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Estonia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia Romania and Bulgaria have all suspended use of the AstraZeneca vaccine, or certain batches of it, with Thailand following suit to become the first Asian country to suspend use last Thursday. The suspensions come after a small number of people developed blood clots after receiving the vaccine, also called "thromboembolic events," some of whom died. Top international health bodies have emphasized that there is yet no evidence of a causal link between the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine and the blood clots. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) noted that there have been 30 cases of thromboembolic events among the 5 million Europeans who have received the shot – equivalent to 0.0006% of vaccine recipients – and concluded that the vaccine's benefits outweigh any risks. In the UK, where the AstraZeneca shot has been a key part of the country's successful vaccine rollout, health authorities have not halted the shot's use - over 11 million

AstraZeneca vaccine doses have now been administered in the county. Dr. Phil Bryan, the head of vaccine safety at the UK's Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), has explained that, "reports of blood clots received so far are not greater than the number that would have occurred naturally in the vaccinated population." The WHO on Friday weighed in to agree there is no reason to halt use of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Those countries that have suspended AstraZeneca shots have emphasized that the move is a suspension, not a full halt, and is done out of an abundance of caution. Many health experts have noted that it is the duty of health authorities to be monitoring and investigate such events, as part of ongoing evaluation of vaccine safety. As health authorities continue to review the cases of death and illness in Europe, countries may ultimately decide to restart AstraZeneca vaccine use once they are reassured that there is no causal link to the shot. However, many health experts worry that AstraZeneca's safety scare, and the national reactions to it, will cause lasting harm to global vaccine rollout. Most immediately, suspending use of AstraZeneca slows the timeline for herd immunity, raising the likelihood that more people will die from COVID-19. Over

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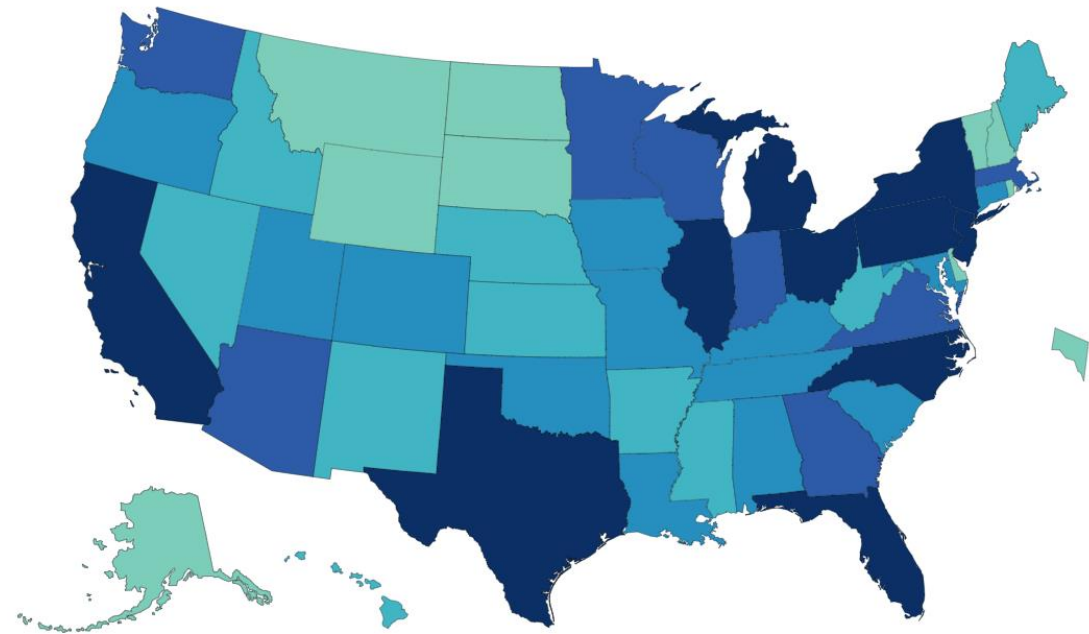
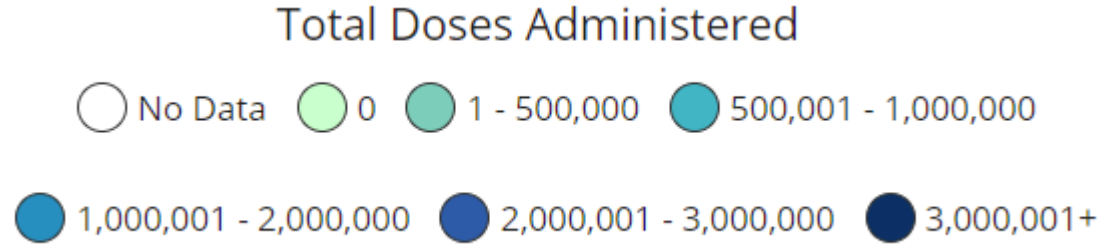
the longer term, the AstraZeneca safety scare is certain to worsen vaccine hesitancy, even for other vaccine candidates that use different technology than AstraZeneca. As the coronavirus continues to kill thousands of people daily, the problems faced by AstraZeneca show the difficulty of balancing the imperative for rapid vaccinations with precaution around vaccine safety.

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Country in Charts: United States

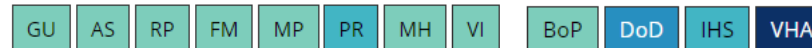
More than 107 million vaccine doses have been administered across the nation. About 21 percent of the total US population have received 1 or more doses.

On vaccine type administered, 53.7 million are Pfizer-BioNTech; 51.9 million are Moderna vaccines and 1.3 million are J&J vaccines (0.2 are not identified).



Territories

Federal Entities



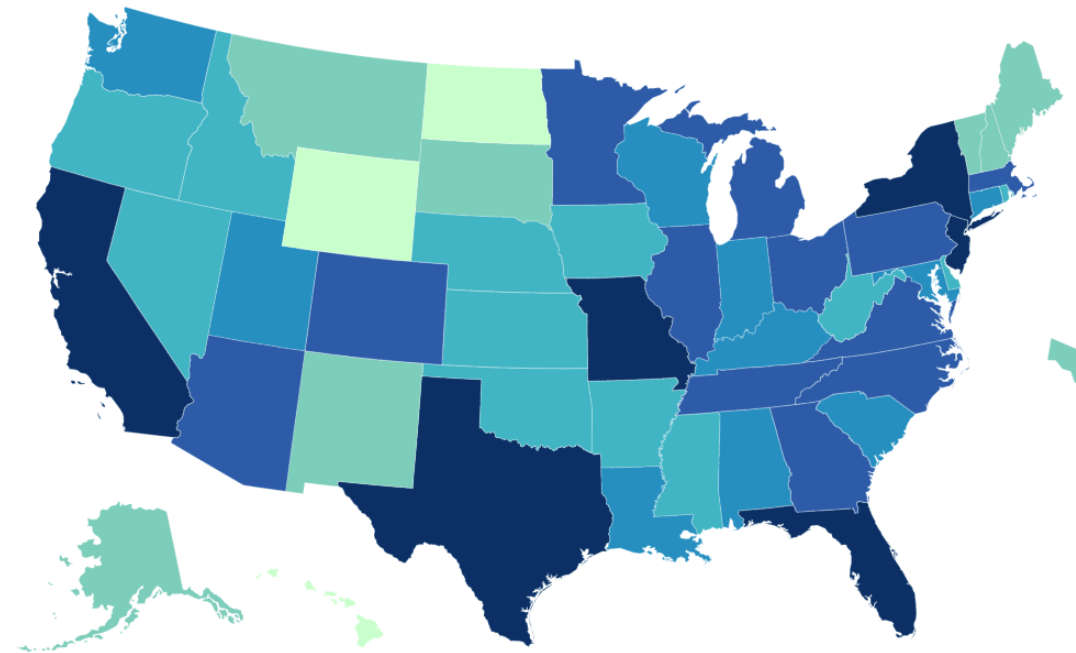
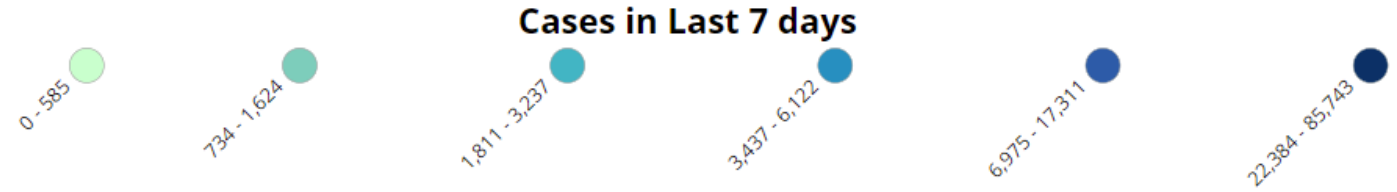
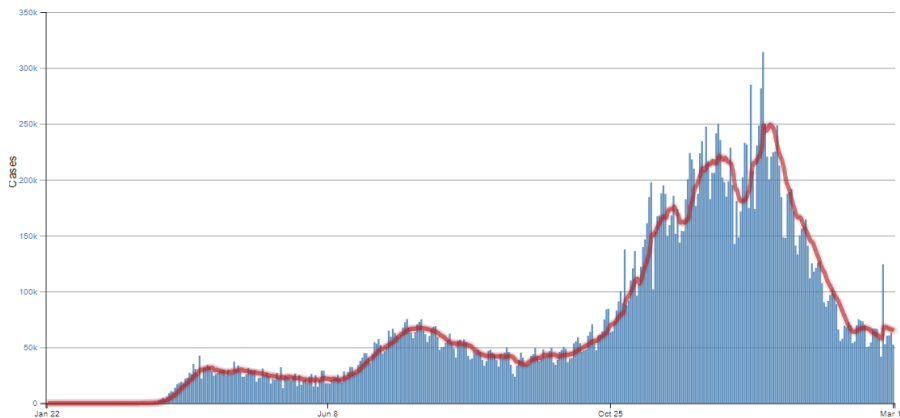
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Country in Charts: United States

Last week, the curve of new cases flattened, now at the level last seen during late October 2020. For the past two weeks data has been skewed by artificial spikes as states reported backlogs in cases.

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in the United States Reported to CDC



Territories

- AS
- FSM
- GU
- MP
- PR
- PW
- RMI
- VI

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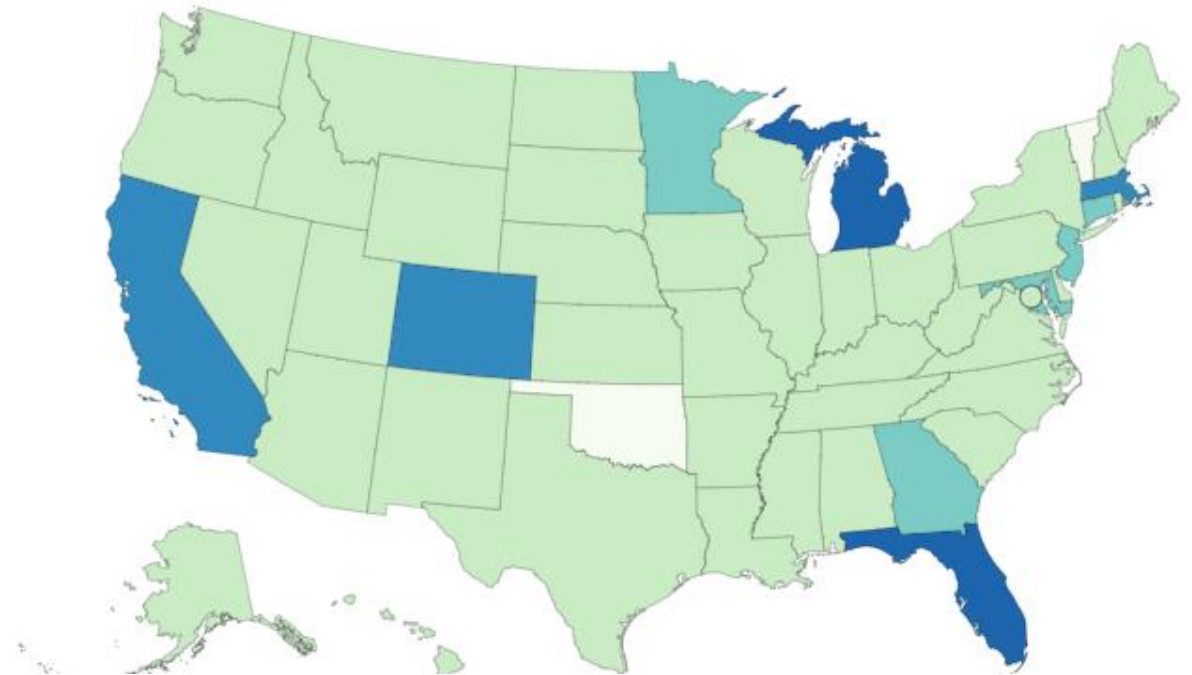
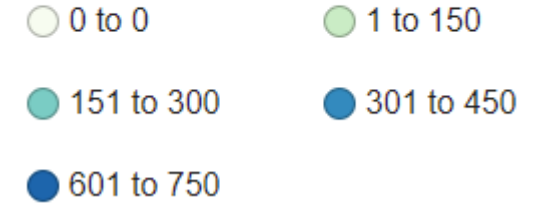
A total of 4,690 UK strain (B.1.1.7) cases of the virus has been discovered in 50 states, up from 3,037 cases in 49 states.

Cases of the South African variant number 143 in 23 states (up from 81 cases in 15 states last week).

Cases of the Brazilian strain number 25 in 10 states (up from 15 cases in 9 states last week).

Emerging Variant Cases – UK Strain

Number of Cases



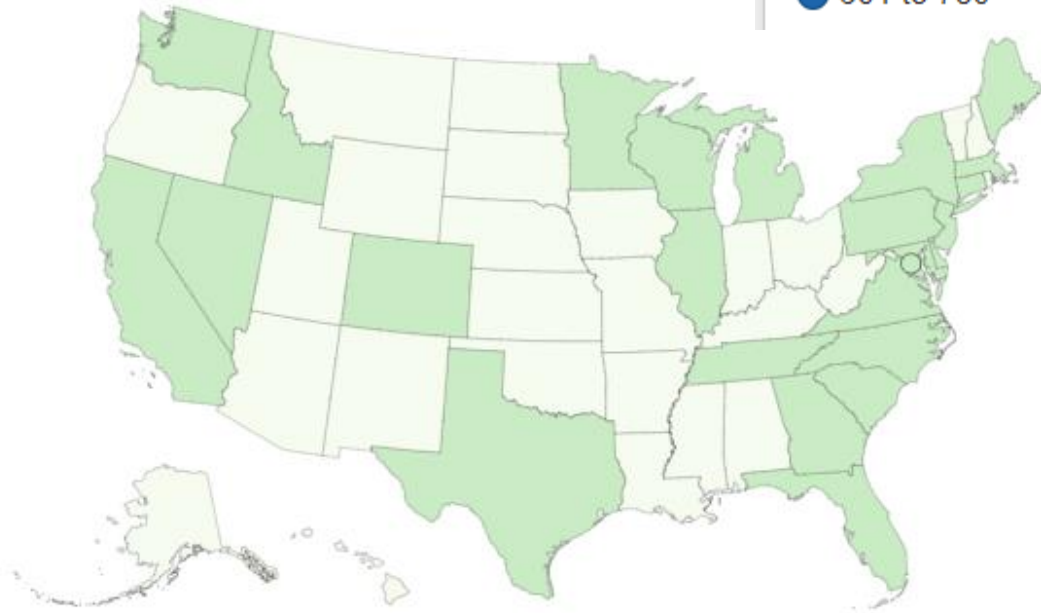
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Country in Charts: United States

Emerging Variant Cases – South African Strain



Number of Cases

- 0 to 0
- 1 to 150
- 151 to 300
- 301 to 450
- 601 to 750

Emerging Variant Cases – Brazil Strain



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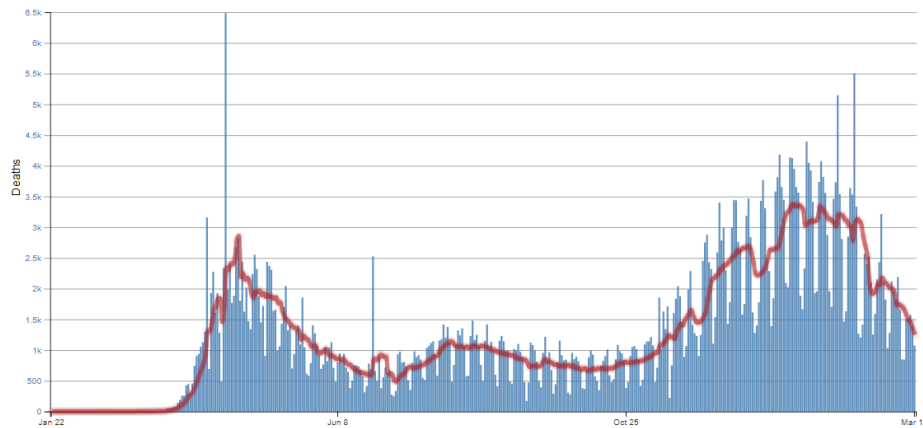
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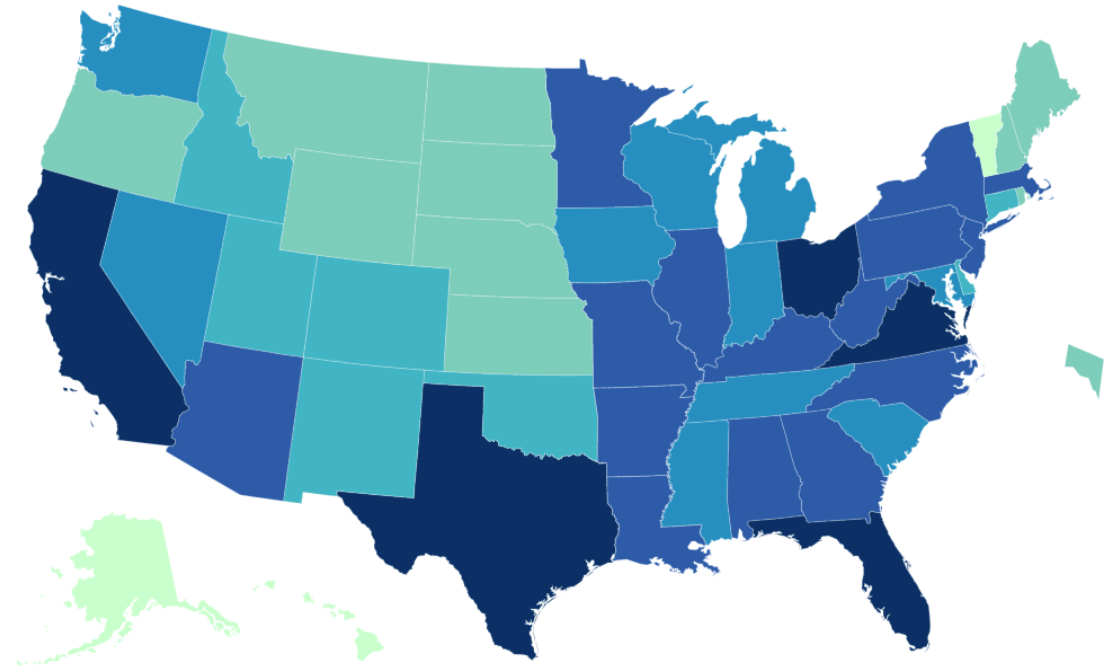
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States and territories reported 8,748 COVID-19 deaths in the past seven days, down from 10,214 the week before. Daily new cases are at the level last seen in late October.

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Deaths in the United States Reported to CDC



Deaths in Last 7 Days



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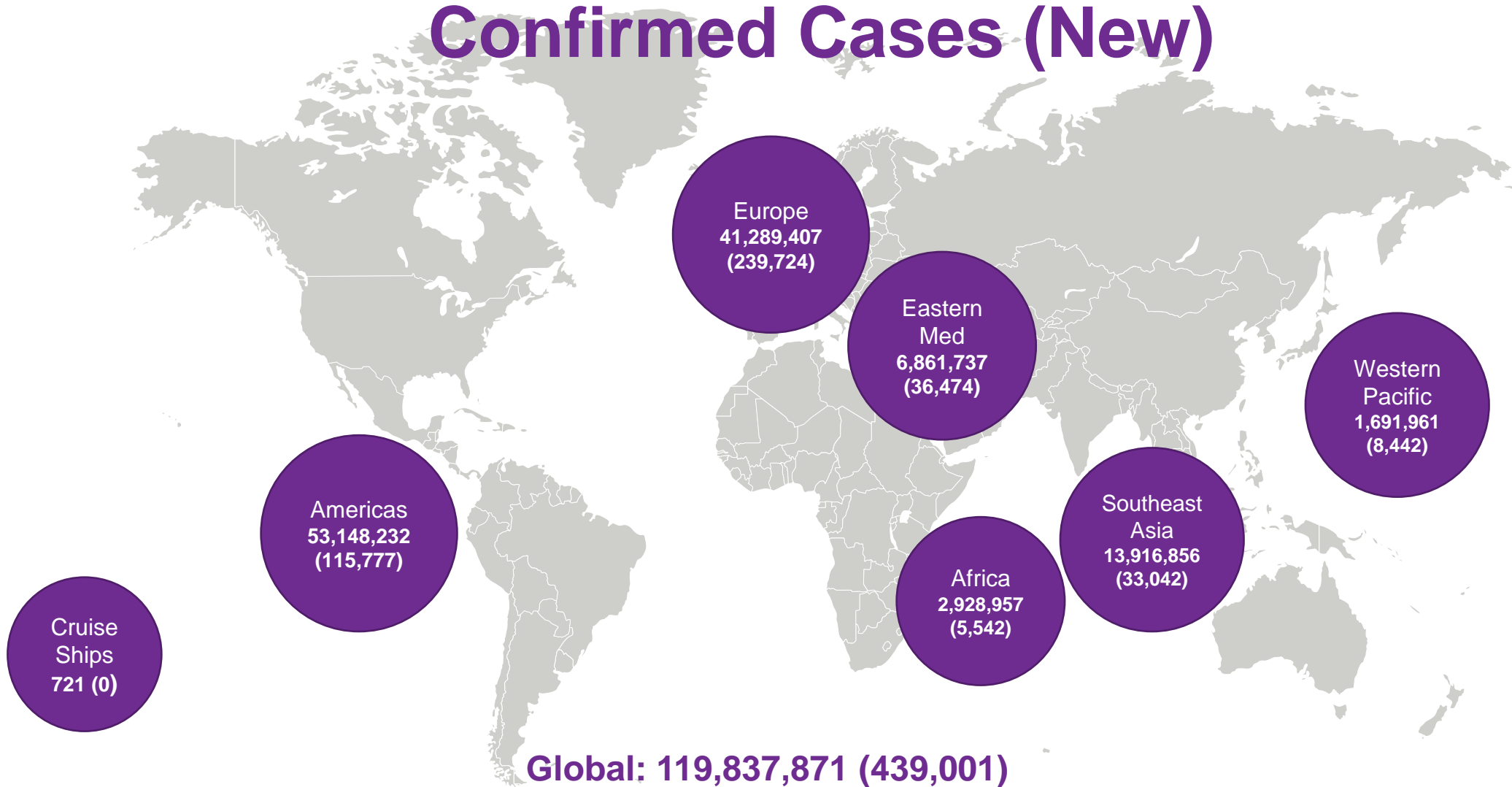
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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on March 14, 2021

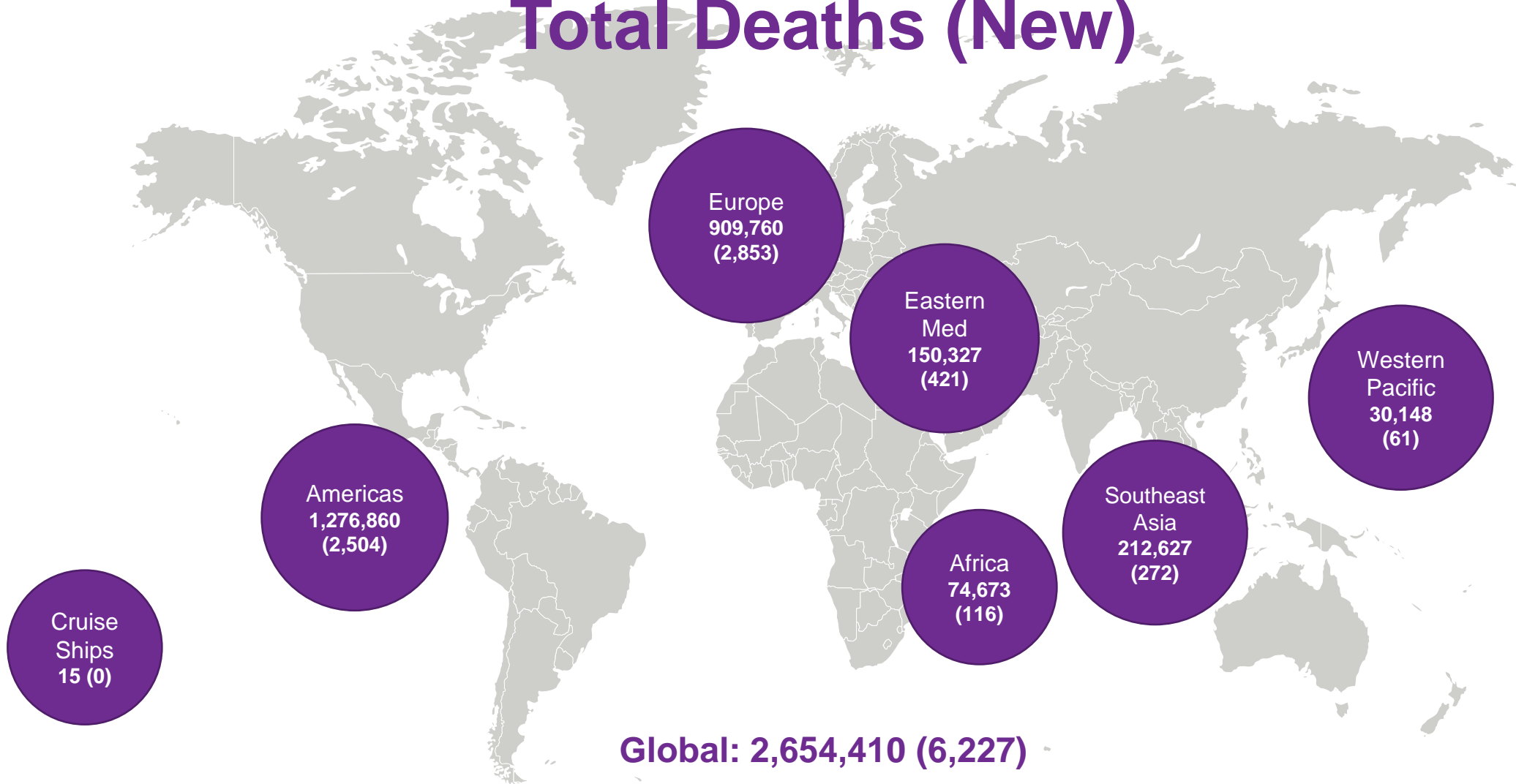
Confirmed Cases (New)



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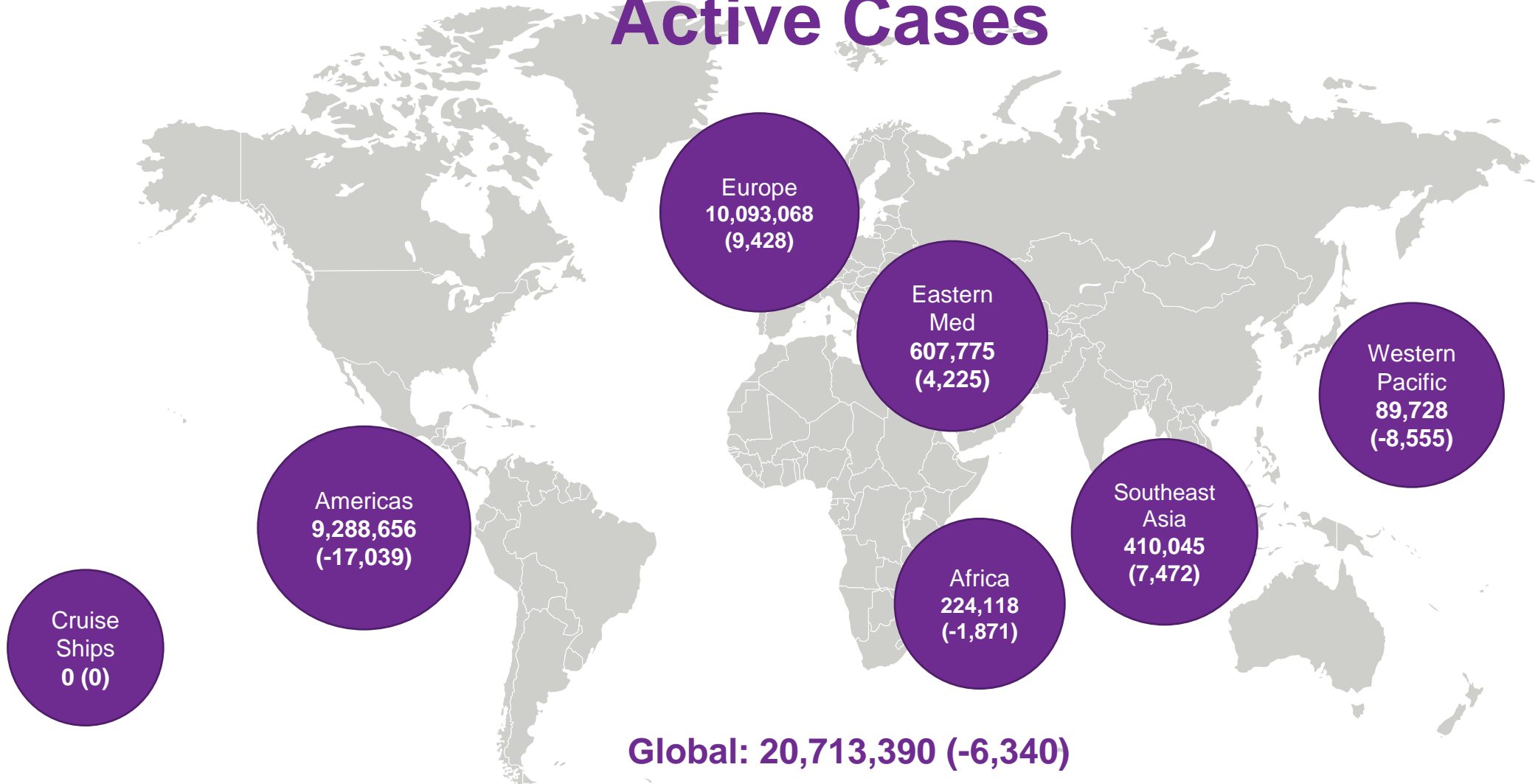
Total Deaths (New)



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Active Cases



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Country Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
US	7263346	29436531 (36548)	534936 (599)	90509	1646	1.50%
France	3761026	4159547 (26347)	91081 (114)	62282	1383	4.70%
Netherlands	1142013	1173542 (6083)	16203 (24)	67430	936	3.26%
Brazil	1141235	11483370 (44120)	278327 (1111)	53757	1303	4.04%
Belgium	728518	805321 (3598)	22421 (24)	69275	1929	2.16%
Sweden	699381	712527 (0)	13146 (0)	70246	1296	3.87%
UK	637061	4271754 (4690)	125753 (52)	126559	2791	0.95%
Italy	531266	3223142 (21315)	102145 (264)	53364	1691	4.83%
Russia	303209	4390608 (10083)	92090 (395)	30077	631	2.65%
Poland	299227	1906632 (17259)	47178 (110)	50417	1248	5.86%
Mexico	268169	2163875 (6104)	194490 (639)	16661	1497	1.63%
Spain	253732	3183704 (0)	72258 (0)	68075	1545	1.09%
India	220951	11385158 (26514)	158762 (120)	8194	114	1.37%
Ukraine	209937	1460756 (9012)	28303 (145)	33543	650	0.75%

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Ireland	198843	226741 (383)	4534 (0)	45564	911	1.55%
Iran	193235	1746953 (7593)	61230 (88)	20615	723	3.28%
Czechia	161874	1399129 (6936)	23291 (129)	130480	2172	5.56%
Argentina	155149	2195722 (3697)	53670 (24)	48273	1180	2.10%
Turkey	148825	2879390 (13378)	29489 (68)	33886	347	3.44%
Hungary	147647	516490 (8863)	16952 (162)	53561	1758	9.77%
Germany	146876	2578835 (8985)	73959 (52)	30711	881	2.72%
Indonesia	137912	1419455 (4714)	38426 (97)	5151	139	2.80%
Serbia	111211	516277 (4226)	4719 (25)	59256	542	5.97%
Honduras	104849	177832 (664)	4331 (6)	17758	432	2.31%
Lebanon	84362	418448 (3086)	5380 (46)	61501	791	5.46%
Jordan	75512	477053 (8053)	5346 (61)	46433	520	10.34%
Slovakia	73675	337503 (1268)	8528 (88)	61797	1561	4.18%
Iraq	58663	758184 (3866)	13751 (32)	18560	337	4.17%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Romania	54584	859709 (4383)	21483 (44)	44900	1122	3.66%
Philippines	48154	621489 (4890)	12829 (63)	5619	116	4.36%
Bolivia	42849	259004 (680)	11944 (14)	21979	1014	1.83%
Bulgaria	42090	278557 (679)	11285 (51)	40303	1633	6.55%
Dominican Republic	40761	246045 (429)	3222 (9)	22523	295	1.14%
Peru	40718	1412406 (4443)	49003 (162)	42424	1472	3.36%
Colombia	39421	2303144 (4062)	61143 (97)	44929	1193	1.15%
Portugal	38156	814257 (541)	16684 (15)	80019	1640	0.51%
Cyprus	37354	39651 (374)	240 (2)	32675	198	6.99%
Bangladesh	37155	557395 (1159)	8545 (18)	3361	52	1.27%
Albania	34946	117474 (653)	2045 (15)	40852	711	3.90%
Chile	33767	891110 (5731)	21674 (100)	46337	1127	3.96%
Egypt	32390	190924 (644)	11300 (44)	1842	109	2.32%
Algeria	32342	115265 (122)	3036 (2)	2596	68	0.89%

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Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Canada	31674	909157 (2956)	22463 (29)	23942	592	1.87%
Switzerland	31081	570645 (0)	10112 (4)	65599	1162	1.46%
Ethiopia	29207	175467 (1413)	2550 (10)	1500	22	5.32%
Israel	27974	818548 (749)	6008 (20)	88996	653	2.07%
Austria	27429	493568 (2503)	8873 (17)	54584	981	3.75%
Paraguay	27109	180014 (942)	3476 (20)	25024	483	6.65%
Greece	26512	221147 (1626)	7091 (53)	21290	683	7.25%
Tunisia	25759	241834 (577)	8389 (30)	20313	705	1.71%
Uganda	25152	40581 (13)	334 (0)	868	7	0.29%
Estonia	24344	84807 (935)	719 (9)	63901	542	11.56%
South Africa	23804	1529420 (1006)	51326 (65)	25562	858	0.55%
Kenya	22918	113236 (431)	1913 (5)	2074	35	3.89%
Ecuador	22821	302221 (1555)	16236 (21)	16950	911	2.55%
Moldova	21811	204463 (753)	4330 (36)	50768	1075	4.50%

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Pakistan	21121	605200 (2664)	13508 (32)	2703	60	2.16%
West Bank & Gaza	20758	209304 (1868)	2268 (13)	40376	438	5.97%
Finland	20083	66869 (863)	786 (0)	12056	142	7.19%
UAE	19355	426397 (1992)	1395 (7)	42751	140	3.65%
Costa Rica	17264	209093 (0)	2862 (0)	40785	558	1.17%
Bosnia	16556	142160 (0)	5446 (0)	43521	1667	4.68%
Malaysia	16279	323763 (1354)	1210 (4)	9914	37	3.18%
Jamaica	14875	30499 (587)	485 (1)	10268	163	14.67%
Kazakhstan	14720	223720 (1049)	2851 (5)	11816	151	-19.94%
Kuwait	14179	209523 (1063)	1172 (7)	48561	272	4.27%
Norway	13787	80440 (640)	639 (0)	14757	117	6.83%
Mozambique	13411	64516 (220)	725 (3)	2025	23	3.09%
Nigeria	13245	160657 (120)	2013 (0)	766	10	1.34%
Japan	12650	446873 (1288)	8560 (51)	3541	68	1.68%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Qatar	11789	170252 (485)	266 (1)	60635	95	1.94%
N Macedonia	11640	112646 (539)	3319 (19)	54071	1593	4.87%
Libya	10829	144993 (1350)	2386 (38)	20903	344	4.38%
Lithuania	10720	205395 (407)	3398 (8)	76200	1261	1.55%
Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			4.56%
Uruguay	10462	71691 (1558)	712 (14)	20588	204	10.96%
Slovenia	10293	200374 (520)	3934 (5)	96374	1892	2.45%
Montenegro	8953	83693 (528)	1129 (7)	133243	1797	4.68%
Armenia	8950	178385 (486)	3255 (2)	60120	1097	2.08%
Oman	8830	146867 (1610)	1608 (8)	28261	309	1.98%
Denmark	8469	221151 (542)	2392 (1)	37968	412	2.54%
Guatemala	7975	182881 (202)	6568 (0)	10078	362	2.36%
Latvia	7446	93781 (297)	1767 (10)	50110	944	3.68%
Myanmar	7206	142147 (11)	3202 (1)	2600	59	0.08%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Venezuela	6808	145379 (0)	1430 (0)	5123	50	2.09%
Belarus	6743	302323 (995)	2095 (8)	32002	222	2.25%
South Korea	6558	95635 (459)	1669 (2)	1864	33	2.95%
Lesotho	6299	10530 (0)	309 (0)	4888	143	0.07%
Bahrain	6150	131001 (597)	484 (3)	75183	278	3.36%
Malawi	6129	32789 (0)	1082 (0)	1684	56	1.06%
Panama	6075	347919 (278)	5994 (7)	79759	1374	0.89%
Azerbaijan**	6053	240295 (603)	3282 (6)	23551	322	1.47%

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** Indicates moved up a risk category

HIGH RISK 1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Croatia	4804	251045 (561)	5677 (7)	61419	1389	1.80%
Botswana	4792	34098 (0)	424 (0)	14299	178	6.90%
Cameroon	4760	40622 (0)	601 (0)	1504	22	12.08%
Somalia	4593	9190 (244)	367 (18)	567	23	9.46%
Syria	4409	16478 (77)	1099 (5)	926	62	3.02%
Morocco	4365	488937 (305)	8723 (5)	13138	234	0.56%
Cuba	4347	61472 (914)	370 (4)	5430	33	9.40%
Afghanistan	4036	55972 (13)	2459 (2)	1416	62	0.22%
Ghana	3908	87762 (282)	685 (6)	2784	22	1.48%
Sudan	3647	28984 (0)	1940 (0)	650	44	-5.37%
Senegal	3404	36892 (166)	963 (8)	2164	56	2.81%
Cote d'Ivoire	3354	37653 (349)	211 (0)	1403	8	6.55%
Congo (Kinshasa)	3295	27014 (76)	717 (0)	295	8	1.75%
Luxembourg	3247	57877 (177)	689 (1)	91421	1088	2.73%

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HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Saudi Arabia	3137	382407 (348)	6567 (4)	10866	187	0.67%
Malta	3124	26535 (268)	351 (1)	59984	793	8.05%
Georgia	3104	274989 (268)	3648 (5)	69027	916	0.78%
Sri Lanka	2732	87907 (307)	527 (1)	4093	25	2.52%
Maldives	2413	21572 (96)	64 (0)	39424	117	3.61%
Namibia	2272	41200 (175)	458 (0)	16013	178	2.84%
Haiti	2237	12664 (32)	250 (0)	1101	22	1.01%
Nicaragua	2137	6537 (0)	175 (0)	979	26	0.73%
Guinea	2126	17742 (150)	102 (0)	1326	8	6.04%
Mali	2050	8913 (51)	360 (0)	432	17	3.74%
Gabon	1981	16660 (0)	96 (0)	7364	42	6.21%
Australia*	1978	29117 (5)	909 (0)	1133	35	0.24%
Zambia	1883	84797 (323)	1158 (5)	4525	62	2.80%
Burundi	1685	2461 (20)	3 (0)	203	0	5.77%

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HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Congo (Brazzaville)	1684	9329 (0)	131 (0)	1662	23	1.61%
Kyrgyzstan	1533	86850 (32)	1481 (1)	13161	224	0.35%
South Sudan	1480	9490 (61)	104 (0)	841	9	7.63%
Rwanda	1340	20186 (43)	280 (4)	1532	21	3.15%
Togo	1281	8070 (117)	95 (2)	959	11	6.20%
Papua New Guinea**	1216	2083 (264)	21 (0)	230	2	24.00%
El Salvador	1154	62229 (143)	1950 (5)	9560	300	2.30%
Sierra Leone	1079	3937 (0)	79 (0)	487	10	0.43%
Mongolia**	1050	3961 (128)	4 (0)	1195	1	15.78%
Angola**	1009	21380 (57)	521 (1)	637	16	1.38%

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US Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
California	1663961	3623063 (2746)	56573 (171)	91708	1413	0.65%
New York	800066	1741363 (6687)	48953 (103)	91579	2529	2.68%
Florida	676737	1976808 (3699)	32255 (30)	92040	1503	1.61%
Virginia	535633	594735 (1173)	10019 (34)	69678	1174	1.52%
Georgia	444728	1033786 (819)	18215 (-1)	97367	1716	1.00%
Maryland	375628	393441 (860)	8048 (10)	65078	1331	1.56%
Kentucky	362559	416215 (445)	4982 (16)	93161	1115	1.32%
South Carolina	286203	533421 (872)	8875 (5)	103603	1724	1.42%
New Jersey	205516	837861 (3314)	23903 (15)	94349	2691	3.01%
Missouri	198286	571005 (497)	8660 (0)	86044	1452	12.78%
Alabama	189600	503673 (368)	10327 (0)	102724	2106	0.77%
Washington	170203	349425 (0)	5123 (0)	46297	681	1.40%
Colorado	151513	443968 (1215)	6038 (2)	77095	1054	1.66%
Indiana	144457	672554 (695)	12856 (10)	99901	1910	0.79%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Rhode Island	119927	130502 (0)	2567 (0)	123189	2423	1.82%
Texas	114507	2727462 (2855)	46423 (57)	94164	1610	1.17%
Michigan	96622	670088 (0)	16769 (0)	67097	1679	2.09%
Idaho	75858	175236 (0)	1910 (0)	98058	1069	1.32%
Wisconsin	61378	625359 (314)	7178 (0)	97835	1123	0.59%
Illinois	60456	1209245 (1488)	23207 (18)	95435	1831	0.91%
Pennsylvania	56597	968259 (1721)	24510 (0)	75843	1928	1.81%
Nebraska	43969	204638 (174)	2127 (0)	105788	1100	0.79%
Arizona	35466	832743 (649)	16553 (7)	114408	2274	0.76%
Maine	33419	47032 (169)	724 (0)	34983	539	2.63%
North Carolina	33200	882715 (0)	11691 (0)	84164	1115	1.19%
Ohio	32053	989191 (893)	17870 (0)	84625	1529	1.08%
Connecticut	31144	290577 (0)	7765 (0)	81502	2178	1.81%
Nevada	28976	299287 (222)	5118 (1)	97166	1662	1.03%

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Hawaii	28104	28554 (50)	450 (1)	19959	319	1.57%
Massachusetts	26459	602308 (1692)	16645 (31)	87386	2415	1.82%
Oregon	19438	159617 (215)	2322 (0)	37844	551	1.46%
New Mexico	18022	188311 (144)	3852 (2)	89808	1837	0.74%
Kansas	13641	297748 (0)	4824 (0)	103060	1669	-0.15%
Iowa	12821	342886 (181)	5641 (8)	117451	1788	0.94%
Tennessee	12572	789652 (0)	11639 (0)	115629	1704	0.78%
Utah	12006	378379 (396)	2027 (6)	118024	632	0.93%
Oklahoma	11930	432483 (492)	4701 (0)	109296	1188	0.81%
District of Columbia	11152	42511 (79)	1041 (1)	60235	1475	2.57%
Alaska	10646	60207 (0)	306 (0)	78989	413	1.53%
Mississippi	9926	300780 (203)	6901 (5)	101063	2319	1.06%
Minnesota	8525	497392 (997)	6814 (5)	88196	1208	1.48%
Puerto Rico	7774	102995 (193)	2080 (3)	56578	613	1.62%

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Louisiana	7050	437393 (911)	9884 (23)	94087	2126	0.82%
Delaware	6820	90381 (225)	1507 (3)	92816	1548	2.24%
West Virginia	5233	135468 (319)	2530 (11)	75590	1412	1.49%

HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Arkansas	3106	326943 (130)	5474 (19)	108338	1814	0.65%
Vermont	2555	16890 (192)	214 (0)	27068	343	4.78%
New Hampshire	2190	78615 (296)	1199 (0)	57817	882	2.23%
South Dakota	2157	114623 (130)	1912 (3)	129567	2161	0.90%
Montana	1040	101760 (34)	1392 (0)	95212	1302	0.83%

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