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COVID-19 Report

Highlights

- Newly detected cases continue to rise in the U.S.
 - There were more new cases reported yesterday than on any other Wednesday since July 29
 - On a week-over-week basis, newly detected cases increased 15.8%
 - Of note, this rate has risen and fallen throughout the pandemic, often pre-signaling when the new daily infection rate per capita would begin to rise or fall
 - This rate has been flat for three days is it simply a pause in the rate of growth or, the beginning of a downward turn?
 - The 7-day average new daily infections per capita rose for the ninth consecutive day. This rate is now at its highest level since August 15
- Considering each of the measures noted above, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin are experiencing the greatest current challenges with the virus. Vermont and Maine continue to "set the standard" for achieving strong results
 - New daily infection rates in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota are higher than any other state has experienced at any time during the pandemic
 - Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico and South Dakota experienced the largest week-over-week increase (%) in newly detected cases

- Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin are experiencing the most (or, near-most) Covid-19 inpatients that they have seen during the pandemic
- Internationally, cases continue to increase rapidly, particularly in Europe
 - 7-day new cases set a new high yesterday, with nearly 336k new cases per day
 - Russia and the Netherlands have experienced a prolonged period of increasing rates of new cases per capita (7-day moving average). In Russia, this rate has increased forty-seven consecutive days; In the Netherlands, its increased forty-four consecutive days; and, in Italy, it has increased twenty-seven consecutive days
 - New daily infection rates are both high and increasing rapidly in: Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Iceland, the United Kingdom and Switzerland (listed in descending order of infections per capita)
 - These rates and their rate of increase are higher than what has been experienced lately in the U.S.
 - Sweden, in the face of the controversy regarding their limited formal mitigation efforts, has experienced an infection rate per capita and a rate of increase in this measure significantly lower than these other European countries



State-By-State Comparisons (page 1 of 3):

With the recent rise in infections and hospitalizations, we have added two new columns to this table: 7-day average hospital Covid-19 census v. peak census and week-over-week change in newly detected cases

The value of assessing a state's status on multiple measures can be seen by contrasting Arkansas and Idaho. Both have high new infection rates. Arkansas is at its highest Covd-19 hospital census, while Idaho is at 65% of its peak

Illinois provides another useful illustration: it has a high new infection rate and high week-over-week change in new cases. Its hospital rate, however, is only 33% of its peak

State-By-State Comparisons As of October 14 New Daily Week-Over-**Test-Positive** 7-Day M.A. Cases per Deaths per 1 Tests per 1M % (7-Day Cases Per 1M Hospital Week Population Million Moving Population (7-Tests / Census % of Change in State **Population Population** Past 7 days Average) Day M.A.) **New Case** Peak **New Cases** 1,355 -5% Alabama 552 14.1% 191 25% Alaska 13,240 87 4.9% 21 1,389 36% Arizona 30,991 7.2% 7.4% 20% Arkansas 30.762 541 424 2.7% 4% California 21,649 3,141 85 37 36% 375 41% 1,672 8.7% 145 12 Colorado 13,625 32% 31% 1,273 1.5% 100 Connecticut 16,840 678 5.2% Delaware 2,589 19 23% -2% District Of 22.648 1.2% 24% 904 26% Columbia 22% Florida 726 1,035 12.2% 126 22% 1,966 5.8% 1% Georgia 129 65 63 -3% 9,515 Hawaii 39% 14% Idaho 26,822 288 1,568 4.7% 33% Illinois 25,426 20,050 1,488 Indiana 1,503 34% Iowa 31.597 475



28%

288

1,492

Kansas

State-By-State Comparisons (page 2 of 3):

Montana may pos the biggest concern of the states on this table: high new infection, high week-over-week increase in cases and at its highest level of Covd-19 inpatients.

Nebraska is in a similar situation

Missouri has a high infection rate and is at its highest Covid-19 inpatient census; their good news is that new cases have declined week-over-week

Maine is performing well on each of the key trending measures





State-By-State Comparisons (page 3 of 3):

North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming pose the highest concern among these states; Utah would be next

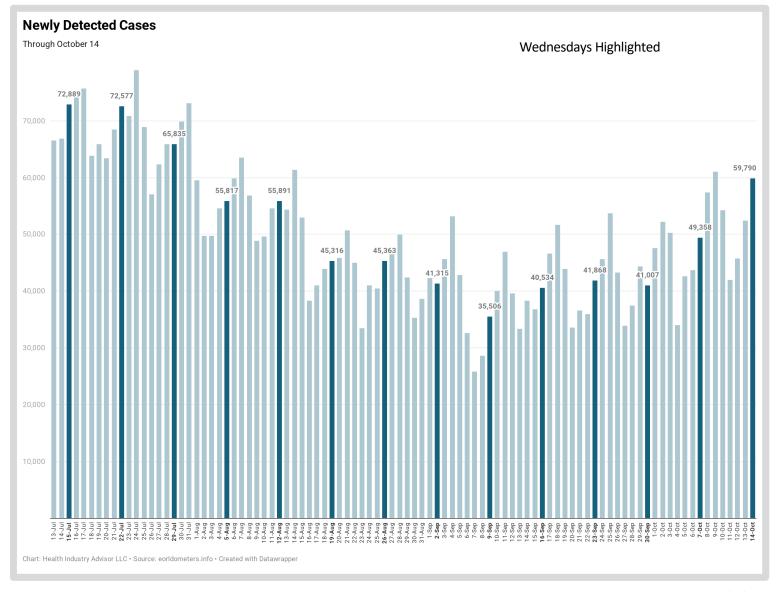
Vermont continues to deliver superior results

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There were more newly detected cases reported yesterday than on any Wednesday since July 29

On a same-day, priorweek basis, newly detected cases have increased on eight consecutive days and eleven of the past twelve days

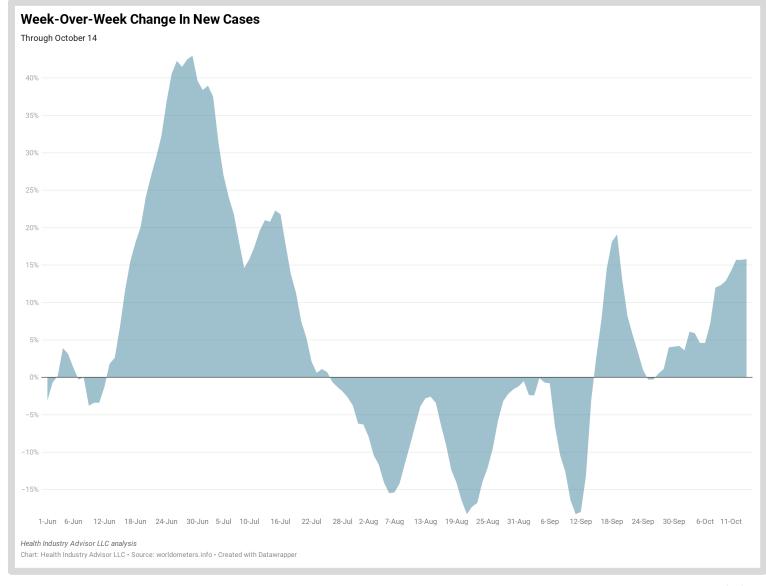




Following a seven-week period of decline, new cases began increasing on a week-over-week basis on September 15

A pause or will the rate of cases growth begun to decline: Yesterday, this rate was up 15.8% on a week-over-week basis (~same rate as past two days)

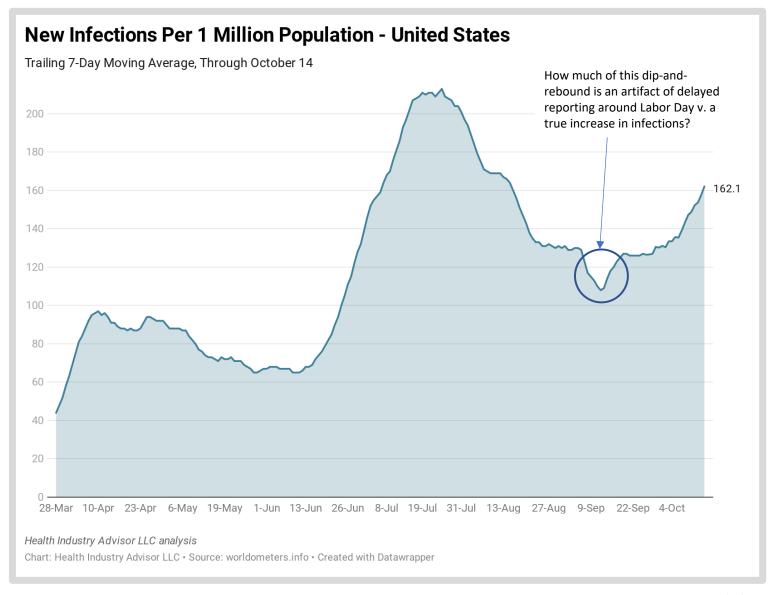
This rate had previously peaked at 19.1% on September 19 and 43% on June 29





The rate of new infections per capita* in the U.S. rose for the ninth consecutive day

This rate is the highest it has been since August 15

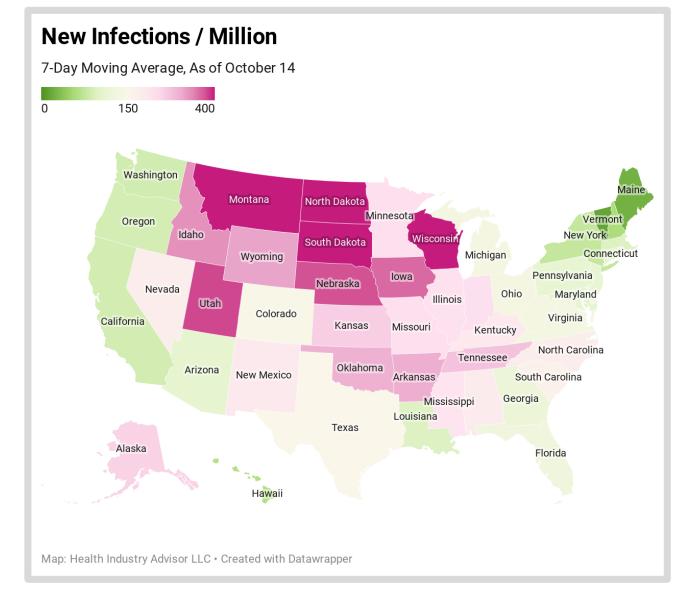




New daily infections rates are Montana,
North Dakota and South
Dakota are the highest experienced by any state since the pandemic began

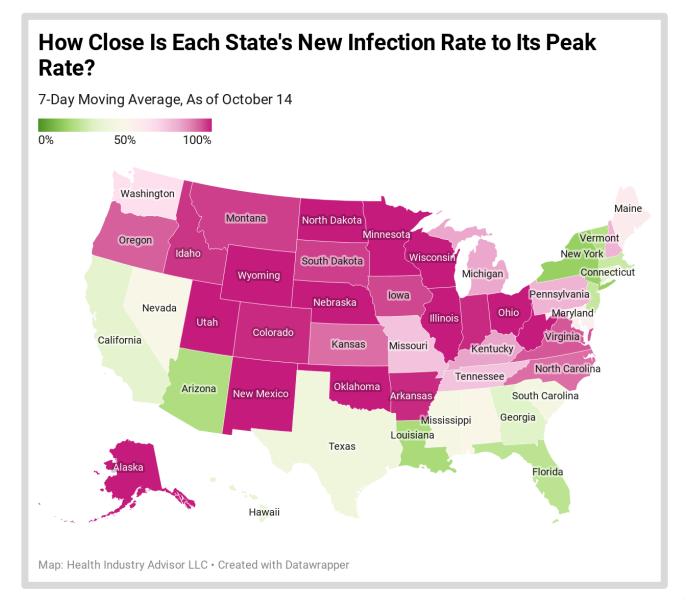
Wisconsin's current rate is near New York's peak, which occurred in early April

Other states with high rates are concentrated in the Plains, the Upper Midwest and Mountain States



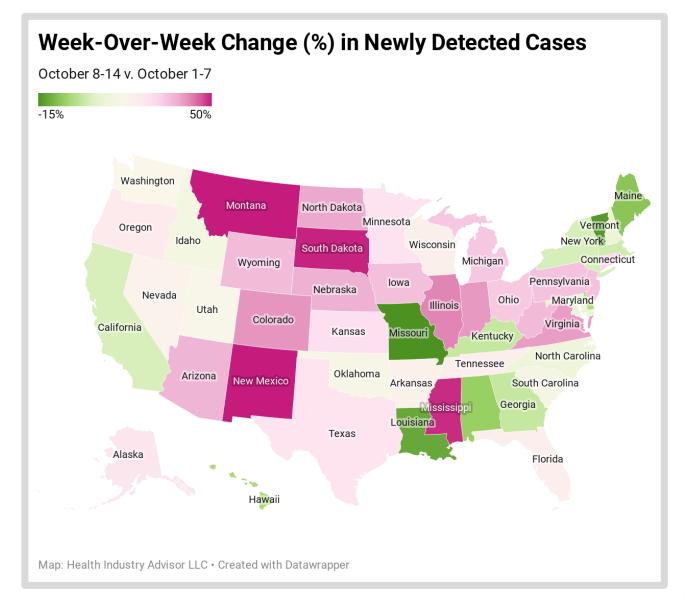


This may be the most concerning slide in today's report: many states are at or near their highest rates experienced since the pandemic began of new infections per capita



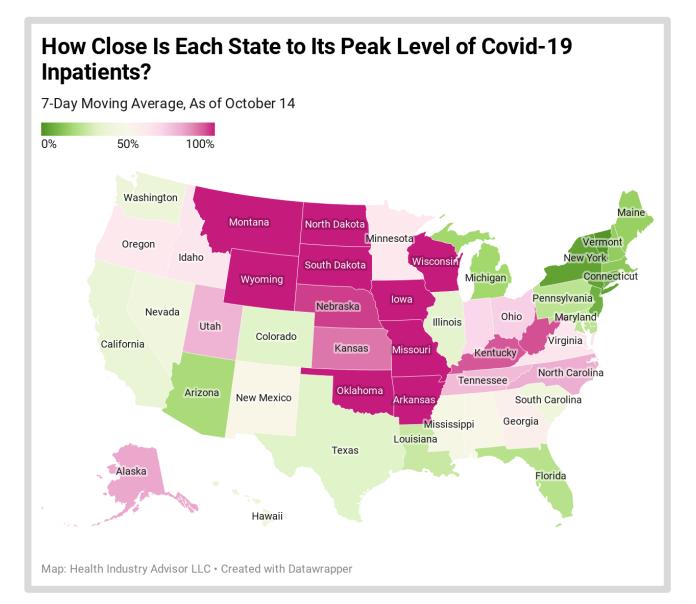


Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico and South Dakota experienced the largest increases (%) in newly-detected cases over the past week





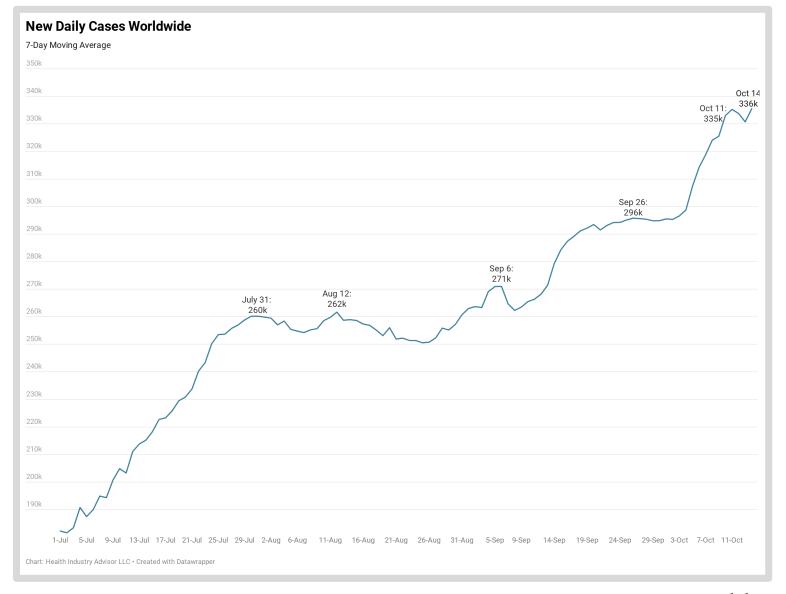
Several states across the middle of the country are at or near their highest levels of Covid-19 inpatients





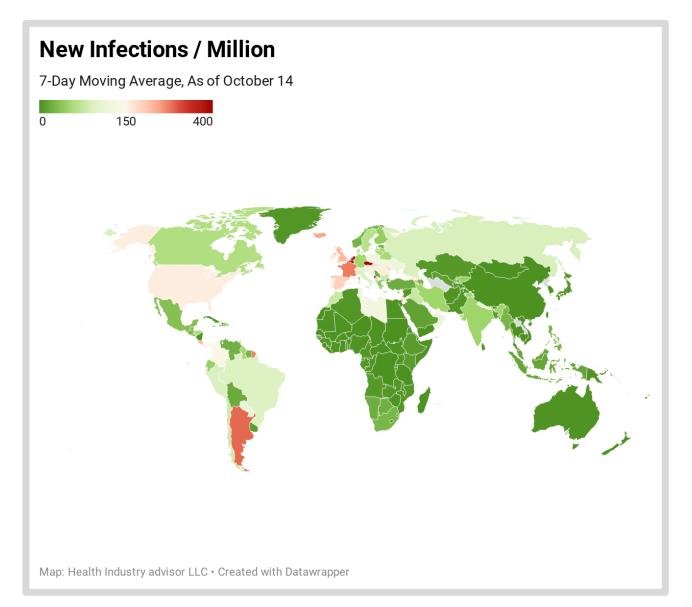
After leveling in late-August through early-September, new daily cases worldwide* have been increasing at a significant rate

New daily cases are now averaging ~336k each day





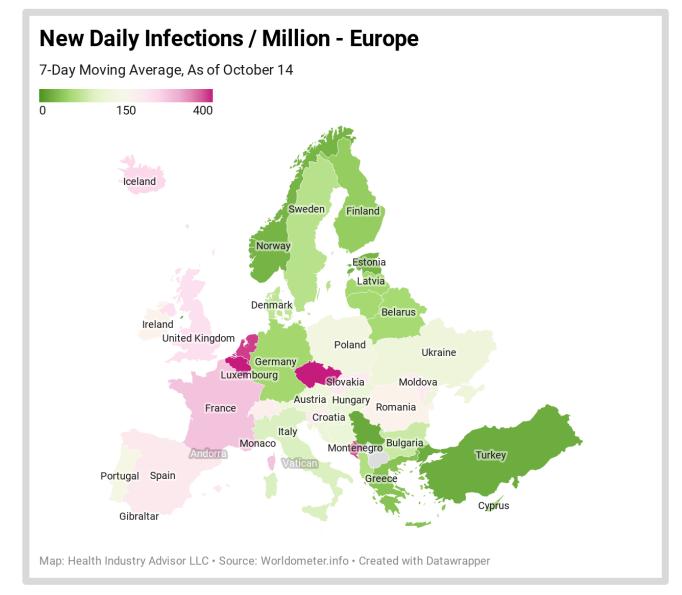
While many countries are experiencing relatively low infection rates*, Israel, Bahrain, Argentina, and many parts of Europe experienced high rates during the past week





The Czech Republic, Luxembourg, Montenegro and the Netherlands experienced the highest rates of new infections per capita during the past week

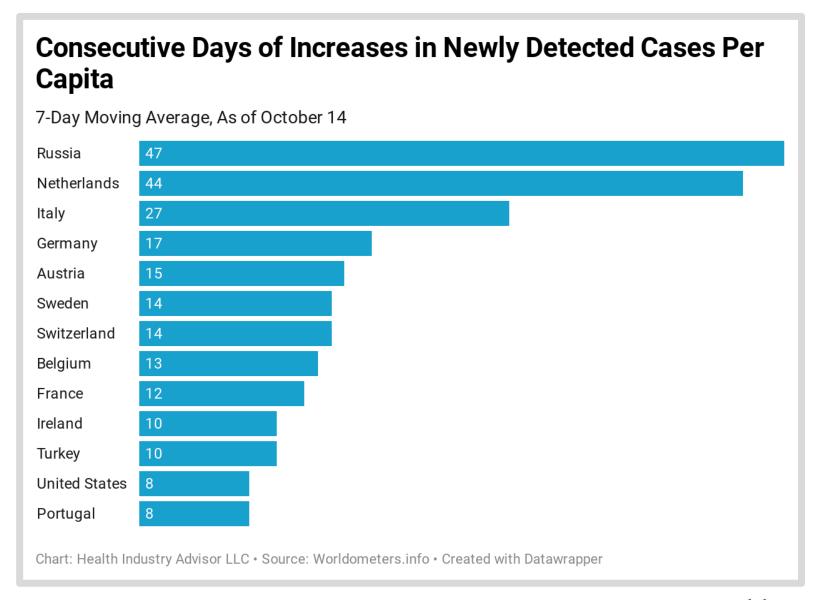
France, Iceland, Spain and the United Kingdom are of increasing concern





The Netherlands and Russia have experienced extended periods of rising infections rates per capita*, followed by Italy and Germany

This rate has risen for eight consecutive days in the United States

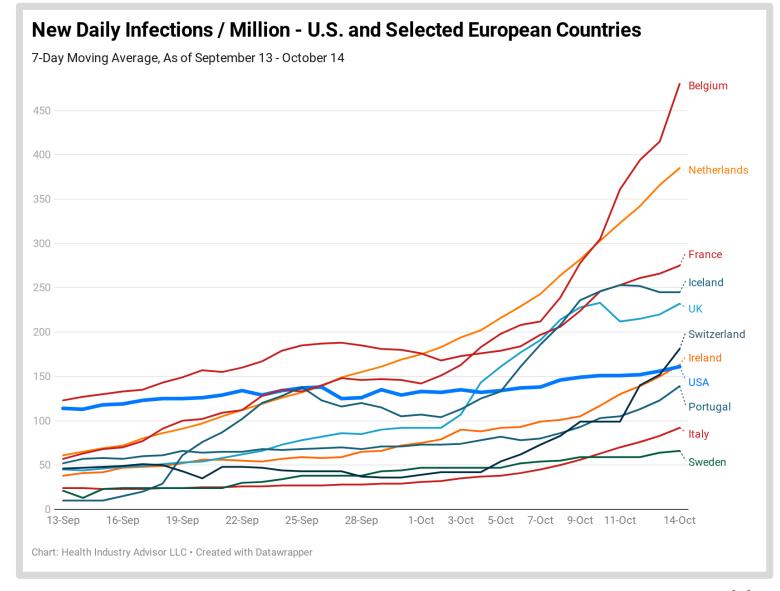




Infections have spread rapidly across Europe over the past several weeks — most notably in Belgium, France, Iceland, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

Rates in the countries are higher and increasing more sharply than in the United States

Swede, with its controversy about how it has handled the pandemic, Remains a relatively low rate





Where does the United States rank in the world?

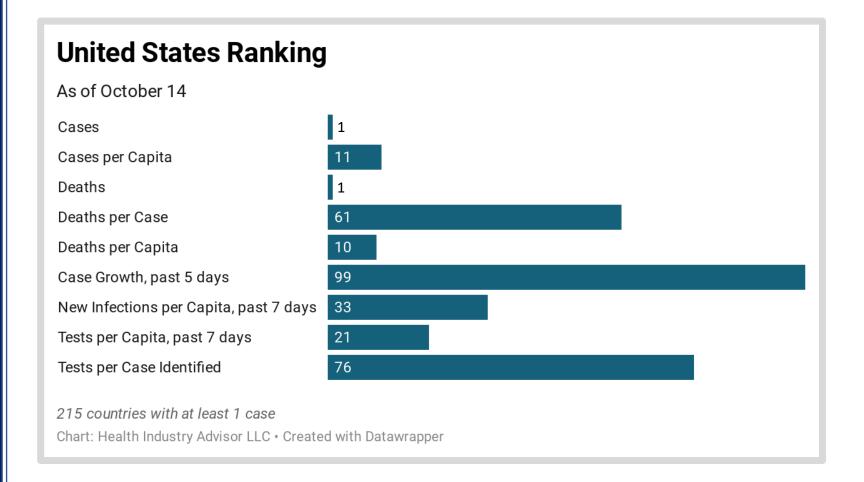
Most cases and deaths of any country

11th on cases per capita

10th on deaths per capita

33rd in new infections per capita past week

21st on tests per capita





Data Sources

The following data sources are accessed on a daily or weekly basis:

- The Atlantic's Covid Tracking Project: https://covidtracking.com
- Worldometers.info: https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/
- Centers for Disease Control, National, Regional, and State Level Outpatient Illness and Viral Surveillance https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/fluportaldashboard.html
- Centers for Disease Control, COVID-19 Laboratory-Confirmed Hospitalizations https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19 5.html
- Centers for Disease Control, COVID Data Tracker https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#mobility
- Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, COVID-19 estimate downloads http://www.healthdata.org/covid/data-downloads
- New York Times, Covid-19 data https://github.com/nytimes/covid-19-data
- COVID-19 Data Repository by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University https://github.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19
- COVID-19 Projections Using Machine Learning, https://covid19-projections.com

