



Current Situation: COVID-19

May 4th,
2020 Update

Monitoring the Virus

Nearly [3.5 million have been infected globally](#) with almost 250,000 deaths around the world.

Death Toll Rises in the U.K.

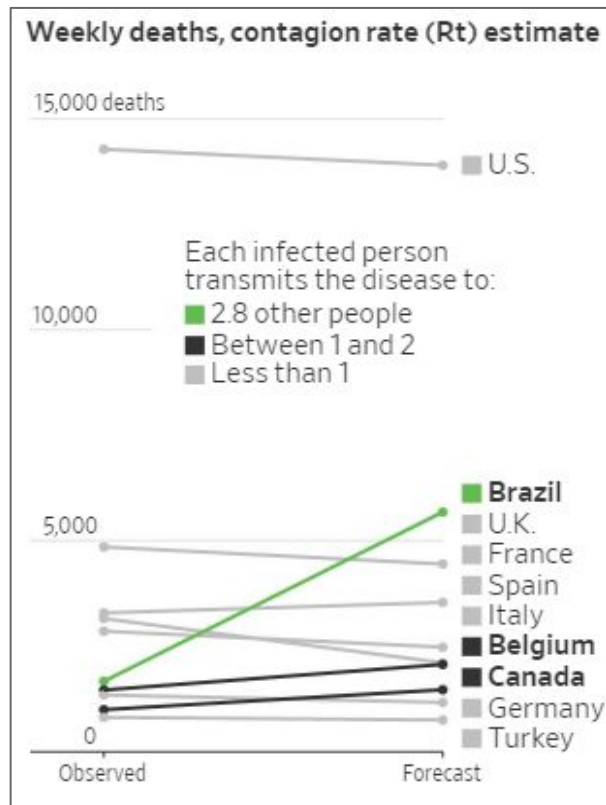
[U.K. has second highest death toll in Europe](#) behind Italy, and the third highest in world.

Virus Spreads in Brazil

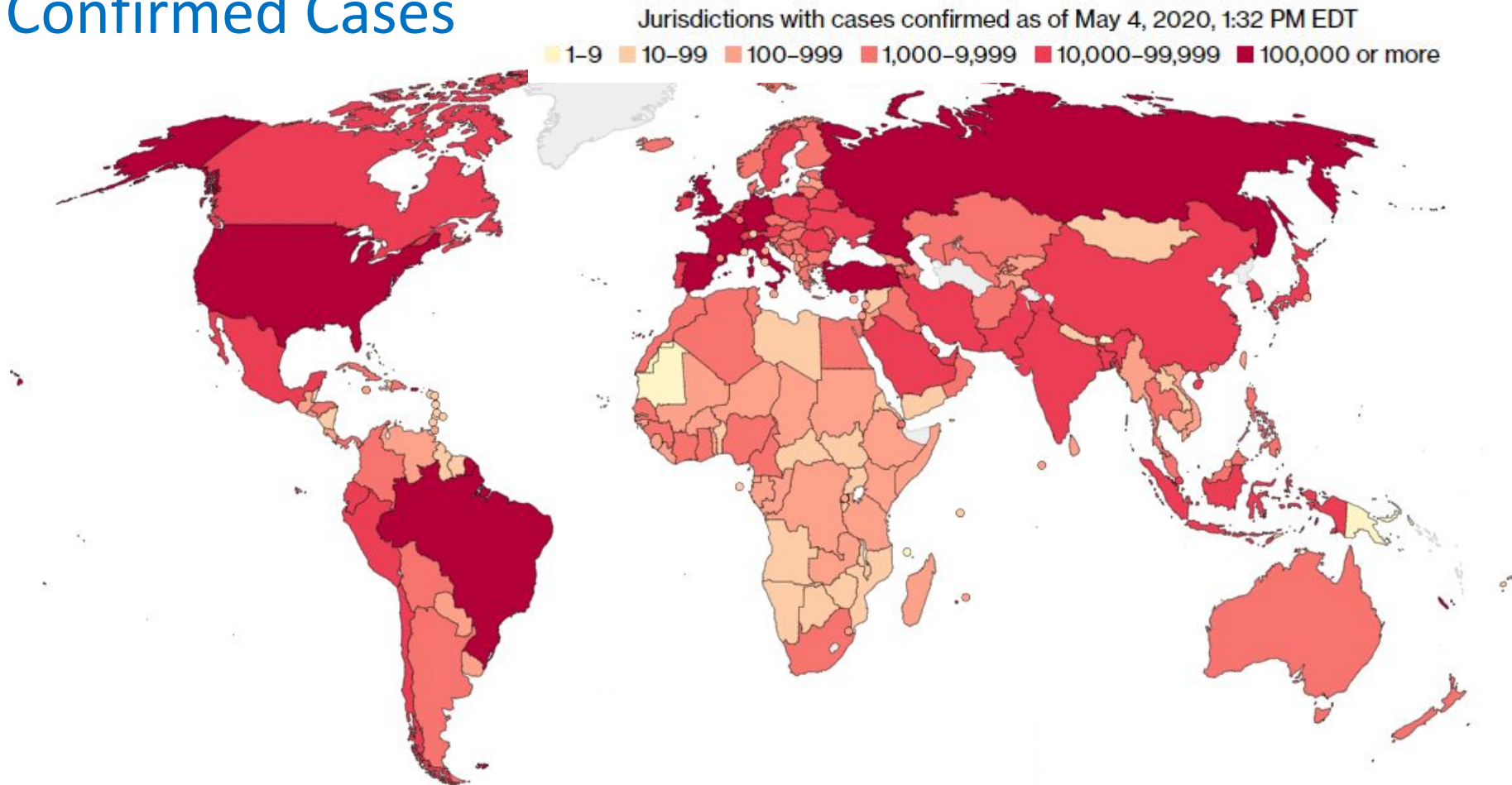
[Brazil continues to see spread](#) with more confirmed cases than China and a death toll of over 7,000 people.

Monitoring Cases in Bangladesh

Number of [cases in Bangladesh exceeds 10,000](#) as country looks to ease restrictions in coming weeks. Some experts concerned figures are much higher.



Confirmed Cases



COVID-19 in the U.S.

Increase in Estimated Death Toll

President Trump increased [estimated death toll to 100,000](#).

New York Cases Declining

Hospital deaths and new hospitalization [rates are declining steadily](#).

Nursing Homes See Surge

The number of confirmed [cases in nursing homes has doubled](#) in the past week.

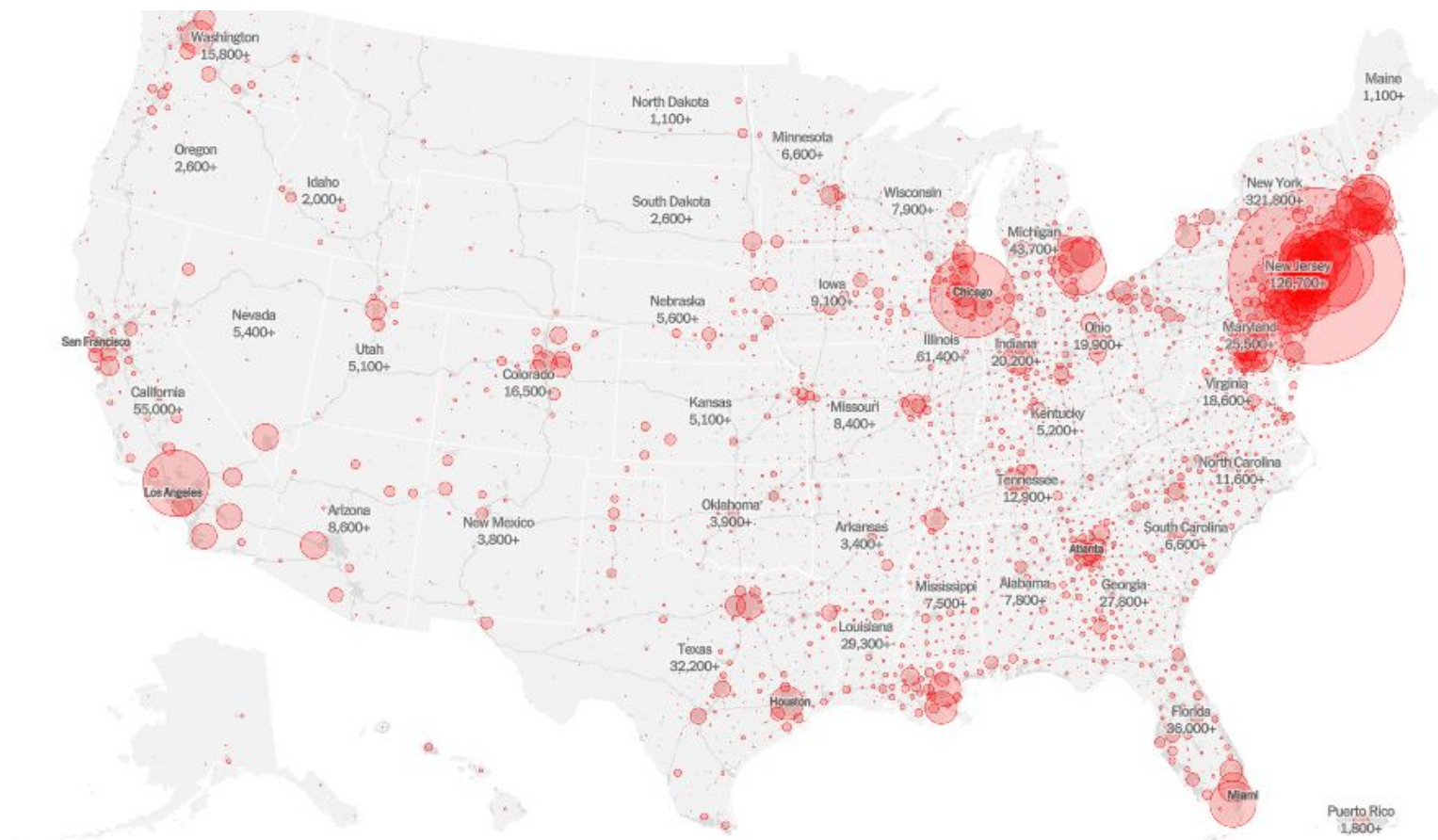
High Rates Confirmed in Prisons

Bureau of Prisons found that [70% of inmates that were tested were found positive](#) for COVID-19.



Reported Cases in the U.S.

Updated May 4, 2020



[Source](#)

Differing Sentiments Emerge

U.K. Looks to China for Explanations

[U.K. says China has questions to answer](#) regarding the coronavirus outbreak as over the weekend [U.S. Secretary of State claims](#) there is evidence that virus originated in Wuhan lab.

While in Serbia, [billboards featuring Chinese President Xi can be seen in the capital](#) offering thanks for support and sparking a response from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell:

“If you go to Belgrade, you would see billboards of the President Xi from China, saying ‘Thanks brother Xi, you are the only one to help us.’ This is very funny, because I have never seen a billboard saying ‘Thanks to the EU for the help it has been providing us.’”

The EU is by far the largest donor to Serbia, with the overall assistance [amounting to EUR 3.6 billion](#).



Easing Lockdown Restrictions

Parts of Middle East to Open

In the Middle East, [several countries have begun easing lockdown](#) restrictions.

Nigeria Starts to Lift Lockdown

[Nigeria begins reopening main cities of Lagos and Abuja](#) after stay-at-home order issued on March 30th.

Thailand Shows 'New Normal'

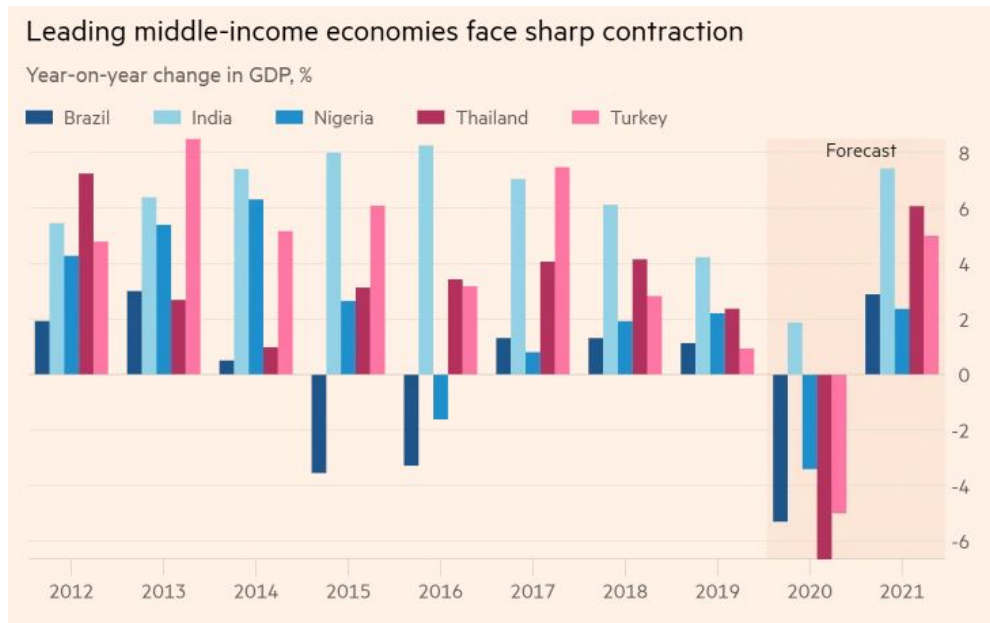
Businesses in [Bangkok reopened on Monday](#) with new precautions in place.

Japan Not Set to Reopen Yet

Japan [extends state of emergency until the end of May](#) to prevent a second wave.



Economic Updates



Global Economy Takes Hit

[Global stocks dropped on Monday](#) as U.S.-China tension flares over the origin of the pandemic.

[Activity in factories around the world sink to new lows](#) as pandemic continues to freeze global production and demand.

Economies in Africa Feel Impact

South Africa's [GDP could shrink by up to 12%](#) from the coronavirus.

As oil prices crashed, [Nigerian economy seeing major losses](#) as oil accounts for 60% of government revenue and 90% of foreign exchange.

Stability Concerns

Crowd Control in India

As India begins to ease lockdown restrictions, [police clash with crowds](#) in some cases using tear gas as people gather.

Cries for Relief in Lebanon

Protests erupt in [Lebanon as people demand economic relief](#) after a two month shutdown causes severe financial losses.

Hong Kong Protests Resume

In Hong Kong, [pro-democracy demonstrators look to regain momentum](#) with gathering on Friday.



Race to Vaccine

Calls for Global Cooperation

[UN calls for a global effort](#) to develop and distribute a vaccine against COVID-19. Cost to vaccinate people around the globe is estimated to be [more than \\$20 billion](#).

Throughout Europe, various nations make pledges to support mission: [Spain pledges 125 million euro](#), [France offers 500 million euro](#), and [Norway](#) and the [European Commission pledged \\$1 billion](#) each.



“The ultimate measure of success will not be how fast we can develop tools. It will be how equally we can distribute them. None of us can accept a world in which some people are protected while others remain exposed.”

- WHO Director Tedros Adhanom
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This information is current as of May 4, 2020. Further updates will be sent in future briefings.



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