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Daily Global Situation Report

April 13, 2021

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

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Russia warns off US warships heading towards the Black Sea as tensions escalate over the Ukraine.

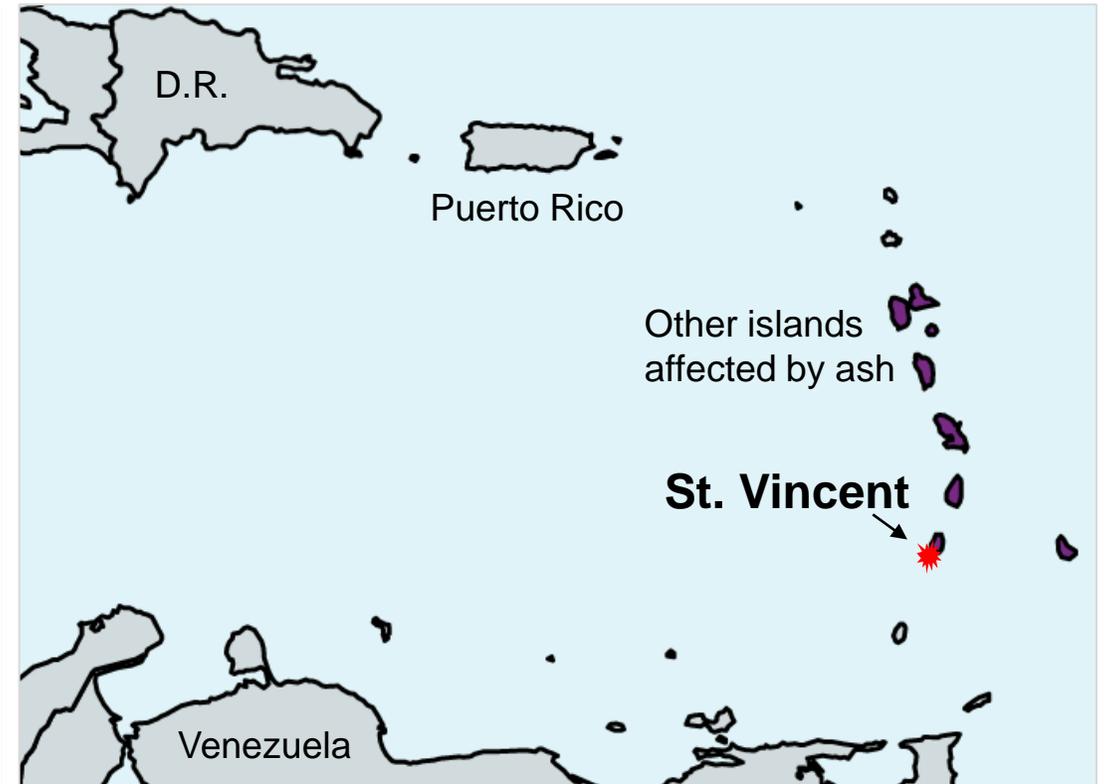
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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

The largest volcanic eruption yet rocked the Caribbean island of St. Vincent yesterday, sending a massive cloud of ash and gas high into the sky. Heavy ash is falling in Barbados, 100 miles to the east, while ash has also reached nearby Guadeloupe, Dominica, Martinique, and St. Lucia.

With Caribbean tourism already suffering due to COVID-19, this volcano could put a further damper on the industry and negatively impact local economies.



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Global

Globally, confirmed coronavirus infections topped 136.6 million with more than 2.9 million deaths.

- A large clinical study in the UK found that a widely available **inhalable asthma drug, Budesonide**, reduced the recovery time for COVID-19 patients treated at home.
- A more transmissible coronavirus variant first detected in Britain does not cause more **severe illness in hospitalized patients**, according to a new study published by the Lancet.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

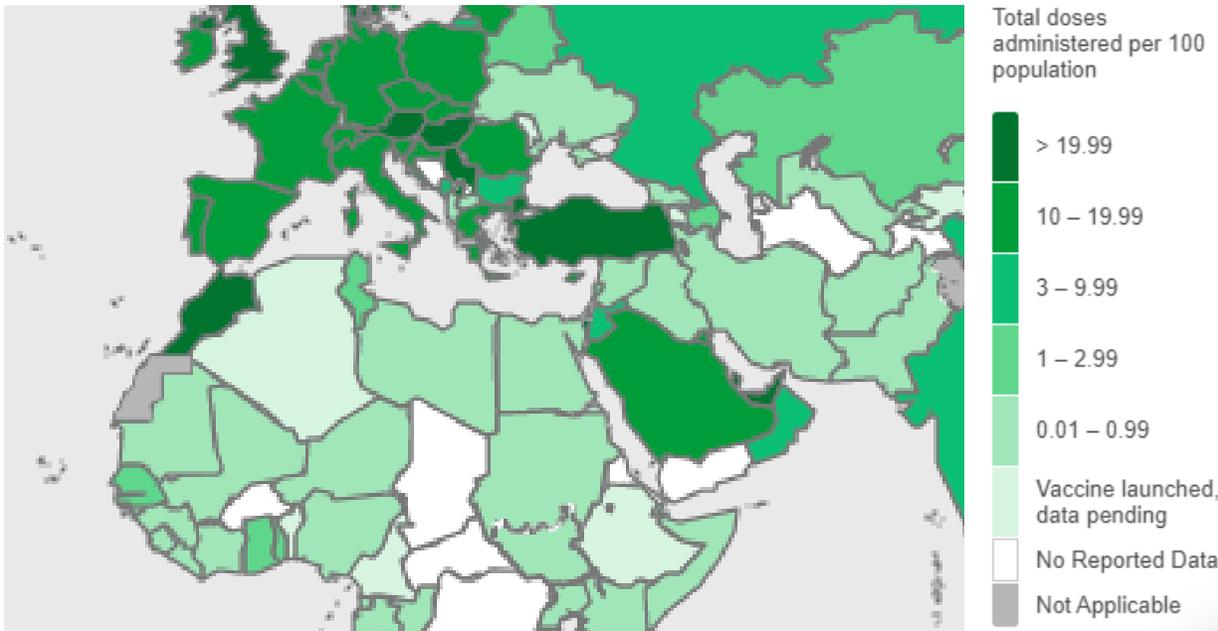
WTO Chief Okonjo-Iweala set a meeting with major manufacturers for Wednesday to discuss “glaring” vaccine inequalities.

- Globally, **805.74 million** doses of vaccine have been administered.
- **Sanofi** announced a \$475.4 million investment over the next five years to create a new vaccine production site in Singapore.
- Five South Korean companies, **SK Bioscience, EuBiologics, Cellid, Genexine and GeneOne Life Science**, have launched clinical trials for new COVID-19 vaccines.
- Kingdom of **Tonga** receives 24,000 doses of the **AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine** from the COVAX Facility.
- **India** approved the use of Russia’s **Sputnik V vaccine**. India is to fast-track emergency approvals for COVID-19 vaccines that have been authorized by Western countries and Japan, paving the way for possible imports of **Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Novavax and Moderna** shots.
- **Australia** has abandoned plans to purchase **Johnson & Johnson’s** coronavirus vaccine as it investigates another blood clot event linked to the **Oxford-AstraZeneca** shot, which uses similar technology known as viral vector.

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According to the WHO, with the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines to Libya on April 5, all 22 countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region have received doses. To date, over 25 million doses have been administered regionally



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Markets & Business

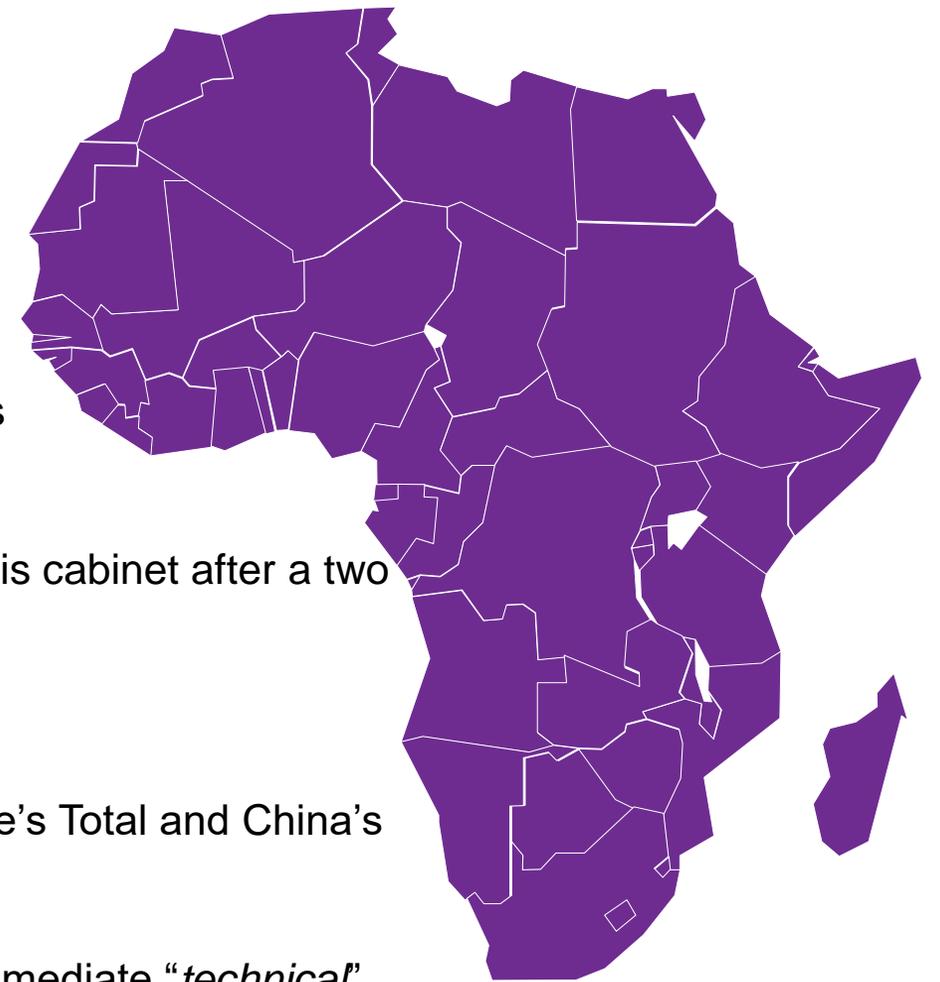
New York's state pension fund will divest \$7 million from six Canadian oil sands firms over climate concerns.

- **Global stocks** edged up on Tuesday as China trade data boosted confidence for a rebound in its domestic demand.
- **Bitcoin** hit a record of \$62,741 on Tuesday, extending its 2021 rally to new heights a day ahead of Coinbase's initial public offering.
- **Taiwan's dollar** has fallen sharply on growing expectations the US will brand the Asian country a currency manipulator.
- **Russia's rouble** has dropped by 5 percent in the past month amid mounting geopolitical tensions, with Moscow's military build-up on the border with Ukraine and the prospect of fresh US sanctions unnerve investors.
- **Microsoft** has agreed to buy **Nuance**, a firm specializing in speech-recognition, for \$16 billion.
- Singapore-incorporated merchant commerce platform **Pine Labs** has acquired e-commerce and fintech firm **Fave** in a cash and equity deal valued at over \$45 million.
- Chinese regulators have ordered **Ant Group** to restructure; the company's lending services may be weakened by loosening ties to **Alipay**.
- **Uber** reported record gross bookings in March as rideshare demand rose to its highest levels since the start of the pandemic. Intel announced plans to produce microchips at its US plants in the next 6-9 months.
- **United Airlines** will seek to raise \$9 billion in US markets this week in order to repay its pandemic-related government loan.

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Africa

- Vote counting is underway in **Benin** following a presidential election; incumbent President Talon looks set to win despite a week of protests against his decision to seek a second term.
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo** President Tshisekedi unveiled his cabinet after a two month wait, comprised primarily of pro-Tshisekedi politicians.
- Twitter will establish a regional headquarters in **Ghana**.
- The governments of **Tanzania and Uganda** signed a deal with France's Total and China's CNOOC to establish a major east African oil pipeline.
- Leaders at the South African Development Community pledged an immediate “*technical*” intervention in **Mozambique** and to prepare for military intervention to quell the Islamist uprising in Cabo Delgado.



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Asia

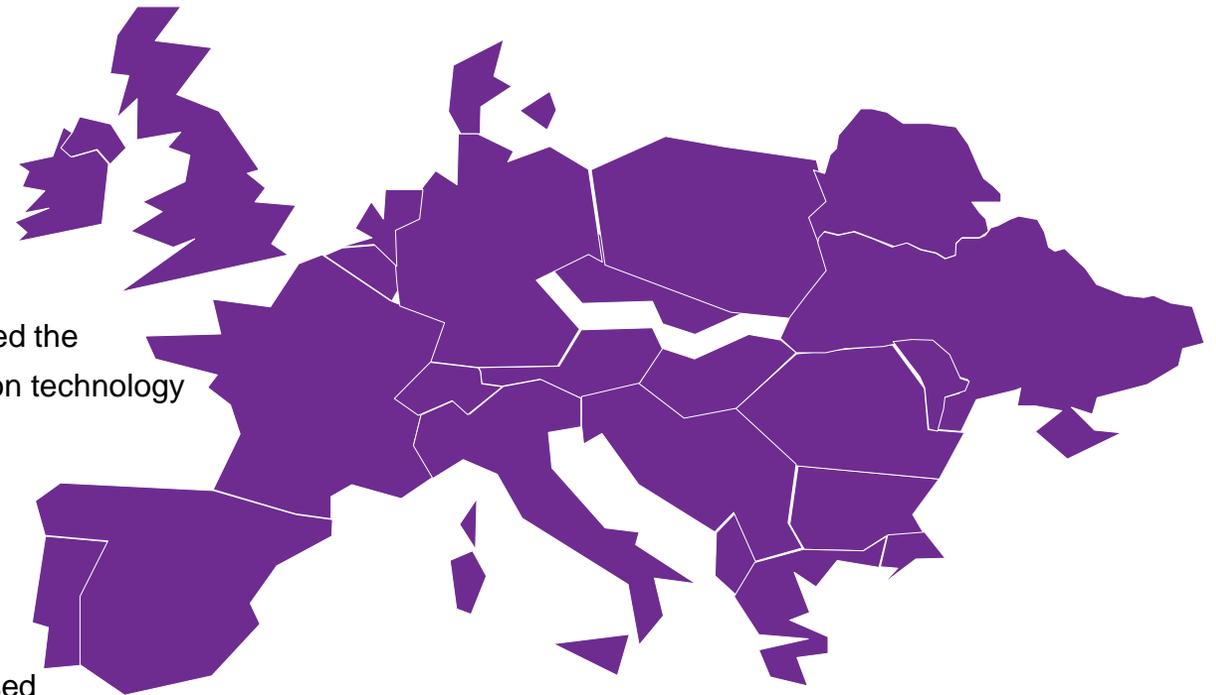
- **Philippine** President Duterte made his first public appearance in two weeks on Monday, heading off rumors about his potential ill health and even death.
- **Thailand** reported a second consecutive daily high of 985 cases as the country's third wave continues.
- **India** has banned the export of Remdesivir amid its record surge of COVID-19 cases.
- **Japan** will release more than 1 million tons of contaminated water from the destroyed Fukushima nuclear station into the sea, a move opposed by neighbors including **China**, which called it "*extremely irresponsible*." Japan started vaccinating elderly people, the second priority group after health workers.
- **Taiwan** reported the largest incursion yet by the **Chinese** air force in its air defense identification zone, which included 25 aircraft and nuclear-capable bombers. The move comes after the **US** State Department issued new guidelines Friday making it easier to meet with Taiwanese officials. **China's** President Xi is expected to take part in President Biden's two-day virtual climate summit next week. **Hong Kong** Chief Executive Carrie Lam said that people who have been vaccinated can form "*vaccination bubbles*" and gather in larger numbers.



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Europe

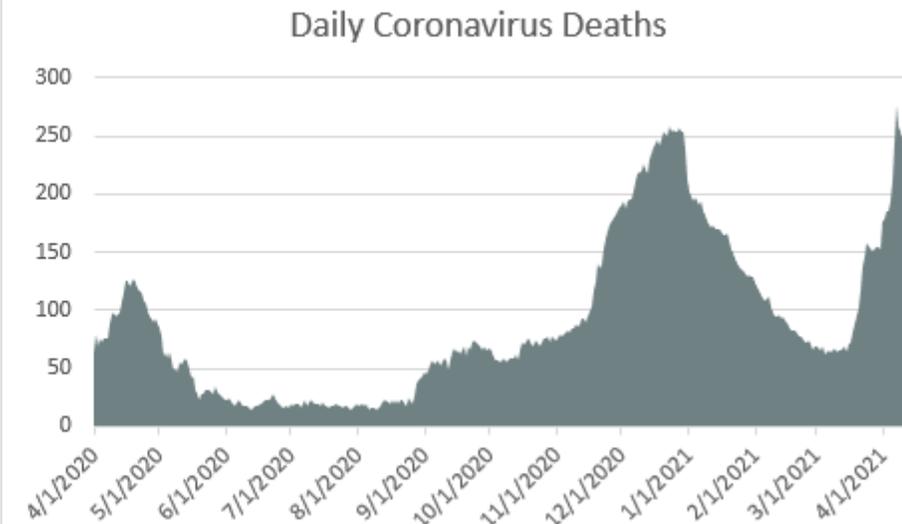
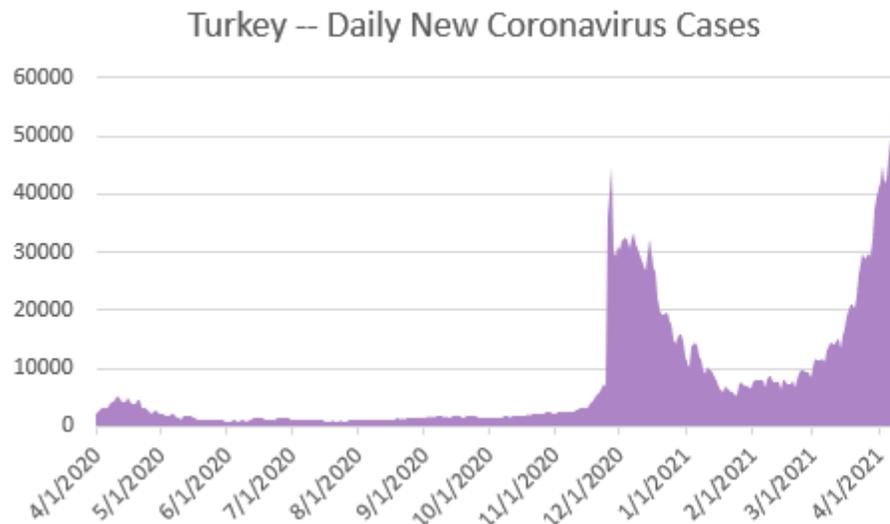
- The **EU's** defense chief warned that the coronavirus pandemic has weakened the ability of militaries to respond to security threats, calling for a greater focus on technology and expanding international maritime co-operation.
- **UK** trade with the **EU** partially recovered in February from sharp falls in January when Brexit border controls were introduced, and the coronavirus wave was at its peak but remained below normal levels.
- In **Germany**, the two parties of Angela Merkel's center-right coalition endorsed rival candidates for Chancellor in September elections, casting doubt on who will succeed Merkel. The Christian Democratic Union is backing party leader Armin Lashet, while the Bavarian CSU is backing Bavaria's prime minister, Markus Söder.
- **Russia** warned the **US** to ensure its warships stayed well away from Crimea "for their own good," calling their deployment in the Black Sea a provocation designed to test Russian nerves. Two US warships are due to arrive in the Black Sea this week amid an escalation in fighting in eastern **Ukraine** where government forces have battled Russian-backed troops. **NATO** Secretary-General Stoltenberg called on Russia to withdraw troops Moscow is massing on Ukraine's borders.
- **Austrian** health minister Anschöber announced his resignation in a tearful press conference citing death threats and two collapses related to overwork. The **UK** opened vaccinations to everyone over 45 in the drive to inoculate as much of its population as quickly as possible. In the past fortnight, **Poland** has recorded 989 cases per 100,000 inhabitants, the third highest figure in the **EU**.



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Europe

New variants of the coronavirus in Turkey have accelerated the spread of infections and are making people sicker, per the health minister, as the number of new cases outpaces the rest of Europe. Turkey registered more than 50,000 daily new cases for the past 6 days.



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How do You Manage Incident Response?

2021 has already seen business disrupted by extreme weather, ransomware attack, the ongoing pandemic and more. The common refrain “It’s not if, but when” rings truer than ever for disruptive incidents that will impact business as usual.

Working with Dentons, you can effectively develop an organizational incident-behavior adopted by all your team members. Dentons will help you build muscle memory through tabletop exercises, which are crafted to fit the business strategy of every client.

Our team plays events and incidents of different severities and complexities and accounts for real-world factors such as inconclusive evidence, mistakes by responders, and the business impact of eradication steps. Our tech-savvy lawyers continuously revise the playbooks per the evolving sector-specific threat landscape.

Dentons tabletop sessions are fluid, and designed to enhance preparedness with services, including:

- ❖ Ransomware tabletop exercises
- ❖ Post-tabletop action reports
- ❖ Maturity assessments for preparedness
- ❖ Supply-chain attack simulation
- ❖ Comprehensive incident response plan
- ❖ Threat analysis and monitoring

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Middle East

- **Iran** said it will suspend human rights talks with **EU** countries after the bloc sanctions on several Iranian officers for human rights abuses took effect on Monday.
- In a letter to the **UN**, **Iran** called **Israel's** rumored cyberattack on its Natanz facility a “*war crime*” and called for Israel to be held accountable. The **US** denied any involvement.
- The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons published a new report finding that the **Syrian** Air Force dropped a chlorine bomb on Idlib in 2018.
- Naftali Bennett, head of the right-wing **Israeli** party Yamina, said he would join a coalition headed by Prime Minister Netanyahu, who is currently seeking to build a coalition.
- **Turkey and Libya** re-committed to a 2019 maritime border demarcation accord after new Libyan Prime Minister Debeibeh met with Erdogan in Ankara.
- **Somalia's** parliament extended the Somali president's term by two years after negotiators failed to agree on a date or procedure for delayed elections.



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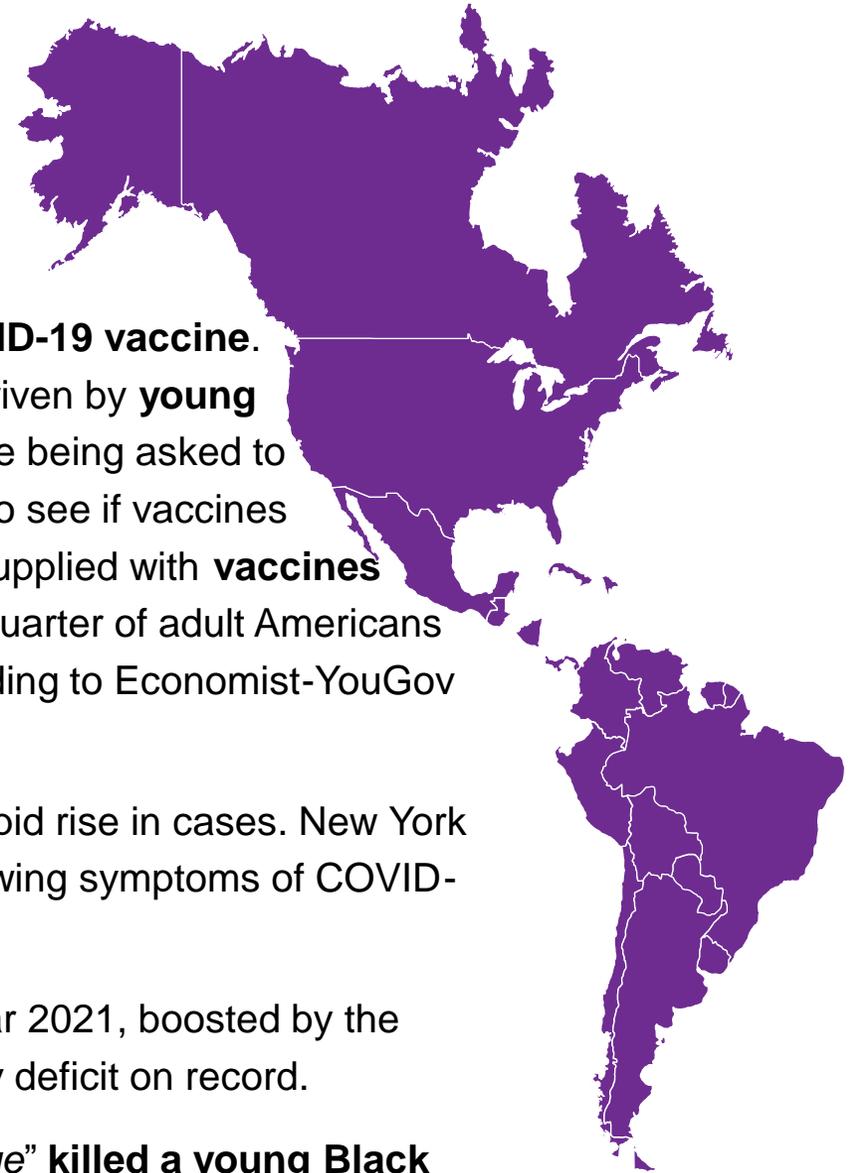
Americas

- La Soufriere volcano on **Saint Vincent** continued to erupt on Monday, issuing its largest explosion yet since volcanic activity began late last week. There were no immediate reports of injuries or death, but roughly 16,000 people have been evacuated.
- **Canada** canceled permits allowing the export of military goods to **Turkey** after a review finding that Turkey illegally transferred Canadian technology to **Azerbaijan** during the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh.
- Ontario closed in-person school due to rising COVID-19 numbers. Doctors in Ontario said they may soon have to decide who does and does not receive treatment as ICUs are filled with COVID-19 patients. **Canada's** daily new coronavirus infections over the past 10 days have exceeded 10,000 three times, reaching highs not seen since early January.
- The White House said that **Mexico** has doubled its detentions of migrants with a 10,000 strong troop deployment on its southern border. A WHO-commissioned study has found that Mexico could have avoided 190,000 COVID-19 deaths through better management of the pandemic.



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Americas: US



- More than 120 million Americans have now received one or both **doses of a COVID-19 vaccine**. Health officials are finding that the latest wave of US COVID-19 cases is largely driven by **young people**, with case rates for youth under 19 at a record high. **College students** are being asked to forgo coronavirus vaccines to take part in a massive study across 20 universities to see if vaccines block transmission, allowing people to finally abandon masks. The US is so well supplied with **vaccines** that it is unlikely to need the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, per Dr. Fauci. About a quarter of adult Americans say they are **not planning on getting vaccinated** against the coronavirus, according to Economist-YouGov polling released last week.
- The CDC urged **Michigan** to tighten COVID-19 restrictions as the state faces a rapid rise in cases. New York state dropped quarantine requirements for international travelers who are not showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- The **US budget deficit** jumped to a record \$1.7 trillion for the first half of fiscal year 2021, boosted by the Biden Administration's \$1.9 trillion stimulus package. It is the third-largest monthly deficit on record.
- The police chief of a Minneapolis suburb said that an officer's "*accidental discharge*" **killed a young Black man** during a traffic stop over the weekend; protests over the killing have drawn hundreds.

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Nation-State Hacking Increasingly Threatens Business

By Scott Muir

In this era of heightened geopolitical tension and widespread work-from-home arrangements, nation-state cyberattacks are increasing. State-backed hackers, around for several decades now, are striking a more diverse range of targets and achieving objectives without being caught or kicking-off kinetic military action.

Just this past weekend, for example, Iran's Natanz nuclear facility was again struck by what appears to be a cyber operation, which reportedly did more damage than any conventional bomb. While this attack made world headlines, the public rarely hears of the vast majority of nation-state hacks or that, today, business is at the top of the ever-expanding list of targets. Enterprises around the world should expect to confront more sophisticated state-sponsored hacks as there remains no international agreement covering cyberwarfare and few consequences for perpetrators compared to many successes.

Recent Trends

Over one-third of recent nation-state cyberattacks have struck businesses, according to a newly released study sponsored by HP. Private enterprise has suffered more hacks than media, governments, universities, and critical infrastructure. This is due, in part, to efforts by state-backed hackers to steal intellectual property related to COVID-19 research and vaccines during the pandemic. They used proven tactics first tested by cyber criminals and are now compiling lists of zero-day vulnerabilities, or software security flaws with no patches, for future attacks against companies and

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institutions. Just this week US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell expressed his concern that a critical cyberattack on American banks, likely by a state actor, now represents the biggest risk to the US economy. The SolarWinds hack, dubbed the largest and most sophisticated cyber-attack the world has ever seen, should serve as a wake-up call that nation-states view certain private companies with important clients such as governments and militaries as a gateway to their ultimate targets. The massive state-backed supply chain attack enabled by hacked software impacted tens of thousands of companies, but the actual number of targets was likely just a dozen key US government agencies and blue-chip businesses. Leaders of businesses with similarly sensitive customers can be assured that certain foreign governments are currently plotting how to penetrate them or vulnerable targets along the supply chain.

Tactics for Targeting Business

Over half of all recently recorded nation-state cyberattacks involved low-budget tools used for surveillance. Incidents of nations eavesdropping and spying on corporations and their leaders and clients are much more frequent than spectacular attacks such as the

latest strike on Iran's uranium enrichment centrifuges and the 2012 Shamoon attack on Saudi Aramco that wiped over 30,000 company computers, both of which involved sophisticated, custom-made weapons developed in a state cybersecurity labs.

More often than not, cyber operatives with official backing aim to steal information that will give their patrons a competitive edge in the marketplace or extract money from victims. Even those from the poorest nations can nowadays purchase tools on the Darkweb to exploit the devices of executives and employees and learn what competitors are doing. With inexpensive hacking tools, they can steal information and ideas, or demand cash transfers or cryptocurrency to help sustain unsavory regimes or impoverished local economies. A growing trend for countries that lack certain capabilities is the recruitment of cybercriminals to conduct online attacks. Whether rich or poor, state actors choose to achieve their goals by releasing internal emails and sensitive pictures that shame and embarrass businesses. In 2014, Sony Pictures suffered such an attack when a country that did not like the movies it was producing released troves of company data and embarrassing emails to the world.

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What Lies Ahead

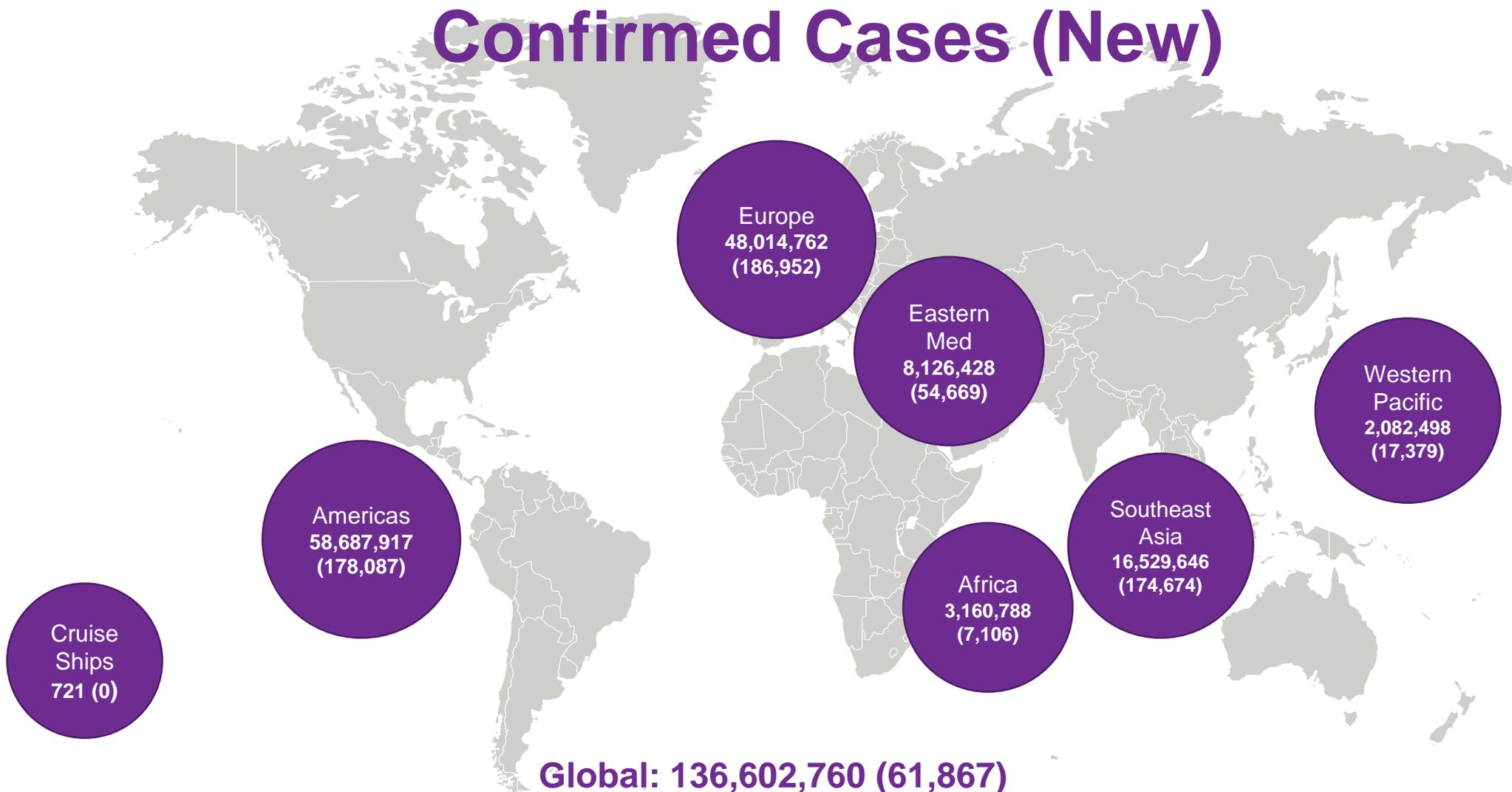
All data indicates that the rise in state-sponsored attacks is likely to continue and strikes on business will be more prevalent in the future. Nation-state cyber budgets are increasing over time and countries, friendly and adversarial, are building armies of hackers dedicated to offensive operations. This comes as many business are slowing down increases to IT security spending due to lost revenue as result of the coronavirus pandemic. And, again, behind all these trends is the lack of globally agreed upon cybersecurity and cyberwarfare standards and ever more advanced cyber weaponry. Thus, it would be wise for today's business leaders to stay ahead of the evolving threat landscape by preparing like a nation-state is targeting them.

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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on April 12, 2021

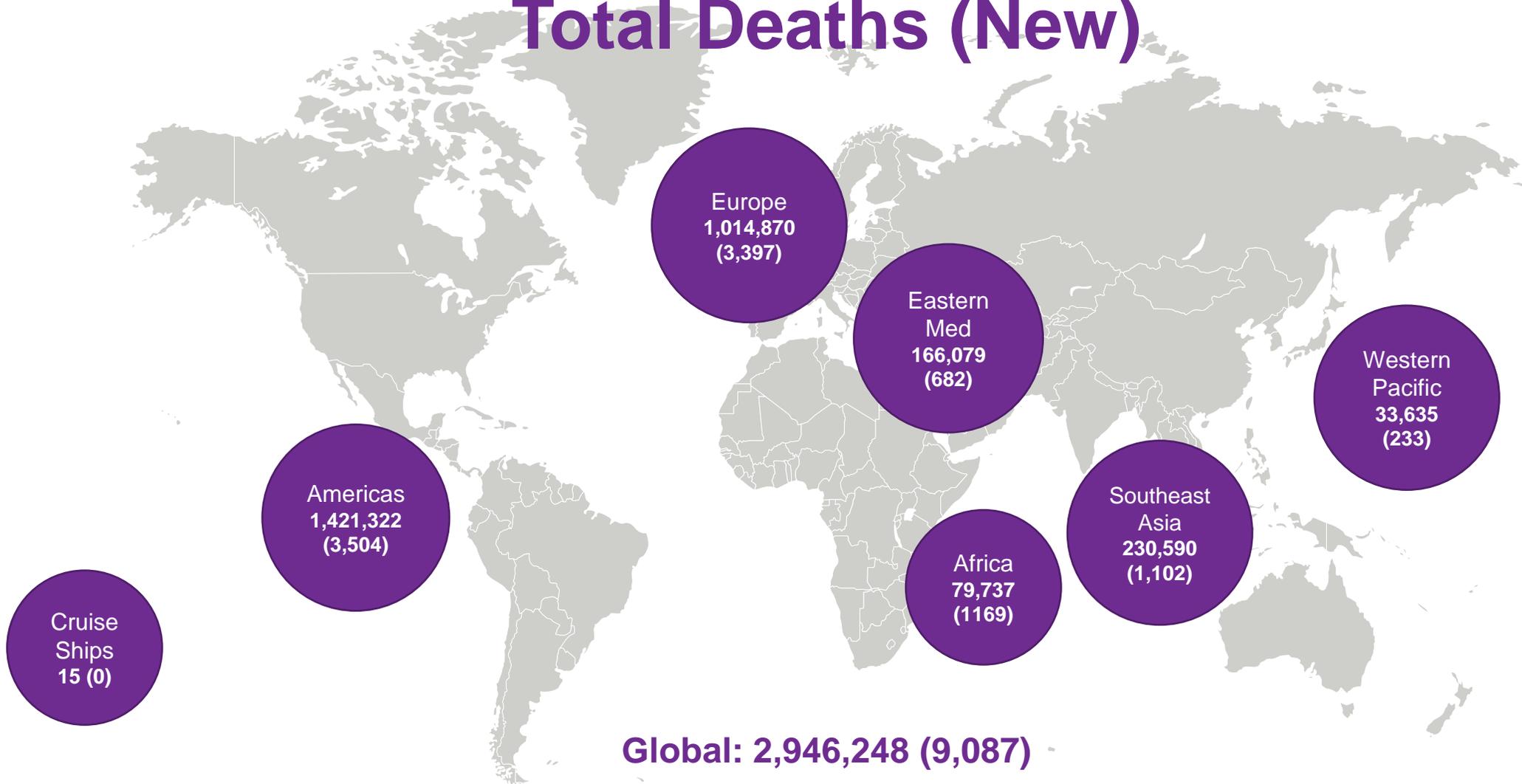
Confirmed Cases (New)



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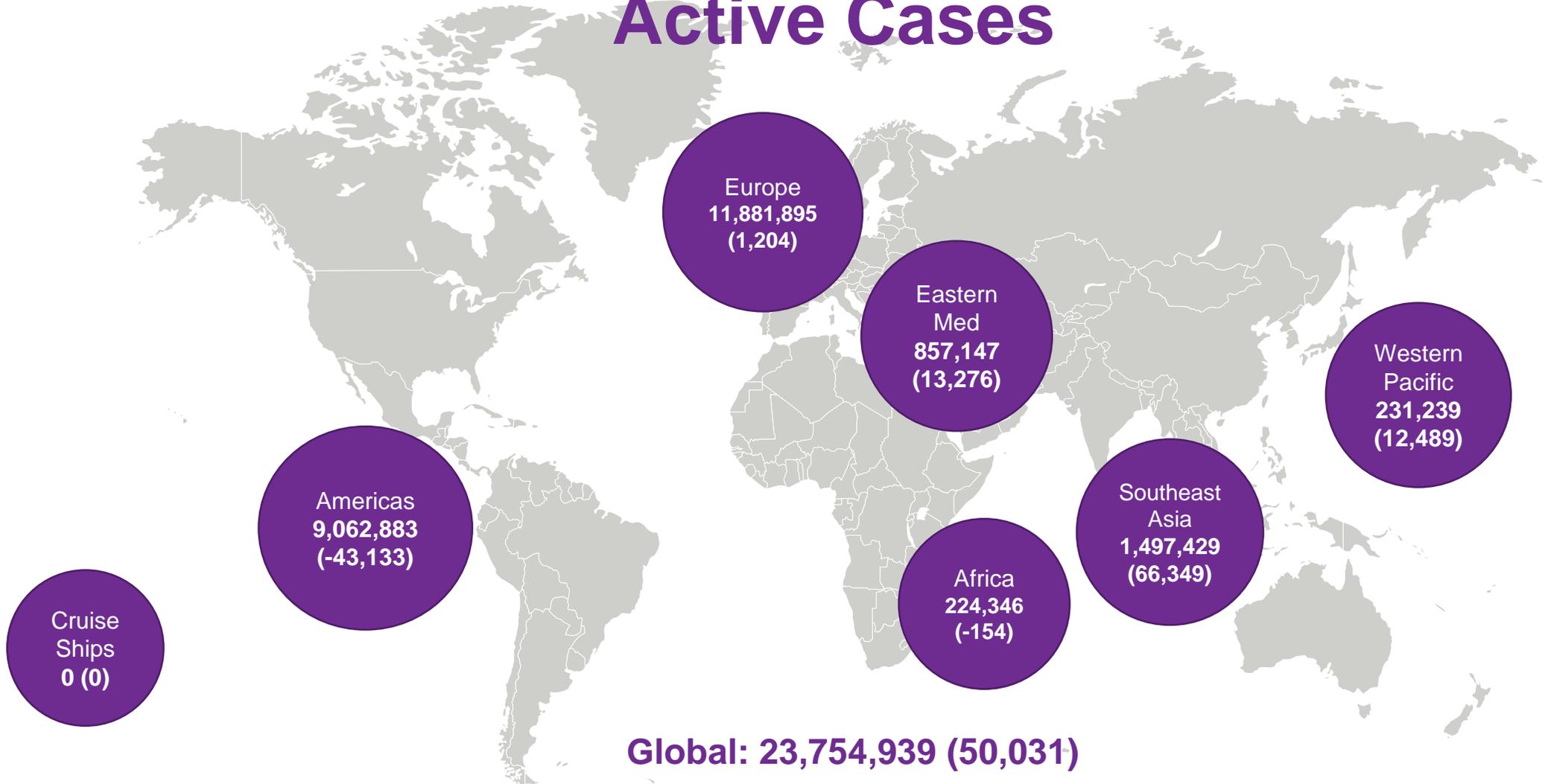
Total Deaths (New)



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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	6719608	31267362 (69486)	562535 (462)	96206	1733	1.54%
France	4716170	5165152 (8775)	99909 (385)	77497	1516	4.59%
Netherlands	1345686	1382505 (6731)	16992 (22)	79078	978	3.74%
India	1264544	13686073 (160694)	171089 (880)	9842	123	7.32%
Brazil	1209310	13521409 (38866)	355031 (1738)	63262	1661	3.68%
Sweden	843780	857401 (0)	13621 (0)	84487	1342	5.16%
Belgium	842249	925476 (2989)	23473 (45)	79584	2018	2.65%
Italy	524417	3779594 (9789)	114612 (358)	62584	1898	2.66%
Turkey	496762	3903573 (54562)	34182 (243)	45900	402	9.58%
Ukraine	407589	1861105 (7856)	37301 (287)	42756	857	5.65%
Poland	330384	2586647 (12013)	58481 (61)	68404	1547	5.34%
Iran	308604	2093452 (23311)	64764 (274)	24678	763	7.05%
Russia	274282	4649710 (8320)	103263 (277)	31851	707	1.29%
Hungary	272459	725241 (5077)	23708 (291)	75223	2459	4.88%

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UK	265531	4388341 (3686)	127346 (15)	64159	1865	0.27%
Mexico	260954	2280213 (1793)	209338 (126)	17542	1610	1.30%
Germany	258054	3021064 (11523)	79110 (146)	35968	942	3.91%
Argentina	246918	2551999 (19437)	57957 (178)	56065	1273	5.68%
Ireland	213181	241330 (385)	4785 (0)	48453	961	1.19%
Spain	182705	3370256 (7446)	76525 (65)	72062	1636	1.75%
Philippines	157451	876225 (11378)	15149 (204)	7914	137	8.31%
Honduras	115180	195780 (255)	4804 (34)	19525	479	2.63%
Indonesia	109372	1571824 (4829)	42656 (126)	5700	155	2.15%
Slovakia	105238	371168 (106)	10630 (65)	67958	1946	1.55%
Bangladesh	101022	691957 (7201)	9822 (83)	4169	59	6.87%
Iraq	97610	932899 (7953)	14757 (44)	22797	361	5.67%
Colombia	91048	2552937 (16739)	66156 (267)	49760	1289	3.78%
Lebanon	85056	497854 (1008)	6703 (42)	73197	986	3.49%

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Czechia	79979	1581194 (982)	27996 (80)	147438	2610	1.73%
Serbia	78466	645173 (2965)	5773 (38)	74074	663	3.69%
Pakistan	75266	725602 (4584)	15501 (58)	3236	69	4.60%
Canada	75135	1071016 (10858)	23356 (41)	28185	615	5.29%
Romania	72944	1008490 (2323)	25248 (113)	52698	1319	3.02%
Bulgaria	71140	375115 (3122)	14619 (201)	54306	2116	4.87%
Jordan	57401	669300 (3565)	7855 (82)	65094	764	4.46%
Ethiopia	55756	230944 (1948)	3208 (34)	1971	27	5.90%
Switzerland	52366	623126 (5583)	10466 (13)	71591	1202	2.85%
Chile	45533	1082920 (6421)	24483 (137)	56273	1272	4.65%
Kenya	44578	146156 (486)	2368 (20)	2673	43	4.59%
Ecuador	39458	347070 (253)	17298 (5)	19442	969	2.97%
Egypt	38821	211307 (818)	12487 (42)	2035	120	2.64%
Bolivia	38098	282095 (525)	12451 (9)	23913	1055	2.54%

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Dominican Republic	37867	258039 (341)	3392 (4)	23603	310	1.40%
Paraguay	37666	237542 (2250)	4889 (62)	32989	679	6.26%
Tunisia	37538	272940 (1079)	9332 (39)	22907	783	4.31%
Bosnia	35609	184698 (444)	7487 (78)	56572	2293	4.49%
Finland	35404	82278 (225)	874 (6)	14832	158	3.09%
Kazakhstan	33908	271809 (2290)	3236 (15)	14342	171	6.17%
Greece	33321	297086 (1606)	8961 (76)	28612	863	6.67%
West Bank & Gaza	33275	270856 (2724)	2883 (23)	52156	555	6.25%
Algeria	32807	118645 (129)	3134 (4)	2668	70	0.76%
Uruguay	32515	147173 (2531)	1533 (71)	42253	440	18.49%
Azerbaijan	31440	287144 (1151)	3944 (29)	28123	386	5.33%
Japan	30970	506286 (2883)	9400 (18)	4013	75	4.14%
Austria	30635	578950 (1943)	9706 (19)	63997	1073	3.11%
Albania	27928	128518 (125)	2321 (4)	44697	807	1.34%

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Portugal	25784	827765 (271)	16918 (2)	81365	1663	0.52%
Costa Rica	24766	222544 (0)	3018 (0)	43378	588	2.60%
Jamaica	23070	42763 (263)	676 (4)	14392	228	4.09%
Peru	22848	1653320 (5626)	55230 (327)	49606	1657	3.82%
South Africa	21401	1559113 (655)	53356 (34)	26033	891	0.43%
Qatar	20469	190998 (973)	335 (2)	68024	119	3.49%
N Macedonia	19978	142034 (190)	4262 (34)	68177	2046	4.83%
Estonia	18160	114443 (269)	1037 (9)	86227	781	4.07%
Oman	17254	173029 (1480)	1789 (13)	33230	344	5.06%
Lithuania	17135	226801 (615)	3701 (13)	84235	1375	2.91%
Armenia	16738	203327 (510)	3753 (18)	68516	1265	3.06%
Malaysia	15835	362173 (1317)	1333 (4)	11080	41	2.80%
Venezuela	15618	175812 (925)	1795 (17)	6196	63	4.70%
Kuwait	14761	248729 (1635)	1412 (5)	57581	327	4.09%

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UAE	13967	485675 (1928)	1533 (2)	48648	154	2.79%
Slovenia	13818	226786 (287)	4126 (7)	109076	1984	2.80%
Cyprus	12699	52033 (528)	273 (1)	42853	225	7.22%
Moldova	12589	241820 (603)	5409 (21)	60055	1343	2.49%
Libya	12204	168676 (851)	2828 (5)	24291	407	3.10%
Croatia	11844	292938 (422)	6333 (25)	71703	1550	4.36%
Bahrain	11214	157729 (1267)	562 (5)	90279	322	5.03%
Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			0.00%
Guatemala	10162	203309 (238)	7020 (4)	11188	386	3.75%
Denmark	8619	238998 (514)	2444 (2)	41030	421	1.89%
Mozambique	8600	68792 (34)	791 (0)	2154	25	0.82%
Saudi Arabia	8485	399277 (842)	6765 (11)	11332	192	1.48%
Papua New Guinea	7687	8602 (160)	69 (1)	948	8	13.90%

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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
Nigeria	7599	163837 (38)	2061 (1)	780	10	0.31%
South Korea	7572	110146 (587)	1770 (2)	2147	35	3.99%
Myanmar	7521	142596 (20)	3206 (0)	2607	59	0.06%
Belarus	7431	336881 (843)	2363 (9)	35661	250	2.55%
Georgia	7043	288755 (359)	3883 (6)	72494	975	1.63%
Somalia	6678	12566 (160)	618 (0)	774	38	5.24%
Latvia	6504	107818 (210)	1990 (4)	57661	1064	3.33%
Mongolia	6177	15718 (704)	25 (3)	4735	8	31.16%
Lesotho	5366	10709 (2)	315 (0)	4968	146	0.02%
Thailand**	5265	33610 (985)	97 (0)	481	1	12.76%
Cuba	5018	87385 (854)	467 (8)	7719	41	7.75%

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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 Change7-Day Av
Syria	4824	20331 (105)	1385 (7)	1140	78	3.96%
Morocco	4737	502287 (175)	8910 (9)	13484	239	0.79%
Mali	4422	12002 (158)	414 (6)	580	20	11.51%
Montenegro	4204	94419 (150)	1381 (8)	150318	2199	1.78%
Panama	4071	358792 (181)	6167 (4)	82150	1412	0.62%
Madagascar	3930	28541 (478)	506 (6)	1011	18	9.92%
Cameroon	3886	61731 (0)	919 (0)	2282	34	7.12%
Botswana	3858	43444 (770)	663 (27)	18189	278	3.99%
Sudan	3834	30111 (0)	2063 (0)	675	46	0.00%
Israel	3360	836158 (225)	6304 (8)	90911	685	0.19%
Nepal	3306	280524 (496)	3053 (13)	9495	103	0.82%
Luxembourg	3120	63880 (230)	772 (4)	100775	1218	2.29%
Gabon	3080	20971 (335)	129 (2)	9253	57	5.28%
Sri Lanka	3021	95394 (263)	598 (0)	4440	28	1.89%

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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
Maldives	2838	25701 (84)	67 (0)	46905	122	3.09%
Afghanistan	2830	57364 (122)	2529 (0)	1448	64	1.02%
Kyrgyzstan	2816	90372 (145)	1528 (6)	13677	231	1.35%
Togo	2615	12034 (28)	116 (0)	1428	14	6.52%
Burundi	2375	3154 (0)	6 (0)	259	1	6.02%
Nicaragua	2323	6727 (0)	179 (0)	1006	27	0.74%
Yemen	2319	5446 (89)	1068 (19)	180	35	10.37%
Guinea	2283	21032 (83)	136 (2)	1569	10	2.50%
Cambodia	2273	4515 (277)	30 (1)	267	2	39.05%
Australia	2149	29419 (17)	909 (0)	1143	35	0.21%
Congo (Kinshasa)	1956	28542 (0)	745 (0)	311	8	0.66%
Rwanda	1947	23535 (109)	316 (1)	1783	24	3.62%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1739	10084 (0)	137 (0)	1793	24	4.00%

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
Djibouti	1691	9975 (99)	100 (4)	9983	100	12.82%
Uzbekistan	1537	85114 (192)	634 (0)	2515	19	1.54%
Cabo Verde	1527	19110 (105)	184 (2)	34083	328	6.13%
Namibia	1491	45787 (260)	575 (5)	17770	223	1.97%
El Salvador	1477	66489 (0)	2054 (3)	10211	315	1.50%
Ghana	1414	91260 (0)	754 (0)	2890	24	0.39%
Guyana	1181	11189 (40)	257 (2)	14172	326	5.21%
Malawi	1155	33859 (32)	1132 (4)	1735	58	0.55%
Sierra Leone	1098	4008 (3)	79 (0)	495	10	0.47%
Haiti	1091	12855 (15)	251 (0)	1117	22	0.40%

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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	1677952	3703322 (2851)	60483 (31)	93757	1531	0.57%
New York	611483	1962225 (5631)	51204 (87)	103062	2646	2.54%
Virginia	573896	636862 (1310)	10486 (14)	74613	1229	1.68%
Florida	444930	2125846 (1613)	34056 (35)	98979	1586	1.91%
Maryland	409219	427715 (985)	8470 (15)	70747	1401	2.23%
Kentucky	376668	433352 (267)	6257 (7)	96997	1401	0.89%
South Carolina	315808	563427 (736)	9276 (0)	109431	1802	1.23%
Georgia	254305	1074731 (939)	19523 (35)	101223	1839	0.89%
Michigan	226098	830957 (10553)	17576 (13)	83205	1760	6.14%
New Jersey	204073	955958 (2468)	24896 (26)	107527	2803	2.71%
Washington	189427	377952 (1722)	5329 (7)	50017	707	2.10%
Alabama	182626	519071 (172)	10712 (0)	105864	2185	0.41%
Rhode Island	129958	141097 (0)	2638 (0)	133191	2490	1.36%
Colorado	114649	479590 (912)	6157 (0)	83280	1095	2.21%

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
Missouri	106766	588962 (336)	8887 (2)	95189	1501	0.75%
Pennsylvania	90463	1077936 (4012)	25397 (4)	84440	1993	2.80%
Texas	84902	2831972 (4995)	49231 (19)	97815	1706	0.89%
Illinois	80669	1282114 (2451)	23809 (16)	101186	1879	1.83%
Idaho	78467	183691 (538)	1996 (3)	102789	1117	1.01%
Wisconsin	68223	645964 (450)	7383 (3)	100595	1147	0.99%
Nebraska	46424	214351 (144)	2221 (1)	110810	1148	1.12%
Maine	40542	54256 (296)	751 (1)	40363	559	4.18%
Ohio	38812	1041389 (1934)	18827 (0)	89091	1611	1.39%
Massachusetts	36775	661101 (1532)	17406 (19)	95916	2525	2.25%
Connecticut	36404	324571 (2985)	7957 (13)	91036	2232	2.44%
Hawaii	31666	32137 (70)	471 (0)	21786	333	2.20%
Indiana	23149	699823 (1131)	13151 (3)	103951	1953	1.17%
North Carolina	22597	935061 (5655)	12290 (42)	89155	1172	1.34%

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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
Minnesota	18351	544046 (1993)	7037 (2)	96468	1246	3.01%
Nevada	17079	308343 (319)	5332 (0)	100106	1731	0.97%
Arizona	16849	850236 (675)	17092 (0)	116811	2347	0.63%
Puerto Rico	16734	116378 (1079)	2162 (7)	64547	636	5.62%
Oregon	15906	170850 (282)	2441 (1)	40508	579	2.18%
New Mexico	14628	193987 (619)	3979 (3)	92514	1898	0.72%
Iowa	13375	357197 (178)	5857 (0)	122364	1856	0.94%
Tennessee	13287	824914 (2829)	12015 (14)	120793	1759	0.96%
District of Columbia	12351	45903 (73)	1084 (3)	65042	1536	1.72%
Alaska	10540	65180 (398)	314 (1)	85500	424	1.81%
Oklahoma	10270	443773 (968)	6669 (0)	112150	1685	0.85%
Louisiana	9651	449827 (989)	10241 (25)	96762	2203	0.69%
Utah	8825	390289 (185)	2159 (0)	121739	673	0.71%
Delaware	8075	98925 (355)	1581 (3)	101590	1624	2.37%

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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
West Virginia	7470	146462 (293)	2745 (0)	81724	1532	1.86%
Kansas	7377	306262 (489)	4895 (0)	105064	1705	0.48%

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	4854	307519 (70)	7096 (0)	103328	2384	0.44%
Vermont	3617	21291 (89)	233 (2)	34121	373	4.81%
New Hampshire	3384	89229 (375)	1257 (0)	65624	924	3.48%
Virgin Islands	2972	2998 (27)	26 (0)			1.77%
South Dakota	2425	119892 (187)	1947 (1)	135523	2201	1.15%
Arkansas	1689	332222 (69)	5665 (3)	110087	1877	0.34%
Montana	1124	106253 (70)	1524 (1)	99415	1426	1.05%
North Dakota	1044	104808 (63)	1502 (0)	137532	1930	1.04%

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