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KEY TAKEAWAYS

EU-UK relations are under acute strain over vaccine export controls and new post-Brexit EU legal action.

The head of US Indo-Pacific Command warned of China's rising military reach, likelihood of Taiwan invasion.

The Tokyo Olympics closes doors to foreign visitors due to the pandemic.

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

The US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) will hold a virtual hearing today about ways in which American companies facilitate the persecution of Uyghurs and other Turkic Muslims in China through forced labor and other practices.

US companies with supply chains in China will be put on notice by Sen. Rubio (R-FL) at the hearing and expert speakers will provide policy recommendations to the US government.



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Global

Confirmed coronavirus cases globally surpassed 117.5 million, with deaths at 2.6 million.

- A highly infectious variant of COVID-19 that has spread around the world since it was first discovered in Britain has a significantly **higher death rate**, from 30 to 100 percent, British researchers find.
- The **Tokyo Olympics** decided to close the games to foreign visitors due to the pandemic.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

Russia's Sputnik V vaccine may soon be produced in Italy, in a deal that may be a potential major step in Moscow's efforts to expand its vaccine reach in the West.

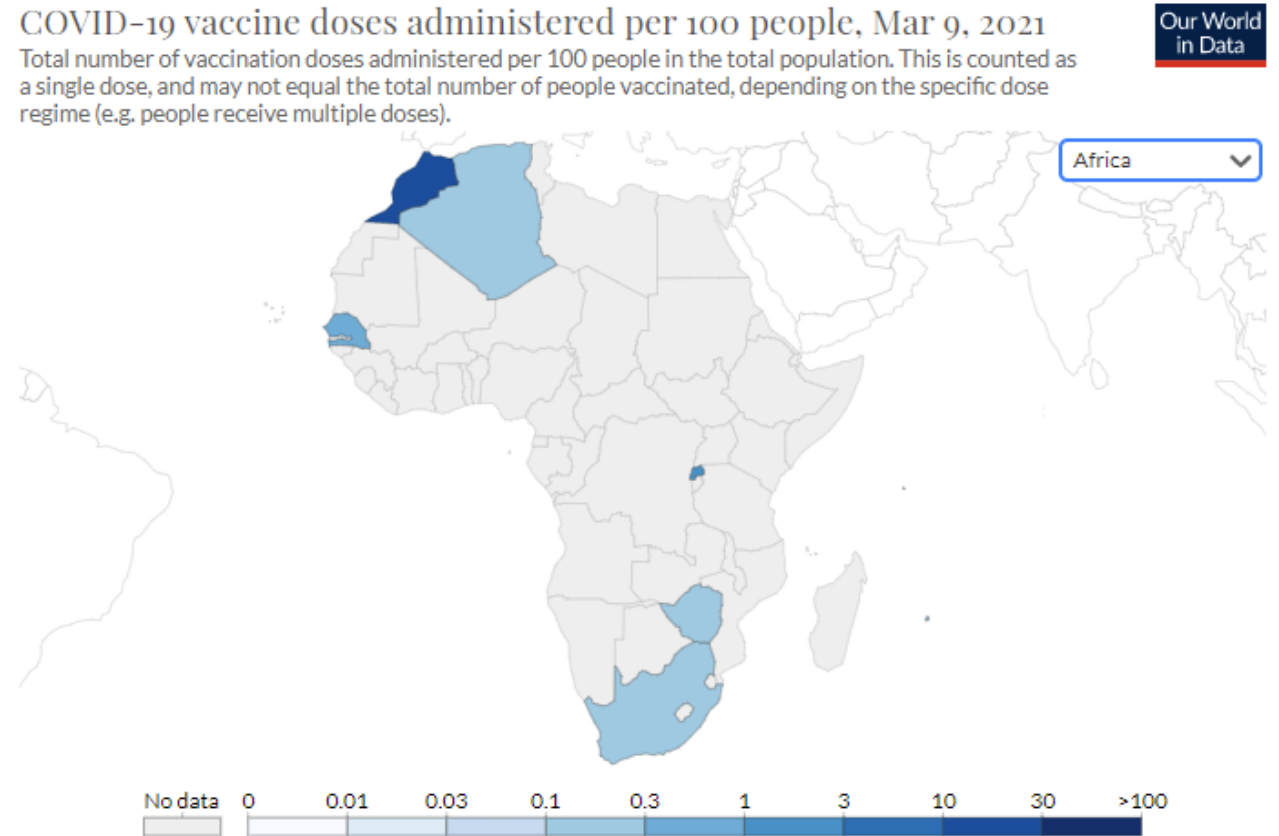
- Japan's Terumo will make 20 million **special syringes** that can pull extra doses out of each Pfizer vaccine, with production set to begin this month.
- Recently-installed Director General of the WTO Okonjo-Iweala announced plans to hold urgent talks with vaccine manufacturers to **boost production**.
- **Indonesia** approved the AstraZeneca vaccine for emergency use.
- **Mexico** doubled its order for Sinovac vaccines and has 12 million doses of Sinopharm vaccine ready for rollout pending regulatory approval, increasing its reliance on Chinese vaccines.
- **Zimbabwe** has approved the use of China's Sinopharm and Sinovac, Covaxin developed by India's Bharat Biotech, and Sputnik V from Russia.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

Globally, 319.16 million have received vaccinations.

More countries in Africa are gaining access to vaccines, with 5.14 million doses administered across the continent. Sudan launched its vaccination program for medical workers today.



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data - Last updated 10 March, 11:07 (London time)

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Markets & Business

Hackers viewed live and archived surveillance footage from hundreds of businesses including Tesla Inc by gaining administrative access to camera maker Verkada over the past two days.

- **World share markets** inched higher on Wednesday after a stunning rise in US tech stocks. In **US markets**, the rally of tech stocks Tuesday sent the Nasdaq soaring after Monday's slump.
- **Dick's Sporting Goods** saw record sales in 2020 but signaled that fitness equipment demand is likely to decline this year.
- **Top Glove** announced a surge in profits as COVID-19 driven demand remains high.
- **Disney+** surpassed 100 million subscribers.
- **T-Mobile** will automatically start sharing their subscriber's data with advertisers starting next month.
- **AerCap Holdings** said it is in talks with **GE** about its **GE Capital Aviation Services** leasing unit, hinting at a potential merger that could put pressure on Boeing and Airbus.
- Swedish lithium-ion battery maker **Northvolt** bought US startup **Cuberg** to get access to technology that would boost the range of electric vehicles that can use its batteries.
- **Apple** announced plans to establish a European silicon design center in Munich, Germany, and invest more than 1 billion euros (\$1.2 billion) over the next three years, focused on research and development.

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Africa

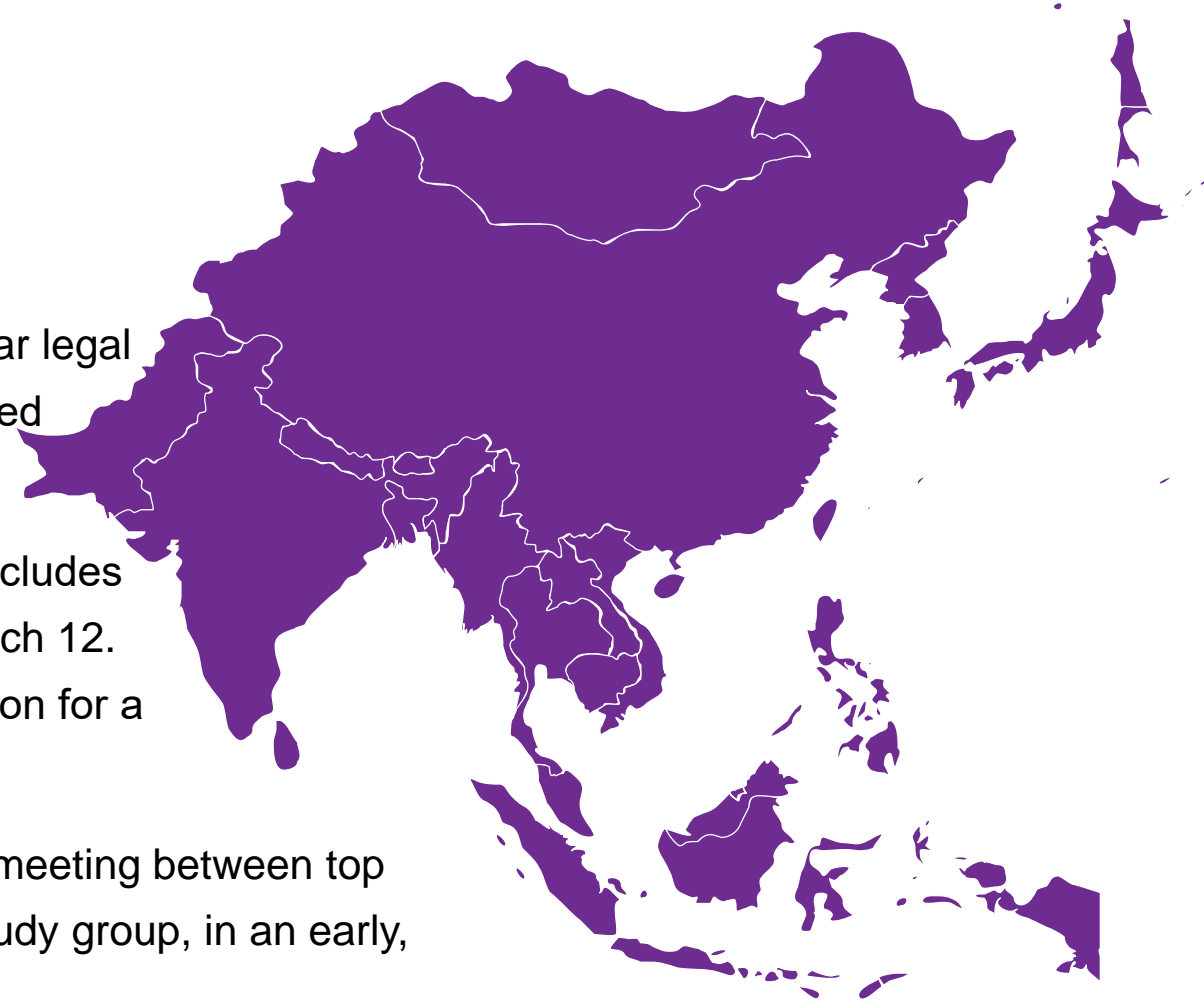
- **Mali's** governing military junta, which took control of the country after ousting the democratically elected government in August, announced that they would hold new elections in March 2022. The timeline exceeds several goals set out by regional and international bodies.
- The **Ivory Coast's** ruling party won an overwhelming majority in parliamentary elections, a few months after President Ouattara's reelection prompted allegations of election fraud and protests in which 85 died.
- **Sierra Leone's** government is under pressure over allegations of irregular spending by its first lady and a senior minister. President Bio was elected after a tumultuous campaign on promises to tackle government corruption and eliminate wasteful government spending.
- **Algerian** students continued pro-democracy protests in Algiers for the third week.



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Asia

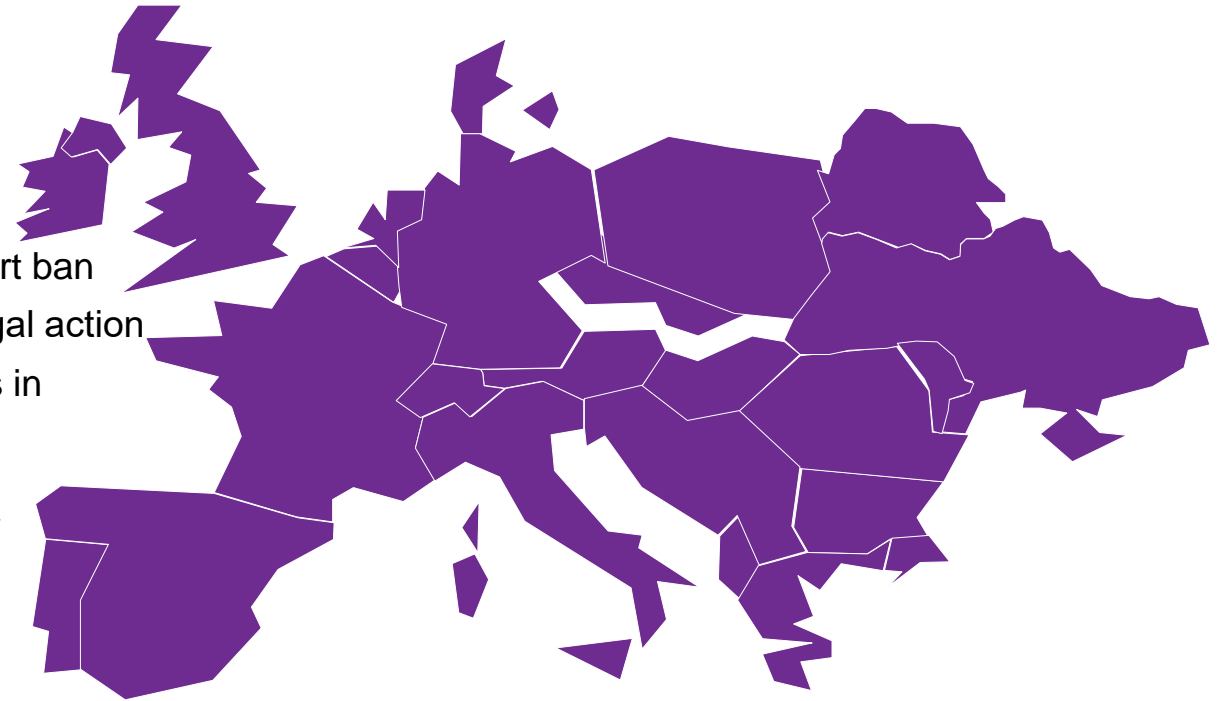
- In **India**, the High Court of Delhi said Tuesday that it will hear legal challenges to the country's new internet law, which has raised concerns about free speech and privacy.
- India confirmed that the first summit of the “*Quad*,” which includes **India, Australia, the US and Japan**, will take place on March 12. Japan's PM Suga and India's PM Modi discussed cooperation for a free and open Indo-Pacific in a Tuesday phone call.
- The **US and China** are reportedly in talks about an Alaska meeting between top diplomats. The US and China will co-chair a G20 climate study group, in an early, low-stakes example of bilateral cooperation on climate.
- **Myanmar** security forces surrounded the staff compound of striking railway workers opposed to the military junta on Wednesday as ousted lawmakers appointed an acting vice president to take over the duties of detained politicians. The **UN** Security Council failed to agree on a statement that would have condemned the coup in Myanmar, after **China, Russia, India and Vietnam** opposed language in the **British** draft.



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Europe

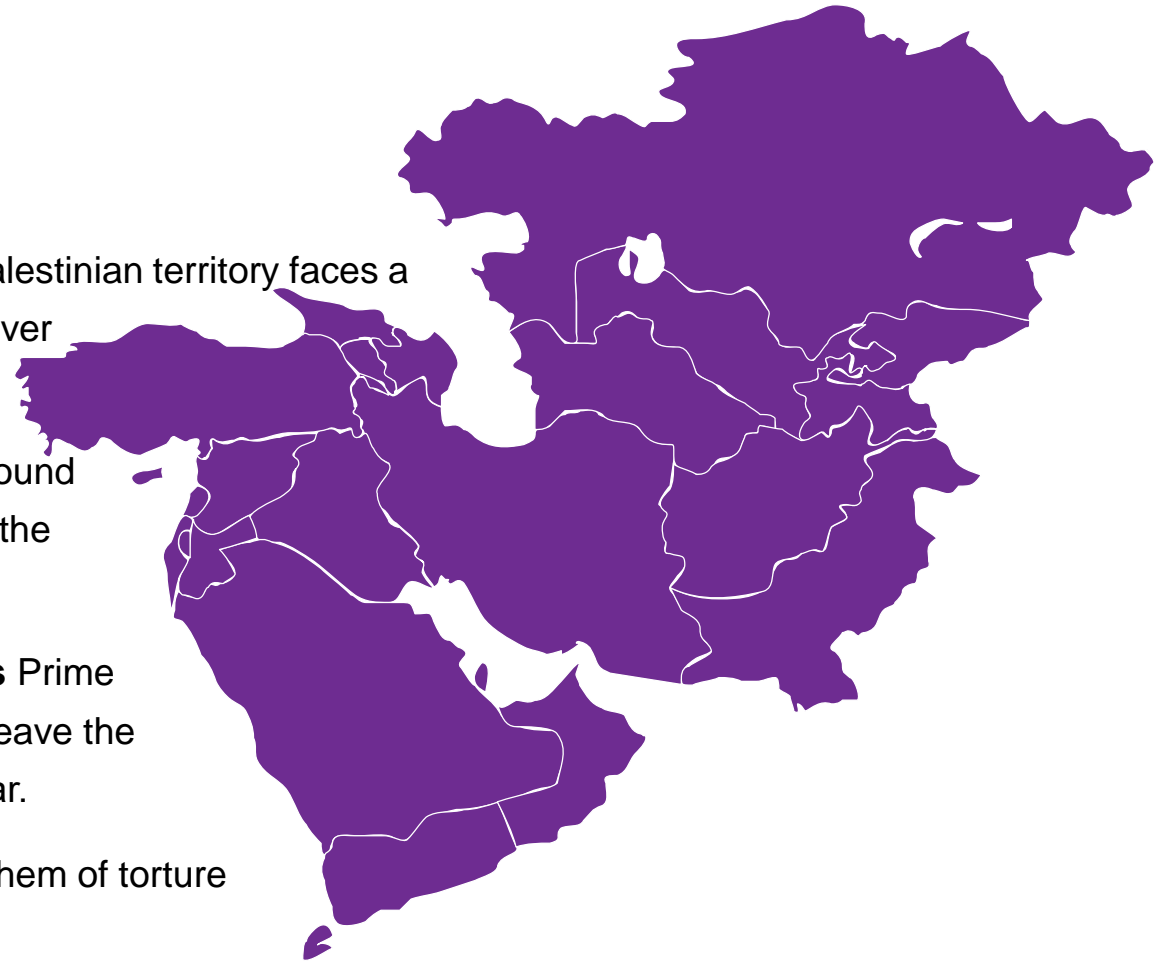
- The **UK** reacted angrily to **EU** claims that it had imposed an export ban on vaccines, calling it “*an outright lie.*” EU nations are backing legal action against the UK over its unilateral move to delay new trading rules in **Northern Ireland.**
- The OECD upgraded its forecast for the **UK** economy, buoyed by the country’s quick vaccine rollout.
- Authorities in **Poland** warned that COVID-19 hospitalizations are rising quickly. London’s Globe theater is set to reopen next month. Almost a fifth more men than women have died from coronavirus in the **UK**, according to the UK Office for National Statistics. **French** ICU occupancy reached its highest levels since November. Falling birth rates across much of Europe, particularly sharp in **France, Italy and Spain**, is blamed on the pandemic.
- Violent clashes broke out in anti-police violence protests in Athens, **Greece**, injuring at least one police officer.
- **Russia** said it was slowing down the speed of Twitter in retaliation for its alleged failure to remove banned content and threatened a total block if the platform did not comply with its deletion demands.



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Middle East

- Hospitals in the West Bank are running out of ICU capacity, as the Palestinian territory faces a surge of COVID-19 cases, with the **West Bank and Gaza** reporting over 200,000 confirmed cases.
- Anti-government protesters in **Lebanon** continued to block streets around the capitol after President Aoun called for security forces to break up the barricades. Lebanon surpassed 400,000 virus infections.
- In a parliamentary address ahead of a confidence vote today, **Libya's** Prime Minister-designate called for unity and for all foreign mercenaries to leave the country, calling them an impediment to resolving the country's civil war.
- The **US** sanctioned two **Iranian** government interrogators, accusing them of torture and other human rights violations.
- **Russia** announced its intention to hold talks on **Afghanistan** in Moscow later this month; the US did not confirm attendance.



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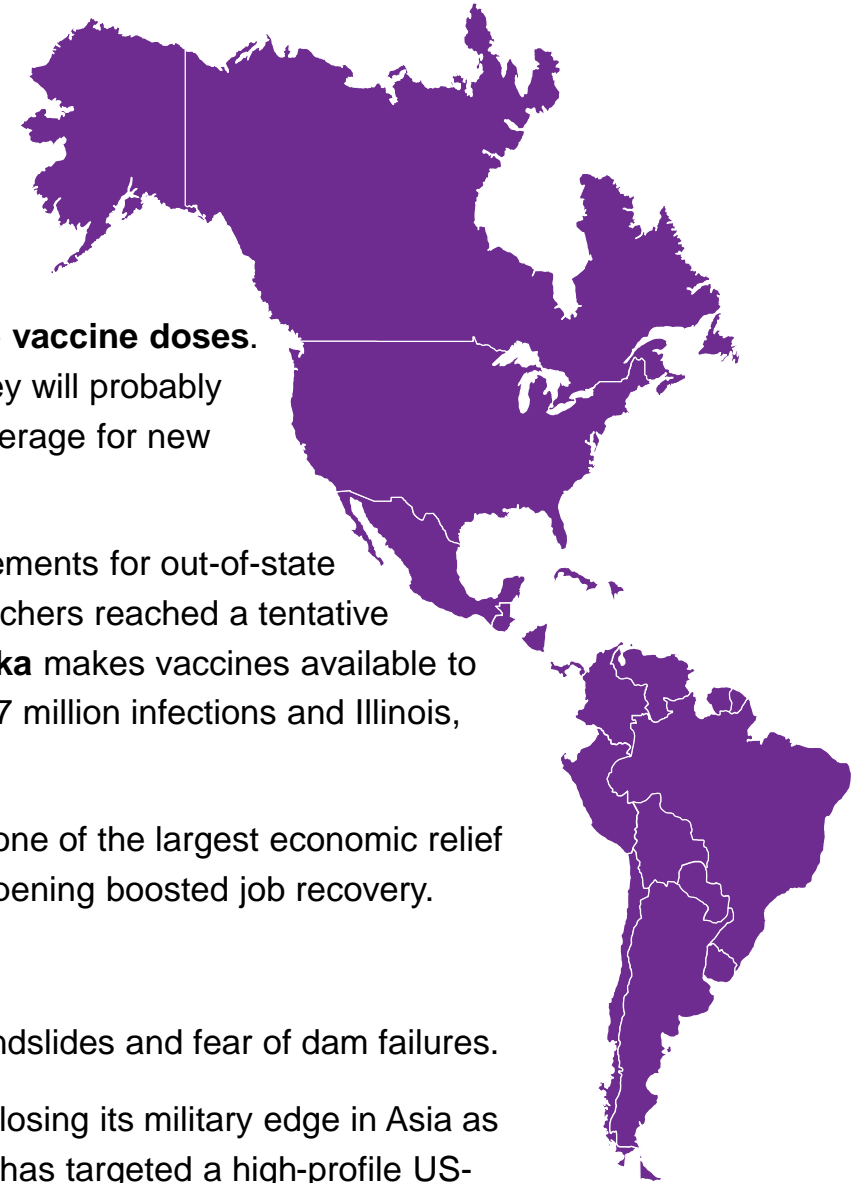
Americas

- **Brazil** saw strong service sector growth in January, providing a counterweight to other indicators of Brazil's lagging economic recovery.
- The **US** said it is reviewing the Trump Administration's listing of **Cuba** as a State Sponsor of Terror.
- **US** Federal prosecutors in New York alleged that **Honduras's** President Hernandez has been involved with drug traffickers.
- **Canada** has designated Thursday as a day to commemorate the 22,276 residents who have lost their lives to coronavirus-related issues.



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Americas: US



- Nationally, 61.1 million people (18.4 percent of the total population) have received one or more **vaccine doses**. Monmouth University released **new poll data** showing that a quarter of Americans say that they will probably never get vaccinated for the virus, including about one-third of Republicans. The seven-day average for new **daily coronavirus cases** fell below 58,000 for the first time since mid-October.
- **Maryland** will lift capacity limits on indoor dining, retail businesses and drop quarantine requirements for out-of-state travel from Friday. In **California**, Los Angeles public schools and the union representing its teachers reached a tentative agreement to reopen school buildings next month, paving the way for in-person learning. **Alaska** makes vaccines available to those 16 and older, becoming first state to remove eligibility requirements. Texas surpassed 2.7 million infections and Illinois, 1.2 million.
- Congress is set to give the final green light to the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus **stimulus package**, one of the largest economic relief packages in US history. Restaurants and bars added almost 300,000 **jobs** in February, as reopening boosted job recovery.
- **Jury selection** began Tuesday in the trial for the police officer that killed George Floyd.
- Hawaii Governor David Ige declared an **emergency** in the after heavy rains brought floods, landslides and fear of dam failures.
- At a Senate hearing, Admiral Davidson, head of Indo-Pacific command, said the US military is losing its military edge in Asia as China's military expands, and that **China** may invade **Taiwan** within the next six years. China has targeted a high-profile US-based researcher whose work has been critical to exposing human rights abuses, with media reporting he is being sued by companies in the Xinjiang region.

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Clubhouse: The New Trendsetter in Online Activism

By Anni Coonan

Clubhouse is the most recent entrant to the world of social media platforms. Audio-only and organized by “rooms,” the application has been described as the future of podcasting, one big conference call, or the modern version of the “party line.” In addition to launching a new type of social media platform and building significant value, Clubhouse has opened new spaces for activists, protesters and dissidents throughout the world. However, the app may lose its appeal as a hub for activists as governments increase their efforts to monitor rhetoric on the site, and experts point out significant privacy concerns.

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join), and the app has featured interviews with leaders and celebrities including former President Obama, Bill Gates, and Mark Zuckerberg. In addition to launching a new type of social media platform and building significant value (the app is now valued at \$1 billion), Clubhouse has opened new spaces for activists, protesters and dissidents throughout the world. However, Clubhouse may lose its appeal as a hub for activists as governments increase their efforts to monitor rhetoric on the site, and experts point out significant privacy concerns.

As is often the case with new technology, government awareness in most places has lagged behind adoption of Clubhouse, making it an attractive forum for activists and dissidents. The platform has other

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benefits for activists, or anyone looking to evade the government's watch on traditional sites: the audio-only format is much more difficult and labor-intensive to monitor than text platforms, the app typically does not store audio after rooms are closed, and rooms can easily be restricted to only those who have been pre-vetted. While other apps like Signal or Telegram offer greater levels of protection, they lack the social aspect that allows Clubhouse users to "drop in" on new communities and organically grow movements. Student protesters in Turkey used Clubhouse to organize and share information during the month-long student blockade of the Bogazici University over the government appointment of a new president in February. The app has become very popular in Saudi Arabia, where the large and social media-savvy youth population took to the app to discuss social issues not usually openly addressed in the conservative society, joined in some cases by the younger generation of government officials, including the Minister of Communications and Information Technology. In China, the app garnered immediate attention for hosting discussions on politically sensitive topics including the country's Uighur minority, Taiwan, and democracy in Hong Kong, all topics usually subject to censorship on the mainland.

Anti-government voices in Asia and the Middle East have called the early days of Clubhouse to an "epoch-making historic moment" and likened it to the "golden age" of Twitter ahead of the Arab Spring a decade ago, during which the platform was largely un-monitored and activists used it to organize protests and share information. Since then, governments throughout the world have clamped down on online expression, prosecuting online activists and criminalizing many forms of online speech. Government regulation and surveillance has accordingly begun to catch up to Clubhouse: China banned the app entirely within days of its popularization, and in Thailand, where criticizing the monarchy can carry jail time, the government warned citizens against using the app to break the law. Middle Eastern governments, without yet banning the site, have widely condemned the platform as immoral and unsafe.

For both activists and recreational users, experts point out several significant privacy concerns on Clubhouse. Although Clubhouse does not save recordings of rooms, except to investigate abuse reports, individual users can screen record rooms that they are in, and a Bloomberg investigation found in late February that multiple third-party apps were scraping and compiling audio from Clubhouse

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discussions, making them available in real-time to non-members. In order to use invites, the app requires users to allow full access to their contacts, an invasive policy which some activists say could empower repressive governments to more easily track close contacts of dissidents (and is prohibited in Europe). Clubhouse does not use end-to-end encryption, which makes user data more susceptible to hacking. The app is designed to use participants' real identities and contacts, and the terms of use allow the app to ban users who are impersonating other people, discouraging anonymity. Clubhouse's terms of use also stipulate that data may be shared with law enforcement "for the purpose of meeting national security or law enforcement requirements," a guideline that is more broadly-worded than similar disclosure requirements by Facebook and Twitter. Troublingly for critics of the Chinese government or other groups wary of Chinese access, a recent study by the Stanford Internet Observatory found that a Shanghai-based Chinese company, Agora, provides back-end infrastructure to Clubhouse, prompting worries that Beijing could access data from Clubhouse's users (Clubhouse has since promised to end its relationship with Agora).

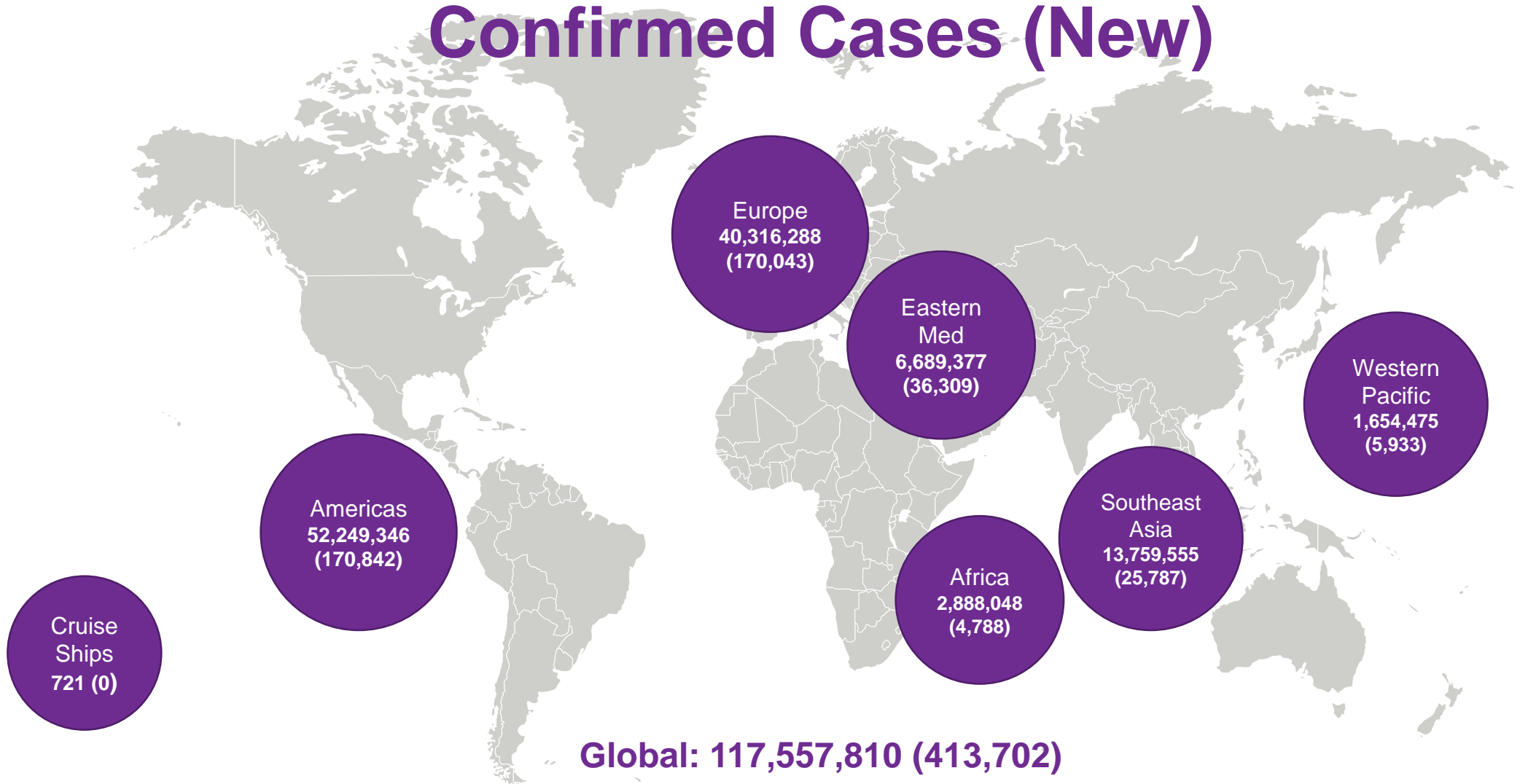
Younger, smaller social media platforms naturally have less robust data privacy practices than their more mature peers, and Clubhouse has already made promises to improve. However, the window of opportunity for activist organizing and unfettered debate on Clubhouse may already be closing, as governments eye banning the app or developing more sophisticated ways to monitor what their citizens are saying on it, including via audio-scraping that experts say is difficult to prevent. The evolution of Clubhouse from a hub for activist and dissident discussion to a forum that is increasingly monitored or banned by some governments mirrors earlier changes on Facebook and Twitter. The increasing variance of access and surveillance across borders foreshadows a future internet characterized by what some call "digital authoritarianism" and what others would call "internet sovereignty," wherein governments are increasingly able to control what their citizens see and say online.

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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on March 9, 2021

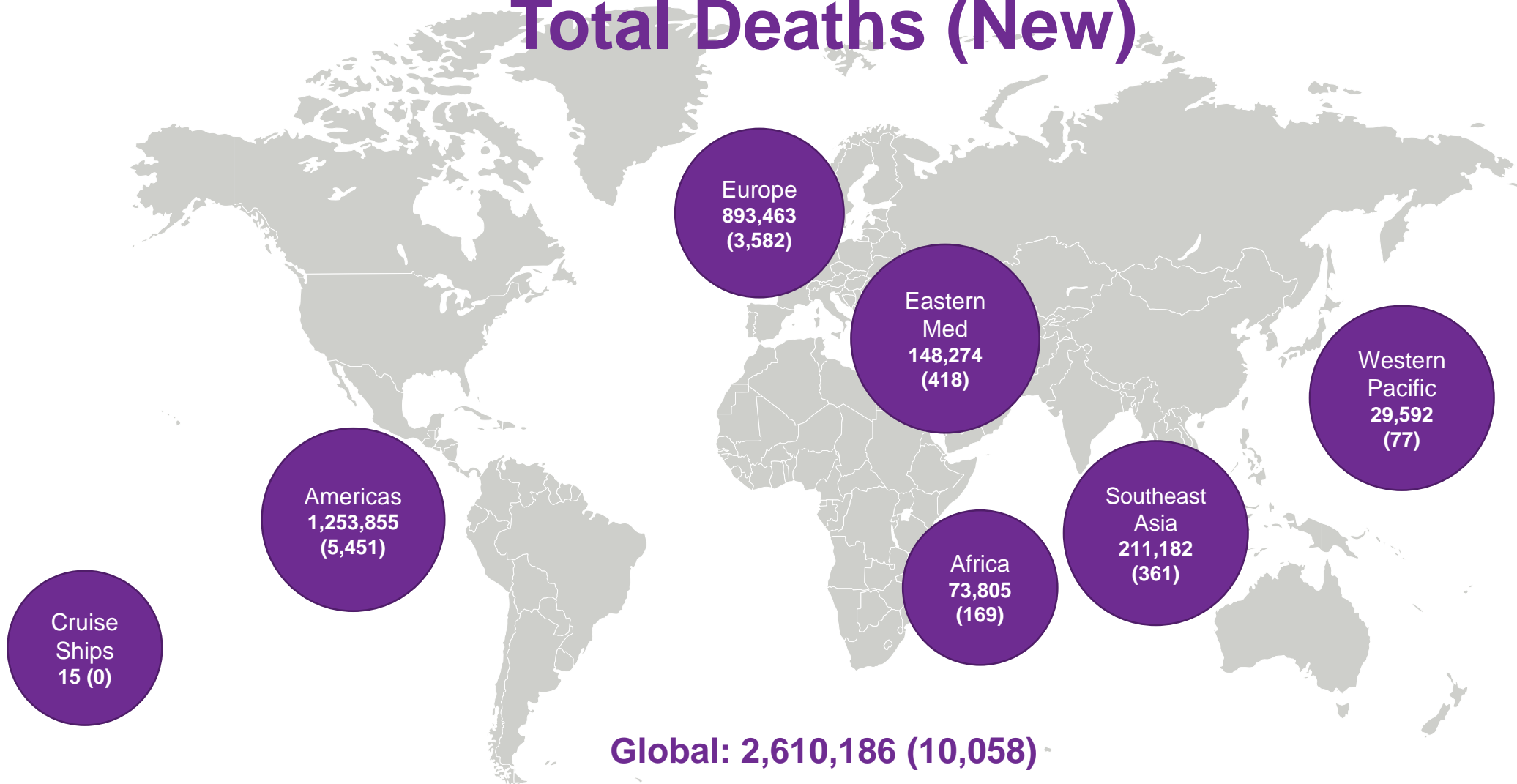
Confirmed Cases (New)



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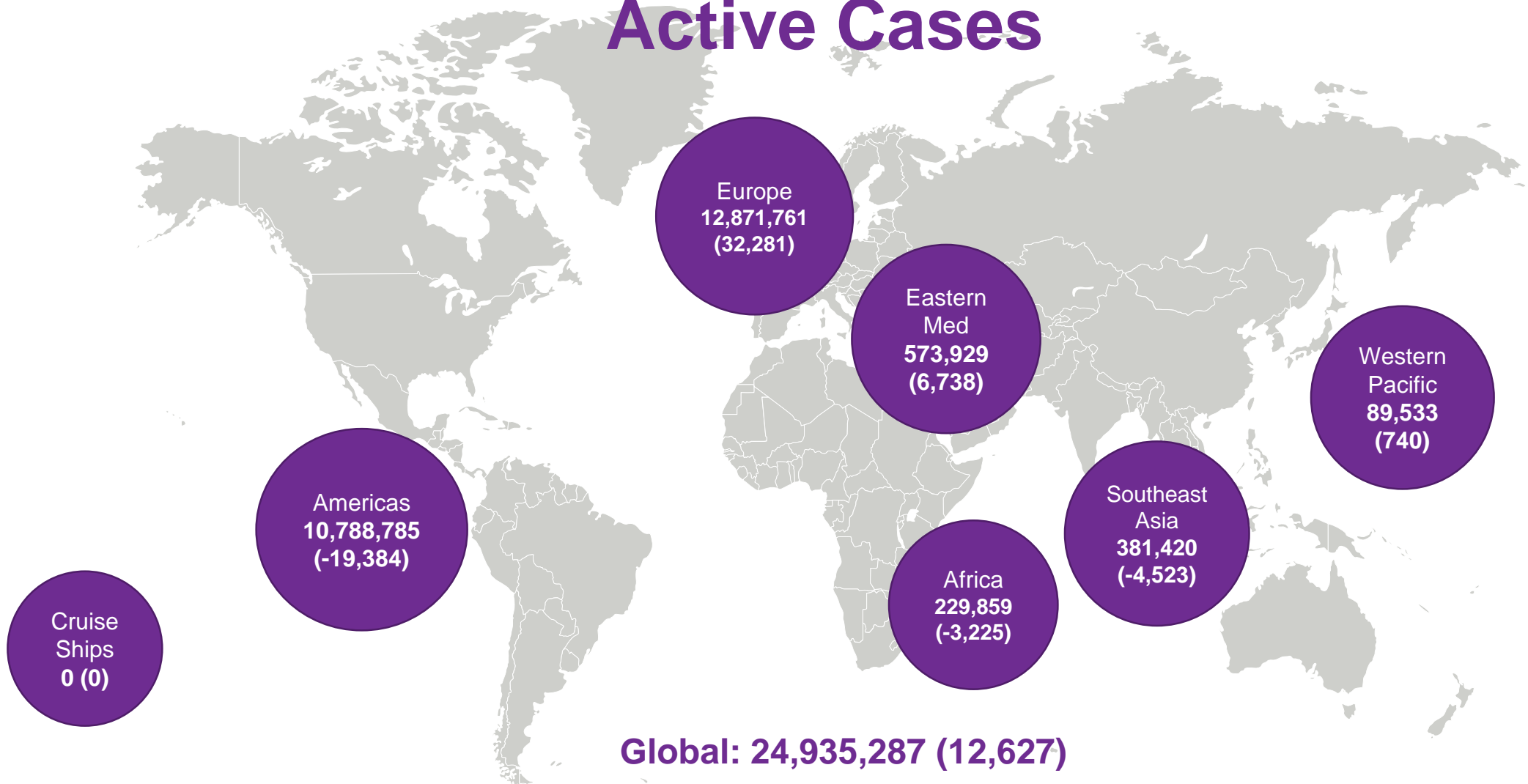
Total Deaths (New)



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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	8947033	29096051 (56081)	527701 (1884)	89673	1627	1.29%
France	3628969	3992755 (23143)	89455 (365)	60160	1366	3.74%
Spain	2942879	3164982 (4012)	71727 (291)	67675	1534	-1.25%
Netherlands	1112649	1143481 (4379)	16046 (56)	65742	928	2.81%
Brazil	975493	11122429 (70764)	268370 (1972)	52084	1257	4.28%
UK	789024	4241858 (5869)	125032 (231)	62071	1832	0.97%
Belgium	715256	791171 (2163)	22327 (35)	68062	1921	2.13%
Sweden	682933	695975 (11014)	13042 (39)	68620	1286	3.86%
Italy	478883	3101093 (19725)	100479 (376)	51342	1664	4.70%
Russia	317364	4293750 (9342)	88315 (330)	29810	618	1.71%
Mexico	264759	2137884 (7407)	191789 (866)	16463	1477	1.90%
Poland	262084	1811036 (9953)	45599 (282)	47888	1206	5.04%
Switzerland	238747	566412 (1378)	10065 (9)	65119	1157	1.38%
Ireland	196141	223957 (306)	4452 (30)	45011	895	1.49%

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Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Iran	188933	1706559 (8554)	60867 (81)	20141	718	3.42%
Ukraine	186752	1458785 (3364)	28698 (82)	32523	630	3.66%
India	184598	11262707 (17921)	158063 (133)	8107	114	1.09%
Czechia	163034	1335815 (10524)	22147 (265)	126013	2088	6.26%
Argentina	152158	2162001 (7307)	53252 (131)	47537	1171	2.00%
Indonesia	144311	1392945 (6389)	37757 (210)	5056	137	3.30%
Turkey	137558	2807387 (13755)	29160 (66)	33043	343	2.99%
Hungary	120115	475207 (6494)	16146 (158)	49864	1693	8.32%
Germany	116194	2520618 (6834)	72534 (298)	30019	869	2.32%
Greece	108855	209462 (3181)	6843 (46)	20164	659	7.10%
Honduras	101927	174508 (265)	4297 (14)	17429	429	1.58%
Serbia	89160	494106 (4576)	4599 (20)	56708	528	5.51%
Lebanon	81909	401826 (3939)	5134 (45)	59054	755	5.42%
Slovakia	62656	325993 (2207)	8037 (116)	59690	1472	4.60%

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Jordan	61678	442202 (7072)	5046 (59)	43047	491	9.03%
Portugal	60493	811306 (847)	16595 (30)	79726	1631	0.70%
Norway	57854	76484 (714)	632 (0)	14033	116	5.56%
Iraq	53855	735626 (4610)	13618 (22)	18013	333	4.33%
Romania	47277	835552 (4989)	21056 (93)	43634	1100	3.29%
Bolivia	43921	255621 (885)	11858 (13)	21696	1006	1.98%
Peru	43793	1380023 (8847)	48163 (309)	41459	1447	3.02%
Philippines	41822	600428 (2665)	12528 (7)	5430	113	3.33%
Dominican Republic	41640	243778 (252)	3191 (12)	22319	292	1.47%
Bulgaria	38385	266805 (3502)	10902 (138)	38599	1577	5.54%
Bangladesh	38249	552087 (912)	8489 (13)	3330	51	0.86%
Israel	38109	808262 (3146)	5933 (16)	87878	645	2.85%
Colombia	38061	2282372 (3511)	60676 (78)	44530	1184	1.00%
Albania	35456	114209 (629)	1969 (13)	39716	685	4.72%

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Cyprus	35360	37650 (420)	233 (0)	31029	192	6.25%
Algeria	32202	114543 (161)	3022 (4)	2580	68	0.97%
Egypt	31717	187716 (622)	11082 (44)	1811	107	2.20%
Canada	29942	899175 (2928)	22302 (31)	23533	587	2.35%
Chile	28794	864064 (3531)	21182 (19)	44936	1102	3.65%
South Africa	27509	1522697 (991)	50906 (103)	25454	851	0.52%
Ethiopia	26352	168335 (1202)	2451 (9)	1440	21	4.47%
Paraguay	25732	171985 (2125)	3360 (17)	23912	467	6.08%
Tunisia	25169	238613 (596)	8268 (43)	20046	695	1.84%
Uganda	25081	40490 (11)	334 (0)	867	7	0.23%
Austria	23593	479391 (2411)	8757 (25)	53020	969	3.47%
Ecuador	23036	295114 (496)	16069 (26)	16555	901	2.84%
West Bank & Gaza	20091	200382 (1828)	2170 (13)	38667	419	6.52%
Kenya	20021	109643 (479)	1886 (7)	2009	35	2.89%

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Moldova	19184	196475 (873)	4150 (21)	48783	1030	4.39%
Kazakhstan	18757	269599 (697)	3187 (1)	11622	149	2.01%
Malaysia	18704	316269 (1280)	1186 (9)	9687	36	3.84%
Nigeria	18208	159252 (346)	1988 (6)	760	9	1.73%
UAE	17927	415705 (2373)	1345 (10)	41686	135	4.55%
Costa Rica	16833	207832 (1192)	2848 (15)	40544	556	1.12%
Pakistan	16699	595239 (1786)	13324 (43)	2659	60	1.90%
Finland	16334	63110 (588)	776 (2)	11378	140	7.07%
Mozambique	14453	62882 (179)	700 (2)	1974	22	4.72%
Bosnia	14062	138542 (1251)	5345 (48)	42410	1636	3.94%
Kuwait	13747	203055 (1157)	1141 (8)	47071	265	4.77%
Japan	12689	441152 (1175)	8359 (58)	3492	66	1.69%
Jamaica	12410	27465 (561)	460 (6)	9247	155	13.21%

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Slovenia	10602	196421 (743)	3904 (7)	94472	1878	2.73%
Lithuania	10489	202900 (470)	3341 (5)	75441	1243	1.52%
Libya	10389	140688 (1030)	2297 (9)	20286	331	4.07%
Kosovo	9880	73735 (0)	1655 (0)	1711		4.68%
N Macedonia	9300	108350 (871)	3228 (22)	52008	1549	4.25%
Montenegro	9063	80803 (612)	1092 (7)	128642	1739	4.87%
Uruguay	8462	65527 (827)	666 (8)	18819	191	9.70%
Latvia	8400	90997 (472)	1705 (6)	48616	911	4.28%
Oman	8229	144831 (427)	1597 (3)	27879	307	1.84%
South Korea	7773	93733 (470)	1648 (3)	1827	32	3.11%
Malawi	7763	32528 (59)	1074 (4)	1671	55	1.17%
Belarus	7410	297514 (1073)	2055 (8)	31492	218	2.82%
Guatemala	7173	179563 (793)	6493 (14)	9898	358	2.31%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Myanmar	7157	142059 (14)	3200 (0)	2599	59	0.07%
Denmark	6991	216482 (527)	2382 (0)	37165	410	1.65%
Armenia	6870	175198 (182)	3232 (7)	59162	1091	1.57%
Panama	6810	345759 (523)	5944 (10)	79281	1363	1.08%
Venezuela	6533	143321 (547)	1399 (8)	5050	49	2.36%
Lesotho	6294	10525 (2)	309 (1)	4886	143	0.27%
Bahrain	6220	127800 (545)	474 (1)	73380	272	3.34%
Sudan	5503	30686 (146)	1915 (0)	646	43	0.88%
Australia	5229	29074 (13)	909 (0)	1131	35	0.27%

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* Indicates moved down 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
Morocco*	4930	486833 (508)	8695 (12)	13083	234	0.55%
Ghana	4782	86737 (272)	656 (9)	2752	21	3.13%
Botswana	4734	32912 (0)	413 (0)	13805	173	6.64%
Cuba	4662	57607 (1041)	352 (2)	5088	31	10.45%
Syria	4502	16117 (75)	1074 (6)	906	60	2.61%
Somalia	4227	8577 (139)	319 (12)	530	20	12.35%
Azerbaijan	4095	237260 (297)	3250 (3)	23257	319	0.95%
Afghanistan	4016	55876 (0)	2451 (0)	1414	62	0.21%
Senegal	3925	36039 (80)	930 (5)	2114	55	3.35%
South Sudan	3854	8870 (0)	102 (0)	786	9	8.18%
Congo (Kinshasa)	3540	26684 (57)	712 (0)	292	8	2.38%
Croatia	3357	247099 (491)	5621 (12)	60448	1375	1.47%
Cameroon	3292	36794 (0)	566 (0)	1363	21	2.94%
Sri Lanka	3079	86343 (304)	511 (4)	4021	24	2.86%

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Country Risk Assessment

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
Malta	3035	24847 (248)	335 (1)	56170	757	7.46%
Luxembourg	2888	56822 (145)	668 (5)	89775	1055	2.09%
Saudi Arabia	2695	380572 (390)	6539 (5)	10816	186	0.68%
Zambia	2598	82897 (242)	1137 (5)	4425	61	4.03%
Maldives	2542	21034 (115)	64 (0)	38450	117	4.23%
Georgia	2521	273137 (139)	3601 (10)	68689	907	0.64%
Cote d'Ivoire	2389	35477 (146)	206 (2)	1323	8	7.18%
Haiti	2318	12536 (0)	251 (0)	1095	22	0.34%
Nicaragua	2137	6537 (48)	175 (1)	979	26	0.73%
Namibia	2000	40337 (150)	444 (5)	15681	173	2.86%
Gabon	1877	16015 (0)	91 (0)	7082	40	7.28%
Mali	1805	8613 (0)	358 (0)	417	17	2.24%
El Salvador	1658	61539 (739)	1923 (8)	9455	296	1.70%
Guinea	1579	16912 (0)	97 (0)	1264	7	4.91%

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
Burundi	1563	2339 (5)	3 (0)	193	0	4.92%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1534	9179 (0)	131 (0)	1636	23	3.91%
Kyrgyzstan	1498	86640 (57)	1476 (3)	13132	224	0.33%
Rwanda	1476	19779 (120)	270 (2)	1502	21	3.38%
Togo	1128	7680 (82)	92 (0)	913	11	7.73%
Sierra Leone	1102	3922 (1)	79 (0)	485	10	0.84%
Eswatini	1085	17191 (3)	658 (0)	14713	563	0.61%

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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	1661443	3607891 (4175)	54628 (248)	91323	1382	0.83%
New York	819412	1706924 (6833)	48481 (80)	89750	2505	2.94%
Florida	696912	1952733 (4426)	31889 (125)	90919	1486	1.77%
Arizona	696617	827800 (563)	16328 (0)	113729	2243	1.10%
Virginia	529953	588129 (1537)	9790 (107)	68904	1147	1.63%
South Carolina	518585	527348 (632)	8763 (3)	102423	1702	1.62%
Georgia	473127	1026692 (1761)	17978 (30)	96699	1693	1.45%
Maryland	370971	388666 (631)	7988 (25)	64288	1321	1.41%
Kentucky	358795	411917 (877)	4850 (21)	92199	1086	1.39%
Kansas	294034	298806 (18)	4772 (0)	102635	1661	0.72%
Indiana	220213	668308 (572)	12762 (18)	99270	1896	0.83%
New Jersey	215161	819042 (4126)	23635 (45)	92212	2661	2.84%
Alabama	194740	500616 (524)	10186 (37)	102100	2077	1.24%
Washington	168593	346403 (672)	5077 (14)	45898	675	1.43%

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
Colorado	164232	438025 (838)	5997 (7)	76063	1041	1.69%
Connecticut	158272	288145 (749)	7739 (14)	80820	2171	1.74%
Oregon	155704	158007 (492)	2303 (5)	37463	546	1.25%
Missouri	144446	498663 (394)	8614 (108)	85684	1445	0.57%
Texas	125439	2704712 (5629)	45582 (171)	93417	1580	1.35%
Rhode Island	118785	129277 (296)	2556 (7)	122033	2413	1.88%
Michigan	93317	659890 (1535)	16692 (30)	66076	1671	1.64%
Delaware	87197	88679 (116)	1482 (7)	91068	1522	1.68%
Idaho	75270	173790 (481)	1892 (2)	97249	1059	1.12%
Illinois	65891	1200938 (1497)	23040 (19)	94779	1818	0.97%
Pennsylvania	64002	955743 (2925)	24388 (44)	74855	1914	1.83%
Wisconsin	61197	622444 (602)	7134 (28)	97439	1118	0.66%
Alaska	59407	59712 (88)	305 (0)	78333	411	1.52%
Nebraska	43540	203279 (252)	2110 (-3)	105086	1092	0.95%

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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
Ohio	34543	981618 (1893)	17661 (160)	83977	1511	1.30%
Nevada	33298	296822 (429)	5054 (14)	96366	1641	0.85%
Maine	32484	46066 (133)	723 (17)	34265	538	2.44%
Hawaii	27745	28189 (41)	444 (0)	19760	314	1.32%
Massachusetts	26636	593607 (1263)	16456 (21)	86124	2388	1.81%
North Carolina	26527	875903 (997)	11552 (17)	83514	1101	1.43%
New Mexico	24792	187238 (198)	3830 (19)	89296	1827	0.91%
Iowa	13800	340891 (763)	5574 (15)	116604	1767	-7.01%
Utah	13682	375669 (559)	1990 (13)	117178	621	0.98%
Tennessee	12744	785242 (1338)	11588 (32)	114983	1697	1.13%
Oklahoma	11637	429432 (270)	4701 (167)	108525	1188	1.03%
District of Columbia	11124	41910 (331)	1036 (1)	59384	1468	2.73%
Louisiana	9203	434926 (637)	9769 (11)	93557	2101	0.84%
Puerto Rico	7810	101937 (610)	2066 (7)	55649	610	1.18%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Minnesota	6922	492108 (1625)	6764 (140)	87259	1199	1.31%
West Virginia	5424	133856 (229)	2326 (1)	74690	1298	1.25%

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Arkansas*	3482	325383 (432)	5357 (14)	107821	1775	0.75%
Vermont	2481	16286 (87)	211 (3)	26100	338	5.61%
South Dakota	2097	113753 (157)	1901 (0)	128584	2149	0.97%
New Hampshire	1997	77252 (192)	1185 (1)	56815	872	1.88%
Montana	1468	101093 (134)	1385 (4)	94587	1296	0.92%

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