

Current Situation: COVID-19

April 1, 2020
Update



Coronavirus Around the World

Global Death Toll Rises

More than [42,000 people have died](#), about 860,000 have been diagnosed with the virus, and some 178,000 have recovered.

UK, France, Spain record [highest daily death tolls](#).

Despite a high number of confirmed cases, Germany maintains [low mortality rate](#).

Surge in Numbers Expected in China

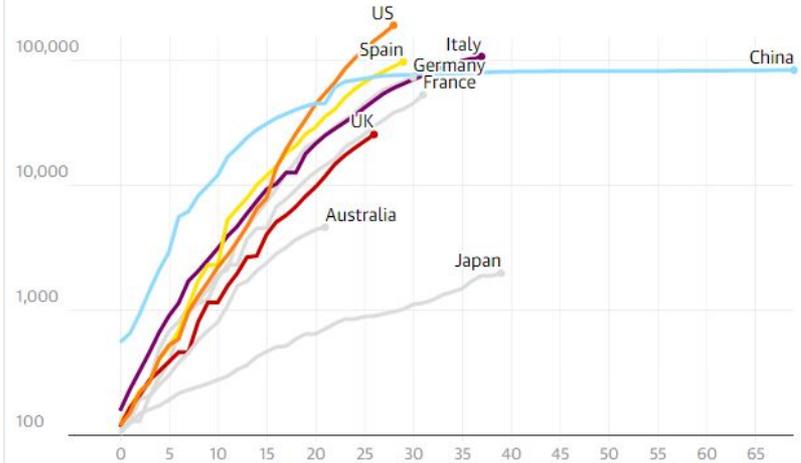
China to begin [reporting asymptomatic](#) coronavirus cases in its daily tally.

Reports of Recovery in South Korea

[At least 5,567 patients](#) in South Korea, more than half of the confirmed number of infected people, have recovered.

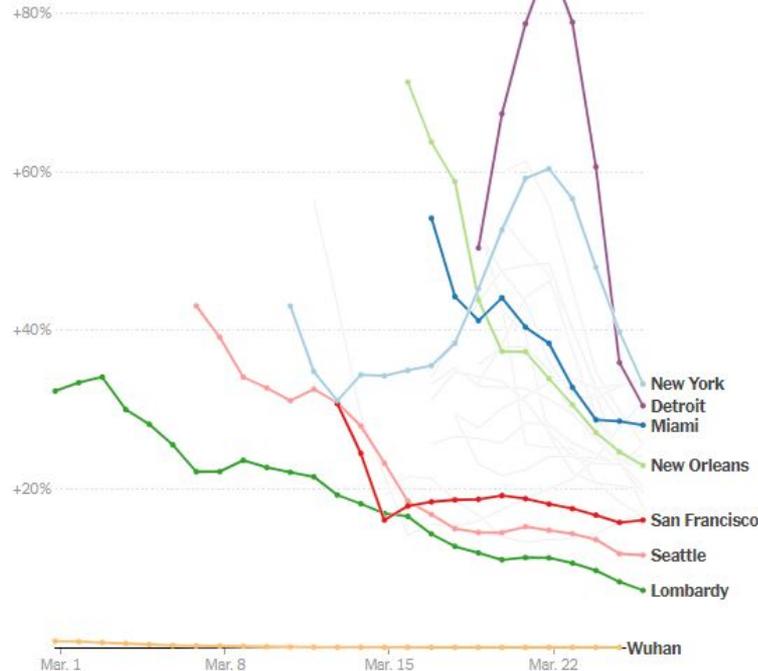
Confirmed cases of Covid-19 for selected countries

Showing the number of cases since the day of the 100th case, using a log scale. Data correct at 23:59 UTC 31 March



Spreading to Other Regions

Growth Rate Over Time: Average Daily Change in Total Cases, Over Previous 7 Days



U.S. Cities Compared to Wuhan & Lombardy

Concerns that some U.S. cities could have outbreaks worse than Wuhan. The apex of the virus in New York is projected to occur at the end of April.

Watching Spread in Africa

African countries move from COVID-19 readiness to response as many confirm cases.

Virus Spreading in South America

Despite the measures put in place to protect indigenous communities from being exposed, Brazil and Colombia have reported first coronavirus cases among indigenous people.

Movement Restrictions Continue

Tighter Restrictions Continue to be Placed

[Japan announces](#) a plan to ban entry to people from 73 countries around the world.

Many countries around the world have implemented stricter rules limiting entry, [see full list here](#).

Meanwhile, [Polish Government](#) still planning to hold presidential election.



U.S. Increasing Measures to Contain the Spread

More than [30 states in the U.S.](#) have asked residents to stay at home while California plans to [free up to 3,500 inmates](#)

Economic Updates

Global Stocks Tumble After [New Warning](#)

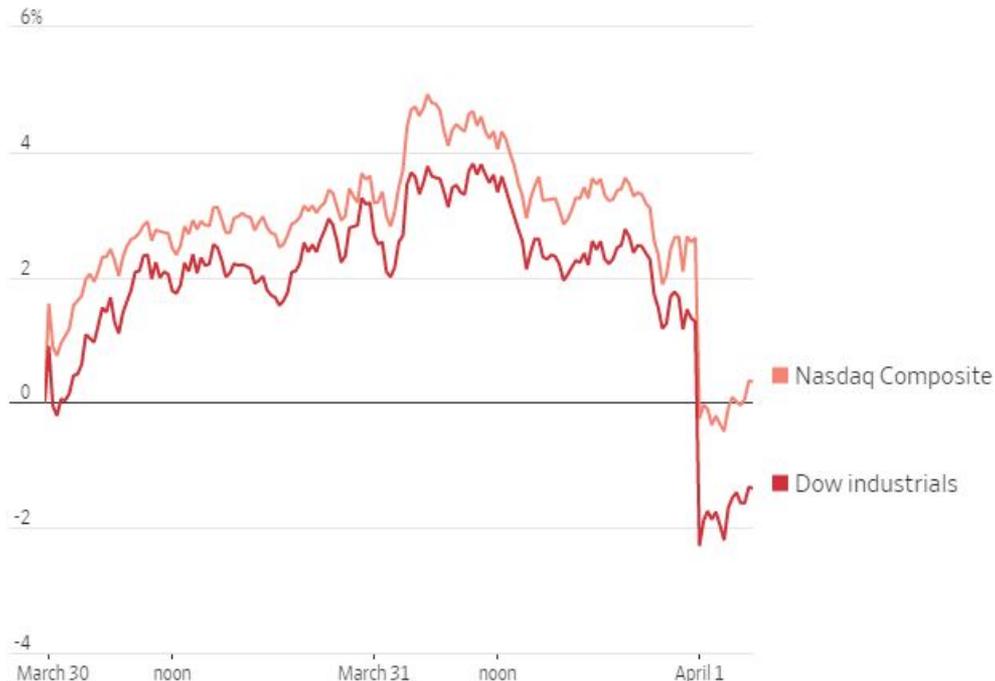
[U.S. stocks open sharply lower](#) following worst quarter since 2008.

Unemployment Levels Rise

According to the UN International Labour Organization (ILO), [five to 25 million jobs will be eradicated](#), and the world will lose \$860 billion to \$3.4 trillion in labor income.

Coronavirus triggers [collapse in garment industry](#) demand, putting jobs in Asia at risk.

Index performance



Source: FactSet

As of April 1, 10:35 a.m. ET

[Source](#)

Economic Updates Continued

Manufacturing Sector Hit

Factories across Asia and Europe [cut output and jobs](#) at the fastest pace since the global financial crisis.

[Manufacturing sector](#) one of the hardest hit as production is suspended and supply chains are disrupted.

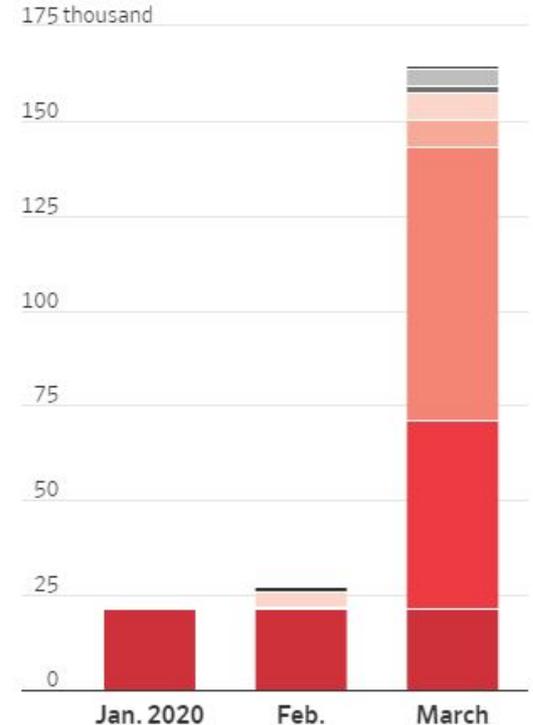
Disrupting Supply Chains

The number of potential supply-chain disruptions around the world has increased sharply.

Number of disruptions through March



*Supply-chain disruption reached the maximum amount in China on the Riskmethods platform for all three months.



[Source](#)

Additional Challenges

Criminal Activity

New charges of harassment and crimes related to the coronavirus pandemic are emerging.

In [New Jersey](#), [Missouri](#) and [Pennsylvania](#), several individuals charged with felony counts for making “terroristic threats” and use of a “biological agent” after coughing on staff and food items in local grocery stores.

Similar cases are being reported in [Spain](#) and across [England](#), where coughs directed as a threat can be [charged as assault](#).



Countries Dealing with Misinformation

[U.K. Government](#) working with social media firms to cracking down on ‘fake news’.

[Taiwan and Thailand](#) threaten people with fines or even jail time for spreading false rumors and are joined by other nations such as [Germany and India](#) in issuing warnings against April Fool’s Day coronavirus pranks.

WHO Advice to Public

Refer to the [WHO website](https://www.who.int) for answers and advice for how to protect yourself.

Be **KIND** to support loved ones during
#coronavirus



Check in regularly especially with those affected



Encourage them to keep doing what they enjoy



Share WHO information to manage anxieties



Provide calm and correct advice for your children

Learn more to Be **READY** for #COVID19:
www.who.int/COVID-19



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