



# Current Situation: COVID-19

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2020 Update

# Monitoring the Virus

## Globally Confirmed Cases

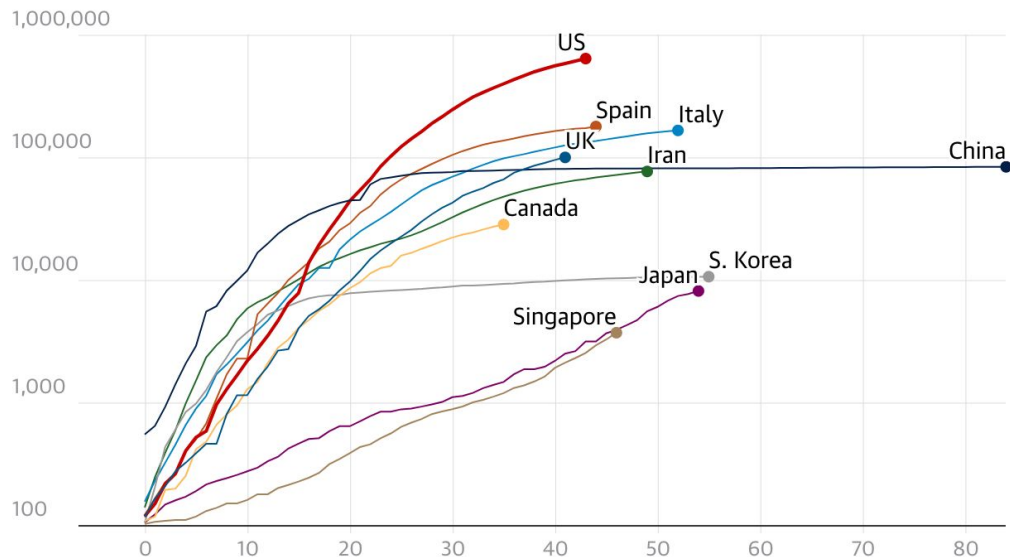
Across the world, there has been a total of **2,127,873** [confirmed cases](#).

The United States, Spain, Italy, France, Germany, and the U.K. all have over [100,000 confirmed cases](#).

## Death Toll

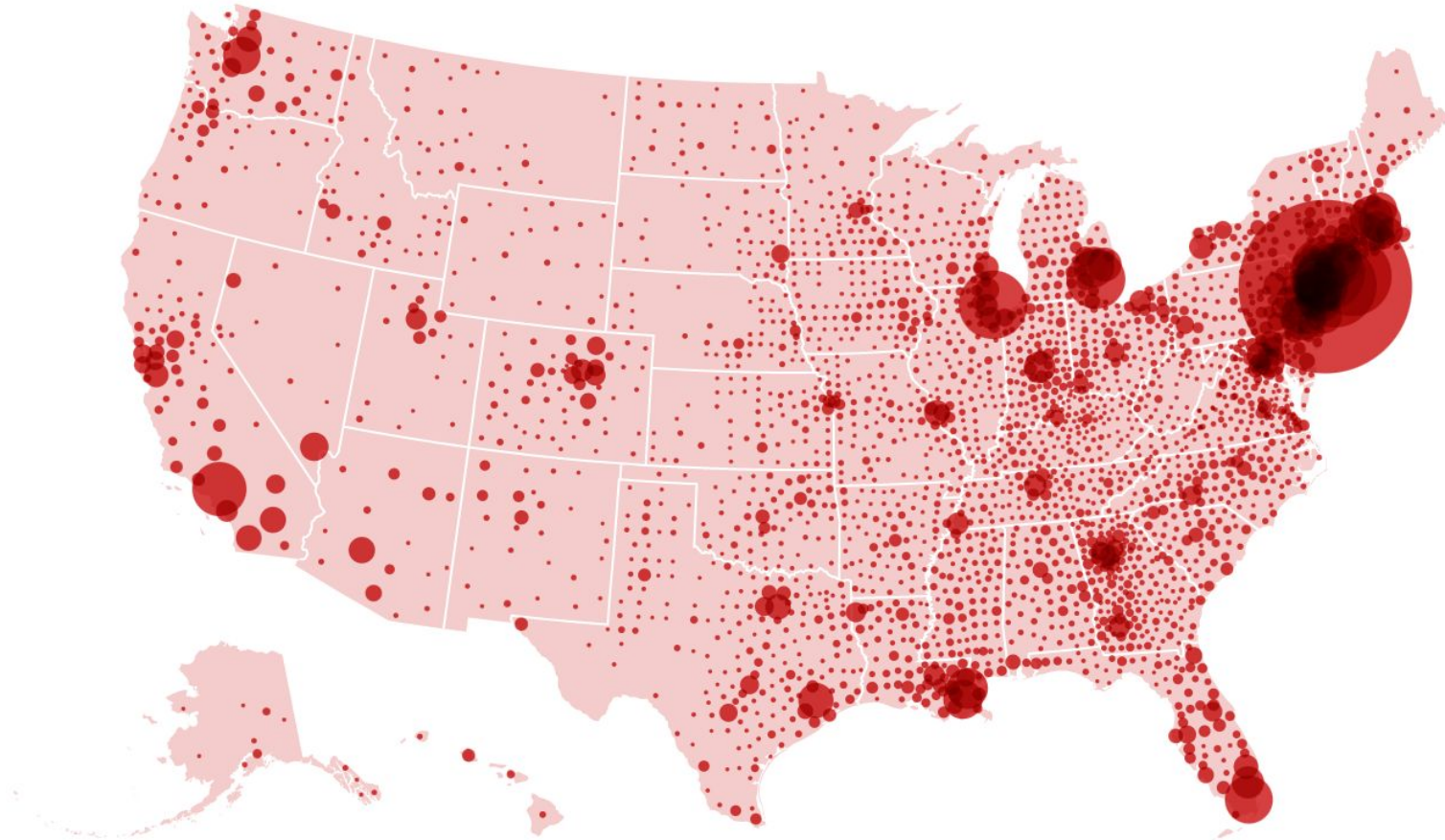
The [global death toll](#) of COVID-19 has reached **142,735** people.

Number of cases since the day of the 100th case (log scale)



Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Note: The CSSE states that its numbers rely upon publicly available data from multiple sources, which do not always agree

There have been **641,000** confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and **31,588** deaths.



# COVID-19 in the U.S.

## Shutdowns Spark Protests

Thousands of protestors have taken to the streets urging for the reopening of businesses and the relaxation of restrictions on daily life.

## Trump Gives Governors Permission to Open

President Trump has told all the U.S. governors that they can open up before May 1, if they want.

## New York Extends Lockdown

Governor Cuomo of New York has extended the state's lockdown until May 15th.





# U.S. Economic Struggles

## Unemployment Continues to Increase

In the past month, an unprecedented [22 million Americans](#) have filed for unemployment.

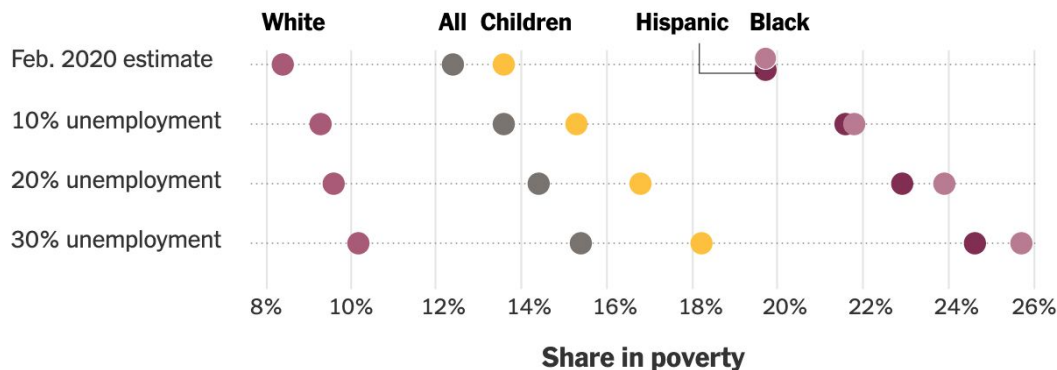
## Lending Program Runs Dry

The lending program of [\\$349 billion dollars](#) meant to give small loans to struggling businesses has run out of funds.

## Poverty and Racial Disparities

[The rise in unemployment](#) is estimated to increase the poverty rate as well as widen racial disparities.

Poverty rate under different unemployment scenarios (second quarter, April-June)



Note: Historical poverty data is based on Supplemental Poverty Measure and has been adjusted for 2019 changes in methodology by the Census Bureau. • Source: Zachary Parolin and Christopher Wimer, Columbia University School of Social Work • The New York Times

[source](#)

# Security and Stability Concerns



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# Impact on International Relations and Stability

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## US Presses China

Amid concerns that COVID-19 came from a lab in Wuhan, the [U.S. has increased its pressure](#) on China, pushing Beijing to “come clean” about the true origin of the virus.

## Potential Truce in Yemen

The UN envoy to Yemen is hopeful that the warring parties will [soon agree on a nationwide ceasefire](#) including economic and humanitarian decisions as well as a resumption of political discussions.

## Violence in Enforcing Regulations

18 people have been killed by [Nigeria's security forces](#) in its effort to enforce its nationwide curfew. There have been over one hundred other human rights violation complaints in the country.

## Apartheid Accusations

A hospital in Ahmedabad, India has created separate Hindu and Muslim wards for treating COVID-19 patients, [causing accusations of an 'apartheid'](#).

# World Truce

France's President Emmanuel Macron is supporting a [world truce during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). The U.S., UK, and China have all agreed, and are now waiting for Russia.



*"We know the pandemic is having profound social, economic and political consequences, including relating to international peace and security. We see it, for example, in postponement of elections or limitations on the ability to vote, sustained restrictions on movement, spiraling unemployment and other factors that could contribute to rising discontent and political tensions."*

- Secretary General of the UN, António Guterres'



# COVID-19 Research

## Risk Factors

Research has pointed to [obesity being a great risk factor](#) of having severe symptoms. Asthma, on the other hand, has not.

## A Gender Factor

Studies suggest that [men are more likely](#) than women to get severe symptoms and die.

## Vaccine Trials Underway

[According to the WHO](#), three different clinical trials of a COVID-19 vaccine are underway. More than 70 other potential vaccines are in development.



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