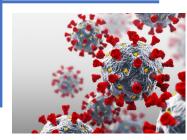


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Highlights

- The burden on US hospitals has tempered in the last month and should diminish further this month:
 - Covid-19 patient census dropped by 41,000 in four weeks (31%).
 Yesterday's census was lower than on any day since November 27;
 - The number of ICU and ventilator patients fell by about 25% in the past four weeks;
 - Four weeks ago, Arizona, California, and Nevada devoted more than 70% of inpatient beds to Covid-19 patients; As of yesterday, these states cut this to less than 60%; New York committed more than 60% of its beds to Covid-19 patients yesterday, the only state above this rate. For the US, this rate fell to 29%, from 42% four weeks ago;
 - Projected hospital admissions plummet during February in every state except Vermont, according to the ensemble forecast published yesterday by the CDC; for the US, projected admissions drop 30% this month.
- Vaccinations picked up yesterday, but the impact thus far on immunity remains low:
 - The US vaccinated 1.3 million people yesterday; to date, we have administered 32.5 million doses. Nearly 7 million Americans have received two doses:
 - With the lag between vaccination and immunity, only 3% of Americans may have gained immunity via vaccination thus far; Alaska and West Virginia are setting the pace here, with 5.6% and 5% of residents now immune via vaccination, respectively.
- Estimated immunity is rising across the US but, herd immunity is still months away:
 - For the US, estimated immunity is nearing 29%;
 - South Dakota leads the country, with estimated immunity reaching 44%; North Dakota is at 40%;

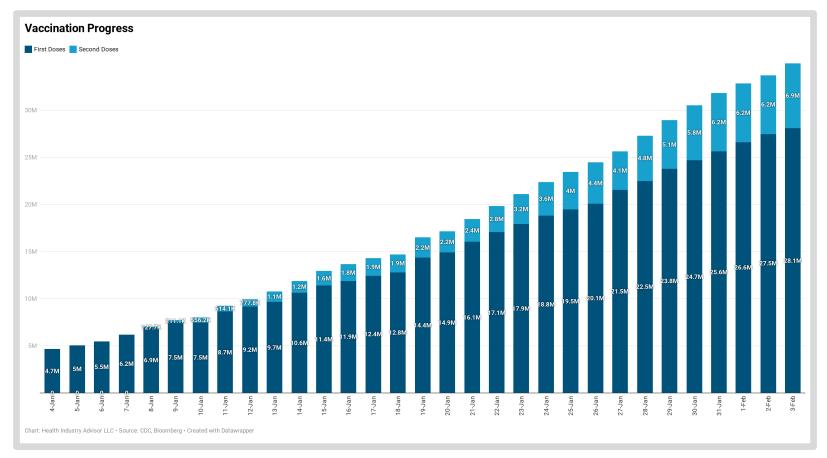
- Estimated immunity exceeds one-in-three residents in Arizona, Arkansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South, Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin;
- These estimates assume that immunity is sustainable, even as new variants emerge
- Covid-19 testing reflects the drop in new infections:
 - Test volume dropped each of the past two weeks, receding about 13% in that time;
 - The test-positive rate improved, however, dropping by more than 35% in the past three weeks;
 - Could these reflect diminishing suspicion of possible infections and fewer Covid-19 like symptoms?
- New cases continue falling in the US:
 - The 7-day new case rate has declined twenty-two straight days; yesterday's rate was lower than any day since November 12;
 - This rate has declined 44% in the past four weeks; during this time, the rate outside the US has fallen 25%;
 - Rates have declined in every state since early-January. States hardest
 hit in early-January Arizona, Arkansas, California, Oklahoma, South
 Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia have made remarkable
 progress since. South Carolina and Texas now have the highest rates in
 the country.
- Deaths with Covid-19 remain too high but, these may have begun to decline:
 - Deaths averaged 3,150 per day over the past week, down 8% weekover-week.





Vaccine Tracking

1.3 million doses were administered in the US yesterday. To date, the US has administered 32.5 million doses, with 6.9 million people having received two doses.



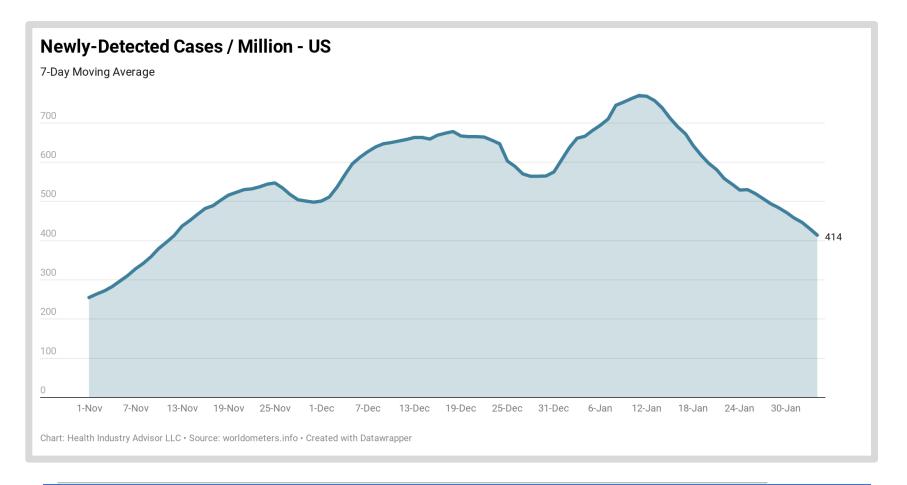
 $\textbf{Vaccine data from: } \underline{\textbf{Centers for Disease Control and Prevention}} \underline{\textbf{and }} \underline{\textbf{Bloomberg Vaccine Tracker}}$





Newly Detected Cases / Million - US

Newly detected cases (7-day average) in the US have now declined on twenty-three straight days. — dropping a remarkable 44% in that time. This rate is as low as it has been since November 12

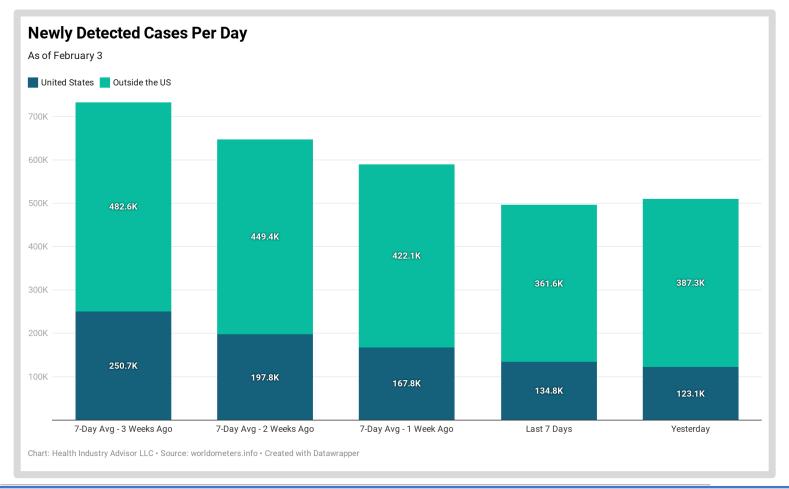






Newly Detected Cases Per Day

The US 7-day new case rate plunged by 46% over the past three weeks. Outside the US, this rate dropped 25% during this three-week period

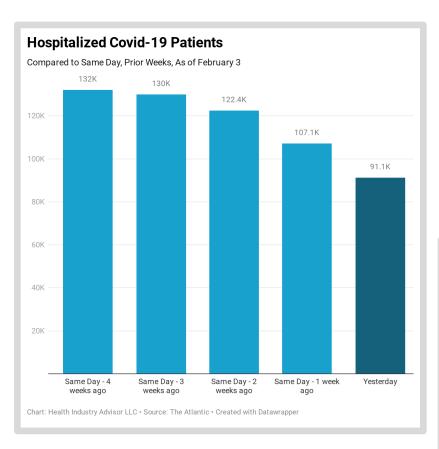


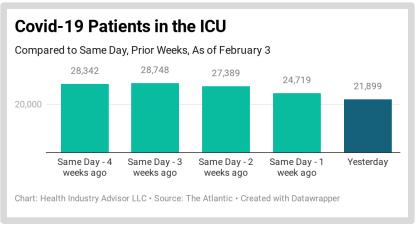


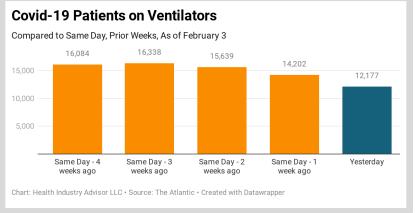


Covid-19 Hospitalizations

Covid-19 hospitalizations are plunging, with nearly 41k fewer patients yesterday than on January 6 (31%). Yesterday's Covid-19 census was lower than any day since November 27. ICU and ventilator days have dropped ~25% each in the past three weeks





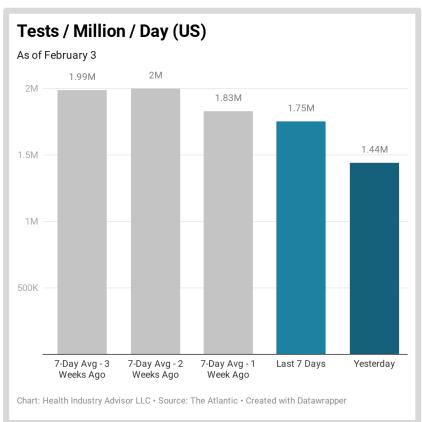


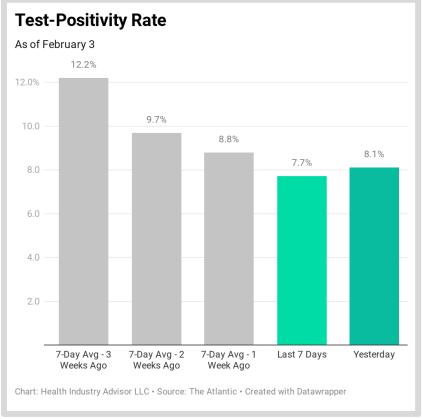




Testing (US)

Test volume for the past seven days dropped from each of the prior three weeks – are fewer people fearing a recent exposure? The test-positive rate improved over the three preceding weeks



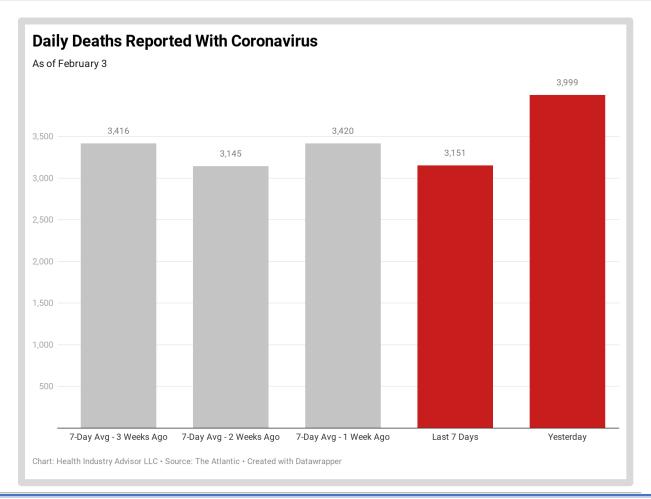






Deaths Reported With Coronavirus

The 7-day average death rate inched lower compared to one week ago







State-By-State Scorecard: Scoring Grid

Designed to reflect five critical measures of a state's current experience with Covid-19

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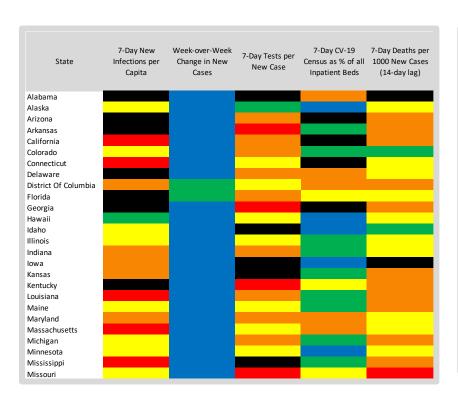
Metric		Black	Red	Orange	Yellow	Green	Blue
7-Day Average New Daily Reported Infections per Capita	Greater than	450	350	250	150	50	0
Week-over-Week Change in Newly Reported Cases	Greater than	30%	20%	10%	0%	-10%	N/A
7-Day Average Viral Tests per 7-Day Average Newly Reported Cases	Less than	5	10	25	50	75	N/A
Covid-19 Inpatient Census as % of All Inpatient Beds	Greater than	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%	0%
7-Day Deaths per 1000 New Cases (14-day lag)	Greater than	25	20	15	10	5	0

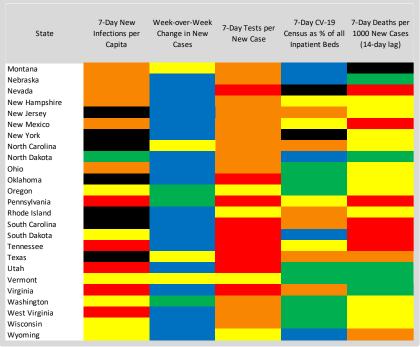




State-By-State Scorecard:

Overall, new case rates remain too high across many parts of the country; however, the week-over-week changes in new cases are encouraging. The hospital crisis may be concentrated in a handful of states



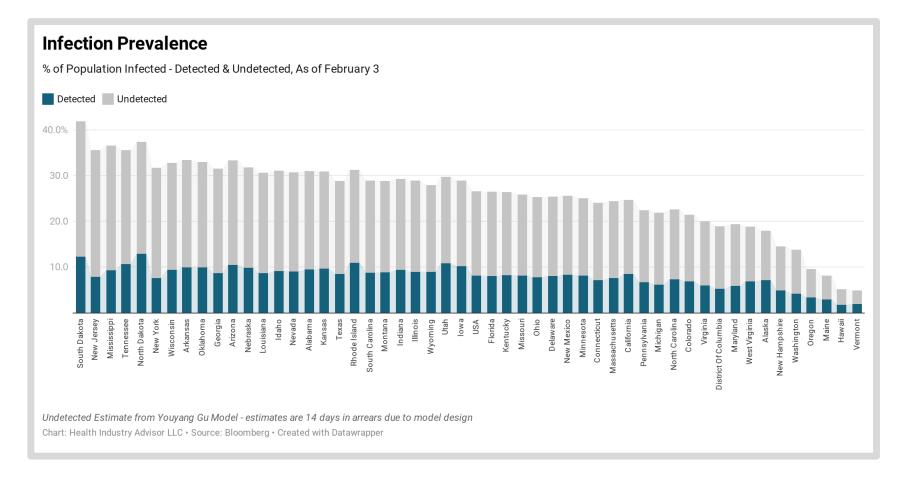






Infection Prevalence By State

South Dakota leads the country in estimated % of residents infected, at 42%; Estimated infection prevalence exceeds 30% in eighteen states

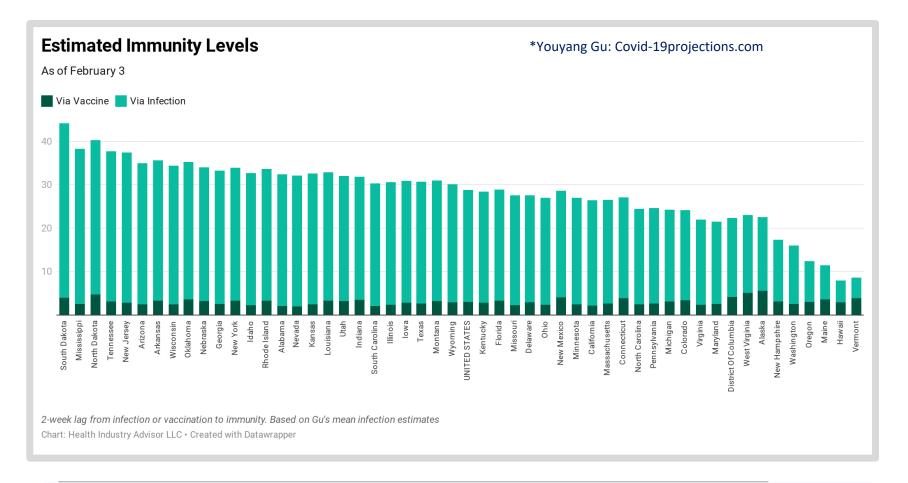






Estimated Immunity Levels By State

The US is nearing 29% immunity, mostly via infections. South Dakota residents exceed 44% immunity, with North Dakota residents at 40%. At least one-in-three residents may have immunity in twelve states





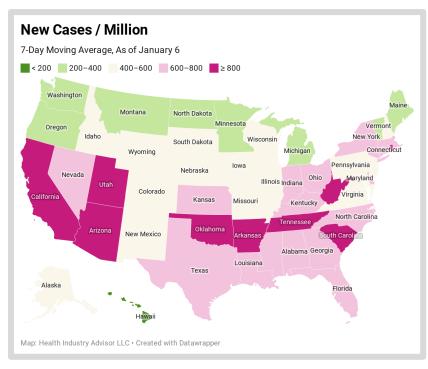


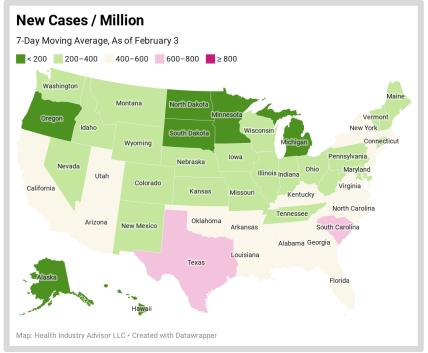
New Cases / Million

New cases rates tumbled in January across the country, particularly in states hard-hit early in January. Rates remain highest in South Carolina and Texas

January 6

February 3





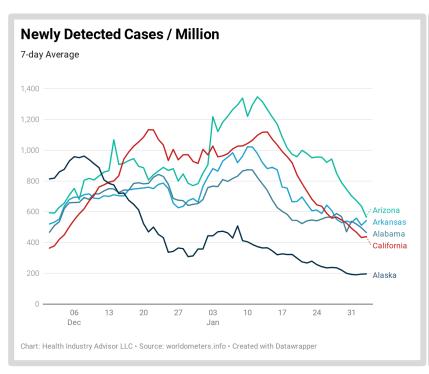


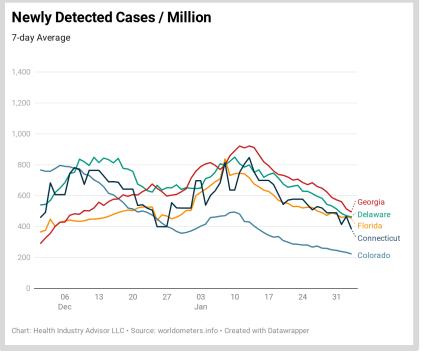


Rates dropped in nearly every state since early January

Alabama - California

Colorado – Georgia





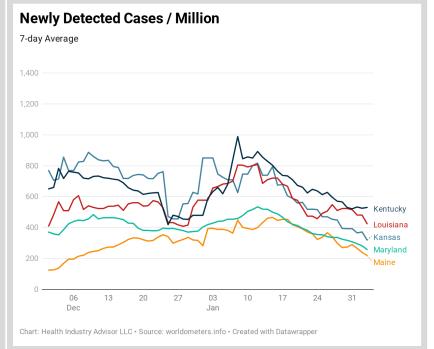




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Hawaii - Iowa

Louisiana - Maryland



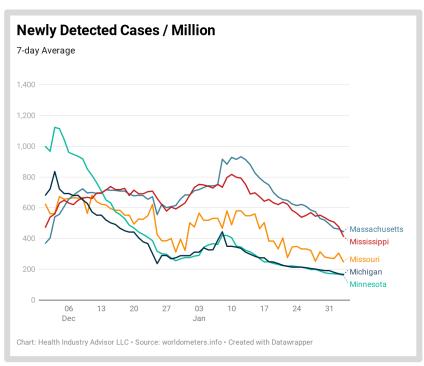


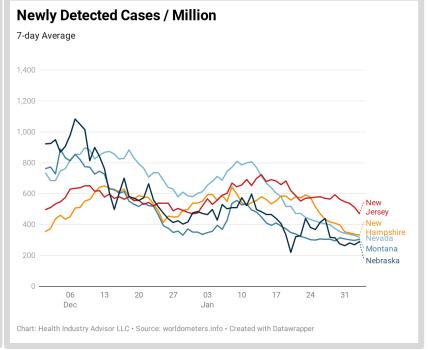


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Massachusetts - Missouri

Montana – New Jersey







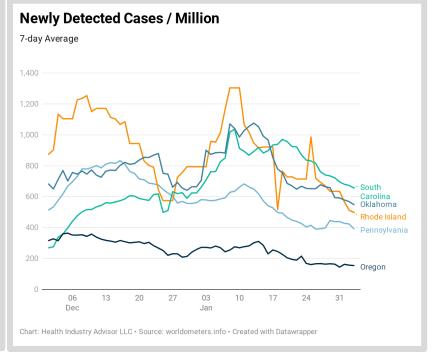


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New Mexico - Ohio

Newly Detected Cases / Million 7-day Average 1,400 1,200 1,000 800 400 1,000 New York Onlo Onlo Dec 1,000 New Mexico North Dakota Chart: Health Industry Advisor LLC • Source: worldometers.info • Created with Datawrapper

Oklahoma - South Carolina

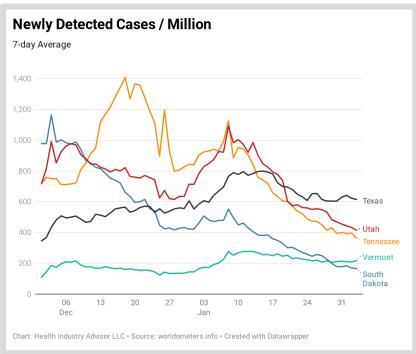




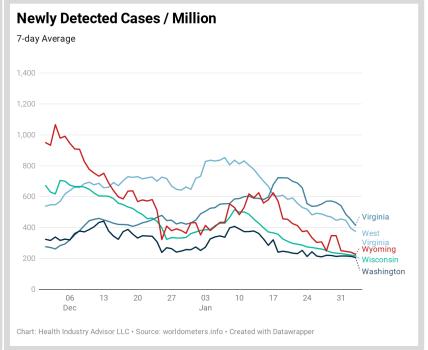


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Tennessee - Vermont



Virginia - Wyoming





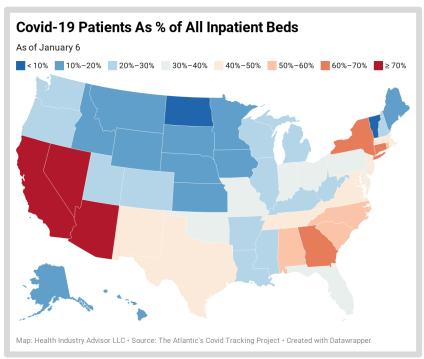
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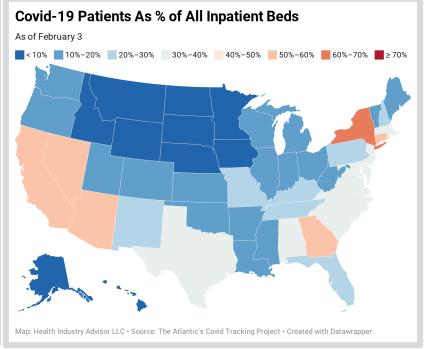
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Covid-19 hospital census plummeted in the past four weeks in all states except New York. Covid-19 patients occupied less than 30% of US beds yesterday; versus 42% four weeks ago. Current rates are still too high in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Nevada and New York

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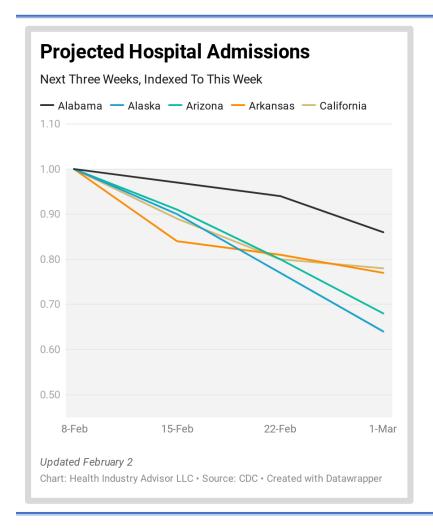


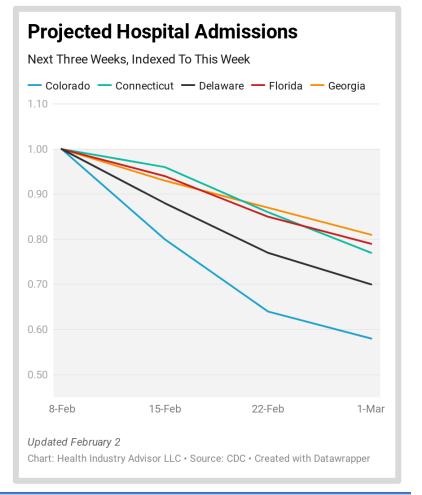






Projections of Hospital Admissions (US) – 1 of 5

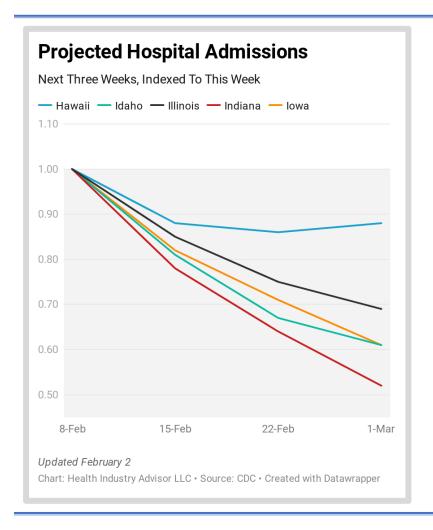


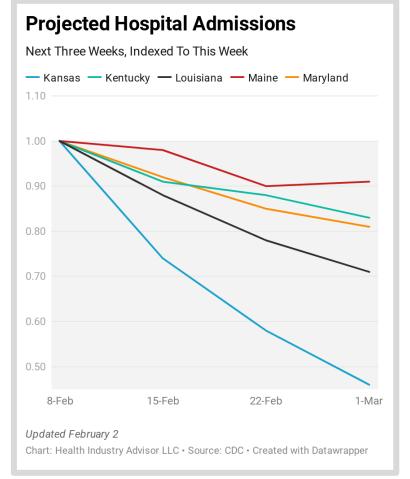






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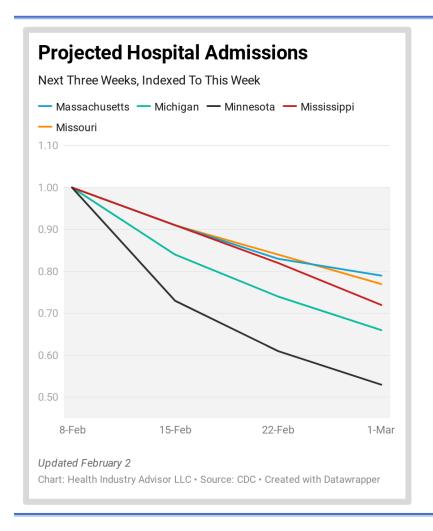


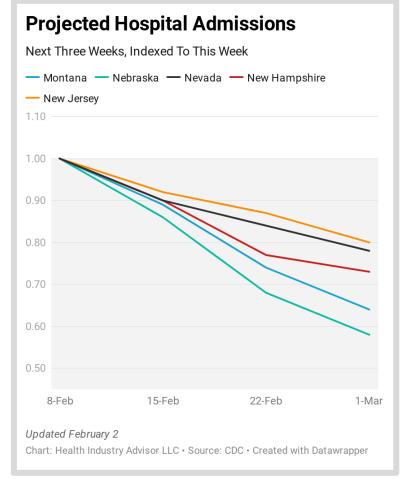






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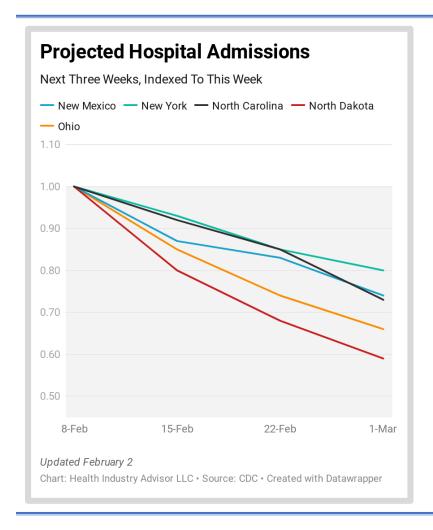


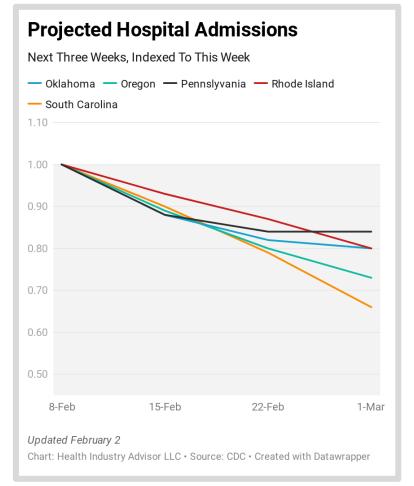






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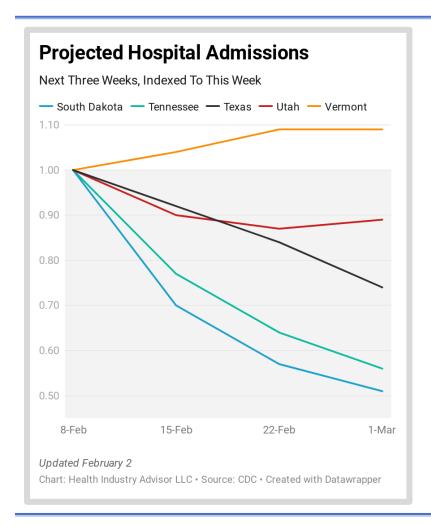


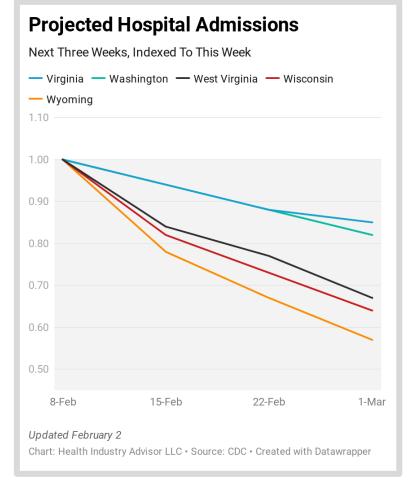




Projections of Hospital Admissions (US) – 5 of 5

Hospital admissions are projected to decline over the next few weeks across most of the country – Vermont is the lone exception









State-By-State Data Table (1 of 3)

State ▲	Infection Prevalence	Deaths per 1 Million Population	Tests per 1M Population Past 7 days	Test-Positive % (7-Day Moving Average)	New Daily Cases Per 1M Population (7-Day M.A.)	Tests / New Case	Covid-19 Census % of All Beds	Week-Over-Week Change in New Cases	7-Day Deaths /1000 New Cases , 14-Day Lag
Alabama	9.5%	1,673	987	47.1%	465	2	31%	-18%	55
Alaska	7.2%	379	10,312	1.9%	196	53	6%	-18%	12
Arizona	10.5%	1,865	5,707	9.9%	566	10	57%	-40%	19
Arkansas	10.0%	1,652	4,758	11.4%	543	9	18%	-11%	17
California	8.5%	1,075	6,561	6.1%	438	15	55%	-22%	17
Colorado	6.9%	984	5,058	4.4%	223	23	12%	-18%	9
Connecticut	7.2%	2,007	9,983	3.9%	387	26	50%	-27%	13
Delaware	8.1%	1,160	7,211	6.4%	462	16	34%	-22%	13
District Of Columbia	5.3%	1,312	9,698	2.8%	270	36	30%	-9%	17
Florida	8.1%	1,258	5,154	8.6%	455	11	29%	-9%	14
Georgia	8.7%	1,374	3,070	16.1%	495	6	52%	-25%	17
Hawaii	1.8%	292	2,594	2.6%	64	40	6%	-22%	11
Idaho	9.2%	975	951	25.7%	235	4	9%	-19%	7
Illinois	9.0%	1,690	7,045	3.5%	249	28	17%	-29%	13
Indiana	9.4%	1,499	5,645	5.3%	300	19	19%	-25%	10
lowa	10.2%	1,577	865	24.6%	291	3	9%	-14%	6:
Kansas	9.7%	1,337	1,328	23.6%	319	4	11%	-30%	16
Kentucky	8.3%	865	2,898	18.3%	530	5	22%	-11%	15





State-By-State Data Table (2 of 3)

State A	Infection Prevalence	Deaths per 1 Million Population	Tests per 1M Population Past 7 days	Test-Positive % (7-Day Moving Average)	New Daily Cases Per 1M Population (7-Day M.A.)	Tests / New Case	Covid-19 Census % of All Beds	Week-Over-Week Change in New Cases	7-Day Deaths /1000 New Case , 14-Day Lag
Louisiana	8.7%	1,937	5,577	7.6%	425	13	19%	-23%	17
Maine	3.0%	466	7,564	2.9%	219	34	15%	-36%	17
Maryland	5.9%	1,194	5,856	4.4%	258	23	38%	-23%	13
Massachusetts	7.6%	2,116	14,013	3.2%	444	32	34%	-24%	12
Michigan	6.2%	1,566	3,654	4.6%	166	22	14%	-19%	20
Minnesota	8.2%	1,117	4,695	3.5%	163	29	8%	-18%	12
Mississippi	9.3%	2,069	2,006	20.7%	415	5	16%	-27%	19
Missouri	8.2%	1,247	2,316	8.8%	249	9	21%	-23%	25
Montana	8.9%	1,219	5,422	5.6%	305	18	7%	0%	39
Nebraska	9.9%	998	5,924	4.9%	289	20	10%	-34%	9
Nevada	9.1%	1,420	3,051	10.4%	317	10	51%	-22%	21
New Hampshire	4.9%	791	5,939	5.6%	332	18	20%	-24%	13
New Jersey	7.9%	2,442	4,969	9.5%	471	11	38%	-17%	12
New Mexico	8.4%	1,592	7,171	4.4%	314	23	27%	-12%	21
New York	7.6%	2,276	10,907	4.9%	539	20	62%	-19%	13





State-By-State Data Table (3 of 3)

State-By-State Comparisons New Daily Cases Per Week-Over-Week Tests per 1M **Test-Positive %** Covid-19 7-Day Deaths Deaths per 1 Population Past 7 Infection (7-Day Moving 1M Population (7-Day Tests / New Census % of All Change in New /1000 New Cases State Prevalence Million Population Beds Cases , 14-Day Lag days Average) M.A.) Case North Dakota 3,554 Ohio 3,573 4,263 12.9% -19% Oklahoma Oregon 3.4% 3,849 -8% Pennsylvania 1,724 3,709 10.6% 0% 2,075 Rhode Island South Carolina 8.8% 1,436 10.3% -14% South Dakota 833 10.7% 2,769 -19% Tennessee 8.5% 4,223 0% Texas Utah 3,480 -24% 2.0% Vermont 3,149 13.2% Virginia 3,151 -2% Washington West Virginia -23% -16% Wisconsin 2.3% Wyoming Table: Health Industry Advisor LLC · Created with Datawrapper





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