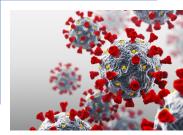


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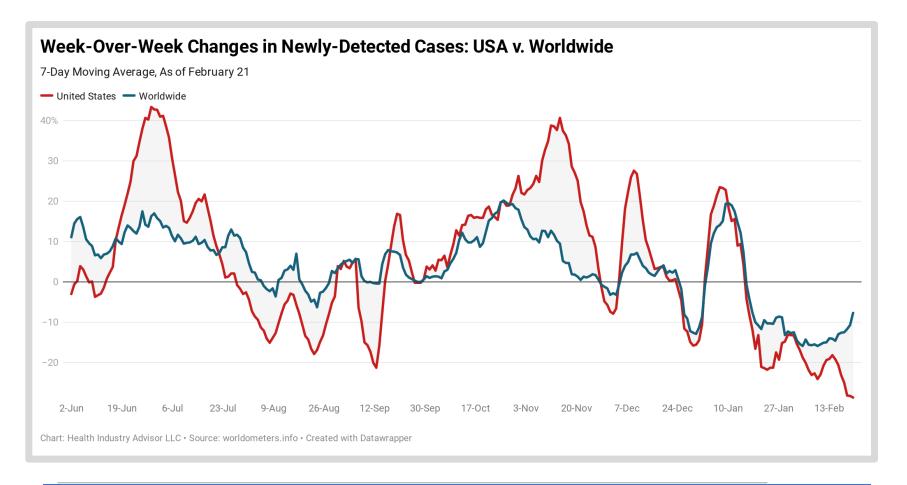
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Week-Over-Week Changes in New Cases

New cases in the US and Worldwide have declined week-over-week for more than five weeks. The rate of decline in the US remains high but, is easing worldwide.

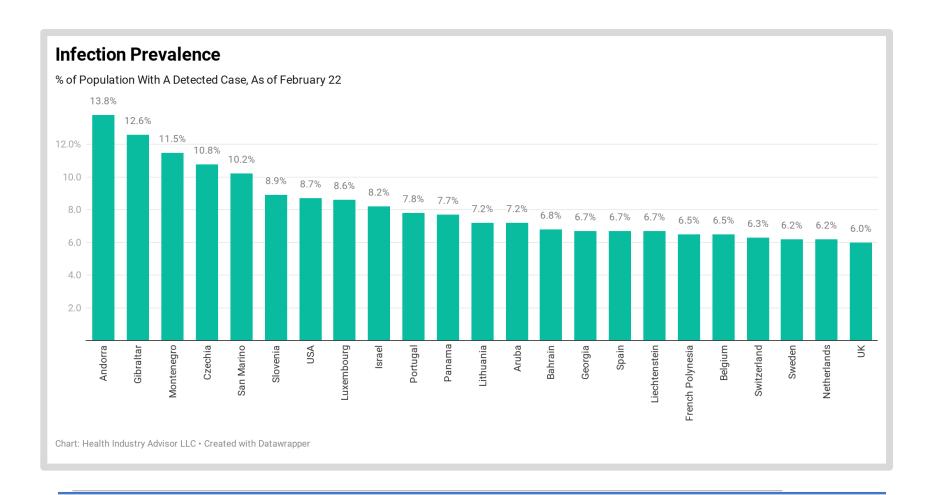






Highest Rate of Infection Prevalence Worldwide

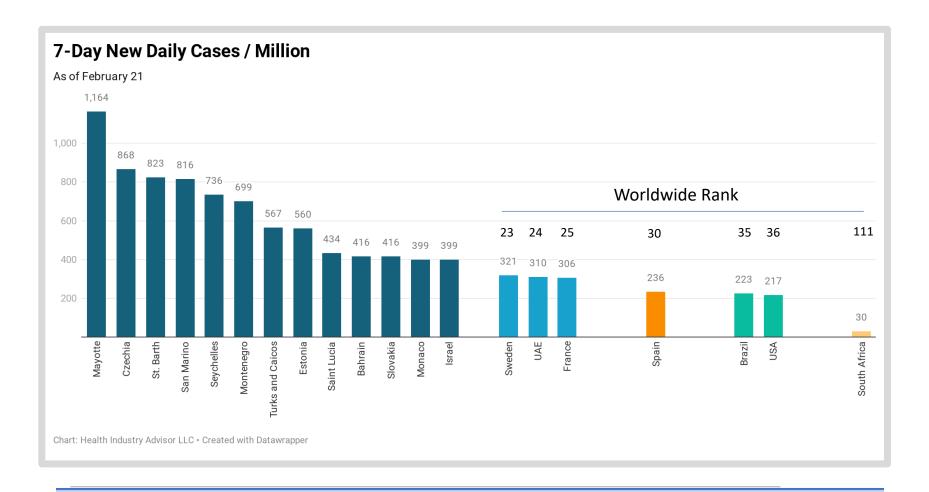
The US ranks 7^{th} worldwide in infection prevalence (% of population with a detected case)





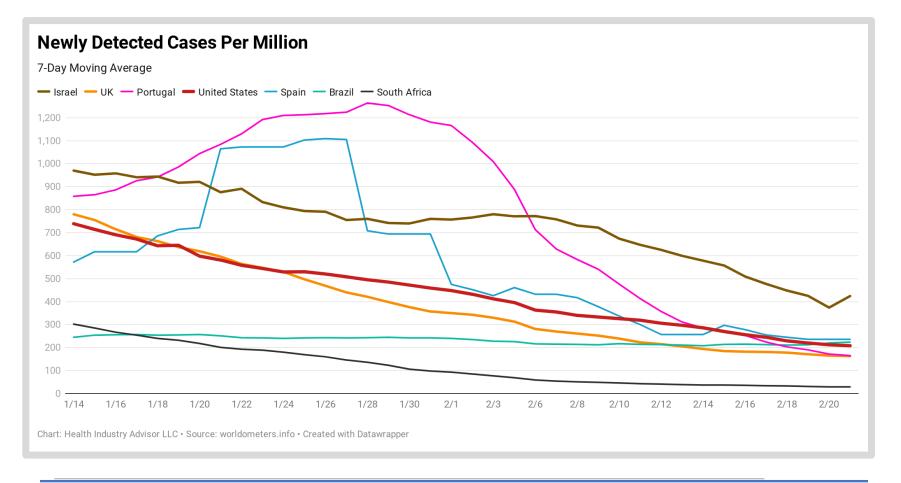
Highest Current Case Rates Worldwide

The US ranks 36th worldwide in new daily cases pe capita. Brazil and South Africa, despite new variant concerns, rank 35th and 111th, respectively.



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Newly Detected Cases / Million *Case rates defy concerns about emerging variants in the countries of origin:* Brazil, South Africa and the UK report relatively low and declining rates. Israel's rates have fallen steadily, as their standard-setting vaccination program begins paying dividends.

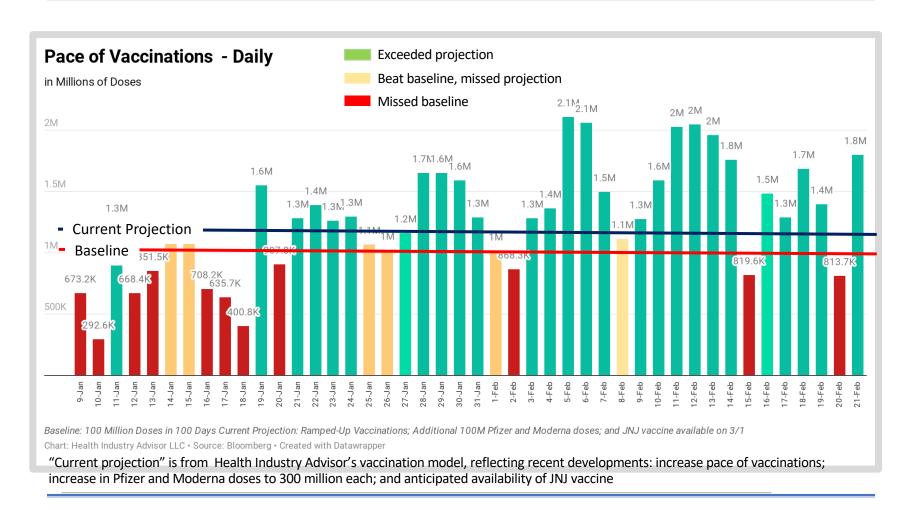




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Pace of Vaccinations

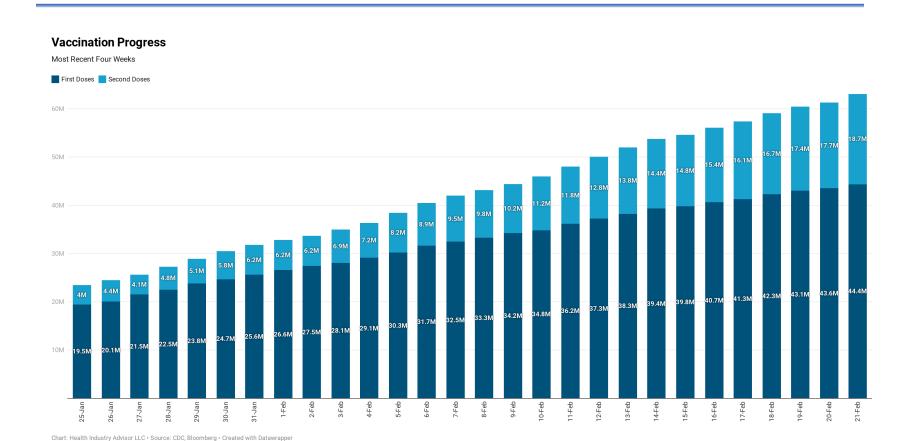
The US jabbed 1.8 million citizens yesterday and more than 1.3 million sixteen of the past nineteen days. Vaccinations surpassed our Current Projection on twenty-six of the past thirty-four days.





Vaccine Tracking

To date, the US has administered 75 million doses, with 18.7 million people jabbed twice. On average, 1.3 million shots were administered each day during the past week



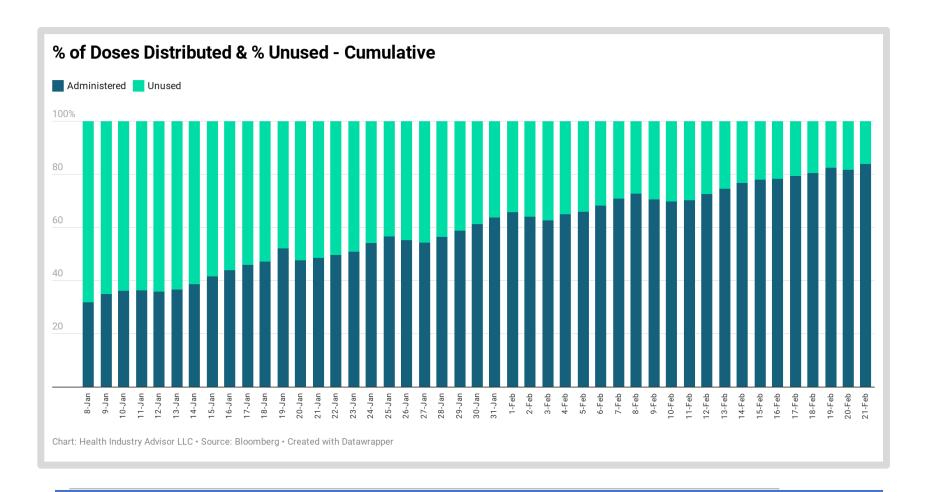
Vaccine data from: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Bloomberg Vaccine Tracker



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Vaccines Distributed v. Unused

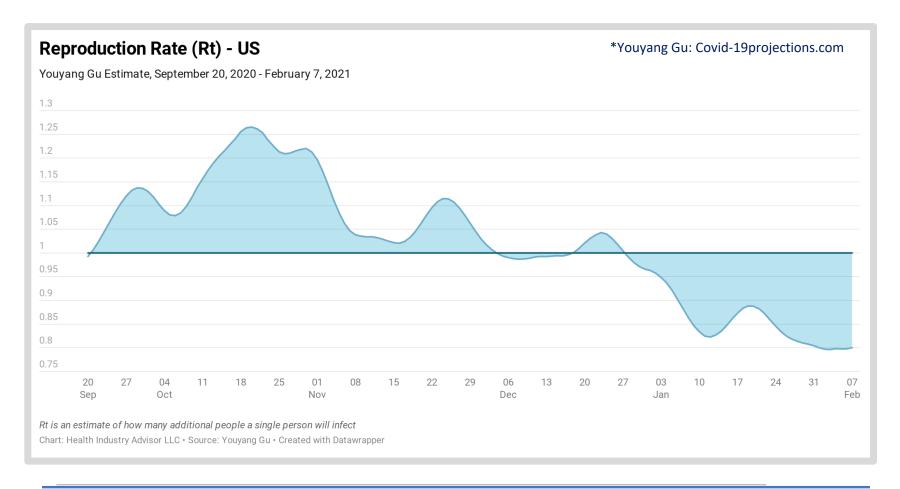
Vaccines supplies have not kept pace with vaccinations recently: The US administered more doses that were distributed to the states for six straight days.





Reproduction Rate (R_t) – Gu* Model

Gu's R_t estimate signals a prolonged slowdown in infection spread.

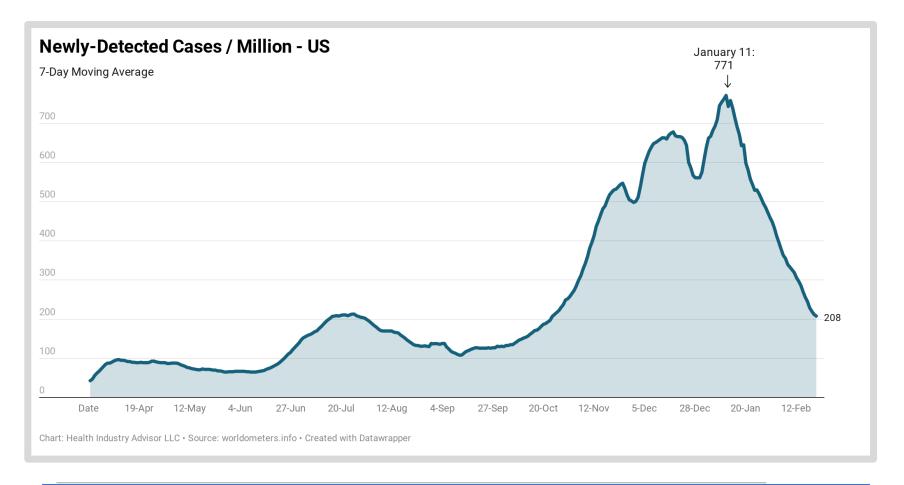






Newly Detected Cases / Million - US

Newly detected cases (7-day average) are freefalling from a January 11th peak. Cases plunged an astonishing 73% in just over six weeks. This rate has not been this ow since the third week of October.

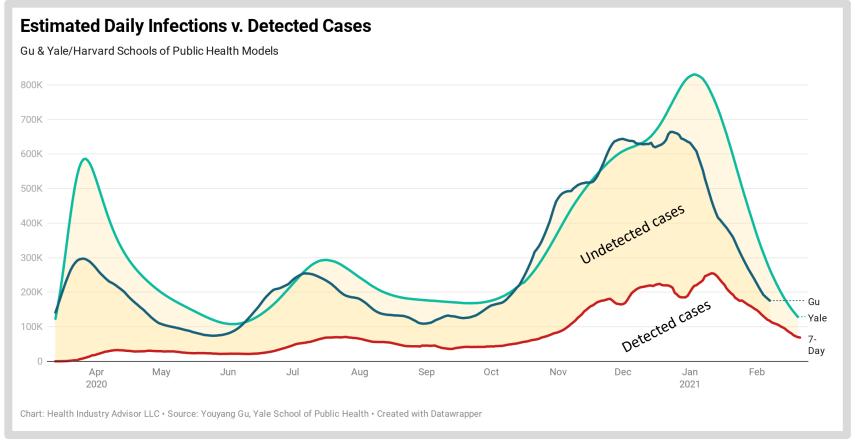




Estimated Daily Infections & New Case Rates

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Estimated new infections and reported cases are plunging in the US. The Yale/Harvard model suggests that the infections have plummeted 85% since peaking in early-January; Gu estimates a 75% decline



Two models:

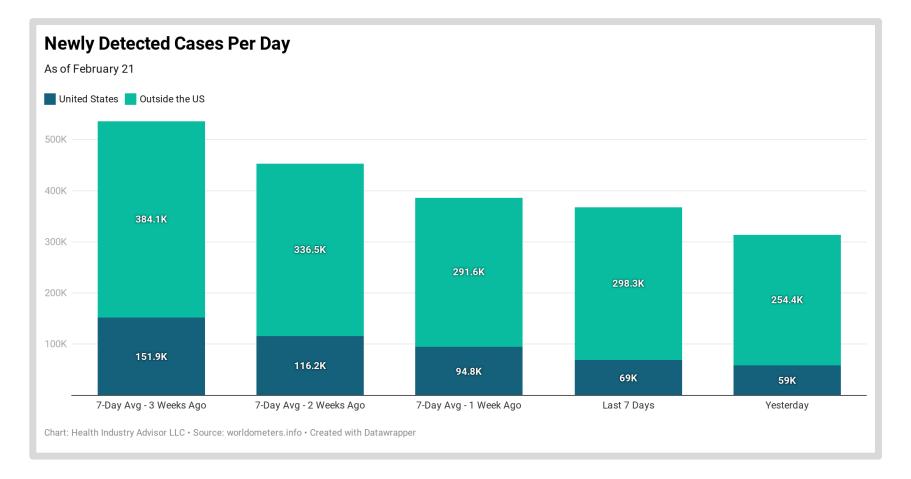
- Youyang Gu: https://covid19-projections.com, lags by two weeks
- Yale School of Public Health: https://covidestim.org





Newly Detected Cases Per Day

In the US, 7-day new case rates dropped during each of the past three weeks, plunging 55% during that time. Outside the US, rates were essentially unchanged week-over-week.

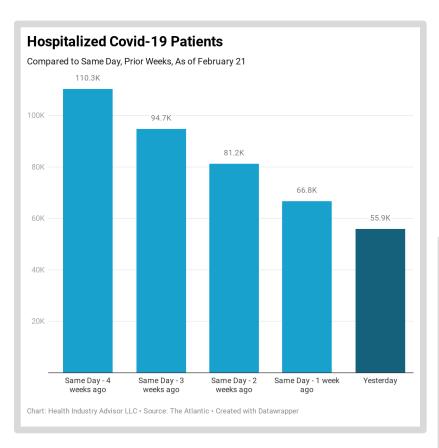


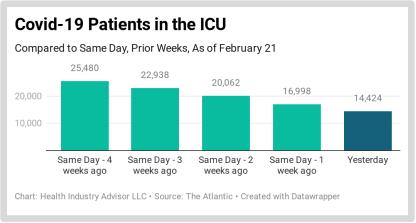


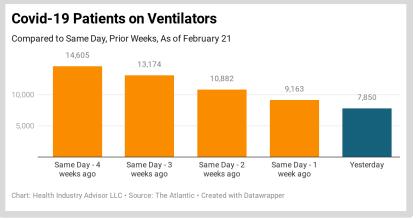


Covid-19 Hospitalizations

Covid-19 hospitalizations plunged over the past month, with 76,000 fewer patients yesterday than on January 6 (56% decline). ICU and ventilator days declined each of the past three weeks.





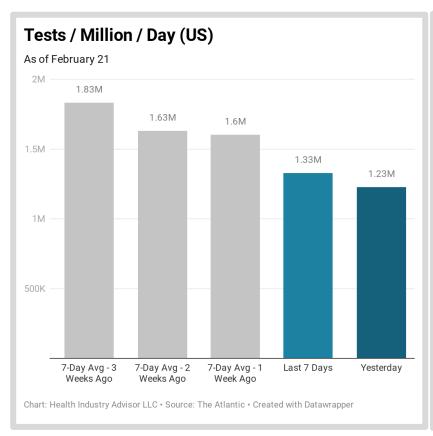


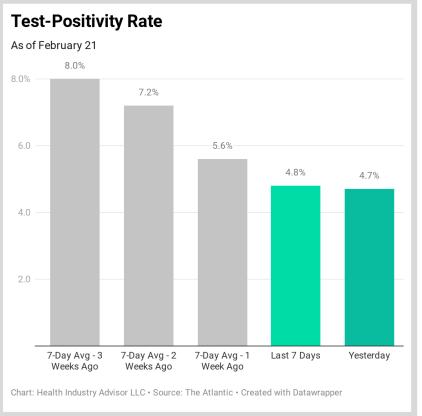


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Testing (US)

Test volume continues sliding, as fewer people seem to be concerned about recent exposure. The test-positive rate improved over the three preceding weeks, reinforcing the belief that actual infections are waning. Test-positivity is now below the WHO quideline.



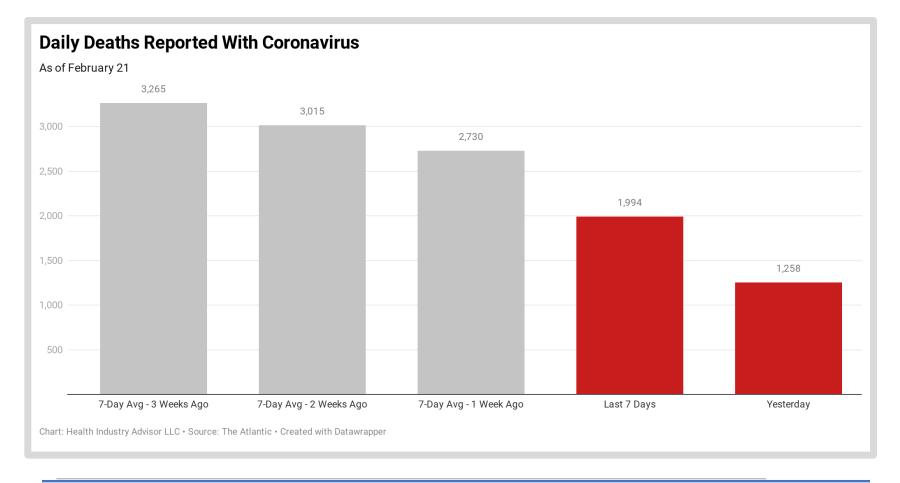






Deaths Reported With Coronavirus

The 7-day average death rate fell below 2,000 for the first time in more than two months.







Sources

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

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- Worldometers.info: https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/
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- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, COVID-19 Laboratory-Confirmed Hospitalizations https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19 5.html
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- Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, COVID-19 estimate downloads http://www.healthdata.org/covid/data-downloads
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- 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
- Covid-19 Forecast Hub, https://viz.covid19forecasthub.org
- Oliver Wyman Pandemic Navigator, <u>https://pandemicnavigator.oliverwyman.com/forecast?mode=country®ion=United%20States&panel=mortality</u>
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