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KEY TAKEAWAYS

India finds “*miniscule*” risk of blood clots in AstraZeneca recipients.

The US, UK and Canada impose new sanctions on Myanmar’s military junta.

The EU agrees to postpone tariffs on certain US goods ahead of steel tariff talks with Biden Administration.

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Today, French President Macron will host day two of the Summit for the Financing of African Economies with dozens of African leaders. The agenda in Paris is topped by economic recovery from the COVID pandemic, which created a \$300 billion a financing shortfall on the continent.

The in-person top-level conference saw France grant a \$1.5 billion bridge loan yesterday to clear Sudan's arrears to the IMF. The summit also signifies that France wishes to expand its influence beyond Francophone countries to include Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa.



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Global

Confirmed coronavirus infections topped 163.5 million with more than 3.3 million deaths.

- The **World Economic Forum** has abandoned plans for an in-person annual meeting in Singapore this August as the city imposed new restrictions due to COVID-19 outbreaks in Asia.
- An **antiviral drug** being studied by scientists at the Menzies Health Institute Queensland at Griffith University and US research facility City of Hope has been found to reduce the amount of coronavirus in the lungs of mice by 99.9 percent.
- A major Japanese doctors' group is calling for the **Tokyo Olympics** to be canceled over fears that the country's health-care system cannot accommodate the potential medical needs of thousands of international athletes, coaches and media amid a surge of coronavirus cases in the country.
- The **Arctic Council** will convene this week, with Russia taking the Council's rotating leadership from Iceland until 2023. Other nations on the Council are Canada, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark, with indigenous populations also represented. Climate change will be high on the agenda.
- The window of opportunity for reaching **net zero emissions** by mid-century is narrowing unless the world radically changes the way energy is produced, used and transported, per the International Energy Agency.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

WHO head Ghebreyesus called on vaccine makers to advance doses to the Covax facility to make up for shortfalls from Indian producers.

- **US** President Biden announced plans to export an additional 20 million doses of approved COVID-19 vaccine by the end of June, in addition to the previously announced 60 million doses of **AstraZeneca** vaccines.
- The **European** Medicines Agency approved changes to vaccine storage requirements for the **Pfizer** shot, allowing for more flexible conditions that will ease vaccine rollout.
- **India** has found 26 suspected cases of bleeding and blood clotting among recipients of the **AstraZeneca vaccine**; the health ministry described the risk as “*miniscule*.”

Markets & Business

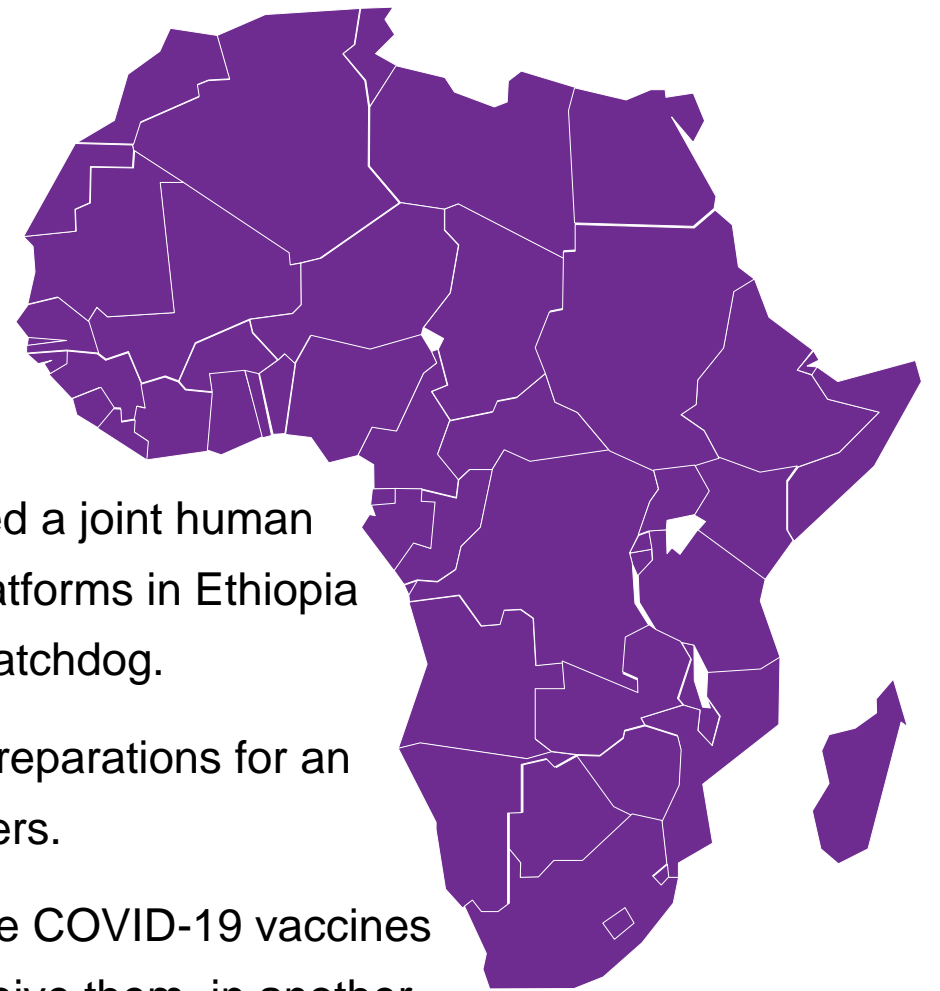
Hong Kong Disneyland reported a record loss of \$342 million for fiscal year 2020.

- Chocolatier **Godiva** has pulled back from expanding its own shops to focus on selling chocolates at grocery stores and other retailers as the pandemic changed chocolate-consuming behavior.
- **Target and CVS** will allow fully vaccinated customers into their US stores without masks, per local law requirements.
- Activist investor **Elliot Management** is urging **Duke Energy** to consider separation into three companies.
- **Parler** named prominent British conservative George Farmer, husband of conservative writer Candace Owens, as its new CEO as the app returns to Apple's store.

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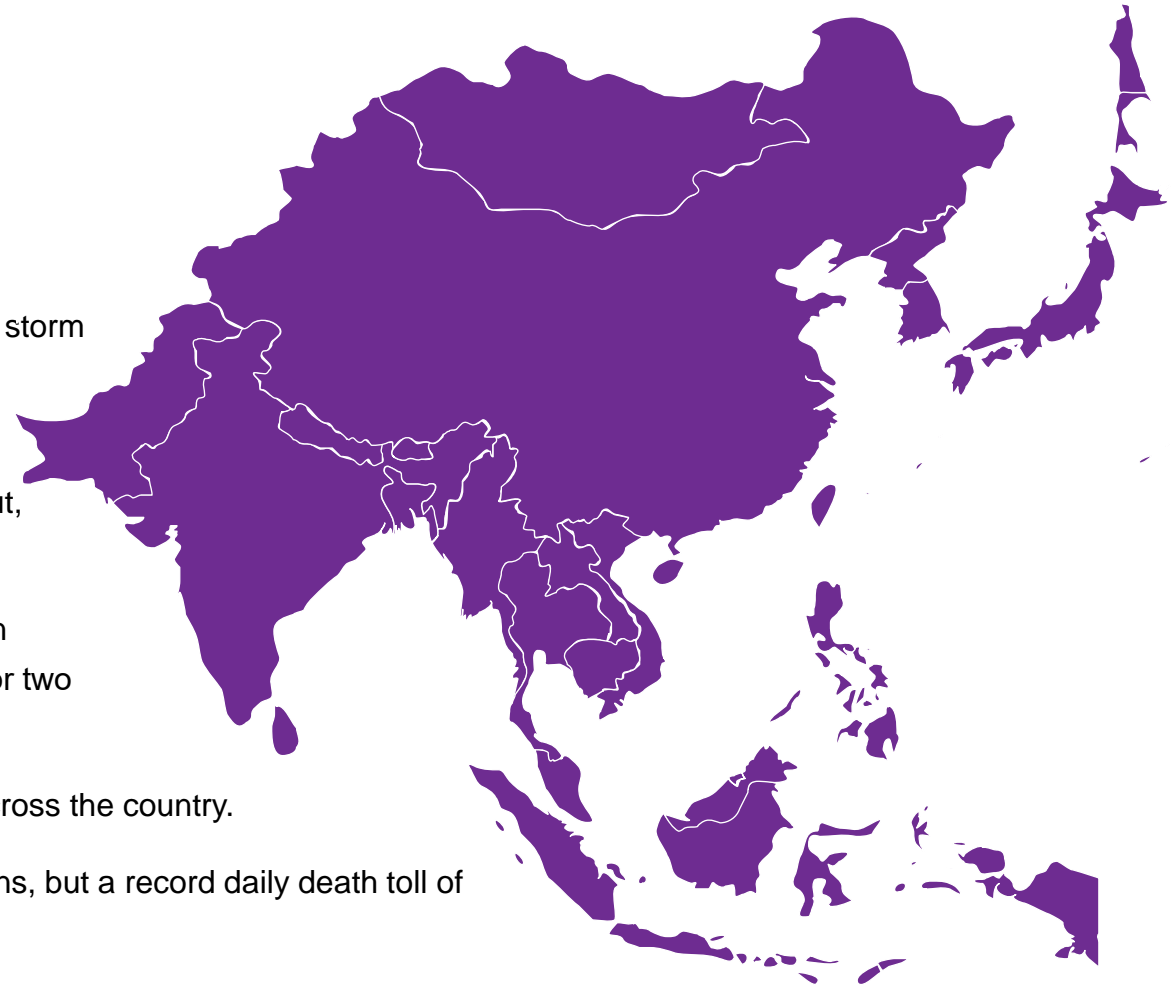
Africa

- **Algeria** will begin permitting commercial flights and non-essential border crossings next month.
- The **Ethiopian** Human Rights Commission and the UN announced a joint human rights inquiry into the conflict in Tigray. Service to social media platforms in Ethiopia were restored after being restricted on Monday, per an internet watchdog.
- **Namibia** and **Germany** are reportedly close to an agreement on reparations for an early 1900s massacre of indigenous Namibians by German soldiers.
- An expert council appointed by the **Tanzanian** president found the COVID-19 vaccines to be safe and effective and recommended joining COVAX to receive them, in another sign that the new president is reversing the COVID-19 skepticism of her predecessor.



Asia

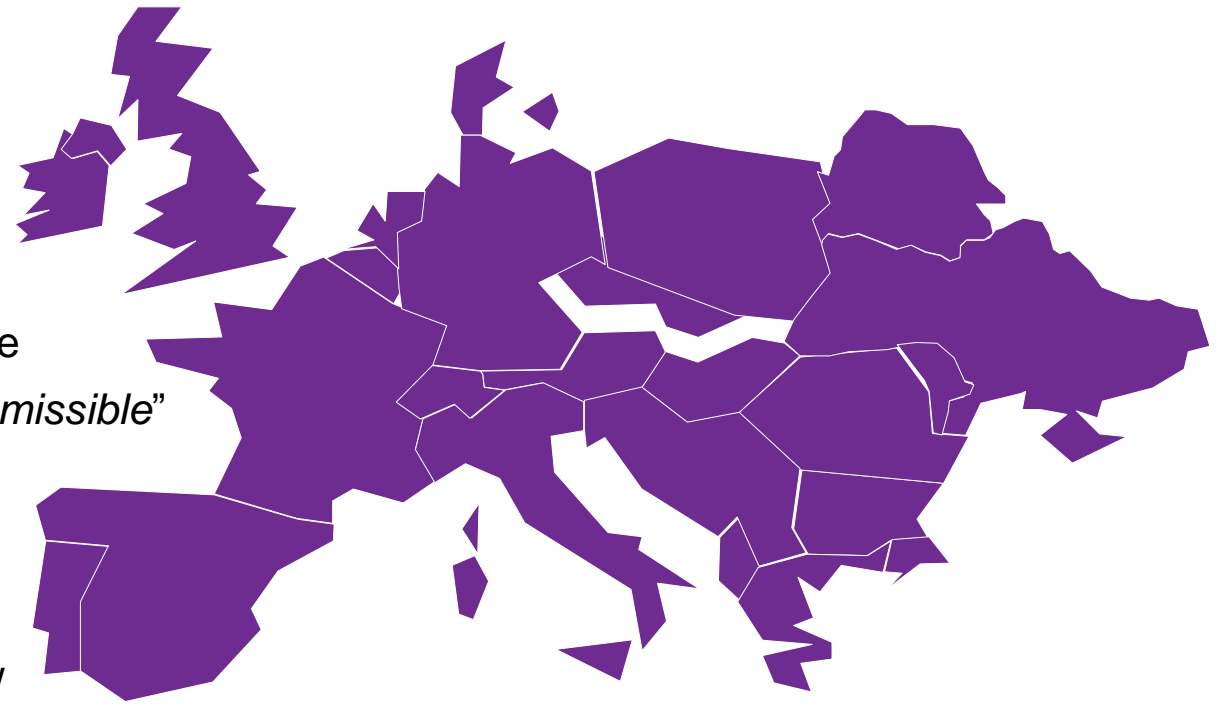
- Tropical Cyclone Tauktae moved ashore in **India** Monday, bringing high winds, a storm surge and rises of inland flooding that could extend for hundreds of miles.
- Mass vaccination sites in Tokyo and Osaka saw a rush of online bookings after appointments opened; while mass sites aim to accelerate **Japan's** vaccine rollout, they have faced glitches.
- **Taiwan** reported 333 domestic cases amid tough new restrictions that have been opposed in Taipei for the first time in the pandemic; Taiwan's schools will close for two weeks.
- **Thailand** reported a record 9,635 cases, 6835 of which were found in prisons across the country.
- **India** reported its lowest daily case rise in over a month, of 263,045 new infections, but a record daily death toll of 4,340, as the country surpassed 25 million infections.
- **Indonesia** is setting up roadblocks to screen travelers returning from Ramadan gatherings for COVID-19.
- **Malaysia** is setting up field ICUs to handle overflow of COVID-19 patients.
- The **UK, US and Canada** imposed new sanctions on the military junta in **Myanmar**. H&M began placing orders with suppliers in Myanmar following a coup-related pause in February. More than 800 people have been killed by Myanmar's security forces since a wave of protests broke out across the country.



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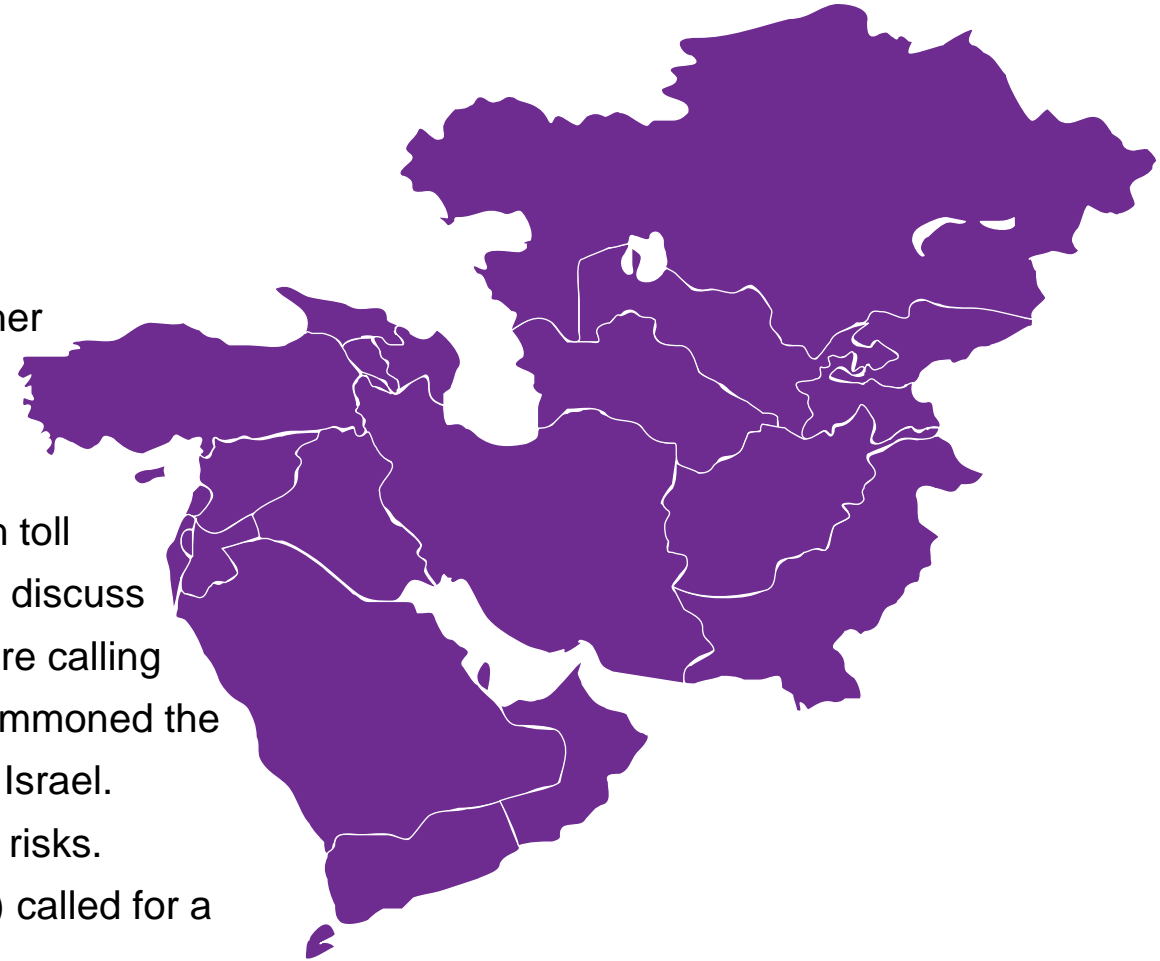
Europe

- **UK** Health Secretary Hancock warned that early evidence suggests the new Indian variant B.1.617.2 is “*more transmissible*” than the UK variant B.1.1.7 but does not seem to be impacting vaccinated people. A group of scientists writing in the British Medical Journal Monday said that new variants mean the UK government should wait a few more weeks before allowing groups to mingle inside.
- The **EU** agreed to postpone plans to raise tariffs on a series of **US** goods including whiskeys, motorcycles and boats as it entered talks with the Biden Administration over US steel tariffs.
- The **Italian** government approved a measure shortening COVID-19 curfews and easing other restrictions.



Middle East

- **France** promised to lend \$1.5 billion to **Sudan** and called for further donations at an international conference intended to aid Sudan in clearing \$60 billion in debt.
- Violence continued in **Gaza and Israel**, with the Palestinian death toll surpassing 212. The UN General Assembly will meet Thursday to discuss the conflict. **Jordan's** parliament unanimously approved a measure calling for the expulsion of the Israeli ambassador to Amman. **Kuwait** summoned the **Czech** ambassador after he posted on social media in support of Israel. The **UAE's** Etihad airline suspended flights to Israel over security risks. US President Biden and Senate Majority Leader Schumer (D-NY) called for a ceasefire in Gaza.
- The **Israeli** military reported that several shells had been fired from **Lebanon** towards Israel but fell short of the border.



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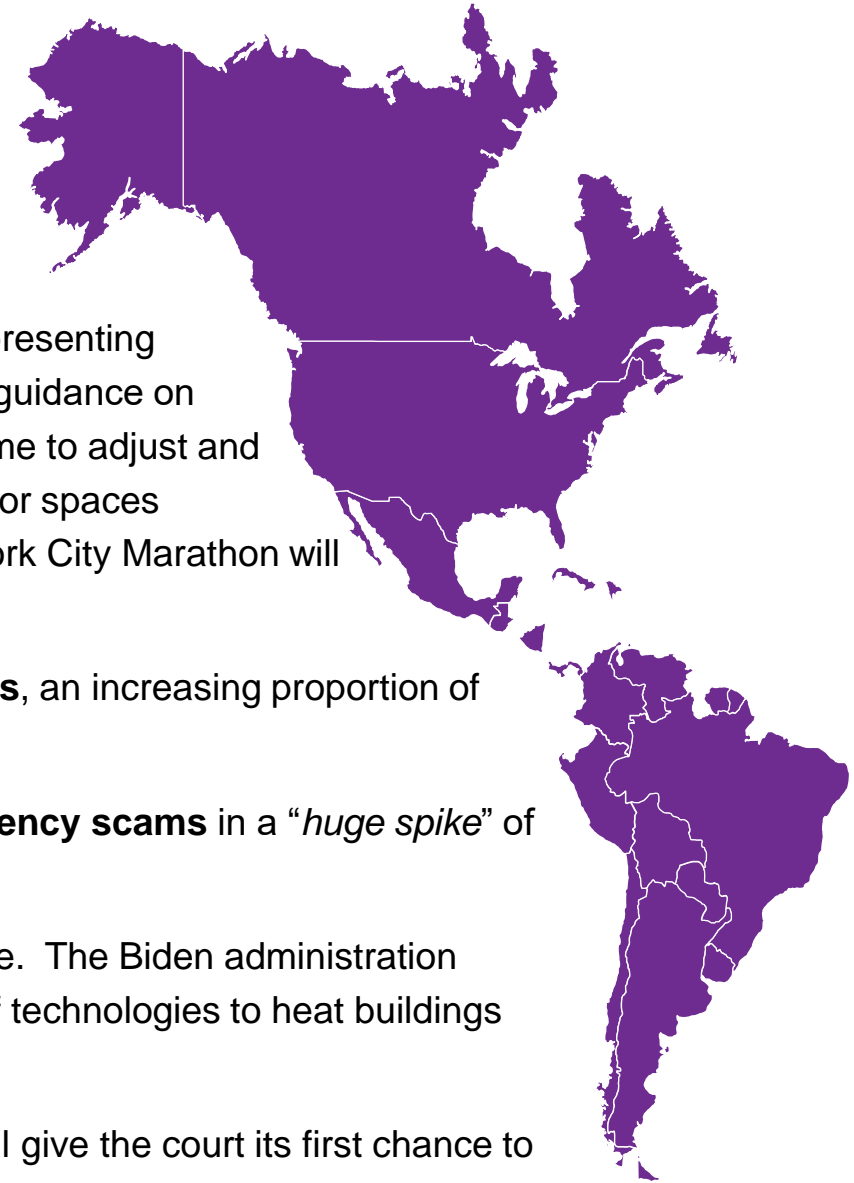
Americas

- **Brazil's** Butantan Institute halted production of Sinovac's CoronaVac for the first time due to delays in **Chinese** shipments of key vaccine ingredients. Officials have said that Chinese-made supplies for 25 million vaccines should arrive in Brazil in coming days.
- **Chilean** women secured so many votes in elections for the commission to rewrite the constitution that for the first time, election adjustments to ensure gender equality had to be made in favor of men; the special assembly selected is considered left-leaning and is expected to increase social spending.
- **Bolivian** authorities reported that they had struck a blow against cocaine producers, finding and destroying three “*mega factories.*”



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Americas: US



- Across the nation, 157.8 million people have received at least **one dose of vaccine**, representing 47.5 percent of the total population. **California** will hold off on adopting the CDC’s new guidance on mask usage for fully vaccinated people until July 15, in order to give businesses more time to adjust and people more time to get vaccines. **New Jersey** will lift its mask mandate for public outdoor spaces immediately. **New York** will adopt the new mask guidance starting May 19. The New York City Marathon will resume this year at 60 percent capacity.
- National data is showing that while hospitals are seeing fewer overall **COVID-19 patients**, an increasing proportion of them are under the age of 50.
- Elon Musk impersonators have stolen over \$2 million from US consumers in **cryptocurrency scams** in a “*huge spike*” of such fraud, per new data from the Federal Trade Commission.
- **US gas prices** are at a 7-year high despite the resolution of the Colonial Pipeline closure. The Biden administration announced **new efficiency standards** for federal buildings and speeding up adoption of technologies to heat buildings with electricity rather than fossil fuels.
- The **Supreme Court** said it will consider the legality of a Mississippi abortion law that will give the court its first chance to revisit Roe v. Wade for the first time since Justice Amy Coney Barret was confirmed. On Monday the Supreme Court ruled in favor of oil and gas companies, saying they should get another chance to move a climate lawsuit from the city of Baltimore out of state court.

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Strong Beginnings and Challenges Ahead for US-ROK Relations Under Biden

By Briana Boland

The first months of the Biden Administration have shown promise for the revitalization of the alliance between the US and the Republic of Korea (ROK). On Friday, May 21, South Korean President Moon Jae-in will visit Washington as the second world leader to be hosted by the Biden White House, following Japanese Prime Minister Suga's visit last month. Other signs of the importance the new administration places on the US relationship with South Korea include quickly settling a military burden-sharing disagreement that had troubled bilateral relations under the Trump Administration, and sending both Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to Seoul for the officials' first travel overseas. However, to enhance effective cooperate on regional issues, the two countries will need to wade into thornier areas, including relations with China, bridging South Korea-Japan tensions, and addressing threats from North Korea.

After an almost two-year dispute under the Trump Administration, the Biden Administration reached a new six-year cost-sharing deal with Seoul in early March that increases South Korea's financial support of the US military presence it hosts. The Special Measures Agreement (SMA) was a relatively quiet development in contrast to years of highly publicized criticism from Trump and the expiration of the previous SMA in 2019. The Biden campaign team has likened the Trump Administration's SMA grievances and negotiating tactics to extortion, and the current president is clearly aiming to move on to broader strategic issues.

Though the quick resolution of SMA negotiations is an important positive step towards stronger ties with Seoul, it can also be seen as relatively low-hanging fruit when it comes to deepening bilateral relations. While the Moon Administration has welcomed the Biden Administration's re-engagement with multilateralism, Washington and Seoul are not always on the same page when it comes to handling key geopolitical issues like China and North Korea. The Biden Administration's "pivot" to Asia and emphasis on East Asian alliances comes in the context of reframing China as America's primary geopolitical challenge. Seoul, however, wants to avoid

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antagonizing China even while it strengthens ties with the US – a concern shared by many US partners, particularly in Asia.

South Korea has ample recent experience with the costs of upsetting Beijing, most notably the severe backlash for Seoul's 2017 deployment of a US THAAD anti-missile system that Beijing saw as a potential threat to its own security. The economic fallout of that decision, which came in forms from consumer boycotts of South Korean products to South Korean TV shows disappearing from Chinese channels, was estimated to cost South Korea over \$7.5 billion in 2017 alone and continues to impact economic ties today. President Moon's administration has endeavored to avoid framing ties with the US as anti-China, with official rhetoric often emphasizing the “*broad*” nature of US-ROK relations.

This hesitancy for Korea to upset China stands in contrast to rhetoric from joint US-Japan statements, which are more likely to address controversial issue areas like Hong Kong or Xinjiang. The tendency to group together Japan and South Korea as the two key US allies in East Asia forces consideration of another issue: the deterioration of relations between Seoul and Tokyo, which the Biden Administration's

national security team have pledged to help improve. While the two neighbors share many contemporary security and strategic interests, bilateral ties have long been frayed by a series of historical grievances and diplomatic slights – and have worsened in the last three years. Along with its reluctance to be seen as anti-China, acrimony between South Korea and Japan hinders Seoul's engagement in multilateral efforts pushed by the Biden Administration, such as Quad initiatives. Some early signs point to progress in the Biden Administration's efforts: on the sidelines of the G7 ministerial meeting in London earlier this month, US Secretary of State Blinken held a joint meeting with South Korea's Foreign Minister Chung and Japan's Foreign Minister Motegi – the first meeting of the countries' foreign ministers in over a year. As deputy secretary of state during the Obama Administration, Blinken played a role in diplomatic efforts to strengthen Japan-ROK relations, making him a likely figure to drive efforts under Biden.

Along with seeking to improve relations with Japan, the Biden Administration is engaged with Seoul to work jointly on deepening relations with a number of other countries across Asia. Though

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concrete policy initiatives have yet to develop, the two countries have begun dialogue on engagement with Southeast Asia in what the State Department described as a “US-ROK dialogue series” on the US vision for the Indo-Pacific and the Republic of Korea’s New Southern Policy (a Moon Administration objective for deepening ties with Southeast Asian nations). Last week, the two countries held virtual talks on how both nations could work together with ASEAN, including mention of joint infrastructure projects and cooperation on COVID-19 aid.

South Korea’s neighbor to the north is, of course, a top priority for both Washington and Seoul. So far in President Biden’s term, Pyongyang has been relatively quiet, allowing the Biden Administration’s foreign policy attention to focus on crises elsewhere. The new administration’s chief North Korea policy move came in the form of a recently completed policy review, the results of which were outlined in very general terms, such as pledging a “*calibrated, practical, and measured approach.*” The review reaffirmed the “*ultimate goal of denuclearization*” but contains vague language on plans to get there, saying the US would “*offer relief for*

particular steps.” Though the administration has been reluctant to specifically describe its plan as incremental or step-by-step, it is being broadly framed as something of a middle road between the Trump Administration’s pursuit of a grand bargain trading total sanctions relief for total denuclearization and the Obama Administration’s approach of withholding engagement until North Korea shifted its behavior.

The ambiguity of the Biden Administration’s North Korea strategy will allow for flexibility in the case of developments on the Korean Peninsula and provides room to evolve as consultations continue with South Korea and Japan. It also may keep North Korea policy out of the domestic political eye by failing to produce concrete targets for political opponents or US media to criticize. While the upcoming visit of President Moon could prompt more clarity from the Biden Administration on its North Korea strategy, the two allies must work out differences in their views on how to best deal with Pyongyang. President Moon will leave office in 2022 (South Korea only allows presidents one five-year term), creating pressure to deliver accomplishments within the next year. Critics of President

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Moon's approach to North Korea, particularly more hawkish US voices, say he is too willing to give concessions to North Korea in order to achieve a return to dialogue. Moreover, China's important relationship with North Korea could serve as another obstacle to US-South Korea alignment on the issue – though China shares the US' interest in North Korea's denuclearization.

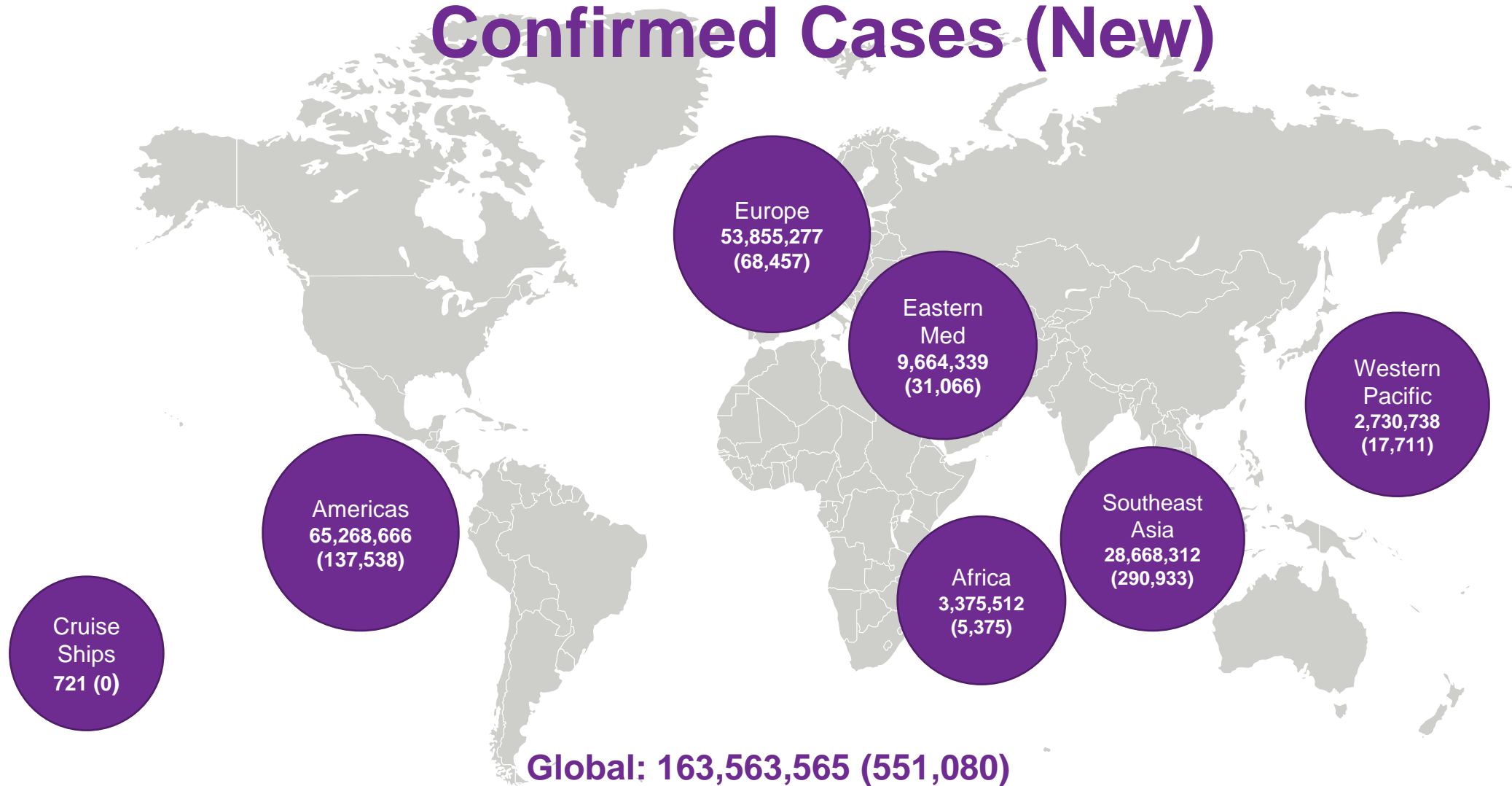
President Moon welcomed the election of President Biden warmly, tweeting that “*America is back*” following his inauguration. In its first few months, the Biden Administration has emphasized South Korea as one of the most important US allies, giving a strong start to revitalizing relations. However, much of Biden's strong start is seen in relation to a low bar set by President Trump; from the pivot in rhetoric to the new SMA agreement, the Biden Administration's key actions have largely been walking back some of the Trump Administration's more damaging actions. The next steps to level up bilateral relations will be more difficult.

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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on May 17, 2021

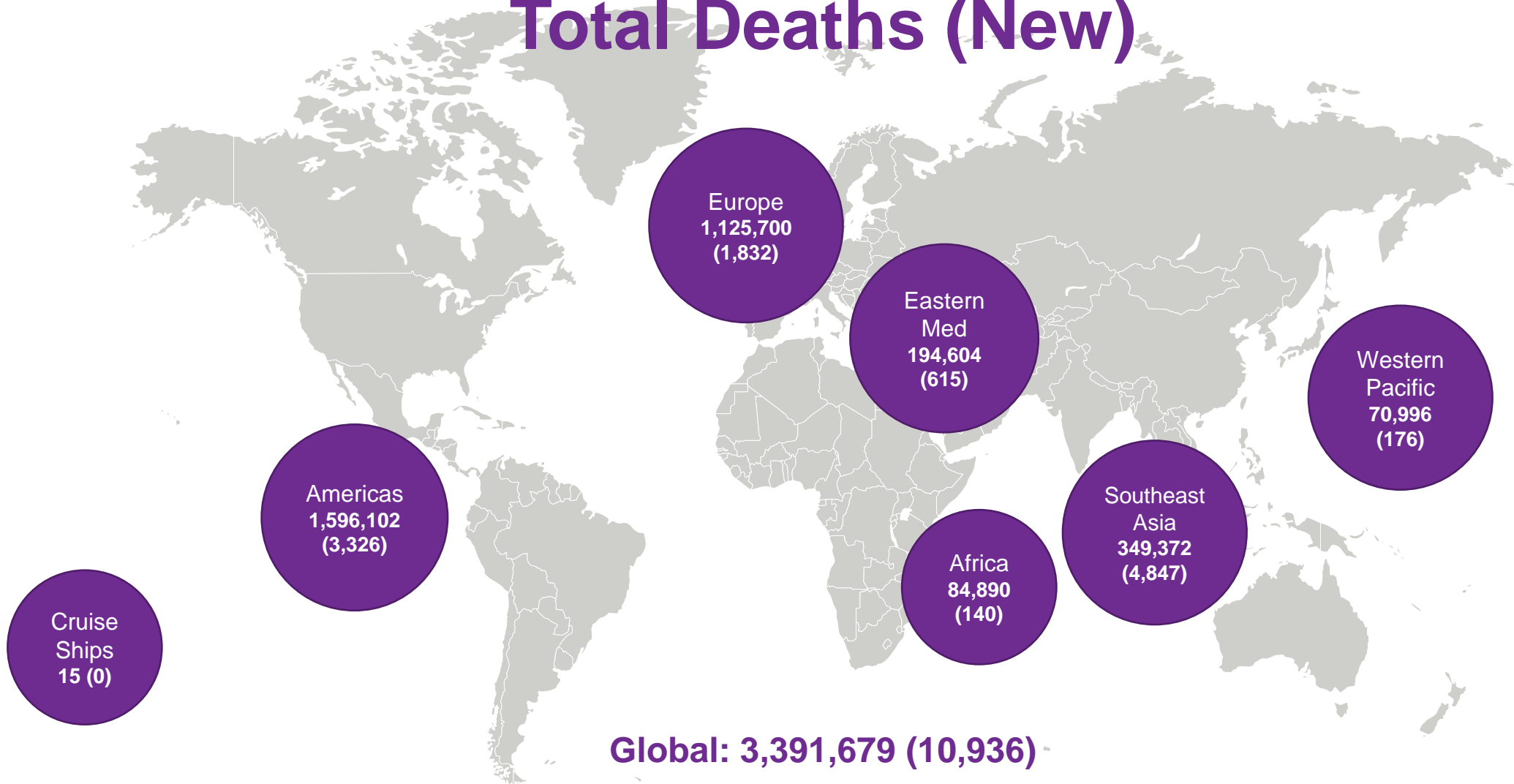
Confirmed Cases (New)



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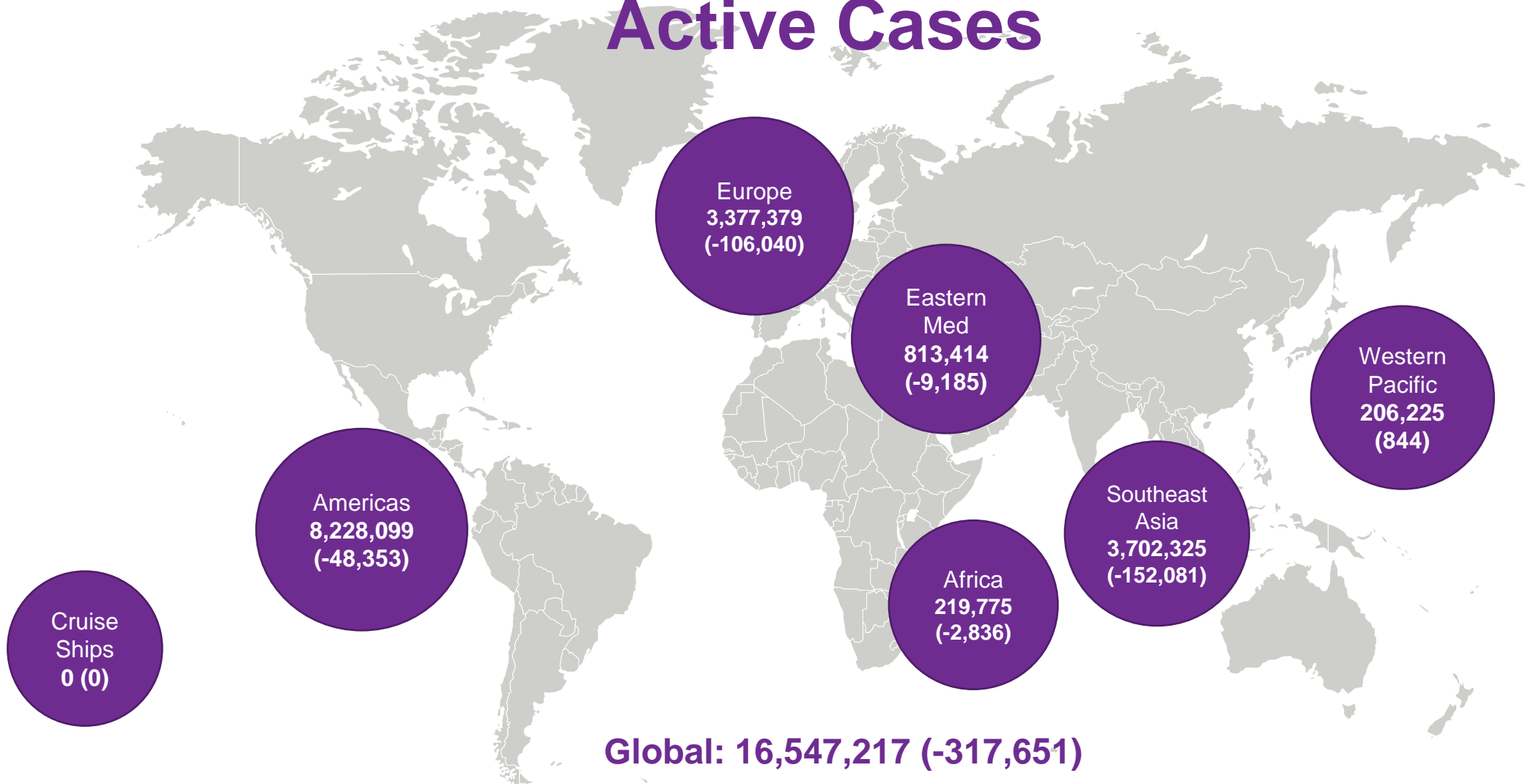
Total Deaths (New)



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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	5800799	32969217 (28523)	586380 (404)	101435	1805	0.68%
India	3359216	25227970 (263045)	278751 (4340)	18125	200	8.86%
Brazil	1071811	15661106 (33631)	436862 (1039)	73223	2043	2.85%
France	676475	5995712 (3731)	108733 (197)	89926	1649	1.73%
Iran	446240	2765485 (14319)	77222 (286)	32561	909	3.34%
Italy	322891	4162576 (3455)	124296 (140)	68935	2058	1.11%
Argentina	291671	3335965 (28680)	71027 (505)	73224	1559	5.12%
Russia	270108	4949573 (9328)	116211 (340)	33904	796	1.23%
Mexico	260168	2381923 (1233)	220433 (53)	18306	1694	0.68%
Ukraine	243223	2156000 (2136)	48184 (109)	49560	1108	1.56%
Germany	220722	3608292 (5353)	86870 (139)	42946	1034	2.02%
Netherlands	205859	1627997 (2846)	17725 (8)	93254	1017	2.17%
Spain	202841	3615860 (3621)	79432 (31)	77310	1698	0.95%
Poland	177812	2855190 (1109)	71675 (11)	75514	1896	0.70%

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Hungary	138384	798573 (426)	29213 (38)	82850	3031	0.77%
Honduras	138157	226719 (755)	5960 (6)	22577	594	2.88%
Sweden	130591	1037126 (0)	14275 (0)	102136	1406	2.83%
Turkey	121445	5127548 (10174)	44983 (223)	60230	528	1.61%
Colombia	118321	3131410 (12984)	81809 (509)	60974	1593	3.71%
Nepal	113480	464218 (9198)	5215 (214)	15686	176	13.02%
Peru	106198	1893334 (4282)	66471 (251)	56733	1992	2.11%
Belgium	96562	1031923 (1852)	24709 (23)	88701	2124	1.48%
Indonesia	89129	1744045 (4295)	48305 (212)	6318	175	1.46%
Japan	76490	683175 (5263)	11508 (45)	5416	91	6.31%
Iraq	76243	1142925 (3552)	15995 (41)	27871	390	2.21%
Pakistan	68223	880362 (3232)	19617 (74)	3919	87	2.15%
Canada	67625	1334108 (5526)	24983 (35)	35079	657	2.99%
Costa Rica	60647	288626 (1322)	3625 (32)	56210	706	5.94%

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Philippines	54297	1149901 (5955)	19262 (72)	10373	174	3.57%
Egypt	50497	246909 (1188)	14388 (61)	2374	138	3.38%
Switzerland	49721	682160 (2650)	10744 (13)	78319	1234	1.15%
Kenya	48650	165537 (72)	3013 (10)	3021	55	1.16%
Bolivia	47360	332567 (1051)	13517 (24)	28155	1144	4.20%
UK	46078	4468630 (1994)	127946 (5)	65291	1872	0.35%
Bangladesh	45582	780857 (698)	12181 (32)	4700	73	0.75%
Paraguay	45519	315547 (2020)	7692 (96)	43771	1067	5.03%
Malaysia	43506	474556 (4446)	1947 (45)	14500	59	6.34%
Finland	43316	90249 (144)	933 (2)	16266	168	1.53%
Thailand	43268	111082 (9635)	614 (25)	1588	9	23.48%
Ethiopia	41996	266646 (382)	4008 (12)	2270	34	1.32%
Dominican Republic	40232	277919 (731)	3589 (7)	25397	328	2.09%
Kazakhstan	38379	360193 (2089)	4073 (19)	18985	215	4.29%

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Chile	38316	1292096 (5548)	27934 (102)	67088	1450	3.04%
Ecuador	36585	410870 (741)	19786 (87)	22983	1107	2.14%
Algeria	34628	125485 (174)	3381 (7)	2817	76	0.95%
South Africa	33587	1615485 (1757)	55260 (50)	26942	922	1.10%
Bulgaria	32844	414869 (677)	17343 (84)	60104	2513	0.87%
Cyprus	31823	71231 (167)	347 (1)	58624	286	2.14%
Norway	29774	119500 (201)	774 (0)	21893	142	2.07%
Lebanon	27451	535954 (201)	7631 (11)	78833	1122	0.52%
Uruguay	27334	242906 (2394)	3521 (62)	69715	1011	8.25%
Tunisia	26639	327473 (901)	11899 (50)	27457	998	1.72%
Greece	26402	378485 (1395)	11471 (56)	36469	1105	3.85%
Sri Lanka	24592	145202 (2456)	981 (19)	6756	46	11.48%
Bosnia	23984	202490 (71)	9051 (25)	62058	2774	0.63%
Czechia	23388	1653093 (257)	29925 (12)	154115	2790	0.46%

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Jamaica	23252	47396 (77)	863 (3)	15945	290	1.30%
Portugal	22181	842381 (199)	17009 (2)	82825	1672	0.31%
Lithuania	21915	266110 (551)	4116 (11)	98967	1531	2.81%
Serbia	21081	707033 (575)	6696 (15)	81208	769	0.81%
UAE	18259	547411 (1229)	1633 (2)	54770	163	1.81%
Maldives	17006	45956 (1433)	101 (4)	83732	184	19.45%
Romania	16421	1072291 (392)	29571 (48)	56068	1546	0.52%
Bahrain	16185	202556 (1579)	752 (6)	115560	429	5.70%
Georgia	15551	330879 (504)	4469 (27)	83084	1122	2.54%
Venezuela	13623	216415 (1114)	2411 (15)	7630	85	3.35%
Denmark	13173	268040 (836)	2504 (1)	46013	431	2.74%
Oman	13026	206297 (786)	2206 (13)	39524	423	2.02%
Ireland	12794	256032 (360)	4941 (0)	51350	991	1.11%
Kuwait	11970	292490 (861)	1696 (3)	67617	392	2.20%

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Guatemala	11586	241528 (159)	7893 (6)	13268	434	2.58%
Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			0.00%
Libya	10244	181714 (304)	3092 (4)	26135	445	0.82%
Azerbaijan	10062	330269 (426)	4792 (13)	32319	469	0.96%
Austria	9786	637573 (476)	10480 (6)	70439	1158	0.89%
Cambodia	9384	22544 (360)	154 (4)	1332	9	12.42%
South Korea	8224	132290 (619)	1903 (3)	2578	37	3.42%
Latvia	8057	128125 (147)	2269 (3)	68594	1215	2.98%
Saudi Arabia	7892	433980 (886)	7174 (12)	12299	203	1.52%
Myanmar	7761	143097 (32)	3213 (1)	2615	59	0.09%
Armenia	7695	220927 (67)	4333 (10)	74434	1460	0.71%
Slovenia	7467	249424 (113)	4327 (3)	119962	2081	1.28%
Somalia	7408	14486 (0)	753 (0)	890	46	0.49%
Nigeria	7296	165778 (69)	2067 (1)	787	10	0.19%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Estonia	7210	127205 (152)	1223 (1)	95836	921	1.47%
Mongolia	7117	49175 (533)	214 (7)	14792	64	7.56%
Belarus	6981	377532 (1191)	2711 (10)	39965	287	2.06%
Cuba	6948	125511 (1057)	814 (10)	11087	72	6.70%
West Bank & Gaza	6829	304074 (247)	3437 (9)	58424	660	0.60%
Afghanistan	6058	63819 (221)	2751 (6)	1608	69	2.22%
Trinidad and Tobago	5885	16549 (294)	294 (9)	11792	209	18.70%
Jordan**	5537	725258 (1104)	9276 (17)	70470	901	0.59%
Panama	5367	371145 (268)	6297 (1)	84852	1440	0.87%
Croatia	5293	350506 (116)	7738 (30)	85844	1895	1.64%
Qatar	5157	213485 (302)	532 (2)	76033	189	0.98%
Kyrgyzstan	5135	100732 (259)	1711 (8)	15221	259	2.06%

Data Source: WorldOMeter

** Indicates moved up a risk category

* Indicates moved down 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
Slovakia	4417	387659 (136)	12238 (14)	70974	2241	0.48%
Mali	4393	14194 (4)	511 (0)	684	25	0.56%
Albania*	4178	132032 (17)	2435 (3)	45924	847	0.21%
Angola	4115	30787 (150)	677 (18)	912	20	6.21%
Lesotho	4043	10790 (0)	320 (0)	5002	148	0.16%
Uzbekistan	3920	96893 (223)	670 (2)	2859	20	2.20%
Sudan	3877	34272 (0)	2446 (0)	766	55	0.00%
Burundi	3568	4347 (18)	6 (0)	356	1	3.38%
N Macedonia	3452	154725 (27)	5230 (19)	74269	2510	0.44%
Cameroon	3297	74946 (0)	1152 (0)	2763	42	0.00%
Congo (Kinshasa)	3230	30609 (47)	776 (0)	333	8	0.85%
Gabon	3208	23909 (110)	145 (2)	10526	64	1.44%
Congo (Brazzaville)	2987	11343 (0)	148 (0)	2013	26	0.00%
Moldova	2889	253954 (109)	6034 (7)	63083	1499	0.46%

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Country Risk Assessment

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
Nicaragua	2677	7086 (0)	184 (0)	1059	27	1.37%
Cabo Verde	2598	28281 (113)	251 (2)	50388	447	6.02%
Botswana	2549	50800 (1144)	774 (13)	21229	323	3.46%
Papua New Guinea	2537	13707 (0)	136 (0)	1507	15	11.83%
Morocco	2437	515033 (79)	9105 (6)	13810	244	0.21%
El Salvador	2385	71479 (0)	2191 (4)	10972	336	1.54%
Namibia	2312	51390 (172)	723 (5)	19911	280	2.30%
Guinea	2257	22830 (84)	152 (1)	1698	11	0.81%
Yemen	2232	6568 (25)	1294 (5)	216	43	1.26%
Timor-Leste	2173	4589 (131)	10 (0)	3424	7	26.93%
Luxembourg	2074	69065 (37)	808 (2)	108788	1273	0.92%
Guyana	1923	15352 (81)	344 (3)	19436	436	5.93%
Seychelles	1903	9764 (580)	35 (3)	98746	354	16.30%

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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
CAR	1659	6866 (0)	95 (0)	1400	19	2.80%
Vietnam	1654	4359 (184)	37 (1)	44	0	20.60%
Suriname	1552	12107 (157)	230 (2)	20478	389	7.38%
Madagascar	1488	40204 (63)	771 (8)	1420	27	2.59%
Montenegro	1337	98898 (46)	1562 (1)	157447	2487	0.54%
Ghana	1298	93333 (90)	783 (0)	2950	25	0.35%
Togo	1253	13279 (4)	125 (0)	1572	15	0.84%
Rwanda	1106	26215 (74)	345 (1)	1981	26	1.91%
Laos	1054	1638 (47)	2 (0)	222	0	18.99%
Syria	1010	23788 (50)	1705 (7)	1331	95	1.47%

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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	1693903	3769827 (1022)	62699 (9)	95417	1587	0.25%
Virginia	603848	670456 (272)	11029 (11)	78549	1292	0.52%
Maryland	436785	456216 (212)	8932 (3)	75461	1477	0.62%
New York	417994	2086836 (1359)	52989 (36)	109848	2738	0.61%
Kentucky	393921	452821 (284)	6662 (6)	101355	1491	0.82%
Florida	366607	2293980 (1976)	36133 (58)	106807	1683	0.95%
Washington	212303	423382 (717)	5640 (18)	55913	748	1.81%
Michigan	203984	978915 (2576)	19812 (22)	98020	1984	1.43%
New Jersey	145847	1011106 (347)	25975 (14)	113835	2924	0.30%
Rhode Island	138788	150648 (263)	2701 (1)	142206	2550	0.46%
Georgia	128212	1116008 (407)	20506 (0)	105111	1931	0.50%
Colorado	116872	532389 (689)	6450 (0)	92449	1141	1.54%
Illinois	81101	1367126 (947)	24801 (6)	107894	1957	0.79%
Idaho	78288	190279 (371)	2069 (0)	106476	1158	0.60%

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
Texas	75517	2931500 (2450)	50972 (31)	101297	1766	0.49%
Wisconsin	69862	669804 (136)	7712 (0)	104127	1195	0.51%
Pennsylvania	69329	1188272 (1474)	26798 (34)	93109	2105	1.05%
Missouri	56816	600350 (197)	9271 (1)	96695	1550	0.50%
Maine	52149	65915 (199)	803 (1)	49035	597	2.57%
South Carolina	50059	588939 (346)	9654 (1)	114386	1875	0.68%
Nebraska	49295	222512 (177)	2286 (0)	115028	1171	0.45%
Hawaii	34940	35432 (73)	492 (0)	23896	347	1.76%
Oregon	29782	195884 (200)	2590 (3)	46442	614	2.10%
Louisiana	25522	465946 (1113)	10489 (11)	100229	2256	0.66%
Ohio	25365	1091623 (729)	19528 (0)	93388	1671	0.67%
Indiana	22454	735999 (537)	13486 (6)	109325	2003	0.77%
Connecticut	19917	345639 (662)	8194 (21)	96946	2298	0.61%
Alabama	19429	540267 (184)	11038 (0)	110187	2251	1.70%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Arizona	18993	873446 (468)	17466 (7)	120000	2400	0.45%
Nevada	17819	321081 (542)	5533 (3)	104242	1796	0.72%
Puerto Rico	16605	137060 (97)	2445 (7)	76933	720	0.97%
North Carolina	15526	991956 (2618)	12891 (29)	94579	1229	0.78%
Massachusetts	13528	702039 (0)	17772 (19)	101899	2578	0.59%
District of Columbia	13065	48590 (45)	1122 (2)	68849	1590	0.81%
Alaska	10562	69600 (136)	364 (11)	91333	489	0.69%
New Mexico	10517	201186 (536)	4116 (3)	95948	1963	0.64%
Iowa	8540	369494 (124)	6006 (0)	126656	1904	0.43%
Minnesota	8021	595016 (589)	7389 (0)	105506	1308	1.02%
Kansas	7922	313557 (365)	5041 (2)	107120	1734	0.37%
Tennessee	7667	858355 (1300)	12327 (15)	125689	1805	0.47%
Utah	7357	402731 (164)	2259 (1)	125620	705	0.54%
West Virginia	6296	158643 (175)	2762 (1)	88521	1541	1.28%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Delaware	5542	107089 (82)	1651 (0)	109974	1695	0.78%

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
Mississippi	4398	315026 (316)	7257 (3)	105850	2438	0.43%
Arkansas	1977	338849 (67)	5796 (2)	112283	1921	0.37%
Vermont	1518	23912 (29)	252 (0)	38321	404	1.55%
Oklahoma	1410	451278 (431)	6878 (0)	114046	1738	0.50%
New Hampshire	1169	97774 (98)	1333 (1)	71908	980	1.00%
Montana	1055	110723 (38)	1598 (0)	103598	1495	0.71%

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