



Current Situation: COVID-19

May 7th,
2020 Update

Monitoring the Virus

Across the world, there have been over 3.7 million confirmed COVID-19 cases and nearly 270,000 related deaths.

Another Record in Russia

Over the last 24 hours, Russia has reported 11,231 new cases of infection, another record daily total. It is quickly becoming Europe's new hot spot.

Medical Workers in Africa

According to the WHO, over 1,000 health workers have been infected across Africa.

Stability in Iran

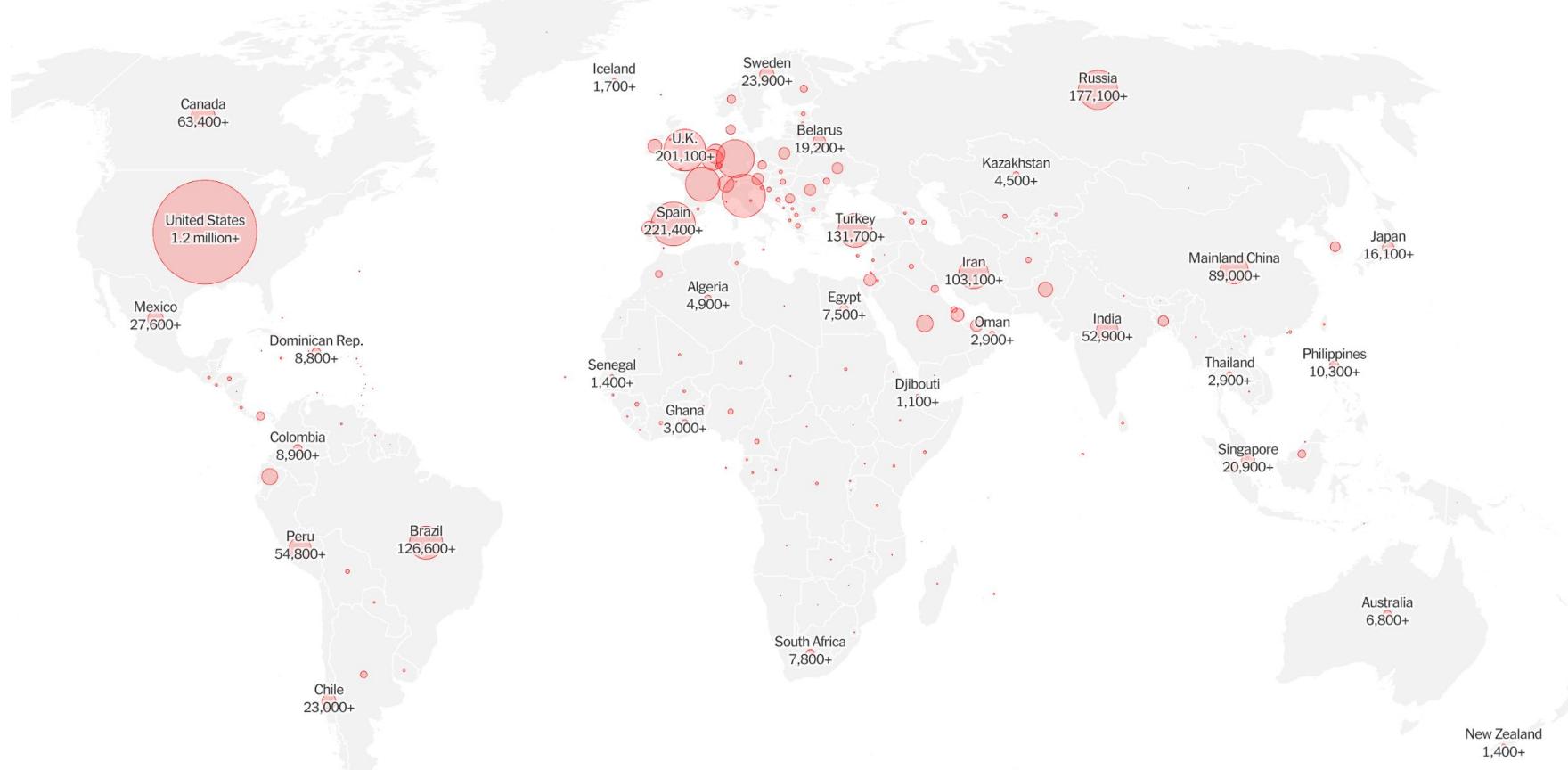
Iran has reported its outbreak to be relatively stable, announcing over 1,000 new outbreaks for fourth straight day.

India Cases Rise

The number of infections in India has risen past 50,000.



Mapping the Spread of COVID-19



Sources: Local governments; The Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University; National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China; World Health Organization. Data for the West Bank and Gaza was reported together by the Palestinian Health Ministry and includes only Palestinian-controlled land. Russia is reporting data for Crimea, a peninsula it [annexed in 2014](#) in a move that led to international sanctions. Data for some countries, like the United States and France, include counts for overseas territories. Japan's count includes 696 cases and seven deaths from a cruise ship that docked in Yokohama. For new cases map: Doubling time is calculated for the last week of cases.

COVID-19 in the U.S.

White House Rejects C.D.C. Guidelines

The C.D.C. [released a set of guidelines](#) to aid in the reopening of schools, businesses, and restaurants. The White House rejected the guidelines, many officials saying they are too prescriptive, especially in areas with low infection rates.

States Continue Reopening

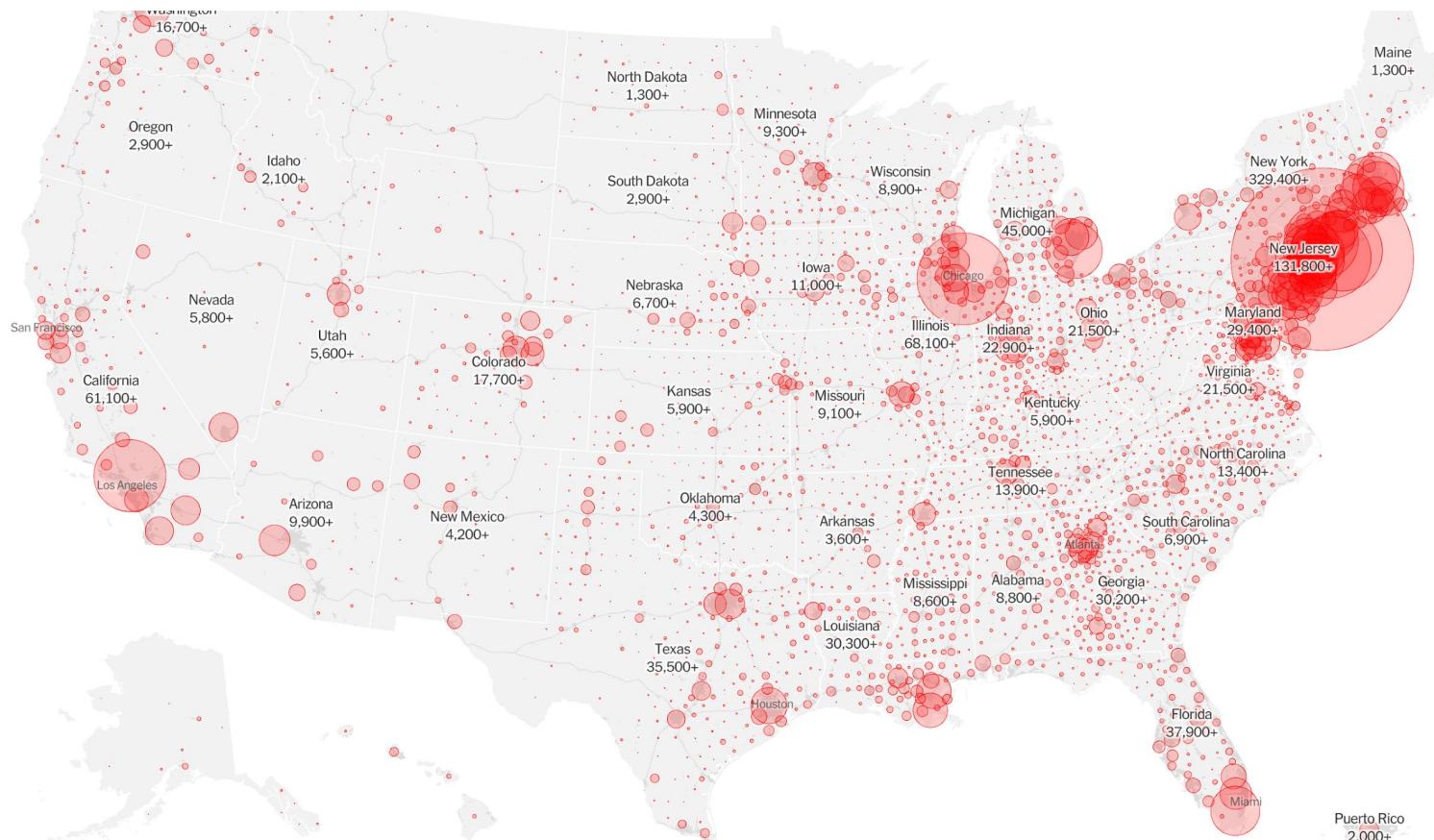
By this Sunday, [over 43 states](#) will have partially or completely reopened.

Outbreaks Traced Back to New York

A new study shows that outbreaks across the country have been [seeded from infected people](#) leaving New York.



Mapping the Spread of COVID-19 in the United States



Note: The map shows the known locations of coronavirus cases by county. For total cases and deaths: Circles are sized by the number of people there who have tested positive, which may differ from where they contracted the illness. For per capita: Parts of a county with a population density lower than 10 people per square mile are not shaded. Sources: State and local health agencies and hospitals. [Source](#)

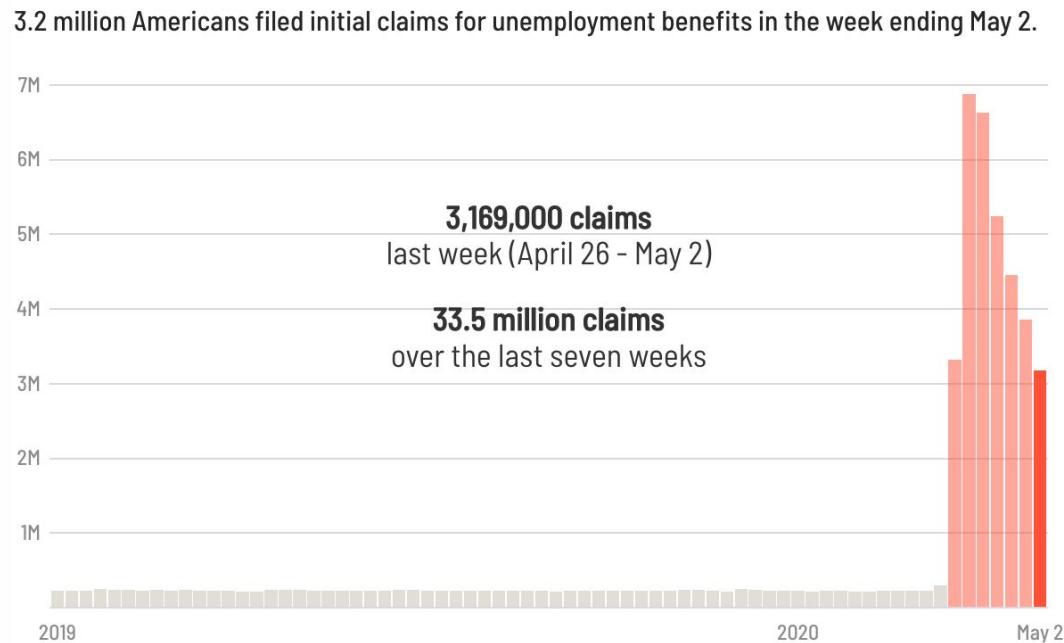
U.S. Unemployment Rising

Over 33 million Americans have filed for unemployment in the past seven weeks.

This represents an unemployment rate of about 25%, a level unseen since the Great Depression.

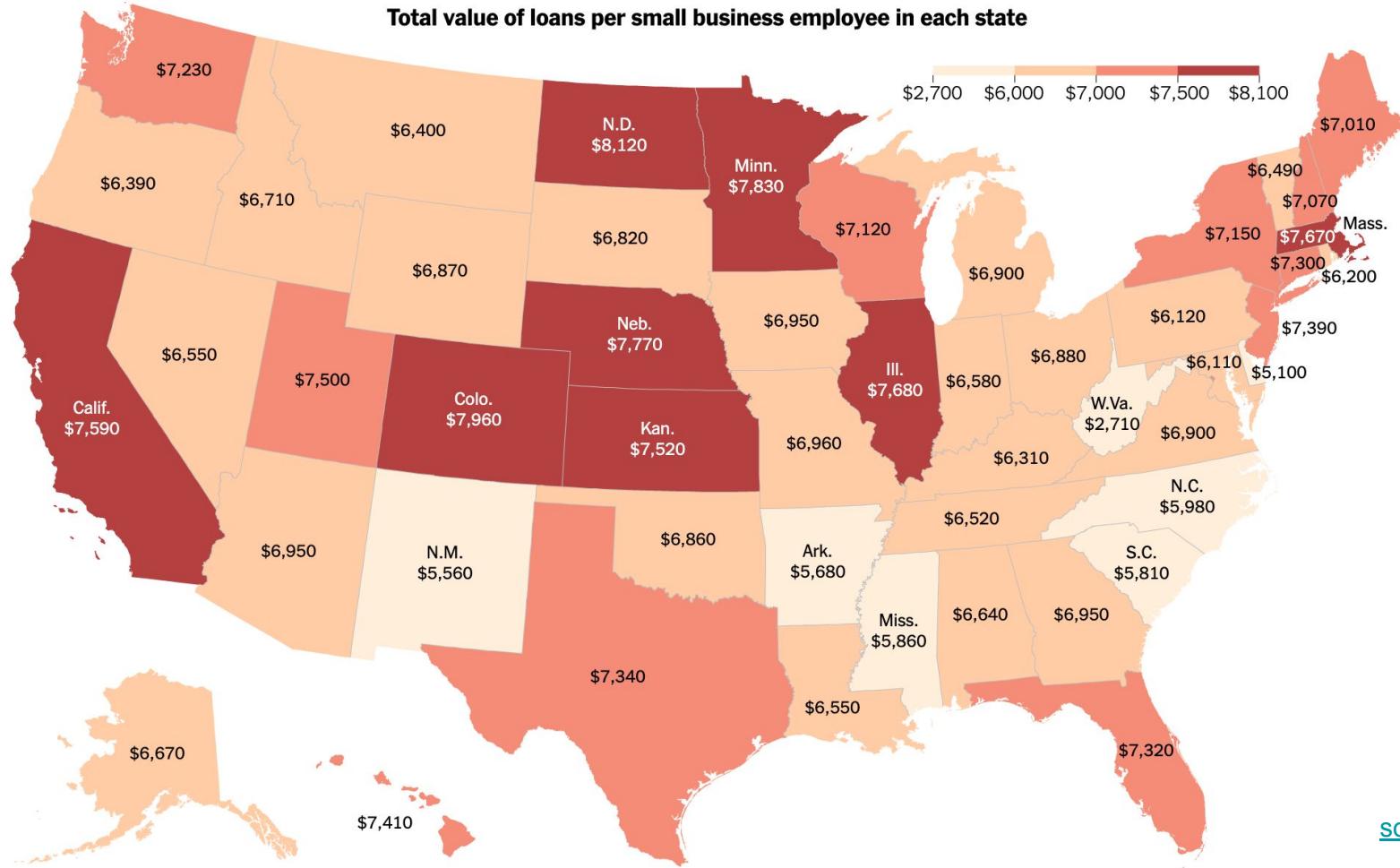
The good news is, layoffs seems to be slowing, with this past week only having 3 million claims. Experts hope that unemployment claims will continue to drop as states across the country begin to reopen.

Gregory Daco, chief US Economist at Oxford Economics, says, “We’re still seeing a massive wave of layoffs taking over the economy” in what he describes as a “second wave of the coronavirus recession”.



[source](#)

Total value of loans per small business employee in each state



[source](#)

UN Warns of Famine

The United Nations has tripled the size of its humanitarian aid appeal from \$2 billion to \$6.7 billion to help vulnerable countries devastated by the pandemic.

The expansion was caused by updated plans to help nine more countries than before: Benin, Djibouti, Liberia, Mozambique, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Togo and Zimbabwe.



“Unless we take action now, we should be prepared for a significant rise in conflict, hunger and poverty. The specter of multiple famines loom.”

- Mr. Lowcock, Head of UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Europe Continues Opening

France is [lifting its stay at home orders](#) starting on Monday. On May 11th, it expects thousands of businesses to begin to open. However, the borders will be closed until further notice.

On May 18th, Italy [will continue masses and religious ceremonies](#) like weddings, but with safety measures in place.

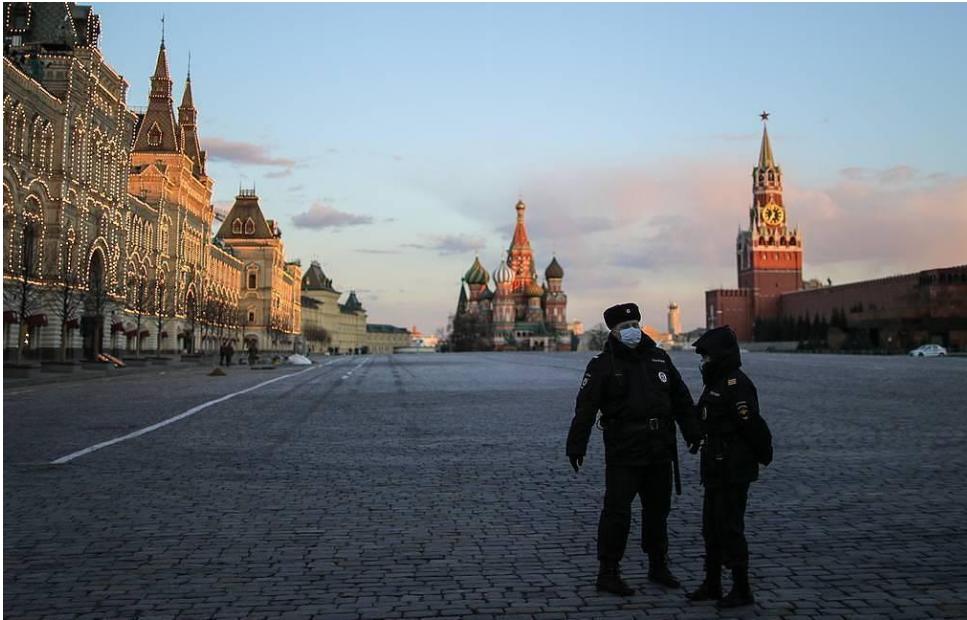
In Madrid, some parks are [expected to open](#) starting on Friday.

Germany [will continue football league games](#) starting next week.

Denmark is reopening the [entire retail sector](#), including shopping malls, starting on May 11th.



Countries Not Opening



Moscow Extends Restriction

Moscow has extended coronavirus restrictions until the end of the month amid a steeply increasing infection rate.

Lockdown Extended in Scotland

Scotland has decided to extend its lockdown measures for another three weeks.

Nepal and India

Both countries have extended coronavirus lockdown, Nepal until May 18th, and India until May 17th. However, even with the extended lockdown, India has begun to ease some of its measures.

Future International Travel

Europe's First Travel Bubble

Three countries, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia are the first European countries to [create a “travel bubble”](#), allowing all residents to move freely throughout all three states.

Travel Bubble in Greece, Cyprus, and Israel

Greece, Cyprus and Israel are [considering starting a travel bubble](#) between them in order to attract tourists that are not willing to travel long distances in the coming summer months.

Health Passports

EU tourism ministers have discussed [implementing health passports](#), which would show the health status of an individual and allow them to travel freely across the borders.



COVID-19 Treatment Updates

Japan Approves Remdesivir

In a U.S. study, the drug remdesivir showed promise in treating severe coronavirus infections. [Japan has approved the drug](#) for the treatment of patients, making it the first country to fully authorize it for use.

Phase 2 Vaccine

A COVID-19 vaccine created by Moderna and cleared by the FDA [has begun phase 2 of the trial](#) with 600 patients, and plans for phase 3 as early as this summer.

Blood Thinners

A new study has found that [blood thinners potentially help](#) in the treating of patients with severe infections.



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