

Dentons Flashpoint

Daily Global Situation Report

April 14, 2021

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

The US consumer price index rose at its fastest pace since 2012 in March, boosting inflation expectations.

Johnson & Johnson will delay vaccine rollout in Europe following the CDC's call for a pause on use.

US President Biden proposed a summit with Russian President Putin amid heightened bilateral tensions.

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Today, two US warships are expected to sail through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits into the Black Sea. The USS Roosevelt, an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, and the USS Donald Cook, a guided missile destroyer, will remain there until May 4.

The move comes amid tensions in eastern Ukraine and a warning from Russia for the American ships to stay “*well away from Crimea.*” Russia cut air flights to Turkey this week following news of the US warships.



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Global

Globally, confirmed coronavirus infections topped 137.3 million with more than 2.9 million deaths.

- The WHO called for the suspension of live animal trade in **wet markets** as an emergency measure to prevent future novel disease outbreaks.
- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) says it has tracked the issue of **fake COVID-19 health certificates** in multiple countries across the globe, an issue causing headaches for an airline industry seeking to navigate the new issuance of vaccine passports and other COVID-19 official documentation.
- The OECD said that while **foreign aid** from official donors reached an all-time high last year, it fell short of levels required to help developing countries weather the pandemic.
- At 100 days until the start of the **Olympic Games**, concerns remain over the Tokyo's preparedness to hold the sporting festival during the pandemic. With just one percent of Japan's population currently vaccinated, the majority of the country is against holding the Games

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COVID-19 Vaccine

Johnson & Johnson said it will delay rollout of its shots in Europe after the US CDC called for a pause in its use while several incidents of blood clots are investigated.

- **South Africa** halted the use of the **Johnson & Johnson vaccine** over potential blood clot risks.
- The **EU** Commission has decided not to renew **Astrazeneca and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine** contracts next year.
- **Canada** reported its first case of rare blood clotting in someone who had received the **AstraZeneca vaccine**.
- **Indonesian** doctors said the rollout of the Chinese-made **CoronaVac vaccine** should go ahead despite its low efficacy rate.
- **Moderna** said Tuesday that its experimental COVID-19 shot could be successful in protecting against the South African variant, per an animal trial. The company also reported that its two-dose coronavirus vaccine continued to show robust protection – 90 percent efficacy -- against the virus six months after trial participants received their second shot.
- China's **CanSino Biologics** said it had reported no serious blood clot cases in people injected with its Covid-19 vaccine. CanSino uses similar technology to **Johnson & Johnson's vaccine**.

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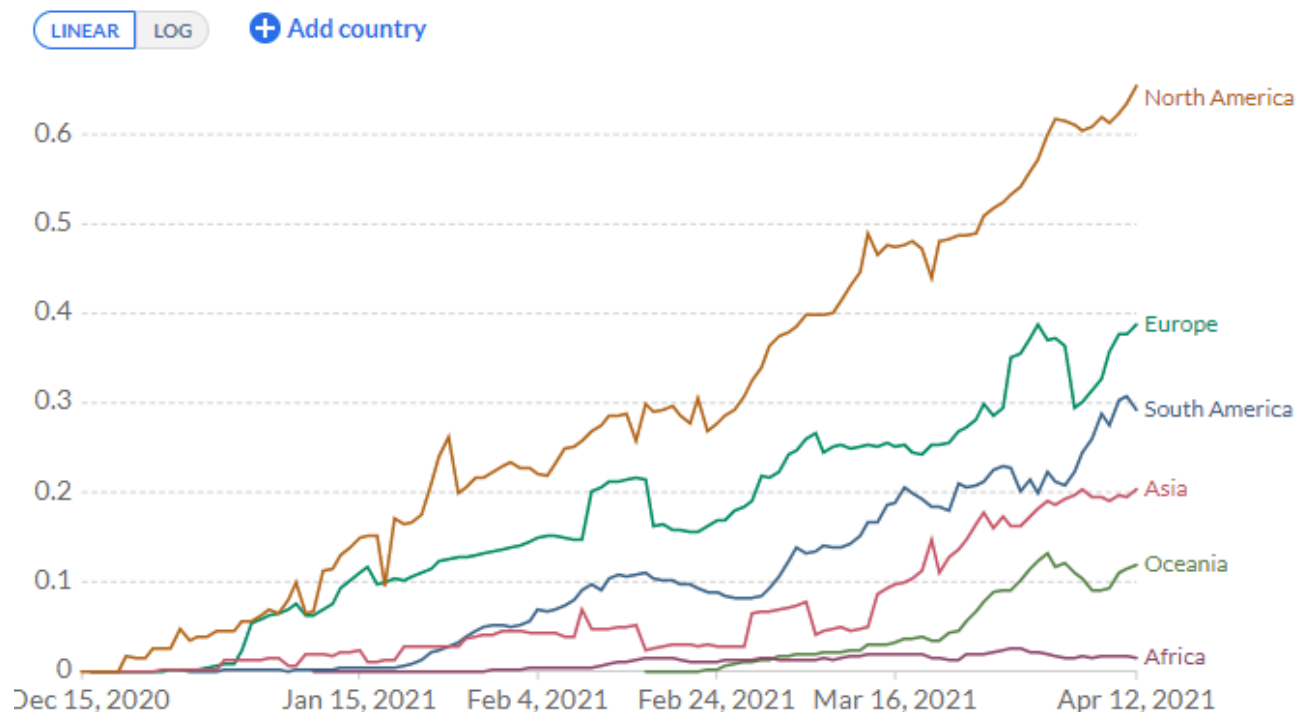
Globally, 805.8 million doses of vaccine have been administered.

Outside of North America, regions are struggling to accelerate vaccine programs, with the pause on Johnson & Johnson distribution likely to increase headwinds for countries already committed to J&J contracts.

Daily COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people

Shown is the rolling 7-day average per 100 people in the total population. 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



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Markets & Business

SolarWinds said that the fallout of last year's hack has cost the company \$18 million.

- **Global stock markets** rose to record highs on Wednesday as bond yields eased, after data showed US inflation was not rising too fast as the economy re-opens.
- The International Energy Agency raised its **oil demand** forecast for this year but warned of “*lingering concerns*” over the strength of the recovery in consumption.
- Seven European countries agreed to stop **public export guarantees for fossil fuel** projects.
- **Apple** called for the Security & Exchange Commission to require companies to provide far-reaching emissions and sustainability data.
- **Morgan Stanley** committed \$750 billion over the next 9 years to invest in low-carbon solutions.
- **Grab** said it would go public on the Nasdaq via a SPAC that values the company at nearly \$40 billion.
- The Nasdaq set the reference price for **Coinbase's** public listing at \$250, which would give the cryptocurrency exchange a valuation of about \$65 billion.
- **LVMH** beat expectations with its Q1 results, driven by rising demand for luxury goods from both US and Chinese consumers.
- **American Airlines** said it is set to report up to \$1.3 billion in net Q1 losses.

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Africa

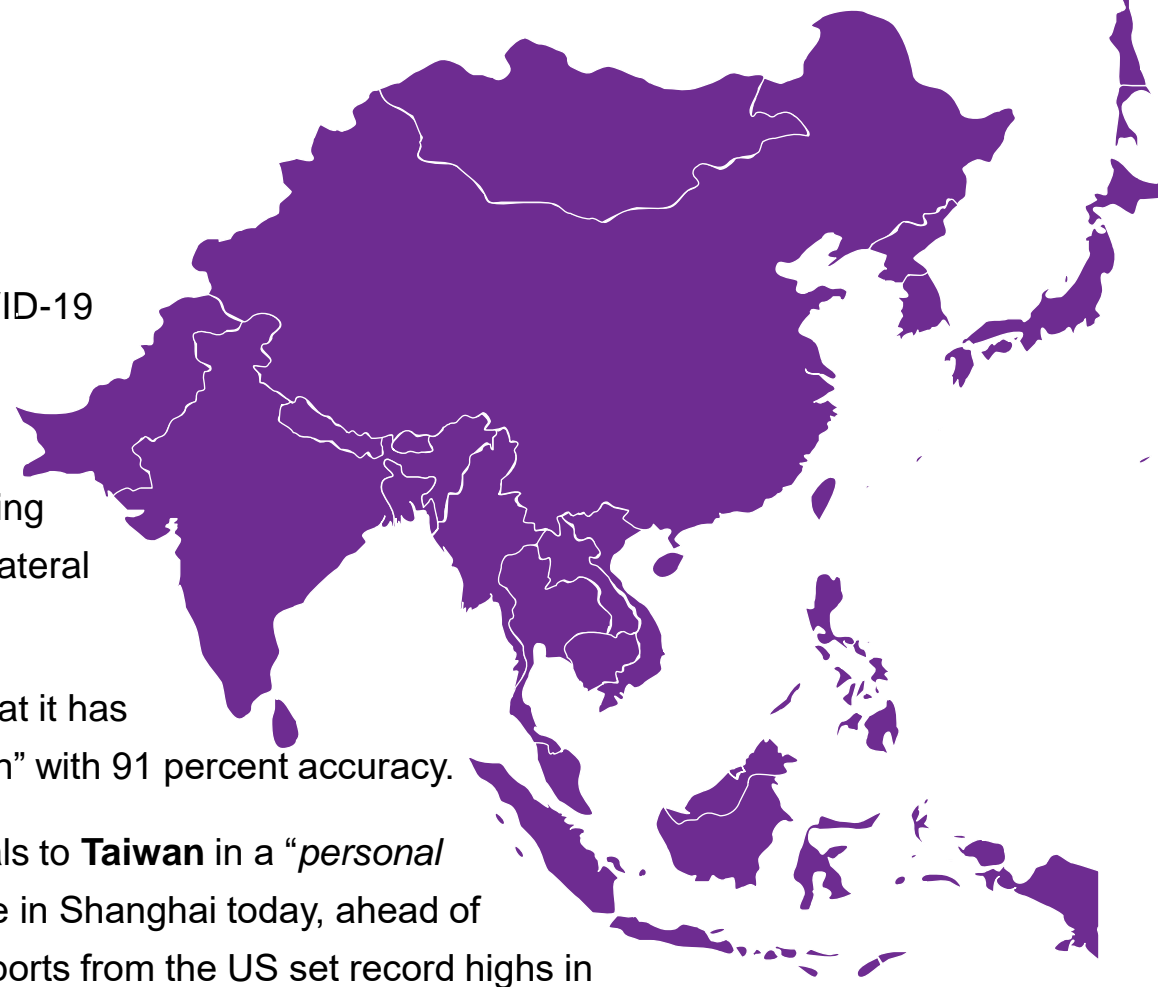
- **Cameroon** began its vaccination campaign using the Sinopharm vaccine.
- **Benin's** President Talon retained power with a sweeping majority following presidential elections.
- The upper house of **Somalia's** parliament pushed back against the lower house's move to extend President Farmajo's term by two years in the absence of an election agreement, saying the move is unconstitutional.
- The UN reported that nearly 1 million are facing severe hunger in the conflict-ridden Cabo Delgado region of **Mozambique**.
- A military tribunal in **Burkina Faso** charged former president Compaore over the assassination of then-president Sankara in 1987.
- **Tanzania's** first female president Samia Suluhu Hassan breaks with her predecessor's policies, ending late President Magufuli's coronavirus denialism, and working to improve strained relations with investors and multinational companies.



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Asia

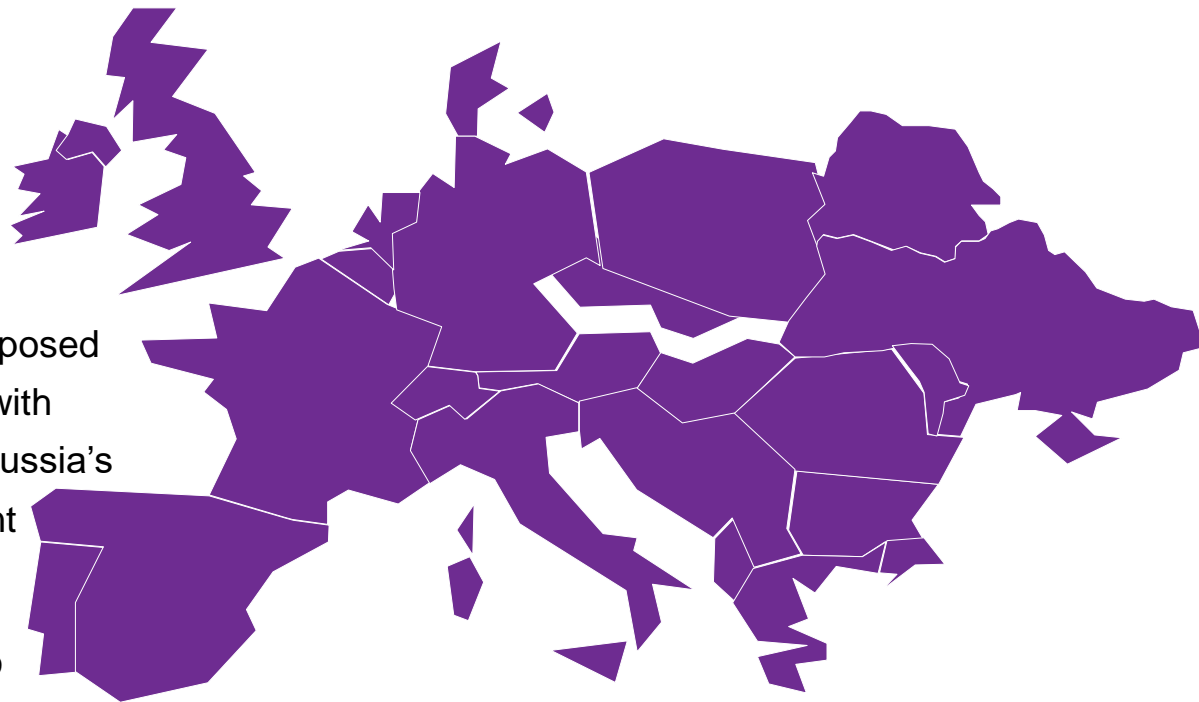
- **India's** economic powerhouse state of Maharashtra will impose COVID-19 related restrictions for 15 days.
- City authorities in Dandong, a **Chinese** city bordering **North Korea**, is reportedly preparing to upgrade cross-border trade facilities, sparking speculation that China and North Korea are seeking to strengthen bilateral trade.
- A research team from **China's** Shenyang Ligong University claims that it has developed an AI program that can censor text for "*harmful information*" with 91 percent accuracy.
- **US** President Biden will send an unofficial delegation of former officials to **Taiwan** in a "*personal signal*" of support. US Climate Envoy John Kerry is expected to arrive in Shanghai today, ahead of meetings with **Chinese** officials on Thursday and Friday. China's imports from the US set record highs in both March and Q1 2021.
- Opponents of **Myanmar's** coup splashed red paint and dye on roads and signs outside government offices to represent the blood of people killed protesting against the junta, on the second day of the traditional new year holiday. The **UN** rights chief warned Tuesday Myanmar could be spiraling towards a "*full-blown*" **Syrian-style** conflict.



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Europe

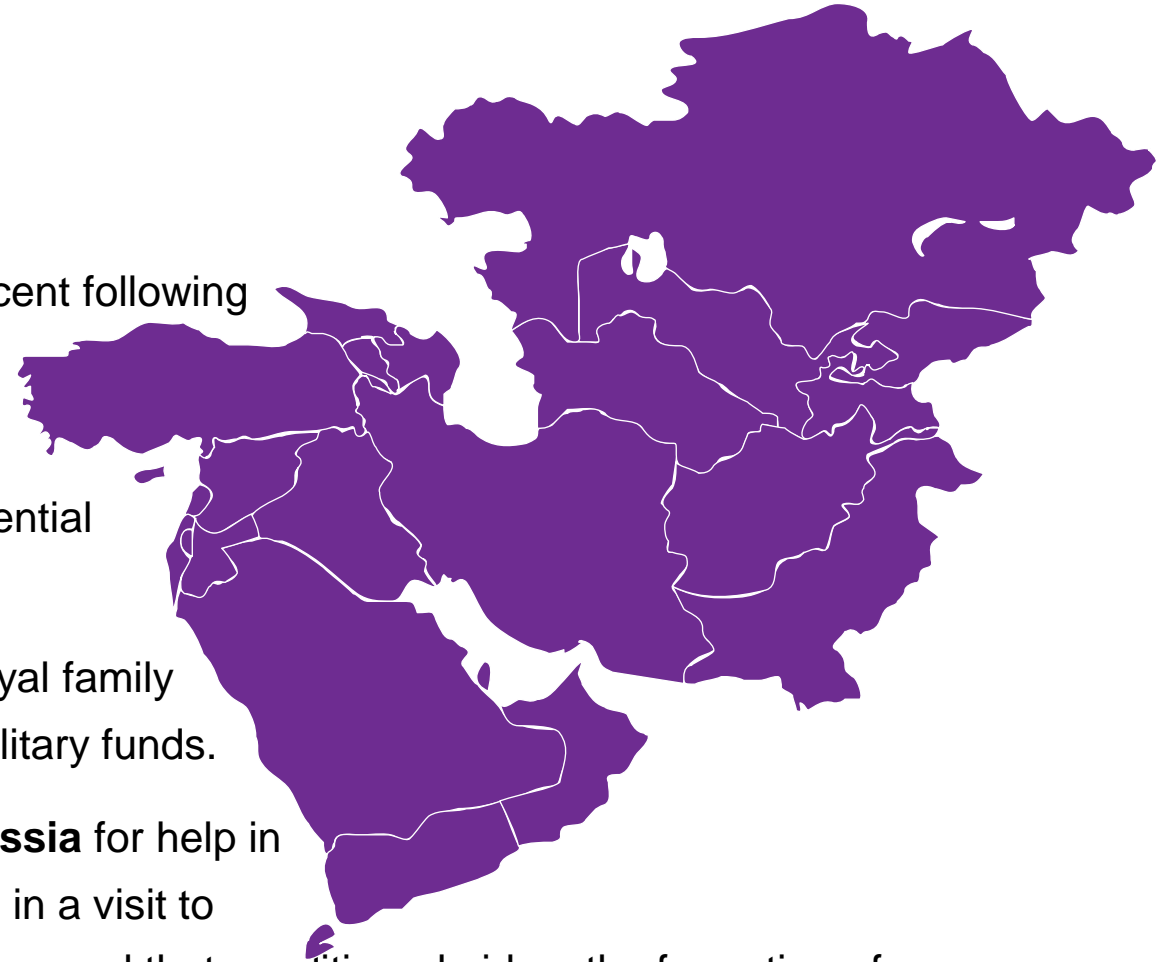
- The Kremlin told Washington it would act “*decisively*” if the **US** imposed new sanctions. US President Biden proposed a summit meeting with **Russian** President Putin “*in coming months*,” in a third country. Russia’s rouble picked up after the announcement, after dropping 5 percent in the past month.
- **France** is set to suspend all inbound flights from **Brazil** in a bid to prevent new infections of the P1 variant; France surpassed the grim milestone of 100,000 coronavirus-related deaths. **Turkey** will resume “*partial closures*” to curb record COVID-19 numbers, with President Erdogan warning that more severe restrictions could follow. **Poland** will reopen kindergartens and allow open-air sports from April 19, but other restrictions will be extended by a week, per the health minister. In the **UK**, Edinburgh will host its annual international arts festival this year, using temporary outdoor pavilions and socially distanced shows to pandemic-proof the event. **Norway** will ease some restrictions and allow more people to gather from Friday. **Greece** surpassed 300,000 virus infections.
- In **Germany**, people aged under 60 who have been given a first dose of the Oxford-AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine will receive a different vaccine for their second dose.



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Middle East

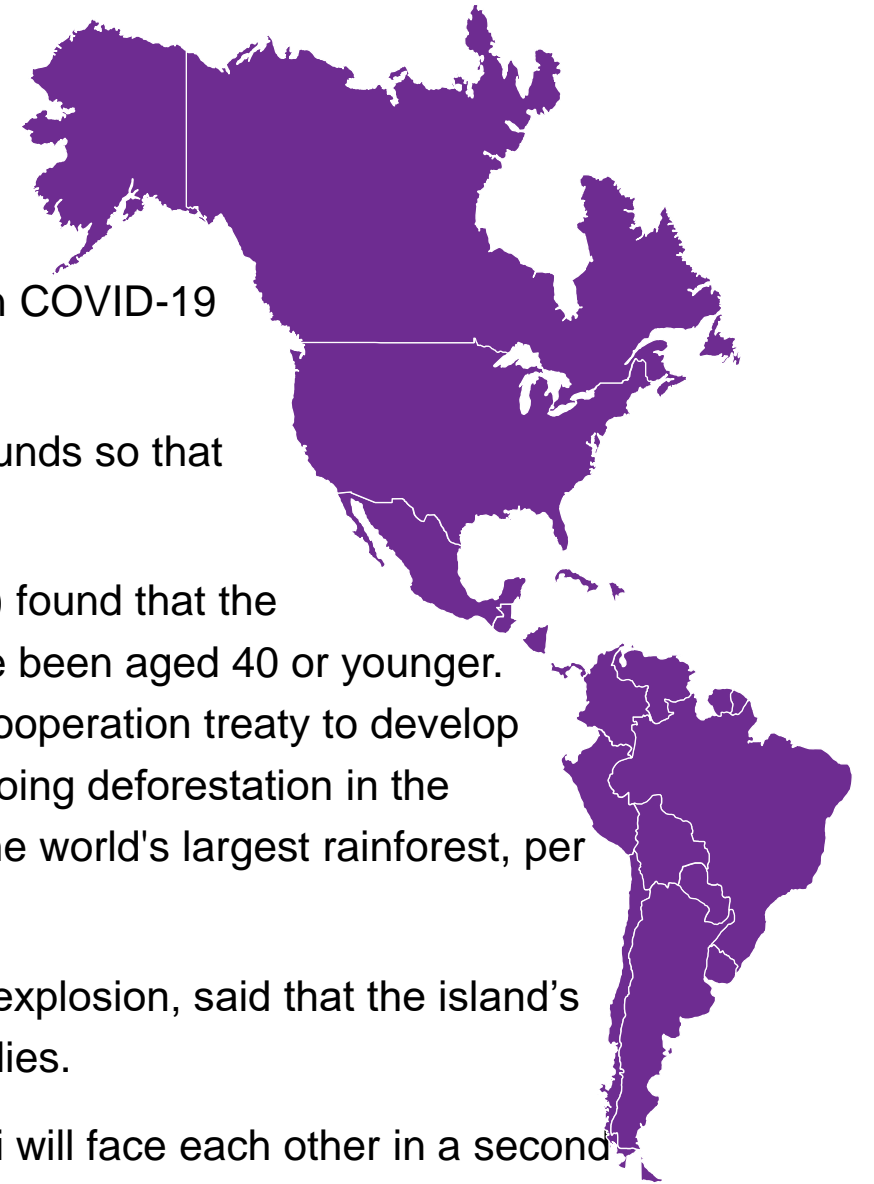
- **Iran** stated its intention to begin enriching uranium to 60 percent following a likely **Israeli** cyber-attack on its Natanz facility over the weekend.
- An **Israeli** ship was hit by a missile near a **UAE** port in a potential escalation of recent Iranian-Israeli maritime attacks.
- **Kuwait** ordered former prime minister and member of the royal family Sheikh Jaber to be detained ahead of a trial for misuse of military funds.
- **Lebanese** Prime Minister-designate Hariri intends to ask **Russia** for help in rebuilding the Beirut port and building electric power stations in a visit to Moscow later this week, appearing to reject a reported **EU** proposal that conditioned aid on the formation of a government.
- **Egypt** seized the container ship that blocked the Suez Canal last month amid negotiations for over \$900 million in damages.



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Americas

- **Mexican** officials announced that the country plans to have a homegrown COVID-19 vaccine, which will be named “Patria,” ready by the end of the year.
- The head of **Venezuela’s** parliament called on the **US** to release frozen funds so that they could be used on vaccines.
- A new report from the **Brazilian** Association of Intensive Medicine (AMIB) found that the majority of Brazilians in the ICU with COVID-19 over the past month have been aged 40 or younger. Brazil’s energy and mining minister said he is working with the **US** on a cooperation treaty to develop the “*biofuels of the world*.” Brazil must demonstrate it can reduce the ongoing deforestation in the Amazon before **Norway** will resume payments in support of preserving the world's largest rainforest, per the Norwegian environment minister.
- Leaders in **St. Vincent**, the Caribbean island still reeling from a volcanic explosion, said that the island’s water supplies are running short, as volcanic ash has contaminated supplies.
- Far-left labor unionist Pedro Castillo and rightwing populist Keiko Fujimori will face each other in a second round of presidential elections that analysts say threatens to further polarize crisis-weary **Peru**.



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Americas: US



- Across the nation, 122.3 million people have received at least one **dose of vaccine**, or 36.8 percent of the total population. Pfizer said it can meet its **US supply targets** two weeks early due to a boost in production; the company now plans to deliver 220 million doses by the end of May and fulfill its total 300 million doses by mid-July. The welcome announcement came as US states shift to using other COVID-19 vaccines amid the **pause on Johnson & Johnson's shot**.
- For a second day in a row, **Michigan** has reported more than 10,000 daily new cases. In **New York City**, Broadway is planning a blockbuster 2021-2022 in-person season, with a full complement of new plays and musicals. **Indiana** surpassed 700,000 virus infections.
- Executives of more than 30 Michigan-based companies, including Ford and GM, issued a statement condemning Republican-backed **legislation to restrict voting**.
- The **consumer price index** rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.6 percent in March, the fastest pace recorded since August 2012. Economists expect the rise to mark the start of months **of rising inflation** but not necessarily the start of an upward inflationary spiral.
- President Biden delayed the removal of US troops from **Afghanistan** to September 11 but said that the withdrawal would not be based on pre-conditions.

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Priorities and Controversies in Biden's FY2022 "Skinny Budget"

By Anni Coonan

Last week, President Biden released his FY2022 budget proposals, or “*skinny budget*,” which provide a topline summary of his overall spending requests and indicate his policy priorities over the next year. If Biden gets his way, next year's federal budget - the first since 2011 not governed by Budget Control Act caps - would feature a marked jump in domestic spending across the board, dovetailing with current efforts to achieve a variety of legislative priorities, a modest increase in defense spending, and a general philosophy of spending markedly different from his predecessor.

While Biden's infrastructure package is his flagship legislative effort at the moment, the success of his budget in upcoming negotiations will be an important test of his ability to wrangle both his opponents and ostensible allies in Congress. Thus far, Biden has mostly abandoned campaign trail pledges to seek bipartisan coalitions at all costs, opting to push through several measures by simple majority via budget reconciliation. Although the White House has stated its intention to seek broader bipartisan negotiations for its infrastructure bill, that measure and, later, the budget process based on last week's request will set the tone for the legislative process for the

next two years. Although, as a budgetary measure, the annual budget cannot be filibustered, the budget negotiation process will have consequences for how successfully Biden can deliver the transformational, large-scale legislation that he is planning.

Notably, the request is just an outline, and also omits the mandatory spending that is the lion's share of the federal budget, such as that on Medicaid and Medicare. Similarly, Biden's tax policy has not been fully fleshed out, although some taxes have been included in previous legislation.

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In the coming months, the White House will release a more fleshed-out budget proposal, after which both houses of Congress will have an opportunity to draft its own budgets and embark on the (typically lengthy) reconciliation process to approve a budget by the beginning of the fiscal year on October 1. After last year's protracted budget process (Congress was forced to pass two continuing resolutions to avoid a shutdown, and the final budget was not approved until January), Congressional appropriators have publicly called for a speedy process, although given heightened partisanship and thin majorities in both houses, it is difficult to imagine a frictionless process.

Across-the-Board Increases

The most important takeaway of Biden's first budget request is the 16% increase in nondefense spending, a large jump that the White House says is based on years of under-funding and the need to "build back better" from historic crises. The largest leap would be for the Department of Education, whose funding would increase by 41% over FY2021, while the Commerce Department, the Department of

Health and Human Services, and the Environmental Protection Agency will see similarly large humps of 28%, 24% and 21%, respectively. The president's request echoes other policy statements in focusing on the middle class and supranational threats - the first three sections of the budget's summary outline plans to tackle income inequality, climate change, and the current and future pandemics.

The jump in spending also aligns with Biden's widely-reported desire to establish his presidency as a historic one, proposing large spending, infrastructure and jobs bills that will impact the American economy for years to come. Indeed, media reported in March that Biden had held conversations with American historians, discussing at length the legacies of former presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. While a budget proposal is not the same as a budget (Biden's large-scale infrastructure package faces significant obstacles to passage already), the large increase in spending across the board telegraphs Biden's desires to enact transformational legislation.

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Defense Budget

In a move unexpected by most analysts, the White House requested a modest increase in the defense budget over last year - \$715 billion, which amounts to a 1.6% percent increase over 2021 (just over \$704 billion), surprising Republicans, who had anticipated a cut, and progressive Democrats who had been pushing for one. The base request is shy of Trump's \$722 billion request, and, including \$38 billion in defense spending not earmarked for the Pentagon, comes to \$753 billion. Notably, the request would do away with a funding bucket for the frequently controversial "Overseas Contingency Operations," or OCOs, which is flexible funding frequently referred to as critics as the Pentagon's "*slush fund*." Biden's budget moves the money to the Pentagon's base budget, which will make the spending subject to more rules about how it can be spent. Controversy over defense spending has already fallen along partisan lines, reviving debates around the appropriate ratios of defense to nondefense spending and the amount of investment required to effectively counter global challenges posed by China and Russia. Progressive Democrats have already denounced the request as too high, citing calls from the Congressional Progressive

Caucus to cut the defense budget by a full 10%. In the FY2021 debate, Senate progressives - led by Sen. Sanders (I-VT) - failed twice to pass an amendment slashing the defense budget by \$74 billion. While such sweeping cuts will still face bipartisan opposition, the discussion will certainly be more fraught given the fact that Sanders now holds the top position in the committee responsible for drafting the Senate's budget proposal, and the razor-thin Democratic majority.

Republican - and some Democratic - criticism of the defense budget primarily stems from the argument that failing to sufficiently increase the defense budget will compromise the ability of the United States to engage in modern great power competition with Russia and China and undercut the Pentagon's technological edge. For its part, the Administration also says that it views countering China as a top priority and plans to transfer funding to the Asian theater and new technologies by phasing out legacy programs that are no longer cost effective (although no specific platforms were mentioned) and, likely, continuing a long-term readjustment of the US footprint in the Middle East.

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State and Foreign Operations

An early focus of Biden's presidency has been fortifying alliances and renewing US commitment to international organizations following a year of "America First" foreign policy under President Trump. Biden's State and foreign operations budget sees funding increase 12% to \$63.5 billion, with most of the increased spending to go towards combating pandemics and climate change, fully funding UN peacekeeping operations, addressing humanitarian crises, and increasing staffing and training at the State Department. Notably, the proposal falls short of requests in a letter published by top Democratic lawmakers, who called for a bump to \$68.7 billion, which they argue is necessary to compete with China, increase staffing, and address the threats of climate change and health crises on an international scale. The focus on climate change is new, with the Administration judging that its climate change-related foreign operations request is four times what was enacted in 2021. The focus on diverse staffing is also new (and was followed by the installation of the first-ever State Department Diversity Chief),

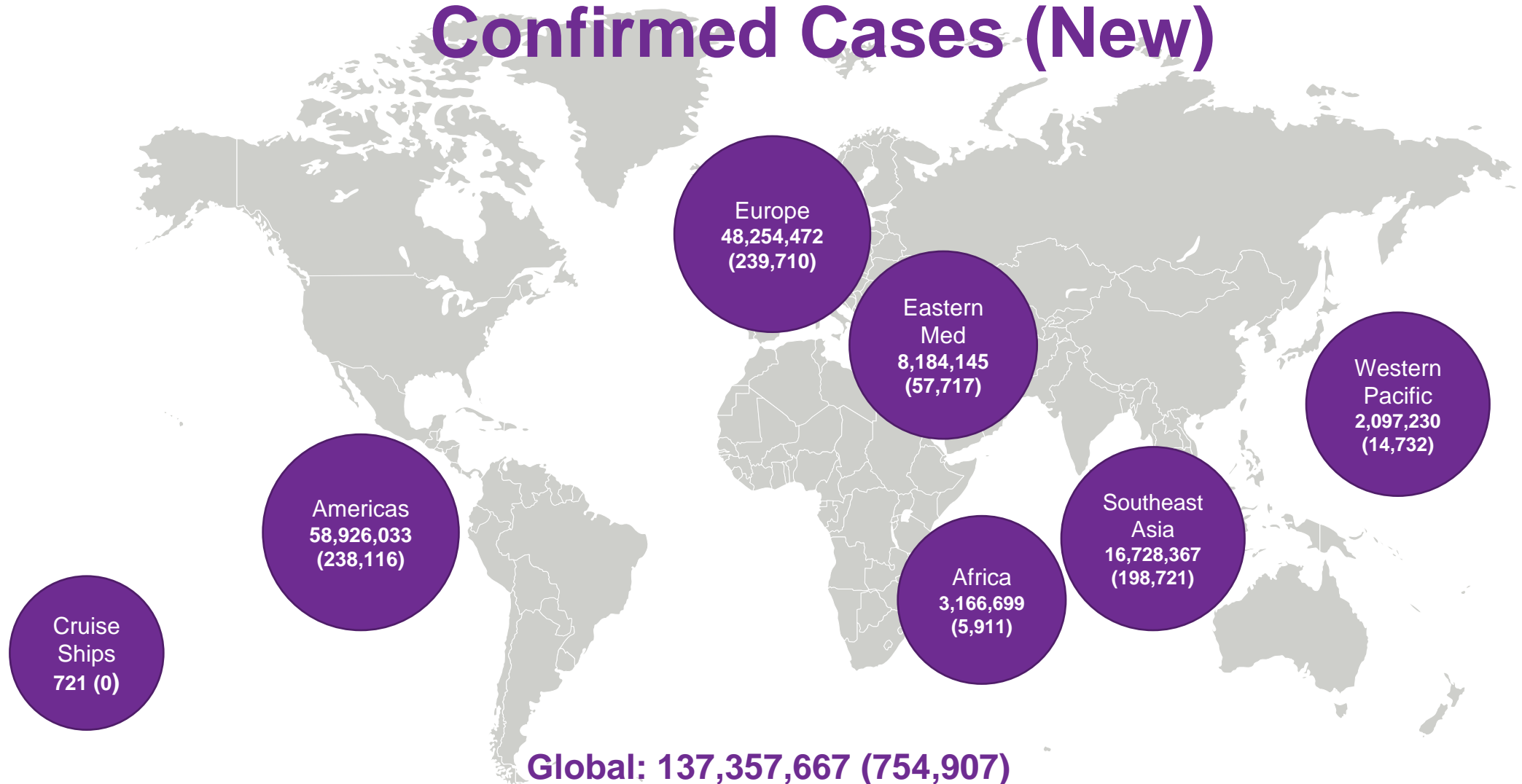
although generally low staffing levels have been an area of bipartisan concern in recent years.

The White House's skinny budget specifically highlights increasing cooperation in Central America as a topline foreign priority, demonstrating Biden's desire to increase influence and strengthen alliances in the US' neighborhood and address the underlying causes of immigration. Controversially, the budget proposal will renew humanitarian aid to the Palestinians after it was cut off during the Trump Administration; although some measure of Palestinian aid is ostensibly bipartisan (it passed in Congress's own budget in January), the measure has faced some pushback from members of Congress who say that Palestinians do not comply with anti-terrorism regulations. Fully funding UN peacekeeping operations and US contributions to international organizations will also stoke partisan controversy.

Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on April 13, 2021

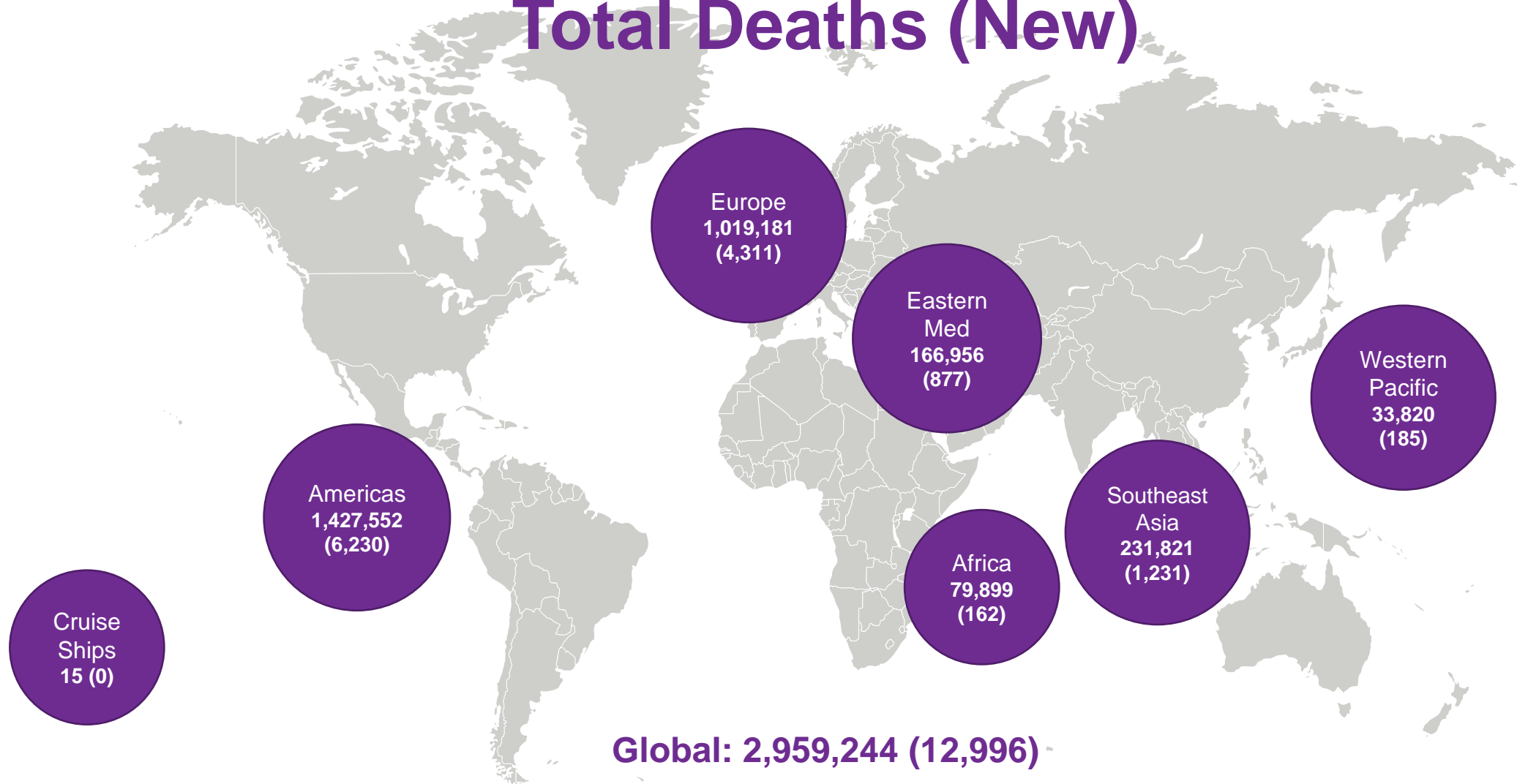
Confirmed Cases (New)



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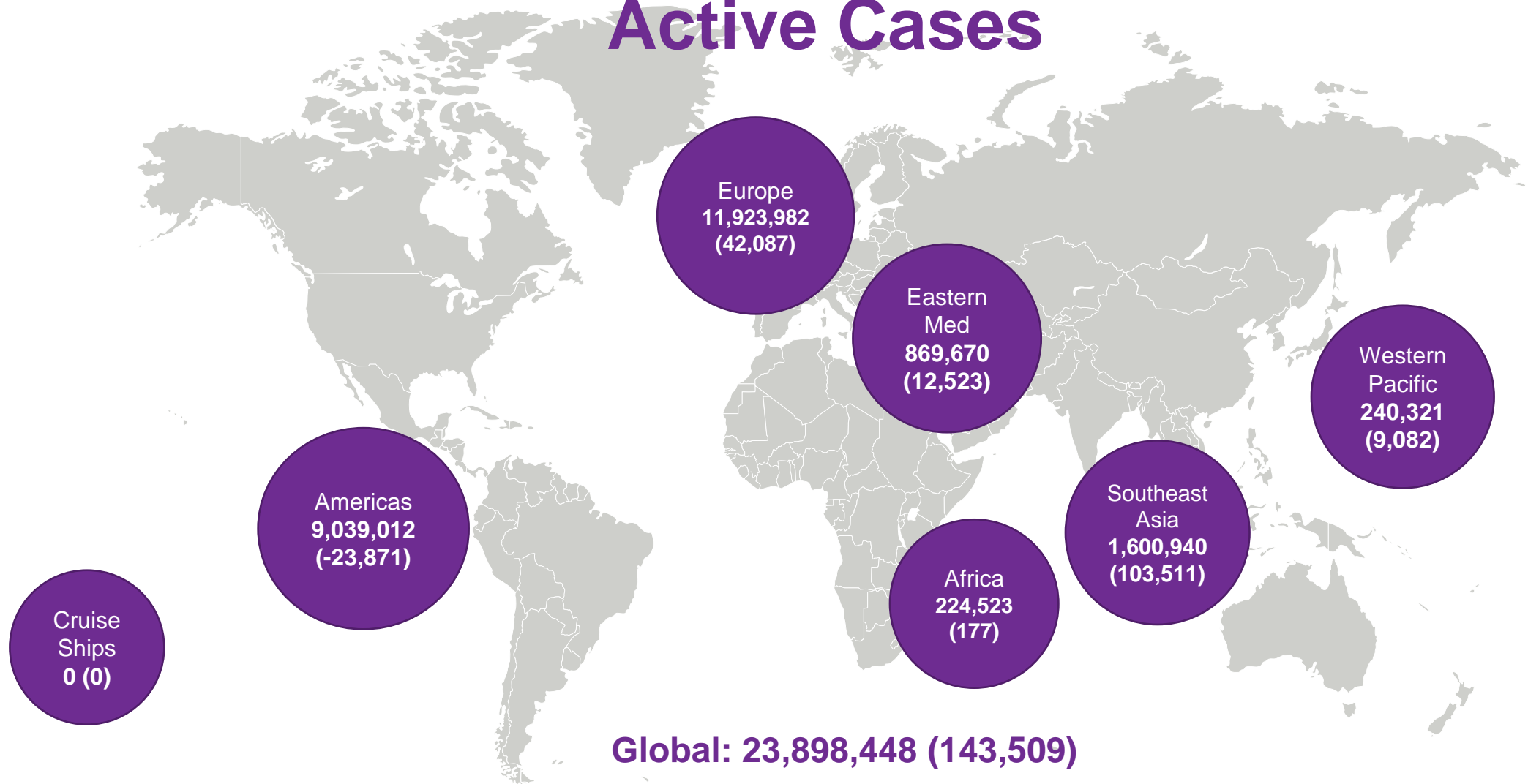
Total Deaths (New)



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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	6731675	31345315 (77953)	563448 (913)	96447	1736	1.59%
France	4754484	5206733 (41581)	100276 (367)	78094	1521	5.18%
India	1366518	13871321 (185248)	172115 (1026)	9975	124	7.73%
Netherlands	1352018	1389291 (6786)	17029 (37)	79467	980	3.79%
Brazil	1168050	13601566 (80157)	358718 (3687)	63636	1678	3.64%
Sweden	862846	876506 (0)	13660 (36)	86368	1346	4.74%
Belgium	843853	927229 (1753)	23503 (30)	79733	2021	2.62%
Italy	519220	3793033 (13447)	115088 (476)	62807	1906	2.80%
Turkey	503572	3962760 (59187)	34455 (273)	46594	405	9.68%
Ukraine	404793	1872785 (11680)	37758 (457)	43025	867	5.53%
Iran	323864	2118212 (24760)	65055 (291)	24970	767	7.31%
Poland	321069	2599850 (13227)	59126 (644)	68753	1564	5.51%
Hungary	272974	728078 (2837)	23980 (272)	75518	2487	4.99%
Russia	272506	4657883 (8173)	103601 (338)	31907	710	1.29%

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Mexico	259444	2281840 (1627)	209702 (364)	17554	1613	1.32%
Argentina	257951	2579000 (27001)	58174 (217)	56657	1278	5.85%
UK	257357	4390846 (2505)	127369 (23)	64194	1865	0.27%
Germany	252228	3031836 (10772)	79408 (298)	36096	945	3.93%
Ireland	213517	241684 (354)	4803 (18)	48523	964	1.15%
Spain	185870	3376548 (6292)	76625 (100)	72196	1638	1.74%
Philippines	165534	884783 (8571)	15286 (137)	7991	138	8.14%
Honduras	115273	196086 (306)	4861 (57)	19555	485	2.52%
Indonesia	108599	1577526 (5702)	42782 (126)	5720	155	2.22%
Slovakia	106022	372038 (870)	10716 (86)	68117	1962	1.69%
Bangladesh	102128	697985 (6028)	9891 (69)	4205	60	6.64%
Iraq	99959	941078 (8179)	14796 (39)	22996	362	5.72%
Colombia	94208	2569314 (16377)	66482 (326)	50078	1296	3.93%
Lebanon	81391	499839 (1985)	6738 (35)	73490	991	3.41%

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Serbia	76815	648745 (3572)	5808 (35)	74485	667	3.54%
Czechia	76381	1585091 (3870)	28086 (74)	147800	2619	1.88%
Pakistan	76034	729920 (4318)	15619 (118)	3255	70	4.62%
Romania	71468	1012373 (3883)	25441 (193)	52902	1329	2.88%
Bulgaria	69962	378059 (2944)	14746 (127)	54733	2135	4.55%
Ethiopia	55464	232512 (1568)	3230 (22)	1984	28	5.65%
Switzerland	54601	625367 (2241)	10472 (6)	71847	1203	2.41%
Jordan	53539	672090 (2790)	7937 (82)	65364	772	3.96%
Kenya	45173	147147 (991)	2394 (26)	2690	44	4.96%
Chile	43267	1088710 (5790)	24518 (35)	56573	1274	4.68%
Egypt	39173	212130 (823)	12526 (39)	2043	121	2.65%
Paraguay	38445	240141 (2599)	4978 (89)	33349	691	6.41%
Dominican Republic	38232	258637 (598)	3397 (5)	23657	311	1.56%

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Greece	37245	301103 (4017)	9054 (93)	28999	872	6.49%
Tunisia	36941	274604 (1664)	9396 (64)	23046	789	4.21%
Finland	35687	82564 (286)	877 (3)	14883	158	3.02%
Bosnia	35609	184698 (0)	7487 (0)	56573	2293	3.89%
Kazakhstan	34703	273825 (2016)	3260 (24)	14448	172	6.20%
Algeria	32849	118799 (154)	3137 (3)	2672	71	0.77%
West Bank & Gaza	32820	272767 (1911)	2901 (18)	52520	559	5.98%
Azerbaijan	31861	289601 (2457)	3978 (34)	28363	390	5.43%
Ecuador	31634	347589 (519)	17351 (53)	19471	972	2.84%
Uruguay	31302	149430 (2257)	1595 (62)	42901	458	17.65%
Japan	30607	508802 (2516)	9425 (25)	4033	75	4.18%
Austria	29729	581263 (2313)	9748 (42)	64252	1078	3.16%
Albania	27523	128752 (234)	2326 (5)	44778	809	1.41%

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Portugal	25441	828173 (408)	16923 (5)	81406	1663	0.46%
Jamaica	23106	42924 (161)	682 (6)	14446	230	3.72%
South Africa	21222	1559960 (847)	53423 (67)	26046	892	0.46%
Qatar	20852	191979 (981)	340 (5)	68373	121	3.50%
N Macedonia	19927	143162 (1128)	4289 (27)	68719	2059	4.71%
Peru	19793	1659707 (6387)	55489 (259)	49796	1665	3.68%
Oman	17795	174364 (1335)	1798 (9)	33484	345	5.10%
Estonia	17187	115080 (638)	1049 (12)	86707	790	3.82%
Lithuania	16871	227976 (1175)	3714 (13)	84675	1379	3.10%
Armenia	16618	204053 (726)	3775 (22)	68761	1272	3.03%
Malaysia	16300	363940 (1767)	1345 (12)	11133	41	2.92%
Venezuela	15610	176972 (1160)	1815 (20)	6237	64	4.46%
Norway	15368	105008 (1009)	688 (1)	19252	126	4.63%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Kuwait	15097	250273 (1544)	1419 (7)	57936	328	4.12%
UAE	14254	487697 (2022)	1537 (4)	48849	154	2.78%
Slovenia	13786	227836 (1049)	4130 (4)	109581	1986	3.13%
Cyprus	13317	52652 (619)	274 (1)	43362	226	7.25%
Libya	12454	169504 (828)	2830 (2)	24409	408	3.06%
Croatia	12096	294874 (1936)	6358 (25)	72178	1556	4.74%
Moldova	11890	242364 (544)	5438 (29)	60191	1351	2.39%
Guatemala	11213	205322 (2013)	7057 (37)	11298	388	4.04%
Bahrain	11061	158789 (1060)	566 (4)	90877	324	5.02%
Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			0.00%
Saudi Arabia	8820	400228 (951)	6773 (8)	11358	192	1.51%
Denmark	8416	239561 (563)	2447 (3)	41126	421	1.90%
Mozambique	8176	68871 (79)	794 (3)	2157	25	0.84%
Georgia	7984	290129 (1374)	3894 (11)	72839	978	1.78%

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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
Papua New Guinea	7899	8814 (212)	69 (0)	971	8	15.99%
Nigeria	7625	163911 (74)	2061 (0)	780	10	0.32%
South Korea	7581	110688 (542)	1775 (5)	2158	35	4.03%
Myanmar	7521	142596 (0)	3206 (0)	2607	59	0.05%
Belarus	7414	337635 (754)	2373 (10)	35740	251	2.48%
Mongolia	6689	16603 (885)	27 (2)	5002	8	29.83%
Somalia	6678	12566 (0)	618 (0)	774	38	4.68%
Latvia	6513	108355 (537)	2002 (12)	57950	1071	3.53%
Thailand	6190	34575 (965)	97 (0)	494	1	14.47%
Lesotho	5366	10709 (0)	315 (0)	4968	146	0.02%

Data Source: WorldOMeter

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
Cuba*	4882	88445 (1060)	476 (9)	7812	42	7.69%
Syria	4813	20435 (104)	1392 (7)	1146	78	3.89%
Morocco	4759	502971 (684)	8916 (6)	13502	239	0.78%
Mali	4568	12179 (177)	417 (3)	588	20	11.67%
Sudan	4055	31700 (1589)	2194 (131)	710	49	5.01%
Montenegro	4017	94643 (224)	1391 (10)	150675	2215	1.70%
Panama	3995	359121 (329)	6173 (6)	82222	1413	0.61%
Cameroon	3886	61731 (0)	919 (0)	2281	34	7.12%
Botswana	3858	43444 (0)	663 (0)	18188	278	3.99%
Madagascar	3843	28765 (224)	512 (6)	1018	18	10.05%
Nepal	3608	280984 (460)	3058 (5)	9510	104	0.89%
Luxembourg	3273	64062 (182)	777 (5)	101058	1226	2.24%
Israel	3257	836334 (176)	6309 (5)	90930	686	0.17%
Sri Lanka	3092	95620 (226)	602 (4)	4451	28	2.02%

* Indicates moved down a risk category

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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 Change7-Day Av
Gabon	3080	20971 (0)	129 (0)	9252	57	5.28%
Afghanistan	2947	57492 (128)	2532 (3)	1451	64	1.08%
Kyrgyzstan	2915	90599 (227)	1532 (4)	13710	232	1.46%
Maldives	2711	25759 (58)	67 (0)	47009	122	2.74%
Togo	2615	12034 (0)	116 (0)	1428	14	6.02%
Burundi	2483	3262 (108)	6 (0)	268	1	8.95%
Cambodia	2411	4696 (181)	33 (3)	278	2	39.86%
Nicaragua	2373	6778 (51)	180 (1)	1014	27	0.75%
Yemen	2364	5507 (61)	1073 (5)	182	35	9.66%
Guinea	2284	21106 (74)	136 (0)	1574	10	2.82%
Australia	2166	29437 (18)	910 (1)	1144	35	0.25%
Congo (Kinshasa)	2079	28665 (54)	745 (0)	313	8	1.00%
Rwanda	1892	23603 (68)	316 (0)	1788	24	3.14%

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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 Change7-Day Av
Congo (Brazzaville)	1739	10084 (0)	137 (0)	1793	24	0.00%
Djibouti	1581	10077 (102)	102 (2)	10085	102	9.59%
Uzbekistan	1568	85291 (177)	634 (0)	2520	19	1.59%
Cabo Verde	1557	19231 (121)	187 (3)	34298	334	6.28%
El Salvador	1531	66657 (168)	2054 (0)	10236	315	1.75%
Ghana	1430	91410 (75)	761 (7)	2895	24	0.51%
Namibia	1379	45949 (162)	586 (11)	17832	227	2.05%
Guyana	1223	11277 (88)	258 (1)	14283	327	5.68%
Malawi	1167	33872 (13)	1133 (1)	1736	58	0.55%
Sierra Leone	1098	4009 (1)	79 (0)	495	10	0.47%
Haiti	1091	12855 (0)	251 (0)	1117	22	0.40%
Angola**	1028	23697 (148)	554 (0)	704	16	3.43%

** Indicates moved up a risk category

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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 Change7-Day Av
California	1678635	3705956 (2634)	60541 (58)	93821	1532	0.56%
New York	603529	1967248 (5023)	51258 (54)	103358	2648	2.48%
Virginia	575843	638910 (2048)	10506 (20)	74853	1231	1.77%
Florida	442675	2134914 (9068)	34120 (64)	99401	1589	2.06%
Maryland	410289	428799 (1084)	8484 (14)	70927	1403	2.27%
Kentucky	377374	434148 (796)	6261 (4)	97175	1401	0.99%
South Carolina	316496	564128 (701)	9289 (13)	109567	1804	1.12%
Georgia	251274	1076644 (1913)	19548 (25)	101404	1841	0.93%
Michigan	236294	841234 (10277)	17657 (81)	84234	1768	6.55%
New Jersey	203905	959921 (3963)	24945 (49)	108073	2808	2.73%
Washington	189385	379056 (1104)	5340 (11)	50148	708	2.22%
Alabama	184048	520503 (1432)	10722 (10)	106156	2187	0.65%
Rhode Island	131545	142774 (1677)	2640 (2)	134774	2492	2.26%
Colorado	114121	481494 (1904)	6168 (11)	83611	1097	2.33%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Missouri	104048	589626 (664)	8970 (83)	95296	1501	0.76%
Pennsylvania	95467	1083953 (6017)	25451 (54)	84918	1998	2.91%
Texas	87145	2837160 (5188)	49289 (58)	97971	1708	0.91%
Illinois	82171	1285298 (3184)	23826 (17)	101438	1880	1.85%
Idaho	78545	183910 (219)	2000 (4)	102912	1119	0.94%
Wisconsin	68615	647091 (1127)	7394 (11)	100754	1149	0.99%
Nebraska	46562	214682 (331)	2226 (5)	110981	1151	1.13%
Maine	41111	54827 (571)	753 (2)	40787	560	4.65%
Ohio	39022	1043729 (2340)	18917 (90)	89291	1618	1.43%
Connecticut	36998	325689 (1118)	7974 (17)	91350	2237	2.44%
Massachusetts	35857	662699 (1598)	17413 (7)	96148	2526	2.21%
Hawaii	31729	32200 (63)	471 (0)	21830	333	2.21%
North Carolina	23946	936425 (1364)	12305 (15)	89285	1173	1.39%
Indiana	23044	700775 (952)	13167 (16)	104093	1956	1.22%

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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	17564	545404 (1358)	7040 (3)	96709	1247	2.70%
Puerto Rico	17482	117366 (988)	2174 (12)	65309	638	6.08%
Nevada	17325	308755 (412)	5339 (7)	100240	1733	1.01%
Arizona	16949	850846 (610)	17105 (13)	116895	2350	0.63%
Oregon	16012	171398 (548)	2446 (5)	40637	580	2.18%
New Mexico	14716	194164 (177)	3988 (9)	92599	1902	0.72%
Tennessee	13392	826371 (1457)	12022 (7)	121006	1760	1.01%
Iowa	13302	357739 (542)	5857 (0)	122547	1856	0.89%
District of Columbia	12431	46016 (113)	1085 (1)	65202	1537	1.70%
Alaska	10579	65336 (156)	314 (0)	85683	424	1.92%
Oklahoma	10149	443882 (109)	6669 (0)	112177	1685	0.84%
Louisiana	10089	450279 (452)	10255 (14)	96859	2206	0.74%
Utah	8797	390647 (358)	2161 (2)	121850	674	0.73%
Delaware	8145	99135 (210)	1587 (6)	101806	1630	2.35%

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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
Kansas	7378	306263 (1)	4895 (0)	105064	1705	0.48%
West Virginia	7347	146790 (328)	2747 (2)	81907	1533	1.89%

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
Vermont	3554	21388 (97)	233 (0)	34276	373	4.75%
New Hampshire	3413	89605 (376)	1257 (0)	65900	924	3.44%
Mississippi	3355	307836 (317)	7119 (23)	103434	2392	0.55%
Virgin Islands	2979	3005 (7)	26 (0)			2.00%
South Dakota	2439	120154 (262)	1947 (0)	135820	2201	1.23%
Arkansas	1712	332446 (224)	5673 (8)	110162	1880	0.36%
North Dakota	1088	105039 (231)	1504 (2)	137835	1933	1.01%
Montana	1005	106426 (173)	1526 (2)	99577	1428	1.03%

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