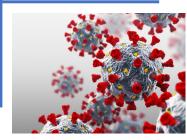


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Covid-19 "Vital Signs"

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Vaccinations Last Week

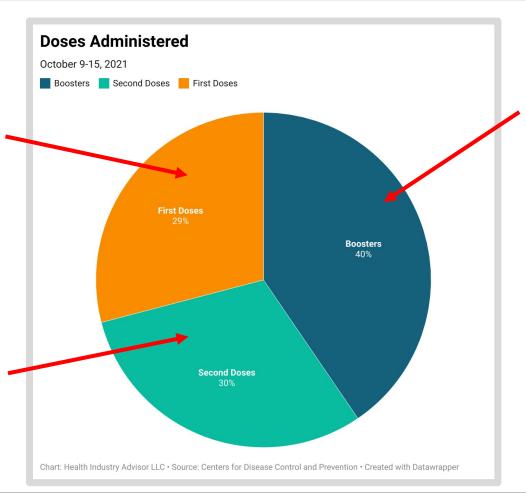
Of the 5.8 million doses administered last week, four in ten vaccines were booster shots. Three in ten were initial vaccinations.

First doses:

- 70% to 18–49-year-olds
- 21% to 65+
- 9% to 12-17-year-olds

Second doses:

- 77% to 18–49-year-olds
- 12% to 65+
- 11% to 12-17-year-olds

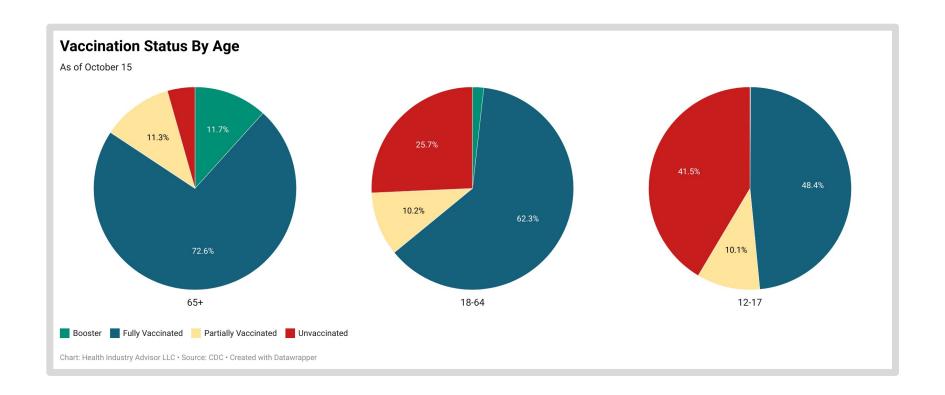


Boosters:

- 60% to seniors
- 40% to non-seniors

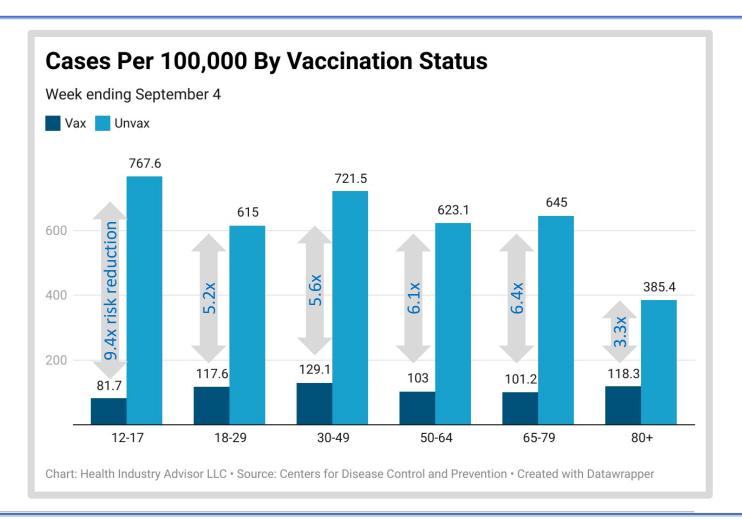
Vaccination Status By Age — United States

11.7% of seniors have received a booster shot already. This is 2.5x the number of seniors that remain unvaccinated. 41.5% of eligible teens and 25.7% of non-senior adults are unvaccinated.



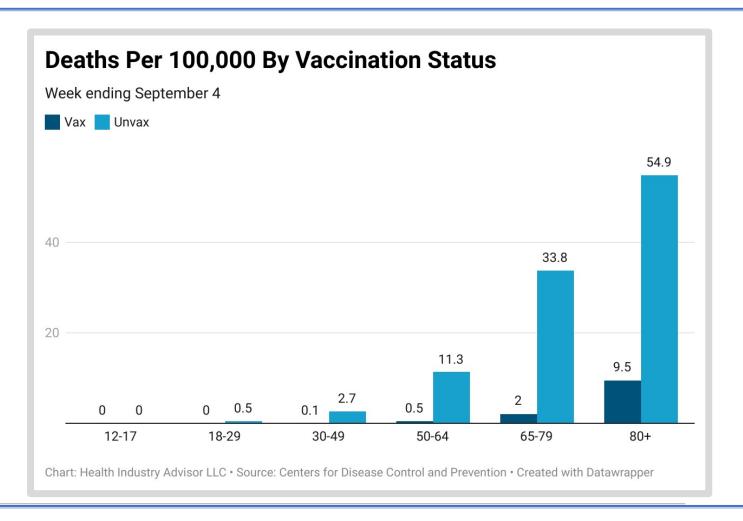
Case Rate by Age and Vaccination Status

Unvaccinated 12-to-17-year-olds posted the highest weekly new infection rate, followed by unvaccinated 30-to-49-year-olds. Surprisingly, unvaccinated person 80 years and older had fewer new infections per capita than any other age group.



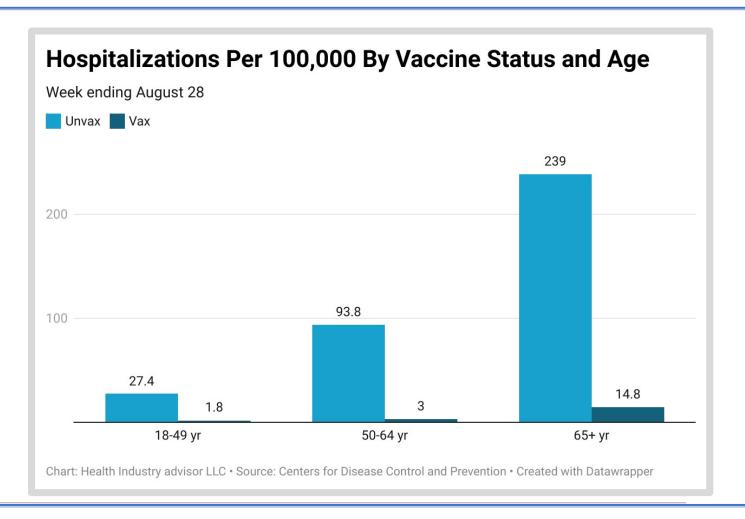
Deaths by Age and Vaccination Status

Deaths were rare among 12-to-29-year-olds, regardless of vaccination status, and among vaccinated 30-64-year-olds.



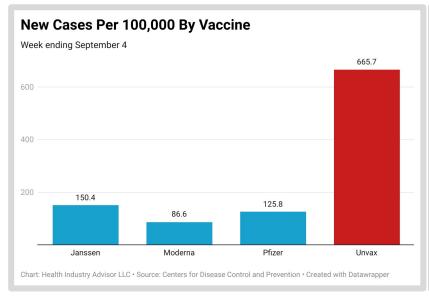
Hospitalizations by Age and Vaccination Status

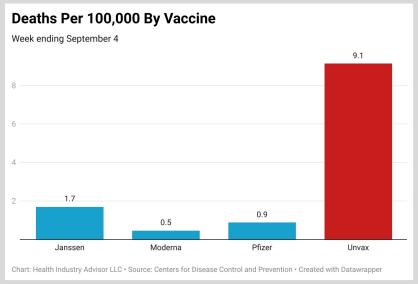
Vaccines are keeping people out of the hospital. Unvaccinated 18-to-49-year-olds face twice the risk of hospitalization than vaccinated seniors.



New Case and Death Rates By Vaccine

All three vaccines in use in the United Sates are effective in lowering the risk of infection and death. Moderna is proving most effective; JNJ (Jannsen) single dose slightly less effective.

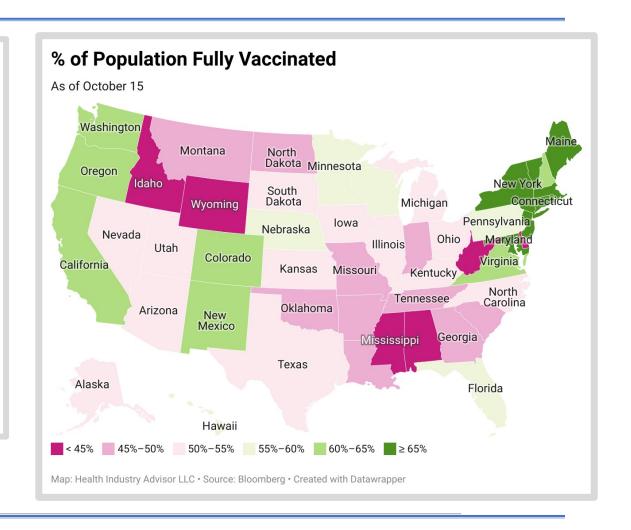




Vaccine Tracking - % of Population Vaccinated

The United States still has a long way to go in getting enough people vaccinated against Covid-19.

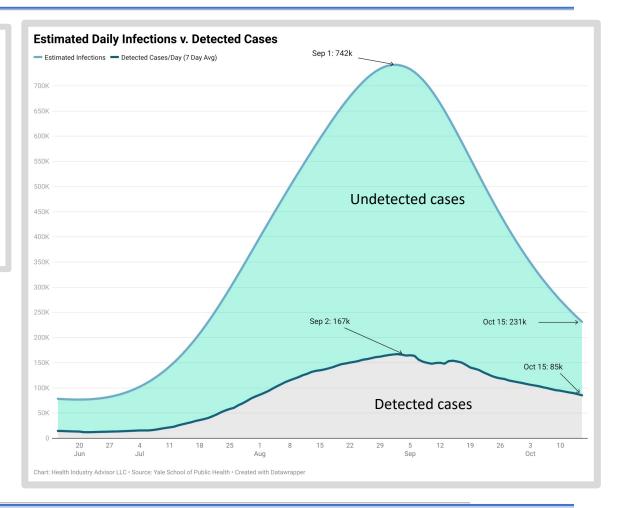
- Alabama, Delaware, Idaho
 Mississippi, West Virginia, and
 Wyoming trail the rest of the
 country in vaccination rates.
- Other states that have vaccinated fewer than half of their citizens: Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Tennessee.
- Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont have done the best job of vaccinating citizens.
- Other states that have vaccinated at least 60% of their citizens: California, Colorado, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Virginia, and Washington.



Estimated Daily Infections & New Case Rates

Estimated infections are falling even faster than detected cases.

- Estimated new daily cases peaked on September 1
- Since then, these infections plunged 68%
- Infections are lower than they have been in more than twelve weeks.
- Reported cases have dropped in half in the past month-and-a-half
- These cases are now at an elevenweek low.



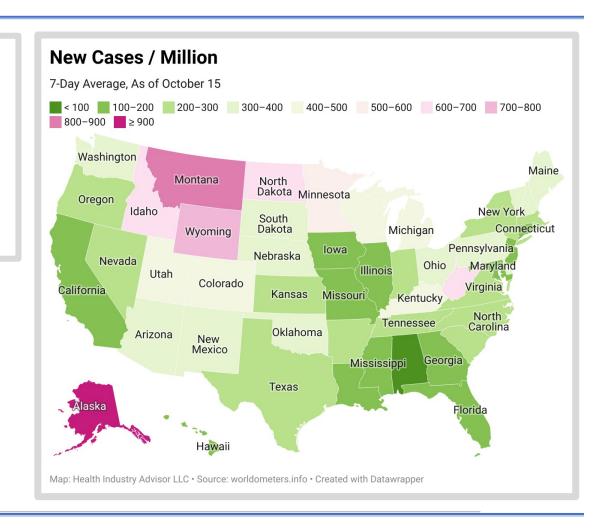




New Daily Cases Per Capita By State

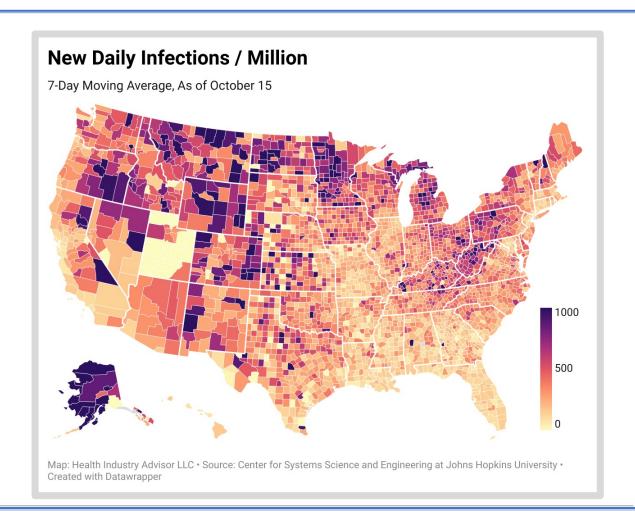
Pockets of high case rates are found across the country.

- Alaska, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, West Virginia, and Wyoming posted the highest rates of new cases per capita, as of Friday
- Alabama, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, and New Jersey have the lowest rates in the country.



New Daily Cases Per Capita By Municipality

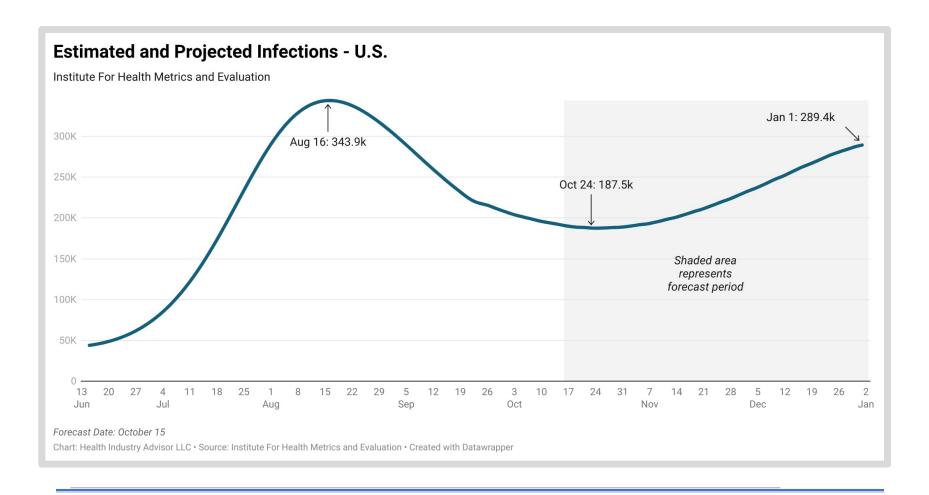
Pockets of high case rates are found in municipalities in Alaska, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Wyoming.





Estimated Infections- IHME Projections

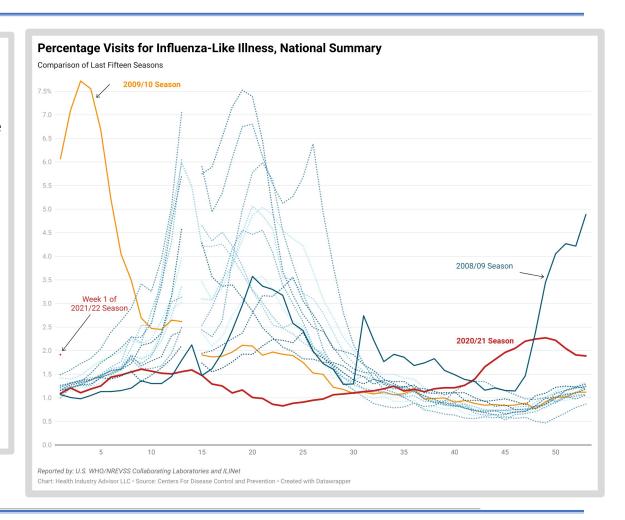
IHME's latest model (published October 15) anticipates that infections will increase starting next week through the end of the year. These are not expected to reach the peak set in mid-August.



Comparison of Flu Seasons

After a concerning run-up in flu cases last month, these visits have slowed in recent weeks. However, they remain higher than experienced last winter.

- Last Winter, we enjoyed the mildest flu experience in at least fifteen years
- However, as the 2021/22 season, begins we need to be vigilant of the possibility of a severe season this Winter:
 - We are seeing more visits than during the peak of the season last Winter
 - Only the 2008/09 season ended in worse shape than we are in now. The subsequent 2009/2010 season was among the worst we have experienced in fifteen years
 - This 2009/10 season also reached peak earlier than in any other season

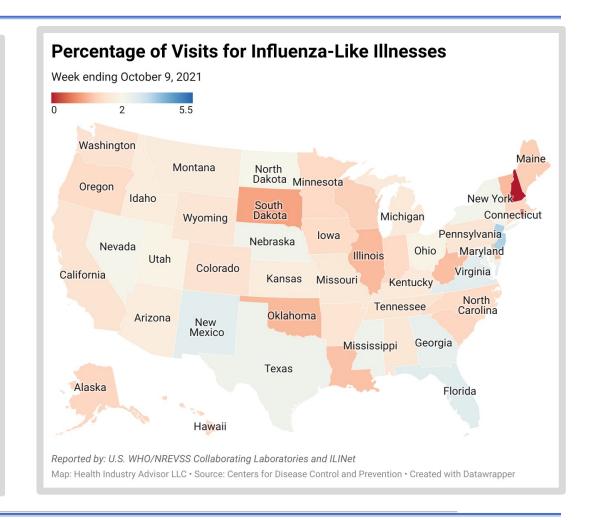


Flu Situation By State

Sixteen states are seeing more than twice as many flu visits as this time one year ago. Rates in four states exceed last year's peak visits.

As of the week ending October 9:

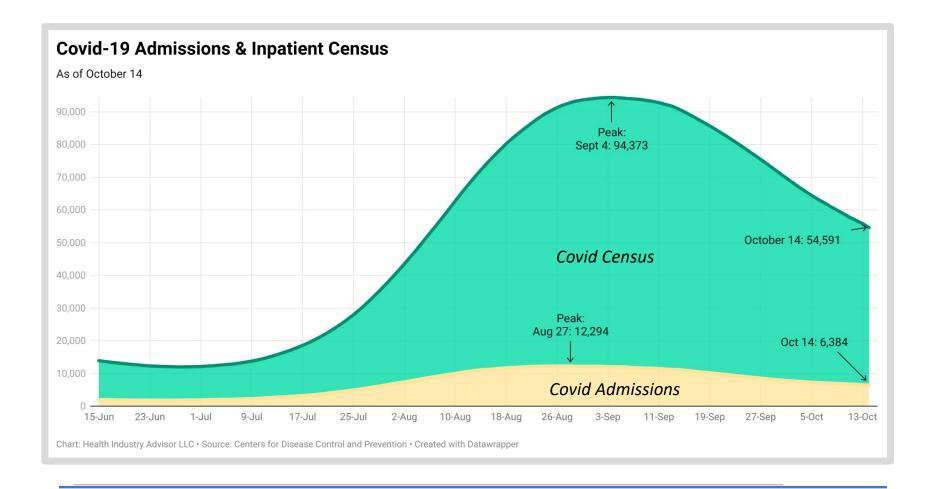
- The 2021/22 flu season has just started
- However, twenty states are experiencing higher flu visit rates than at any time during the 2020/21 season:
 - Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Maine, Maryland,
 Massachusetts, Michigan,
 Minnesota, Missouri, Montana,
 Nebraska, New Jersey. New
 Mexico, new York, Ohio, South
 Dakota, Utah, Virginia,
 Washington, and Wisconsin
- Rates in twelve states are at least double what they were one year ago:
 - Delaware, Maryland,
 Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada,
 New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Virginia,
 Washington, and Wyoming.





Inpatient Covid Admissions and Census

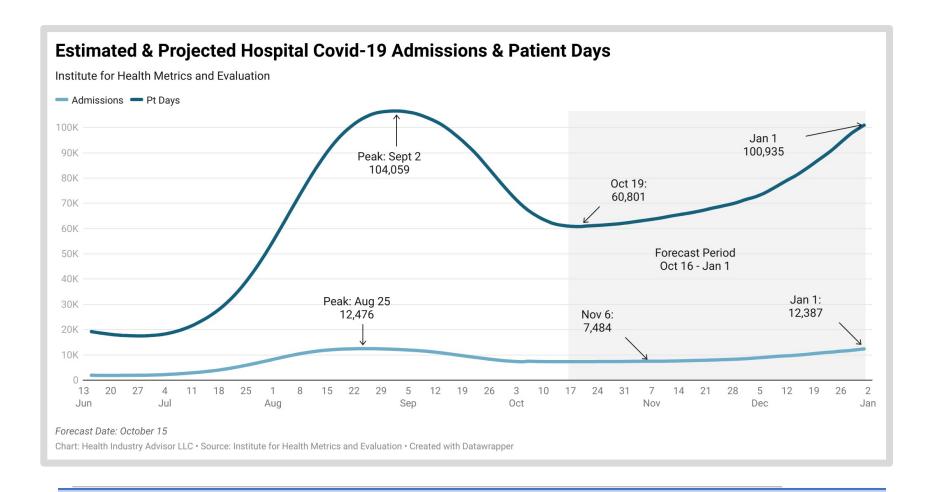
Inpatient census and admissions are declining for the United States in total. Admissions have dropped 48% since late August. Census has declined 42% since early September.





Covid-19 Inpatient Admissions & Census – IHME

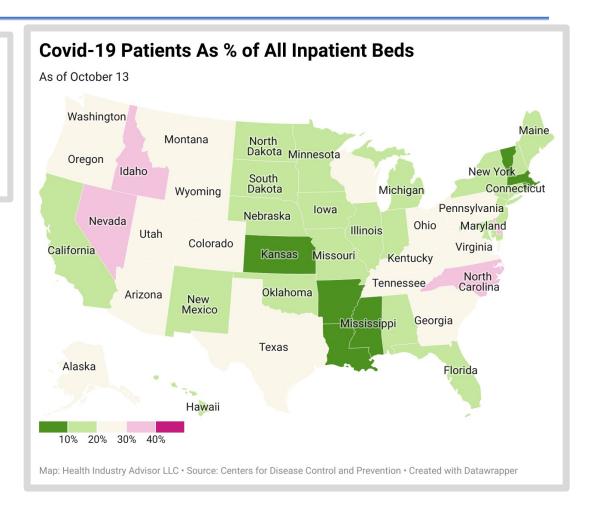
IHME suggests that Covid hospital admissions will rise again, starting in about three weeks. Covid inpatient census could increase staring later this week. Both measures ae projected to near their late summer peaks by the end of the year.



Covid Hospital Occupancy By State

Covid inpatient census is falling but, remains too high in several states.

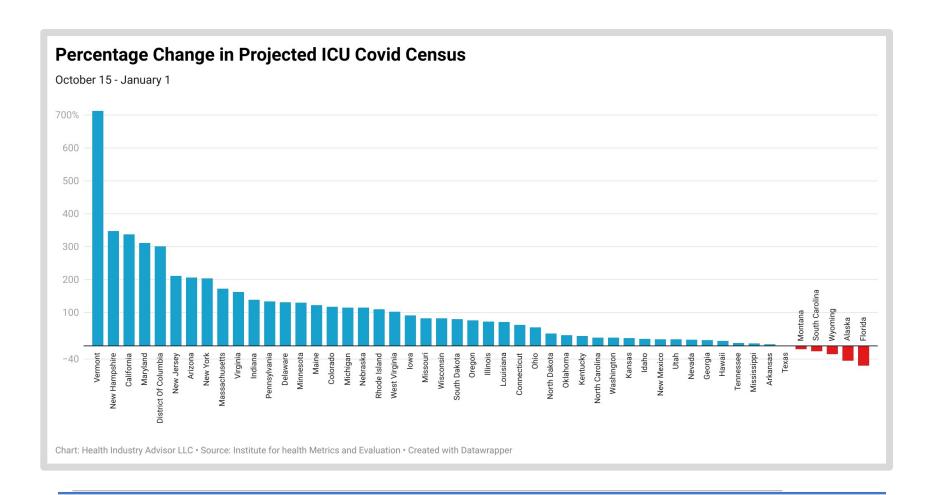
- Covid patients account for one-third of available beds in Idaho, Nevada, and North Carolina
- In Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Rhode Island, and Vermont, Covid patients occupy fewer than 10% of available beds





Projected Change ICU Covid Occupancy By Year-End

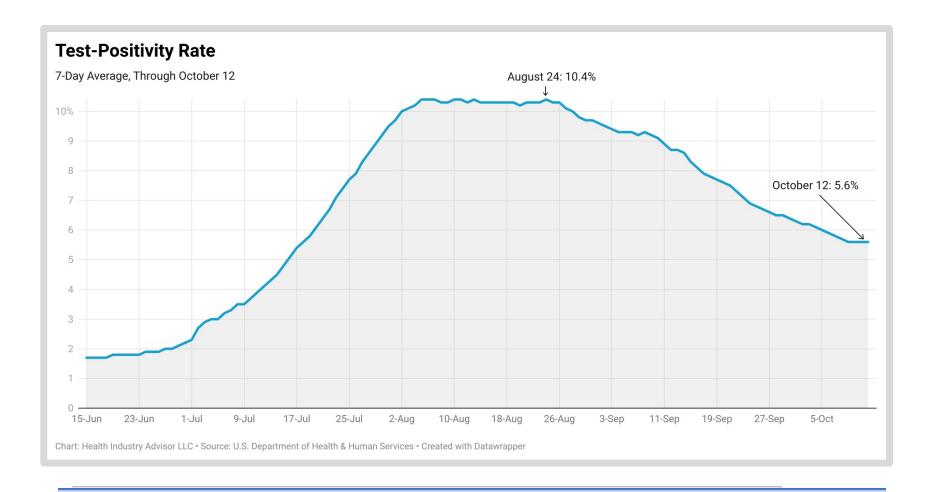
Covid ICU census is projected to increase in most states between now and year-end. Vermont may experience the steepest increase, followed by New Hampshire, California, and Maryland.





Test-Positive Rate

The test-positive rate continues to drop. This rate is now as low as it has been since mid-July.

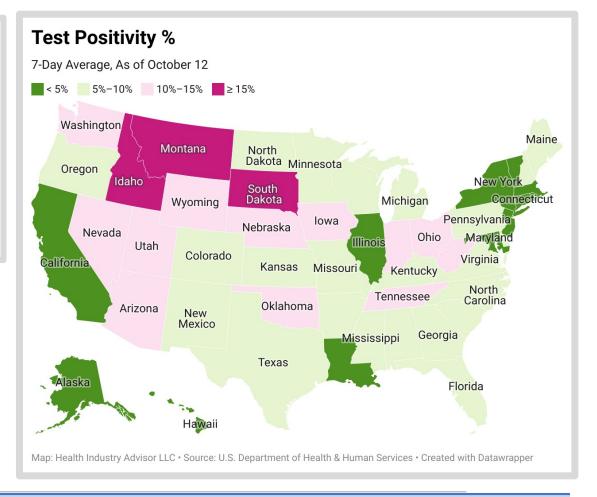




7-Day Average Test-Positivity %

Test-positivity rates are improving but, still higher than recommended by public health officials.

- Several states continue to post high test-positive rates (>15%):
 - Idaho, Montana, and South Dakota
- Several states report rates that beat recommended targets (<5%):
 - Alaska, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

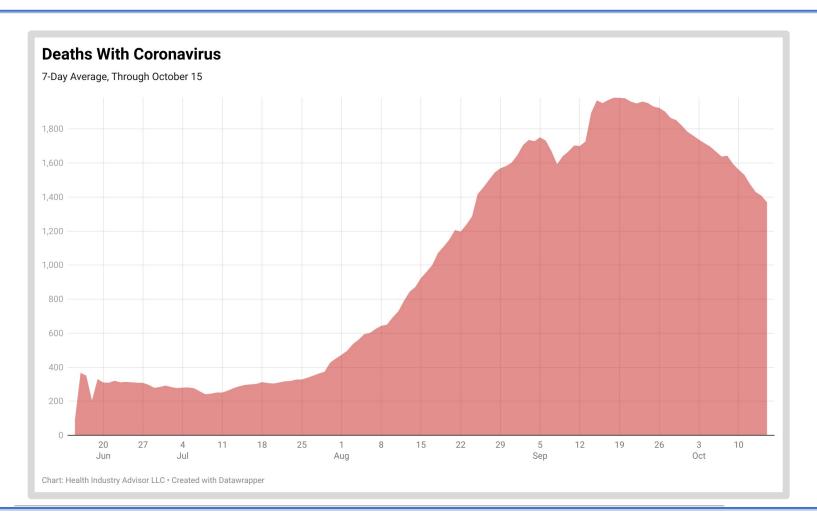






Deaths with Covid-19

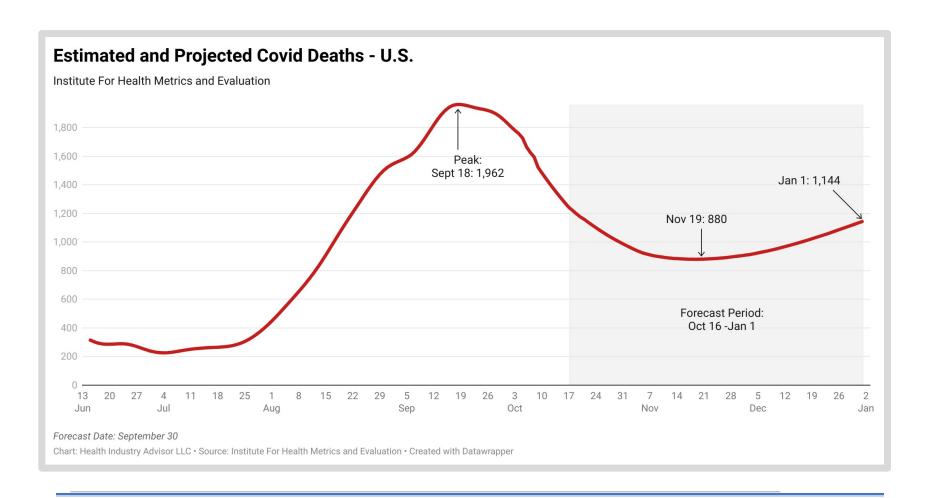
Deaths with Covid-19 reached a nearly eight-week low.





Deaths With Covid-19: IHME Projection

IHME's model suggests that we have seen the peak of daily deaths from the Delta variant. Deaths are expected to drop until Thanksgiving, before rising again through the end of the year.





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