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Daily Global Situation Report

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

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US jobs report underperforms expectations, adding only 266,000 jobs in April.

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Today, the naval standoff between Britain and France near the island of Jersey over post-Brexit fishing rights is resolved, but tensions persist across the English Channel. The mini-crisis has heightened nationalism, with PM Johnson saying the UK is standing by in case Jersey requests help again, while French officials declared that Paris will not be intimidated by London.

Yesterday, the UK deployed two navy patrol boats to the island of Jersey after France hinted at stopping power supply to Jersey if French fishermen are not granted access to British fishing waters under post-Brexit terms.



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Global

Globally, confirmed coronavirus cases surpassed 155.9 million, with 3.2 million deaths. As the coronavirus rages in parts of Asia and Latin America, global deaths in 2021 are on track to exceed those of 2020.

- According to a new report from the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, the actual number of **pandemic fatalities** is close to 6.8 million – more than double the official death toll.
- An online petition calling for the **Tokyo Olympics** to be cancelled has garnered almost 200,000 signatures in the past few days, reflecting public concerns about the wisdom of hosting the international games.

COVID-19 Vaccine

UK scientists are set to recommend that Britons in their 30s be offered an alternative to the Oxford/AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine, as declining infection rates mean potential risks from the vaccine may outweigh the dangers of the disease.

- **BioNTech** said that temporary COVID-19 vaccine patent waivers would not ease the current vaccine shortage and could lead to risks from manufacturing by producers with no experience in mRNA technology.
- **Moderna's** CEO said he "*didn't lose a minute of sleep*" after the US announcement of support for vaccine waivers but warned that relaxing intellectual property protections will not help vaccine supplies.
- The CEO of **Bristol Myers Squibb** called US support for a COVID-19 vaccine patent waiver "*very concerning*."
- **Russia** approved the use of a single shot of Sputnik V in an effort to expand availability; the vaccine's developer said that a single dose still showed 79.4 percent efficacy; the shot will be called "**Sputnik light**."
- **Pfizer and BioNTech** will donate doses of their vaccine to immunize **Olympic athletes** and delegations ahead of the Tokyo games.
- **Moderna's** COVID-19 vaccine lifted the company to its first-ever quarterly profit; Moderna boosted its forecast for vaccine sales to \$19.2 billion.

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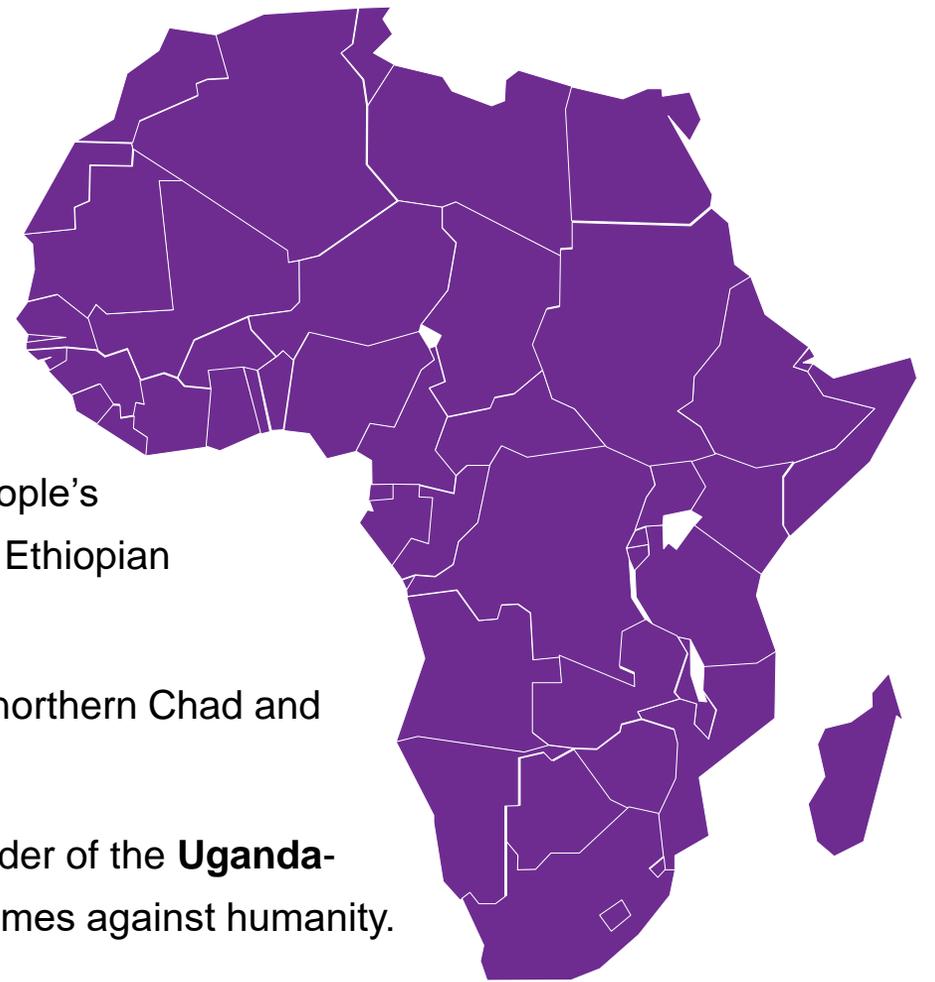
Nasdaq withdrew a decision to delist Luokong Technology Corp. after a federal judge suspended an imminent Trump-era investment ban.

- The **Federal Reserve's** semi-annual report on financial stability warned that existing measures of hedge fund leverage "*may not be capturing important risks,*" citing the example of **Archegos Capital's** meltdown.
- **Kellogg** boosted its full-year outlook after strong first quarter sales, particularly in snacks and cereal.
- **Expedia** reported better-than-expected Q1 results.
- **Roku** reported a revenue rise of nearly 79 percent in Q1.
- A number of **US restaurants** and chains are facing chicken shortages and high prices.
- Sports-media outlet the **Athletic** has reportedly halted merger discussions with Axios and is now exploring a deal with the *New York Times*.
- **Ant Group** is reportedly in talks about turning Xianghubao, its crowdfunding "*mutual aid*" medical coverage, into a regulated business.

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Africa

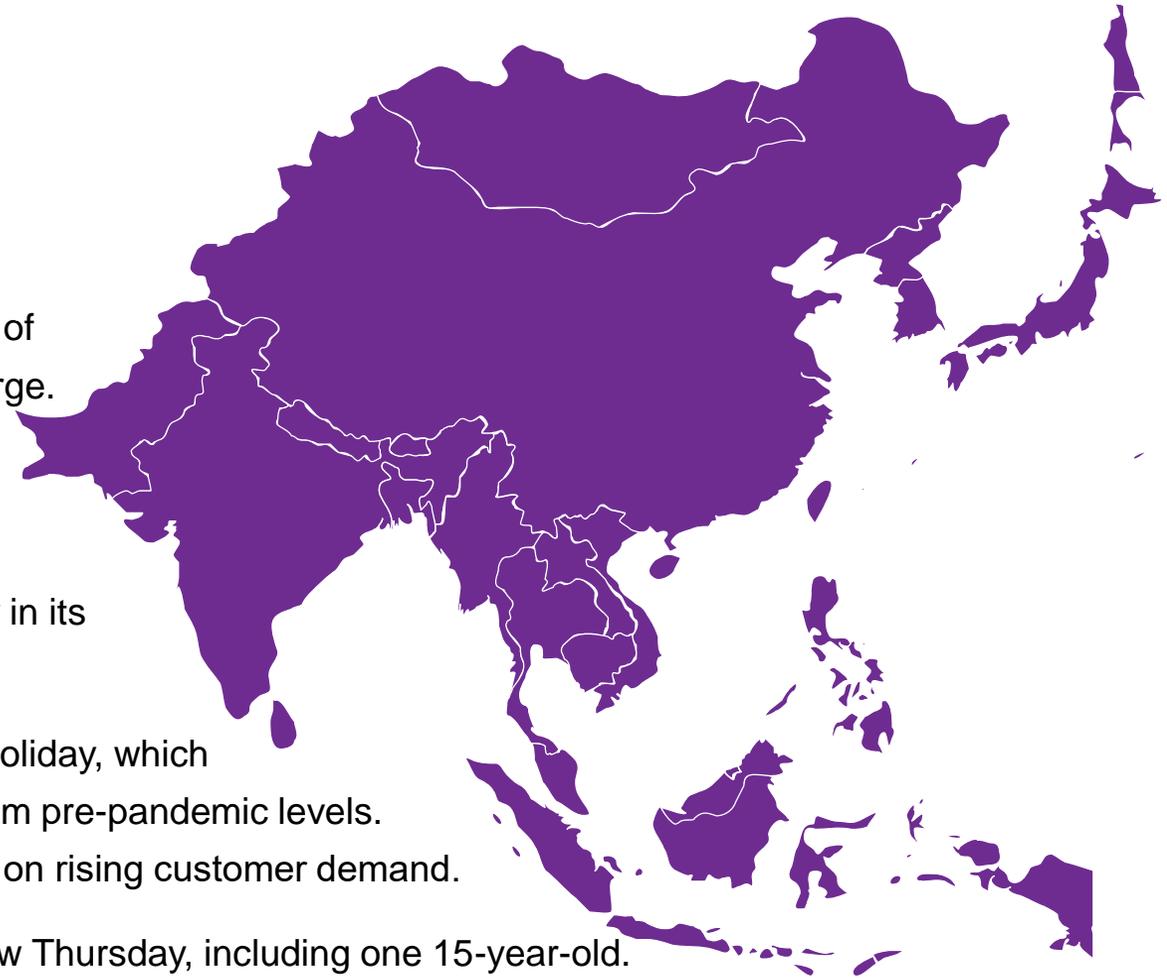
- **Somalia and Kenya** restored diplomatic relations six months after mutual accusations of meddling in internal affairs, moderated by **Qatar**.
- The **Ethiopian** parliament endorsed a decision to classify the Tigrayan People's Liberation Front, the primary combatant in the conflict between the central Ethiopian government and Tigray, a terrorist group.
- The **Chadian** defense minister reported that the rebel group that invaded northern Chad and killed the former president had been repelled into **Libya**.
- The International Criminal Court charged Dominic Ongwen, the former leader of the **Uganda**-based Lord's Resistance Army, to 25 years in prison for war crimes and crimes against humanity.
- The **US and South Africa** agreed to cooperate on the Islamist insurgency in **Mozambique's** Cabo Delgado region.
- The secretary general of **South Africa's** ruling ANC party refused to accept his own suspension over corruption concerns, and said that he is suspending President Ramaphosa, leader of the party.



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Asia

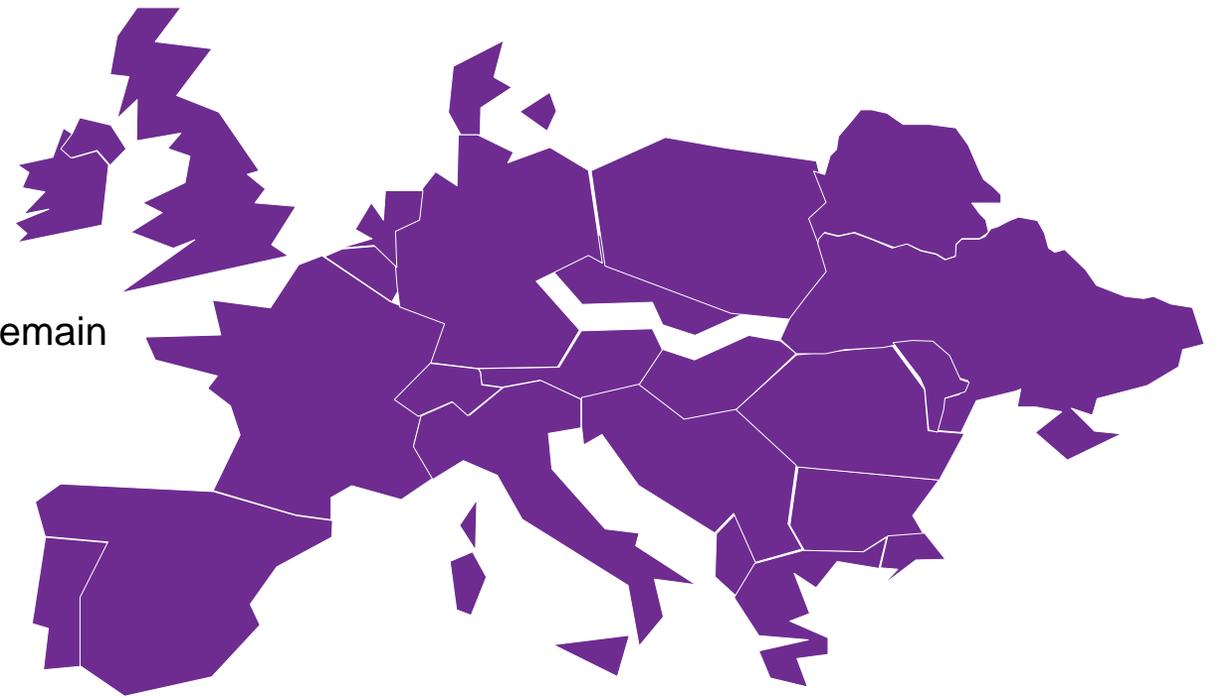
- **India** reported a new record daily case rise of 412,262 and death toll of 3,980; the IMF will revisit Indian growth estimates due to the case surge.
- The **Japanese** government is set to extend its state of emergency in Tokyo and three other prefectures to the end of the month.
- **Thailand** plans to include the 3 million foreigners living in the country in its vaccination campaign, saying “*no one is safe until everyone is safe.*”
- **China’s** Ministry of Culture and Tourism said that the Golden Week holiday, which ended May 5, saw about 230 million domestic trips – up 3 percent from pre-pandemic levels. China’s services sector expanded at its fastest pace this year in April on rising customer demand.
- **Hong Kong** police arrested five people under the national security law Thursday, including one 15-year-old.
- A bomb blast injured former **Maldives** president and current parliament speaker Mohammed Nasheed; a Maldivian government official called the incident an “*assassination attempt.*”



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Europe

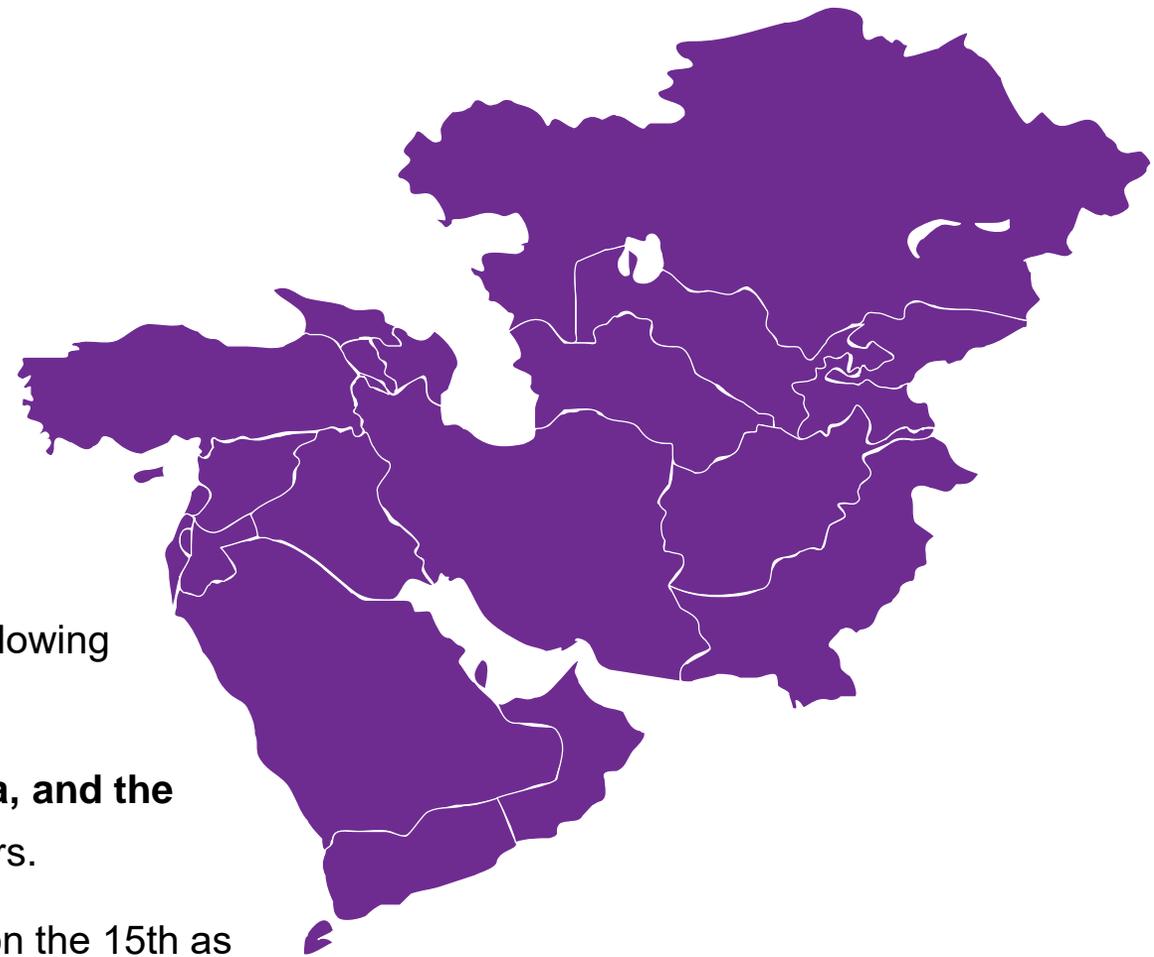
- The **UK** withdrew patrol boats from Jersey but said it would remain on standby after a fishing rights dispute with **France**.
- According to early polling, **Swiss** voters are set to back government measures to contain the coronavirus pandemic and to support a crackdown on pesticide use in binding referendums next month.
- **German** Chancellor Merkel expressed opposition to the **US** decision to back temporary COVID-19 vaccine waivers. **French** President Macron and **Russian** President Putin voiced support for temporary waivers.
- **Belgium and Sweden** surpassed 1 million virus infections. **German** health officials assess that the third wave of infections has been crested as social distancing measures and an accelerating vaccination campaign help lower the infection rate.
- **US** Secretary of State Blinken pledged to “*stand by*” Ukraine in the face of **Russian** aggression during a two-day visit to Kyiv.



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Middle East

- **Iran** reported its first cases of the Indian variant. Iran has experienced an unrelenting outbreak, reporting more than 10,000 new cases a day over the past month.
- The head of **Israel's** Mossad visited **Bahrain** for talks.
- **Qatar's** emir “exempted” his finance minister from his position following his arrest over alleged misuse of funds.
- **Turkey and Egypt** held “*frank and in-depth*” talks on **Syria, Libya, and the Eastern Mediterranean** in their first high-level public talks in years.
- A **Lebanese** lawmaker warned that “*gradual darkness*” will start on the 15th as the government runs out of funds for energy costs.
- **Iran** published clarified election rules, narrowing who can run for office and ruling out several contenders, both moderate and hard-liner.



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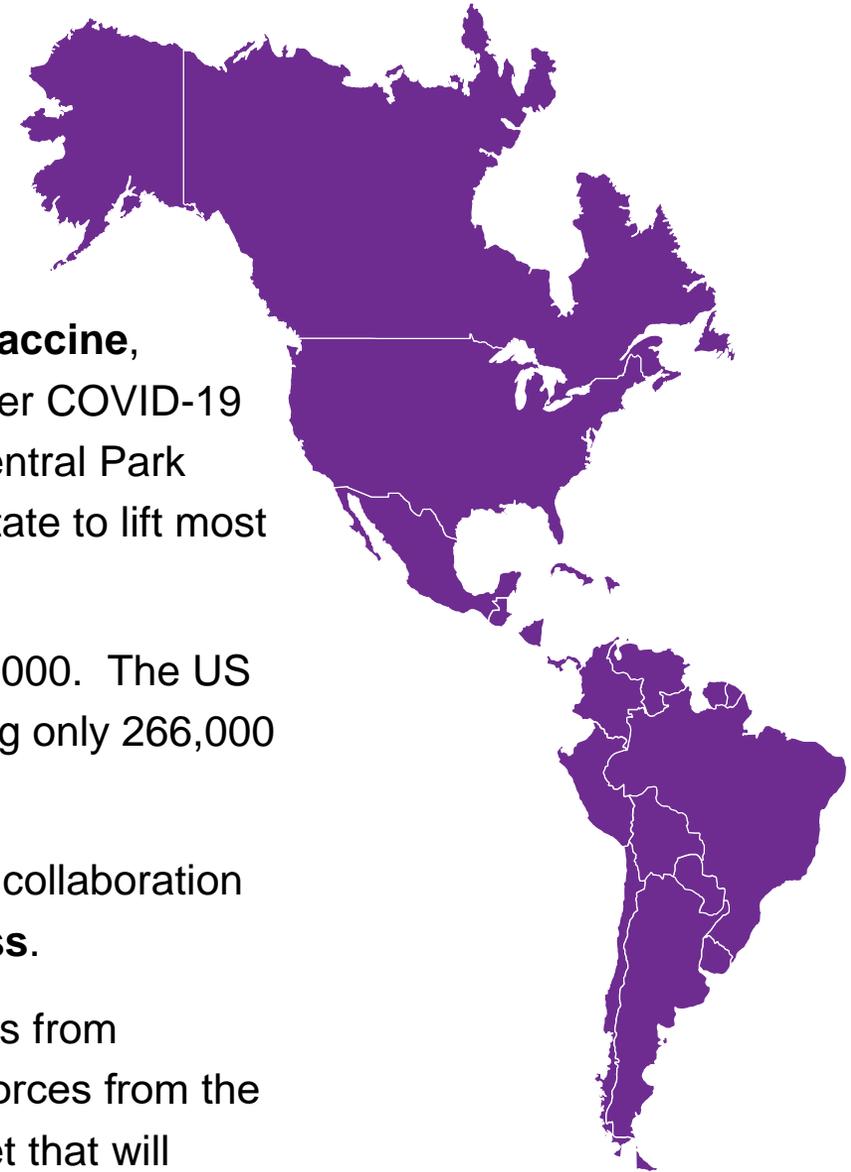
Americas

- **Brazil** could run out of doses of Sinovac's Coronavac jab as soon as next week due to a shortage of ingredients from **China**, per the Butantan Institute, which is manufacturing the vaccine in country.
- The **Brazilian** supreme court suspended a police probe into a prominent indigenous leader who criticized President Bolsonaro.
- Protests in **Colombia** marked their ninth day on Thursday with smaller groups of demonstrators in cities including Bogota and Medellin.



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Americas: US



- Across the nation, 149.5 million people have received at least **one dose of vaccine**, representing 45.0 percent of the total population. **New York City** plans to offer COVID-19 vaccines to tourists in a bid to revive city tourism; mobile vans at sites like Central Park would offer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. **Minnesota** became the latest state to lift most COVID-19 restrictions.
- Weekly **jobless claims** hit a new pandemic-era low, falling to just below 500,000. The US monthly jobs report for April significantly underperformed expectations, adding only 266,000 new jobs.
- The Biden Administration issued a report Thursday outlining plans to expand collaboration with private landowners and local governments **to preserve more wilderness**.
- Defense Secretary Austin said that the process of removing all US contractors from **Afghanistan** is underway as part of President Biden's decision to withdraw forces from the country. Austin said that the US has no plans to shoot down a **Chinese** rocket that will reenter the atmosphere and descend uncontrolled this weekend.

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Regional Outlook: Tensions Easing Throughout the Middle East

By Anni Coonan

In recent weeks, a spate of reports of secret negotiations, reopened channels of communication, and pledges to improve ties have dominated Middle Eastern headlines, striking an unusually optimistic tone for the region. It seems that everyone is talking, from longtime rivals like Iran and Saudi Arabia to those whose relationships have chilled in recent years, like Turkey and the UAE. Occurring against the backdrop of renewed Iran nuclear negotiations, the proliferation of detente could signal momentum towards regional dialogue and general lowering of temperatures in a tense region.

Momentum for Regional Dialogue

The most prominent instance of regional de-escalation are reports of secret talks between longtime foes Saudi Arabia and Iran. Last month, reports emerged in Arab media that Saudi officials had met with Iranians in Baghdad to discuss regional de-escalation; since then, President Salih of Iraq has reported that there were “more than one round” of negotiations, and some reports have indicated that not just Saudi Arabia, but the UAE, Egypt, and Jordan participated in Baghdad talks, hinting at a broader regional dialogue (meanwhile, the CIA denied reports that Director Burns was involved). The meetings coincided with a rare television interview in which Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia’s de facto leader, took

a notably more conciliatory line on Iran, denouncing its malign behaviors but saying that “Iran is a neighboring country. We want good and special relations with Iran.” At the same time, Iranian Foreign Minister Zarif praised Iraqi mediation, calling for “more negotiations and understanding” in the region without naming specific countries.

Turkey is also attempting to defuse tensions with a number of Gulf Arab states, with whom relations have deteriorated in recent years over Turkish alignment with Qatar and support of the Muslim Brotherhood, among country-specific spats. Last month, Emirati Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed called his Turkish counterpart, the first time the two had spoken in five years after clashing in Libya,

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where Ankara and Abu Dhabi have backed opposing sides in Libya's civil war, and Turkish accusations that the UAE funded a failed coup attempt in 2016. Turkish and Saudi ties also seem to be improving: this week, Saudi King Salman discussed the relationship with President Erdogan over the phone, and next week, Turkish Foreign Minister Cavusoglu will visit Riyadh. The visit is intended to begin to address damage done to the relationship by the killing of Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi operatives in Ankara; last week, Turkey announced that it respects the findings of the Saudi trial of Khashoggi's killers. Turkey is also attempting to thaw its relationship with Egypt. Cavusoglu stopped in Cairo ahead of his Saudi visit for two days of normalization talks, to discuss resetting relations and expanding trade ties after years of enmity over the Muslim Brotherhood, which Egypt - along with most Gulf Arab states - considers a terrorist group and an existential threat, and Turkey has historically supported.

A number of international analysts and diplomats are also expressing cautious optimism about an end to Libya's civil conflict: for now, a UN-led political process has facilitated the formation of an interim unity government that seeks to represent both the west,

which had been controlled by the UN-recognized Government of National Accord, and the east, controlled by General Khaftar and the Libyan National Army (LNA). The new government has taken control with fewer speed bumps than expected by most Libya-watchers, and elections are set for December of this year - though skeptics remain dubious about the likelihood of free and fair elections being executed so soon. Though the new government will still face many challenges, the country may benefit from broader regional efforts to de-escalate tensions. Turkish efforts to thaw relations with the UAE and Egypt, for one, may prove a key aspect of preventing a backslide into conflict.

The Al Ula Agreement, which formally ended the Gulf rift between Qatar and the Quartet, composed of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the UAE and Egypt, also appears to be taking hold, or at least maintaining a status quo. Quartet and Qatari officials have met several times since the agreement in January, demonstrating a desire to maintain working relations, if not accepting Qatar entirely into the fold. Finally, the Arab-Israeli normalization agreements known as the Abraham Accords are still going strong, with a "warm peace" developing between the UAE-Israel in particular.

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This week, former Special Advisor Jared Kushner, credited with a hand in the Abraham Accords, announced the establishment of the Abraham Accords Institute for Peace with the Bahraini and Emirati ambassadors to the US and Israeli foreign minister.

Concurrently, the US this week launched its first interagency tour of the region, with representatives from the State Department, the Department of Defense and the White House visiting several countries in the region to discuss the Iran deal, Yemen, and other security concerns. Alongside this visit, three Democratic Senators - Coons (D-DE), Van Hollen (D-MD), and Murphy (D-CT) - are in the region holding similar conversations. De-escalation and diplomacy are keywords for this delegation, demonstrating a push from Washington to encourage and facilitate efforts to lower the regional temperature.

Negative Trend Lines

Of course, there are still several areas of instability and conflict that undermine optimism for regional de-escalation of tensions and conflict. Lebanon is experiencing an economic and political crisis to

which there seems to be no bottom: there has been no functioning government since the Beirut port explosion in August, instability which has exacerbated hyperinflation and left the caretaker government almost without funds to pay energy or subsidy costs. Yemen remains a humanitarian catastrophe, with the Houthis threatening to take the key city of Marib, and stepped-up diplomacy from the US and UN as yet unsuccessful. While the current conflicts are an obstacle to de-escalation, the evolving and complex variables defining state and non-state actors' decision-making make miscalculation and dramatic escalation an ever-present risk. Israel's campaign to disrupt Iranian arms transfers to Syria and Hizballah offers almost daily opportunities for inadvertent escalation. Israel has also shown few qualms independently pursuing its national interests on Iran, regardless of US ambitions in the region. Meanwhile, Iran's direct control over the groups forming its vast proxy network varies and each has their own agenda. Frequent rocket attacks in Iraq, drone attacks from Yemen's Houthis, and the patchwork of competing interests in Syria could easily spark a crisis overnight even if the key players pursue de-escalation. Underneath this

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geopolitical powder keg, the factors that led to the widespread governance protests of 2019 have only worsened. As COVID-19 restrictions lift, summer arrives, and desperation rises, the streets may fill once again, with unpredictable consequences.

What's Next

Opinions on what is driving the regional shift - and whether it will prove substantive - are varied. That the change in leadership in Washington is affecting the calculus of Middle Eastern allies and rivals is evident, but not to what extent - are leaders reacting to the Biden Administration's efforts toward a second Iran nuclear deal, across-the-board promotion of diplomacy and multilateralism, or the continuation of the US pivot to Asia? Is this a fundamental reorganization of the region towards multilateralism and away from reliance on the US, or temporary hedging measures? The inclusion of Iran in some of these talks suggests that regional actors are not simply building their defenses against an emboldened Iran in the wake of a renewed JCPOA, but also attempting to take some ownership of the regional dialogue, rather than subjecting themselves to a status quo shaped by the US, Iran, and the EU, as many felt happened in 2015.

Looking forward, the proliferation of talks have raised long-held hopes of multilateral regional engagement, though perhaps prematurely. Despite the existence of, for example, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the Arab League, the Middle East and North Africa region is notoriously under-institutionalized, limiting regional dialogue and frustrating the US, which would like to foster a regional security structure as it pivots to Asia, rather than handing off security commitments to a patchwork of national security forces. The boom in engagements and unconfirmed hints of broader regional dialogue in Iraq have piqued analyst interest in a long hoped-for "Arab NATO," but these hopes have been dashed before - most recently, when the Al Ula Agreement did not create a renaissance for the GCC. More likely, individual countries will continue to strengthen their bilateral relations, while relying on the US security umbrella for most support and coordination, even as the US threatens to decrease its coverage.

All in all, increased regional engagement is positive for the US, as many in Washington have long hoped that increased regional autonomy would allow the US to hasten retrenchment. However, increased regional ownership of regional affairs could backfire on

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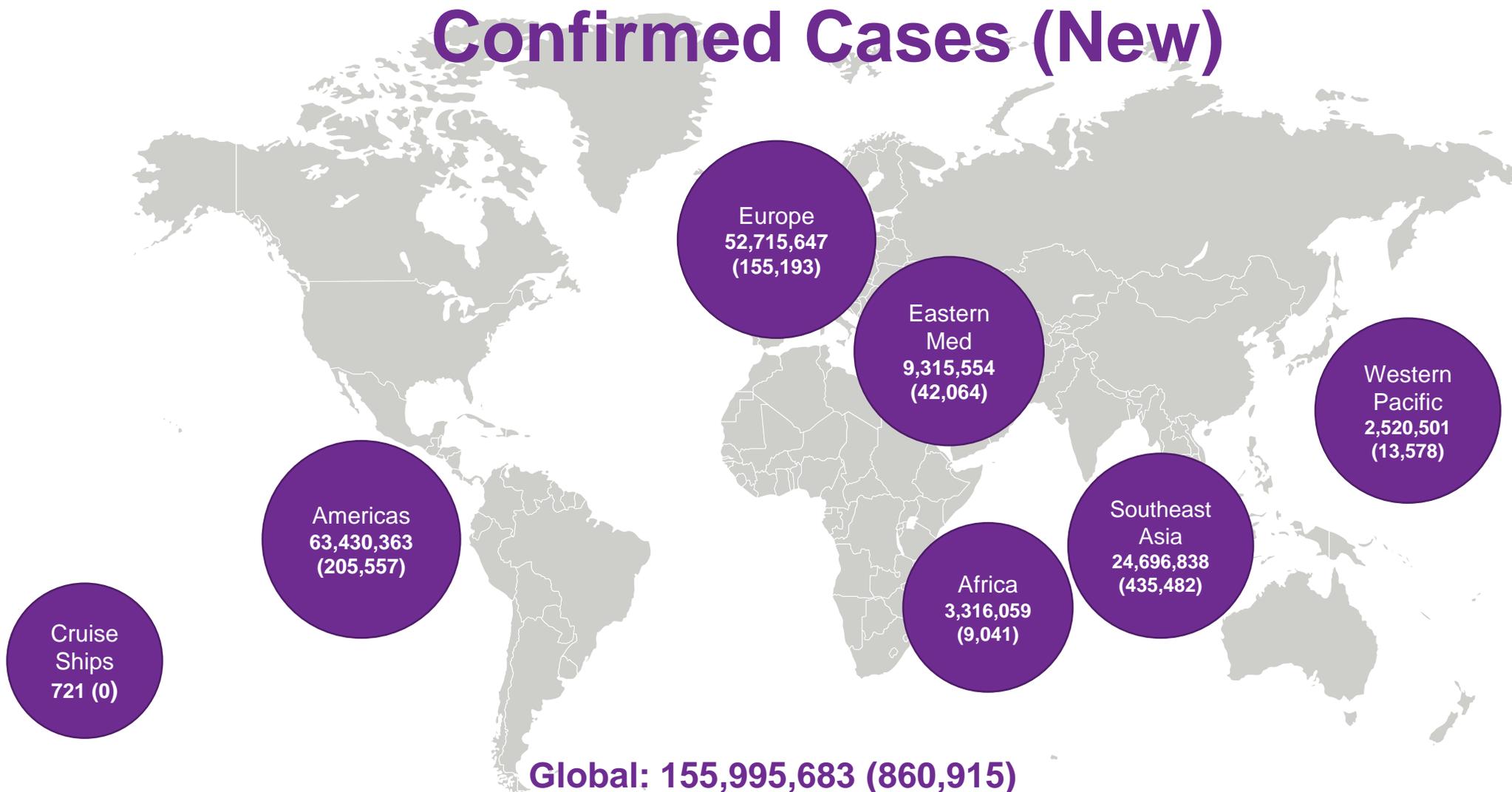
the US if its partners pursue policies that it disagrees with - for example, Saudi officials recently conducted their first official visit to Syria since the onset of the civil war, part of what the west strenuously opposes as Arab rehabilitation of the Assad regime. While regional dialogue is a net positive, the US may have to confront the fact that hands-off entails less control - especially if partners use this opportunity to push back on the Iran nuclear deal, rehabilitate regimes like Assad's, or increase cooperation with US rivals like China.

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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on May 6, 2021

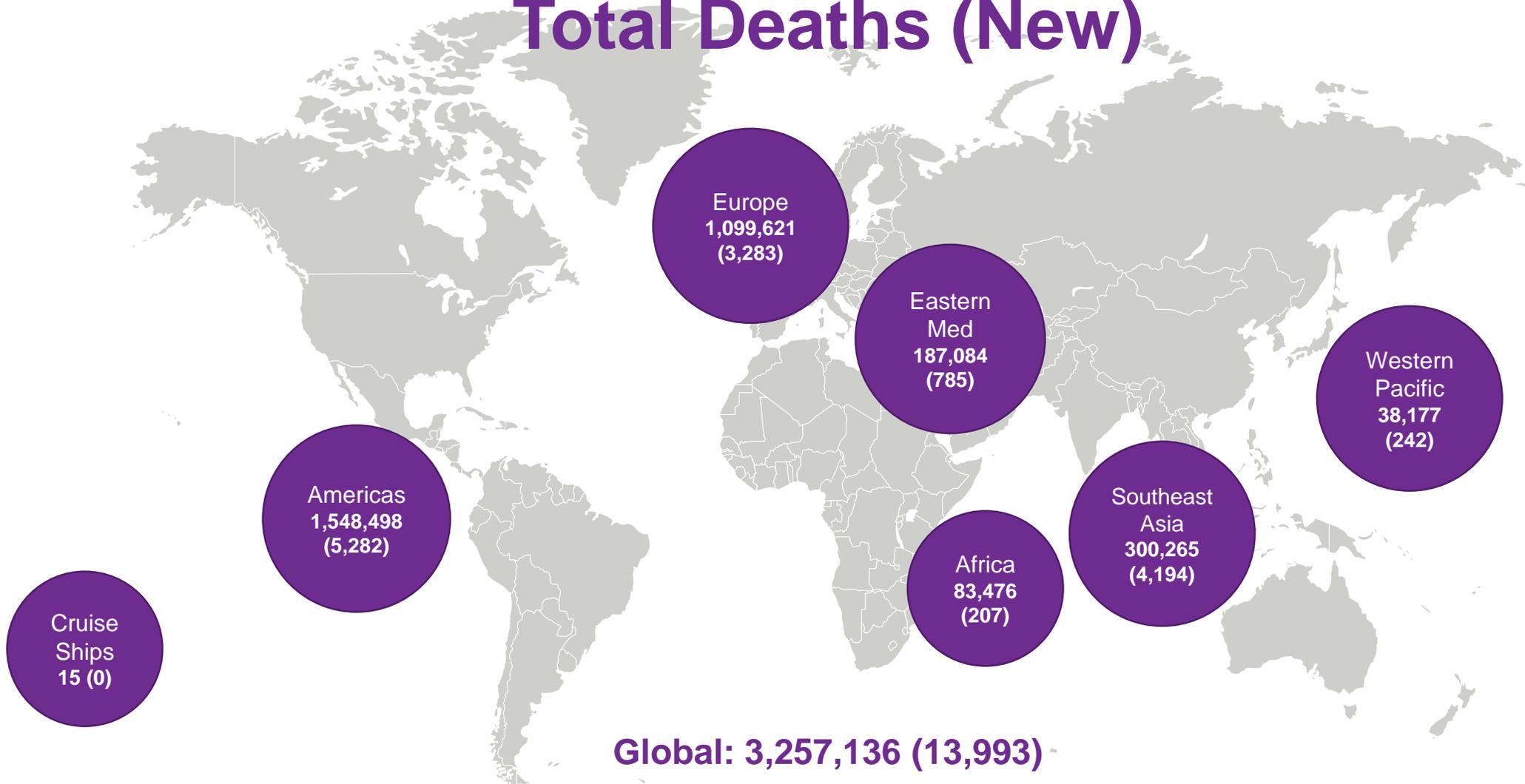
Confirmed Cases (New)



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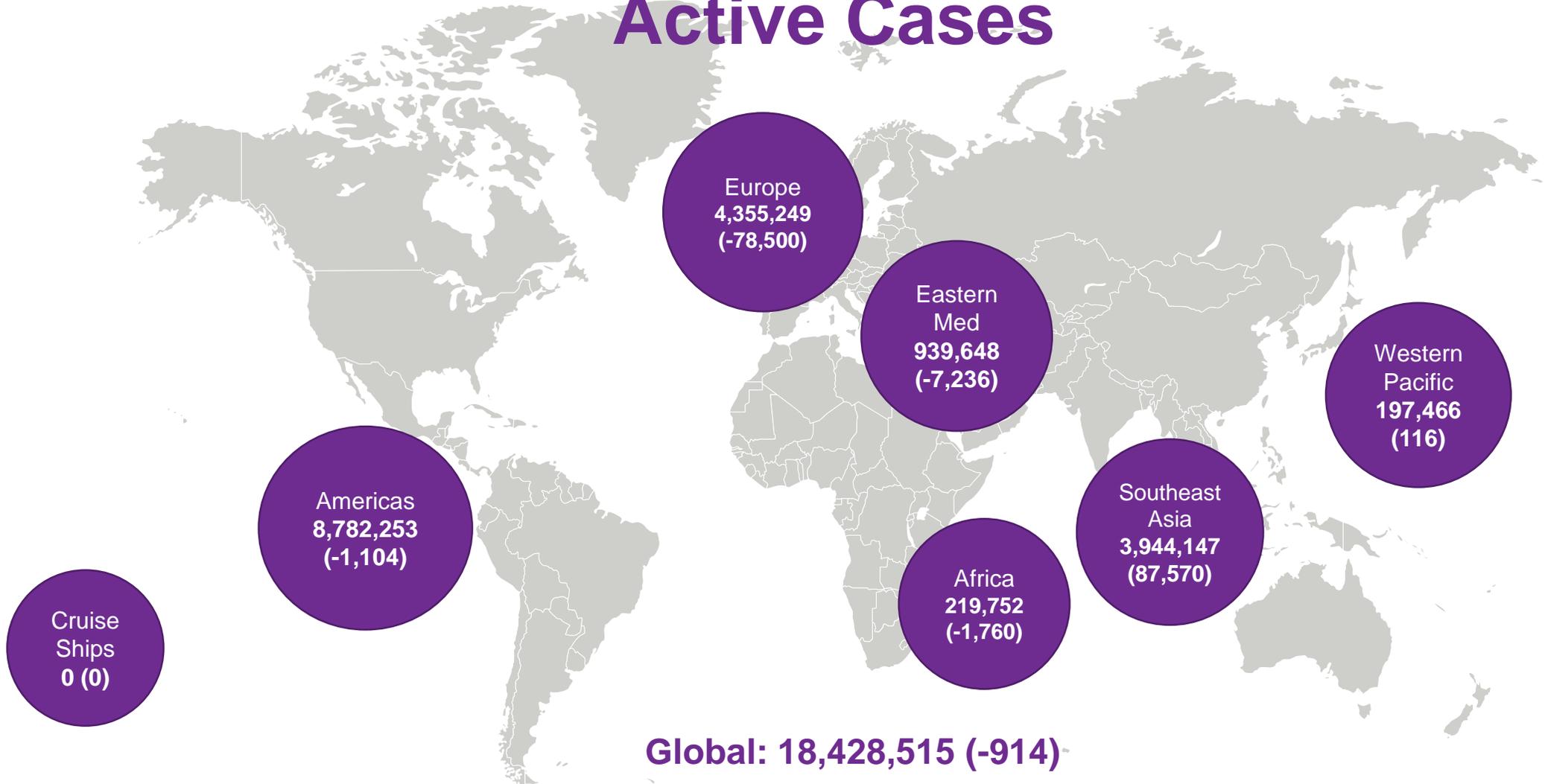
Total Deaths (New)



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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	6530971	32604813 (47370)	580064 (788)	100315	1786	0.96%
India	3653804	21485285 (414433)	234071 (3920)	15441	168	12.71%
Brazil	1000512	15009023 (72559)	417176 (2531)	70189	1951	2.77%
France	889633	5839086 (21890)	106728 (219)	87591	1619	2.38%
Iran	478420	2610018 (18409)	73906 (338)	30742	871	4.99%
Italy	402802	4082198 (11807)	122263 (258)	67601	2025	1.79%
Ukraine	339864	2097024 (6038)	45451 (374)	48195	1045	1.79%
Turkey	308996	4977982 (22388)	42187 (304)	58492	496	3.80%
Germany	294351	3486462 (17014)	84811 (218)	41500	1010	3.07%
Argentina	272089	3095582 (24086)	66263 (398)	67966	1455	4.54%
Russia	270544	4855128 (7639)	112246 (351)	33257	769	1.21%
Mexico	260631	2355985 (3021)	218007 (267)	18112	1676	0.81%
Spain	241114	3559222 (7960)	78726 (160)	76100	1683	1.24%
Netherlands	225939	1565352 (6803)	17525 (24)	89625	1006	3.21%

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Hungary	213104	787647 (1680)	28297 (124)	81710	2936	1.35%
Poland	202634	2818378 (6431)	68993 (510)	74538	1825	1.17%
Sweden	160326	1002121 (0)	14158 (33)	98707	1395	3.44%
Honduras	131600	216964 (1131)	5439 (53)	21616	542	3.44%
Belgium	102711	1003746 (4119)	24406 (39)	86290	2098	2.07%
Colombia	101467	2951101 (16490)	76414 (399)	57481	1488	3.70%
Indonesia	98277	1697305 (5647)	46496 (147)	6150	168	2.03%
Iraq	96380	1098187 (6233)	15673 (33)	26798	382	3.59%
Pakistan	84172	845833 (4197)	18537 (108)	3768	83	3.56%
Canada	81325	1265320 (7992)	24489 (39)	33279	644	4.29%
Nepal	72561	368580 (8970)	3529 (54)	12461	119	13.85%
Philippines	63228	1080152 (6617)	17991 (191)	9748	162	4.76%
Japan	63037	616123 (3763)	10517 (47)	4884	83	5.70%
UK	61026	4444306 (2617)	127843 (13)	64947	1871	0.32%

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Switzerland	58695	669067 (1687)	10695 (10)	76833	1228	1.63%
Bangladesh	55201	769160 (1822)	11796 (41)	4631	71	1.59%
Ethiopia	51522	260802 (663)	3822 (27)	2222	33	1.68%
Peru	48783	1832671 (8214)	63223 (247)	54938	1895	2.22%
Kenya	48768	162098 (705)	2850 (25)	2960	52	2.02%
Costa Rica	48710	263094 (2559)	3341 (15)	51251	651	5.59%
Lebanon	48436	531234 (1017)	7415 (25)	78128	1091	1.06%
Ecuador	46727	395327 (2279)	19018 (111)	22124	1064	3.70%
Bulgaria	46083	408372 (545)	16800 (27)	59150	2433	1.14%
Egypt	45184	234015 (1110)	13714 (59)	2251	132	3.20%
Paraguay	43617	291540 (2566)	6883 (85)	40456	955	5.03%
Kazakhstan	42792	334812 (2443)	3833 (37)	17653	202	5.33%
Bolivia	42007	312407 (1835)	13123 (41)	26459	1111	3.39%
Finland	41159	88078 (280)	919 (1)	15876	166	1.66%

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Czechia	40821	1641137 (1870)	29586 (33)	153008	2758	0.77%
Serbia	36921	697241 (1366)	6499 (21)	80073	746	1.33%
Chile	36126	1229248 (6299)	26895 (169)	63841	1397	3.11%
Dominican Republic	35637	269184 (623)	3514 (5)	24606	321	1.10%
Algeria	34159	123473 (201)	3307 (8)	2774	74	1.30%
Malaysia	33762	427927 (3551)	1610 (19)	13080	49	5.38%
Tunisia	33297	317010 (1410)	11208 (86)	26588	940	3.09%
Thailand	29680	76811 (1911)	336 (18)	1098	5	17.24%
Cyprus	29053	68442 (460)	328 (1)	56341	270	4.69%
Romania	28194	1062527 (1632)	28710 (94)	55546	1501	0.84%
Bosnia	28146	200353 (471)	8762 (26)	61392	2685	1.24%
Uruguay	25971	213449 (3582)	2972 (54)	61267	853	8.30%
Norway	25692	115411 (506)	767 (0)	21149	141	2.49%
South Africa	23845	1590370 (2149)	54620 (63)	26533	911	0.68%

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Jamaica	23647	46338 (144)	798 (4)	15591	268	1.99%
Greece	23632	355445 (3418)	10847 (83)	34244	1045	3.53%
Portugal	22535	838475 (373)	16988 (5)	82434	1670	0.29%
Lithuania	21440	254140 (1342)	4004 (10)	94476	1488	3.24%
Austria	19229	627484 (1245)	10333 (22)	69337	1142	1.71%
Azerbaijan	19044	324685 (844)	4635 (18)	31781	454	2.09%
UAE	18000	530944 (1724)	1604 (3)	53141	161	2.39%
Sri Lanka	17794	119424 (1895)	745 (11)	5557	35	10.84%
Georgia	15816	317719 (1806)	4227 (20)	79775	1061	2.80%
Oman	15565	199344 (772)	2083 (12)	38221	399	3.06%
West Bank & Gaza	15475	300387 (651)	3326 (9)	57755	639	1.59%
Venezuela	15425	204057 (1479)	2244 (18)	7193	79	3.76%
Mongolia	15080	42464 (940)	142 (12)	12780	43	18.47%
Albania	14742	131510 (91)	2406 (3)	45740	837	0.41%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Kuwait	14621	281772 (1236)	1621 (11)	65168	375	3.27%
Guatemala	14393	232439 (1150)	7677 (35)	12775	422	2.66%
Ireland	12561	251474 (387)	4921 (6)	50453	987	1.25%
Bahrain	12021	184697 (1367)	670 (6)	105479	383	4.84%
Croatia	11942	341052 (1640)	7355 (40)	83514	1801	3.19%
N Macedonia	11874	153461 (324)	5042 (26)	73662	2420	0.95%
Armenia	11860	218325 (425)	4192 (14)	73561	1412	1.28%
Qatar	10750	209470 (593)	493 (4)	74603	176	2.15%
Jordan	10715	717930 (1007)	9014 (26)	69779	876	1.13%
Cambodia	10664	17621 (650)	114 (4)	1042	7	28.26%
Libya	10630	179193 (266)	3059 (1)	25783	440	1.18%
Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			0.00%
Denmark	10276	257181 (1012)	2494 (1)	44149	429	2.31%
Saudi Arabia	9785	423406 (1090)	7032 (14)	12005	199	1.68%

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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
Slovenia	9672	244556 (835)	4282 (3)	117621	2059	2.13%
Latvia	8427	121509 (773)	2178 (12)	65031	1166	3.06%
Estonia	8341	124146 (365)	1187 (4)	93533	894	2.00%
South Korea	8177	125519 (574)	1851 (4)	2446	36	3.32%
Nigeria	7812	165301 (28)	2065 (0)	786	10	0.15%
Myanmar	7665	142874 (0)	3210 (0)	2611	59	0.05%
Maldives	7616	33368 (703)	77 (3)	60829	140	11.98%
Somalia	7471	14368 (247)	745 (24)	883	46	3.15%
Belarus	6818	364951 (1219)	2602 (10)	38633	275	2.11%
Slovakia	6476	384660 (343)	11920 (34)	70426	2182	0.76%
Cuba	5604	112714 (1060)	701 (7)	9956	62	6.26%
Kyrgyzstan**	5027	97278 (320)	1640 (3)	14706	248	2.40%

Data Source: WorldOMeter

** Indicates moved up a risk category

HIGH RISK 1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Afghanistan	4821	61455 (293)	2673 (9)	1549	67	2.78%
Mali	4658	14029 (31)	493 (0)	676	24	1.53%
Morocco	4051	513026 (360)	9050 (6)	13761	243	0.42%
Sudan	4036	33648 (0)	2365 (0)	753	53	1.62%
Lesotho	4003	10749 (0)	319 (0)	4984	148	0.17%
Panama	3965	366364 (389)	6255 (3)	83798	1431	0.59%
Moldova	3878	252153 (333)	5912 (20)	62631	1468	0.65%
Syria	3628	23191 (70)	1631 (6)	1299	91	2.41%
Uzbekistan	3544	93176 (452)	657 (2)	2750	19	2.97%
Gabon	3321	23201 (0)	140 (0)	10221	62	1.65%
Burundi	3314	4093 (24)	6 (0)	336	1	2.64%
Cameroon	3297	74946 (2696)	1152 (45)	2765	43	3.60%
Trinidad and Tobago	3236	12396 (291)	191 (2)	8833	136	15.31%
Cabo Verde	3191	25526 (367)	230 (1)	45494	410	7.73%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Congo (Kinshasa)	3112	30201 (71)	770 (0)	329	8	1.29%
Madagascar	2915	38337 (221)	695 (5)	1355	25	4.28%
Angola	2796	27921 (392)	622 (4)	828	18	5.34%
Congo (Brazzaville)	2661	11016 (0)	147 (0)	1956	26	3.07%
Nicaragua	2581	6989 (0)	183 (0)	1045	27	1.30%
Luxembourg	2492	68020 (170)	801 (1)	107193	1262	1.43%
El Salvador	2323	69997 (0)	2143 (2)	10746	329	1.14%
Guinea	2279	22505 (37)	148 (0)	1676	11	1.29%
Yemen	2190	6426 (12)	1265 (5)	212	42	2.05%
Montenegro	2021	98042 (112)	1526 (5)	156085	2429	0.80%
Namibia	1864	49460 (137)	674 (7)	19173	261	2.59%
Guyana	1860	13957 (128)	310 (2)	17672	393	6.10%
Mozambique	1593	70108 (56)	819 (1)	2192	26	0.35%

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
Ghana	1583	92828 (0)	783 (0)	2936	25	0.29%
Togo	1560	13068 (0)	123 (0)	1548	15	1.05%
CAR	1469	6674 (153)	93 (2)	1362	19	3.94%
Botswana	1457	48417 (566)	734 (10)	20245	307	3.06%
Timor-Leste	1417	2870 (84)	4 (0)	2142	3	23.69%
Rwanda	1272	25486 (65)	338 (0)	1928	26	1.93%
Papua New Guinea	1197	11630 (223)	121 (0)	1279	13	5.44%
Israel	1123	838828 (61)	6374 (4)	91201	693	0.05%
Laos	1076	1177 (105)	0 (0)	160		42.91%
Seychelles	1068	6373 (0)	28 (0)	64464	283	12.77%

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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	1690081	3753173 (2533)	62154 (83)	95014	1574	0.36%
Virginia	598596	664394 (856)	10861 (17)	77839	1272	0.91%
New York	476382	2064530 (2643)	52572 (34)	108607	2717	0.98%
Maryland	432171	451267 (578)	8822 (9)	74643	1459	1.07%
Florida	391429	2258433 (4504)	35549 (71)	105152	1656	1.34%
Kentucky	389293	447582 (653)	6548 (6)	100182	1466	0.93%
South Carolina	334605	582506 (671)	9558 (22)	113136	1856	0.85%
Michigan	276665	956012 (4113)	19223 (123)	95727	1925	2.45%
Washington	203558	411075 (1142)	5553 (14)	54295	737	2.28%
New Jersey	183020	1005938 (1413)	25740 (33)	113253	2898	0.80%
Alabama	180478	530011 (565)	10946 (16)	108095	2232	0.47%
Georgia	153493	1107068 (1213)	20294 (21)	104269	1911	0.75%
Rhode Island	137695	149384 (187)	2685 (3)	141013	2535	1.00%
Colorado	116242	519414 (1563)	6345 (8)	90196	1129	1.97%

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
Illinois	96158	1348067 (1773)	24483 (40)	106392	1932	1.21%
Pennsylvania	91668	1168100 (3273)	26410 (61)	91538	2074	1.71%
Texas	82445	2909076 (2714)	50527 (56)	100502	1749	0.65%
Idaho	78245	188601 (166)	2053 (1)	105537	1149	0.59%
Wisconsin	71050	664461 (793)	7614 (18)	103325	1181	0.73%
Missouri	61311	595629 (645)	9219 (4)	95929	1529	0.78%
Maine	49420	63176 (318)	793 (2)	46998	590	3.53%
Nebraska	47753	220933 (213)	2249 (4)	114212	1163	0.62%
Hawaii	33938	34424 (128)	486 (1)	23252	343	2.22%
Ohio	30472	1080121 (1387)	19344 (0)	92404	1655	0.87%
Connecticut	28292	342282 (711)	8131 (7)	96004	2281	1.12%
Oregon	27408	189162 (745)	2514 (5)	44849	596	2.82%
North Carolina	27088	978566 (1798)	12738 (17)	93303	1215	1.13%
Indiana	23690	726600 (1247)	13379 (6)	107929	1987	1.05%

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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
Puerto Rico	20876	134368 (522)	2355 (7)	74416	693	2.18%
Louisiana	20850	461210 (407)	10425 (7)	99211	2243	0.72%
Massachusetts	20498	694769 (1161)	17663 (5)	100801	2563	1.03%
Arizona	19716	866623 (601)	17367 (7)	119063	2386	0.57%
Nevada	17130	317482 (394)	5490 (3)	103073	1782	0.80%
Minnesota	13566	584227 (1651)	7297 (13)	103593	1291	1.76%
District of Columbia	12916	48080 (39)	1110 (1)	68126	1573	0.97%
Tennessee	11328	852072 (1187)	12245 (17)	124769	1793	0.66%
Alaska	11233	68762 (96)	349 (1)	90225	469	1.11%
New Mexico	10908	199054 (273)	4089 (4)	94931	1950	0.81%
Iowa	10745	366959 (389)	5980 (18)	125758	1895	0.67%
Kansas	8425	311605 (3)	5000 (0)	106448	1716	0.51%
Delaware	8167	105572 (171)	1629 (1)	108416	1673	1.45%
Utah	8053	399374 (395)	2219 (0)	124572	692	0.60%

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	7180	155341 (385)	2713 (6)	86679	1514	1.68%

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	3828	312926 (214)	7226 (3)	105145	2428	0.41%
Oklahoma*	2523	449041 (0)	6832 (0)	113575	1727	0.25%
Arkansas	2207	336948 (188)	5757 (3)	111653	1908	0.42%
Vermont	2040	23296 (49)	249 (1)	37334	399	2.03%
New Hampshire	1849	96134 (253)	1311 (3)	70702	964	1.52%
South Dakota	1309	123157 (84)	1977 (1)	139214	2235	0.51%
Montana	1055	109588 (133)	1580 (2)	102536	1478	0.84%

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