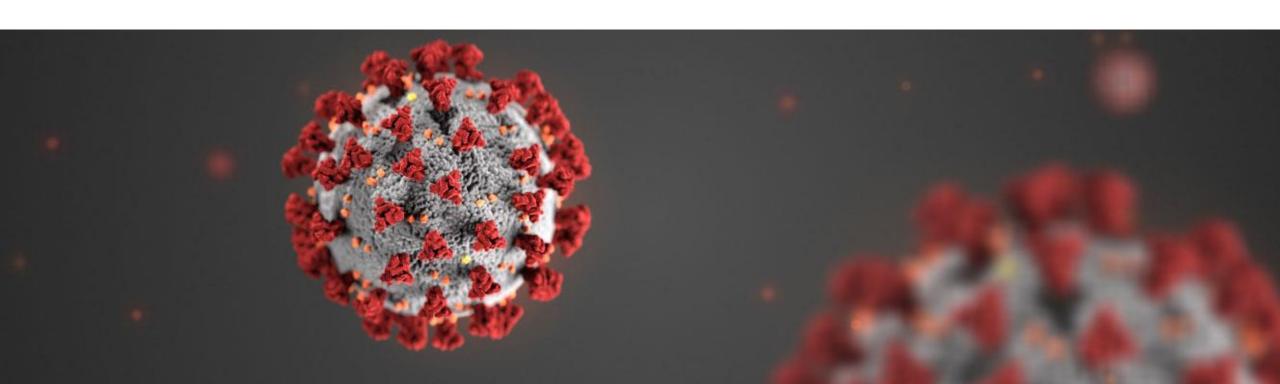




# **SARS-CoV-2** Report

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4 May 2021



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# Where each vaccine is being used

# **Portugal**

- Doses administered per 100 people: 33 (29)
- Total doses administered: 3,421,792 (*3,018,383*)
- Population Vaccinated: 24% (21%)
- Population Fully vaccinated: 8.8% (8.0%)

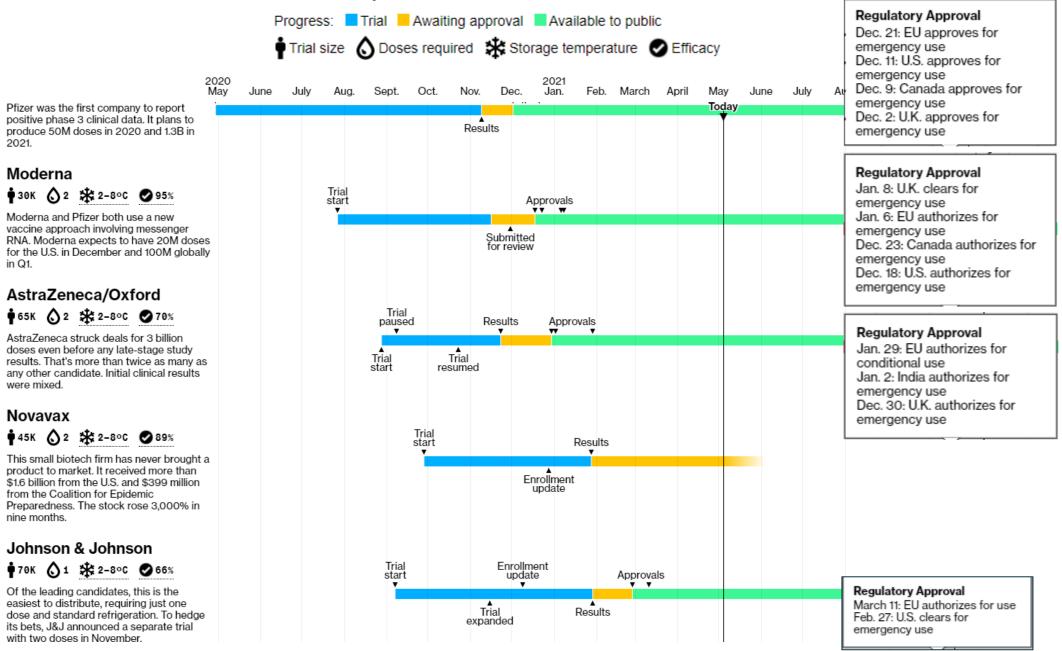
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Source: The New York Times

# When to Expect the Next Vaccine

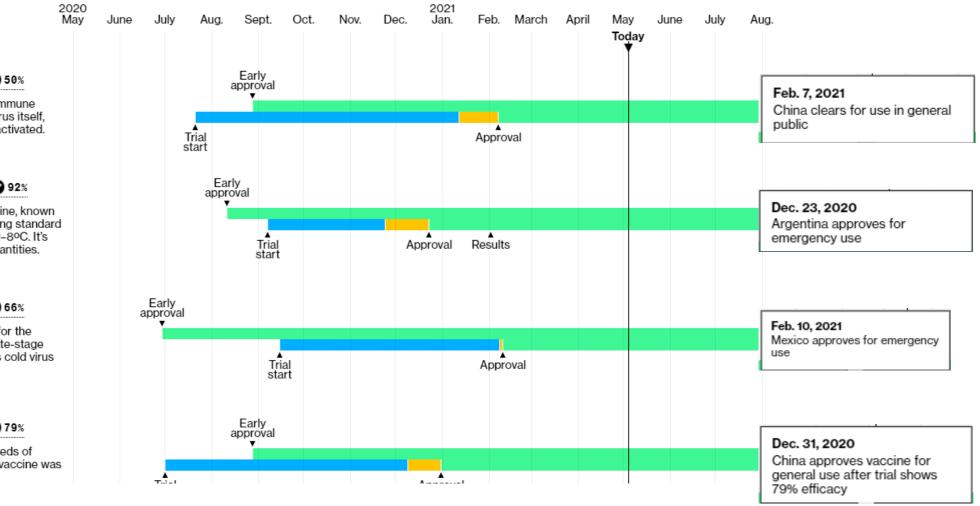
Source: Bloomberg



## When to Expect the Next Vaccine

Progress: ■ Trial ■ Awaiting approval ■ Available to public

† Trial size ♦ Doses required ★ Storage temperature ▶ Efficacy



Sinovac Biotech

**†**26K **♦**2 **‡**2-8°C **⊘**50%

Sinovac's vaccine triggers an immune response using the Covid-19 virus itself, after it has been chemically inactivated.

### Gamaleya

**†**40K **♦**2 **‡** −18°C **②**92%

A variation of the Russian vaccine, known as Sputnik V, can be stored using standard refrigeration temperatures of 2–8°C. It's currently available in limited quantities.

# **CanSino Biologics**

**†**40K **△**1 **※**2-8°C **⊘**66%

CanSino's shot was approved for the Chinese military even before late-stage tests began. It uses a harmless cold virus to deliver its genetic payload.

### Sinopharm

**†**50K **♦**2 **\***2-8°C **Ø**79%

Sinopharm administered hundreds of thousands of doses before its vaccine was fully tested.

Source: Bloomberg

# The Global Vaccination Campaign – sorted by Doses Administered

More than 1.17 billion doses have been administered across 174 countries, according to data collected by Bloomberg. The latest rate was roughly 20.2 million doses a day.

Country			% of p	population					% of population		
	Doses	Enough for % of people ▼	given 1+ dose	fully vaccinated		Country	Doses administered	Enough for % of people ▼	given 1+ dose	fully vaccinated	Daily rate of doses administered
Global Total	1,179,525,798	-	-	-	20,163,125	Argentina	8,039,793	8.9	15.7	2.2	117,870
China	275,338,000	9.8	-	-	7,205,286	Hungary	6,150,309	31.5	41.7	21.3	125,906
U.S.	246,780,203	38.4	44.4	31.8	2,287,393	Netherlands	5,651,041	16.4	24.2	-	63,364
India	158,871,435	5.8	9.4	2.1	1,969,361	Romania	5,408,309	13.9	17.4	10.5	70,757
EU	152,297,276	17.1	24.9	9.1	2,876,577	Colombia	5,220,330	5.2	6.9	3.5	109,866
U.K. +	50,089,549	37.5	51.8	23.2	491,363	Belgium	3,905,671	17.0	26.8	7.3	67,689
Brazil	48,391,067	11.5	15.3	7.7	823,778	South Korea	3,633,353	3.5	6.6	0.5	180,223
Germany	30,147,919	18.1	28.3	8.0	671,568	Serbia	3,612,405	25.9	30.9	21.0	146,088
Turkey	23,525,114	14.1	16.9	11.4	281,334	Japan	3,489,719	1.4	2.0	0.8	166,859
France	22,821,849	17.6	24.9	10.3	404,717	Portugal	3,324,285	16.2	23.9	8.5	58,627
Italy	20,885,469	17.3	24.2	10.4	429,194	Sweden	3,266,894	15.8	24.3	7.3	96,447
Indonesia	20,422,518	3.8	4.7	2.9	218,081	Czech Republic	3,201,704	15.0	20.6	9.5	54,173
Russia	19,800,000	6.7	8.2	5.2	400,000	Austria	3,194,219	18.0	26.4	9.6	52,372
Mexico	18,326,726	7.2	9.9	6.0	273,813	Greece	3,136,791	14.6	20.4	8.8	36,227
Spain	17,130,598	18.4	25.9	11.0	344,952	Switzerland +	2,642,062	15.5	20.0	10.9	62,497
Chile	14,872,524	38.9	42.6	35.3	92,742	Finland	1,866,796	16.9	30.8	3.1	26,248
Canada +	13,941,587	18.6	29.7	2.6	249,745	Uruguay	1,857,713	26.4	33.4	19.4	32,109
Poland	11,944,959	15.7	23.6	7.8	228,713	Philippines	1,809,801	0.8	1.5	0.2	2 121,375
UAE	10,666,924	49.6	-	-	55,842	Peru	1,787,744	2.7	3.5	1.9	9 44,857
Israel	10,462,554	57.8	59.7	55.9	8,097	Norway	1,741,081	16.3	25.6	6.9	30,766
Saudi Arabia	9,750,371	14.3	-	_	191,529	Qatar	1,635,398	29.3	36.9	21.6	
Morocco	9,389,397	13.2	14.4	12.0	62,583	Slovakia	1,623,934		20.5	9.3	
Bangladesh	8,841,569	2.7	3.5	1.8	99,472	Ireland	1,591,888		23.2		

# The Global Vaccination Campaign – sorted by Doses per % of people

More than 1.17 billion doses have been administered across 174 countries, according to data collected by Bloomberg. The latest rate was roughly 20.2 million doses a day.

	,		% of po	opulation	Daily rate of doses administered	
Country	Doses administered	Enough for % of people ▼	given 1+ dose	fully vaccinated		
Global Total	1,179,525,798	-	-	-	20,163,125	
Gibraltar	71,114	104.6	110.3	98.9	588	
Falkland Islands	4,407	73.5	87.7	59.2	202	
Seychelles	126,840	66.1	70.5	61.6	1,065	
Israel	10,462,554	57.8	59.7	55.9	8,097	
Maldives	406,133	54.6	80.0	29.2	4,414	
Cayman Islands	65,680	50.5	53.5	_	263	
UAE	10,666,924	49.6	-	-	55,842	
San Marino	29,941	44.0	61.7	26.4	436	
Bermuda	55,319	43.9	50.5	16.4	618	
Isle of Man	73,446	43.2	67.8	18.6	377	
Bahrain	1,264,087	42.6	48.3	36.9	11,907	
Chile	14,872,524	38.9	42.6	35.3	92,742	
U.S.	246,780,203	38.4	44.4	31.8	2,287,393	
St. Helena	4,572	38.1	59.4	16.8	43	
U.K. +	50,089,549	37.5	51.8	23.2	491,363	
Turks & Caicos	28,423	37.4	43.0	26.3	108	
Malta	341,909	34.6	47.2	22.0	4,090	
Aruba	74,747	33.4	48.1	19.5	1,772	
Bhutan	480,597	32.3	64.5	_	80	
Monaco	25,104	32.2	34.1	30.3	119	
Hungary	6,150,309	31.5	41.7	21.3	125,906	
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Austria	3,194,219	18.0	26.4	9.6	52,372	
Lithuania	995,557	17.9	24.8	10.9	16,733	
France	22,821,849	17.6	24.9	10.3	404,717	
Denmark	2,037,465	17.5	23.6	11.5	33,727	
Estonia	464,935	17.5	25.6	9.5	7,622	
Italy	20,885,469	17.3	24.2	10.4	429,194	
EU	152,297,276	17.1	24.9	9.1	2,876,577	
Greenland	19,452	17.1	-	9.3	292	
Belgium	3,905,671	17.0	26.8	7.3	67,689	
Finland	1,866,796	16.9	30.8	3.1	26,248	
Cyprus	287,816	16.4	24.9	7.9	7,614	
Netherlands	5,651,041	16.4	24.2	-	63,364	
Luxembourg	200,553	16.3	24.2	8.5	3,108	
Norway	1.741.081	16.3	25.6	6.9	30.766	
Portugal	3,324,285	16.2	23.9	8.5	58,627	
Ireland	1,591,888	16.1	23.2	9.0	29,448	
Sweden	3,266,894	15.8	24.3	7.3	96,447	
Poland	11,944,959	15.7	23.6	7.8	228,713	
Antigua and Barbuda	30,427	15.7	31.3	-	61	
Slovenia	645,091	15.6	20.7	10.5	8,615	
Switzerland +	2,642,062	15.5	20.0	10.9	62,497	

# Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / Covid-19) – Confirmed cases by country

Note: Selected Countries, sorted by # of cases

Finland 87,345 Thailand 71.025

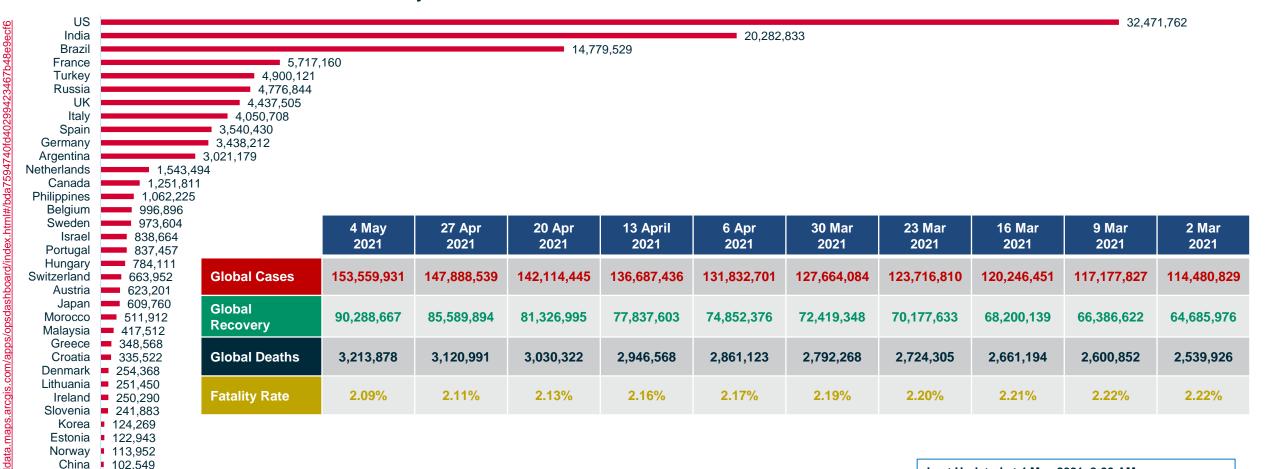
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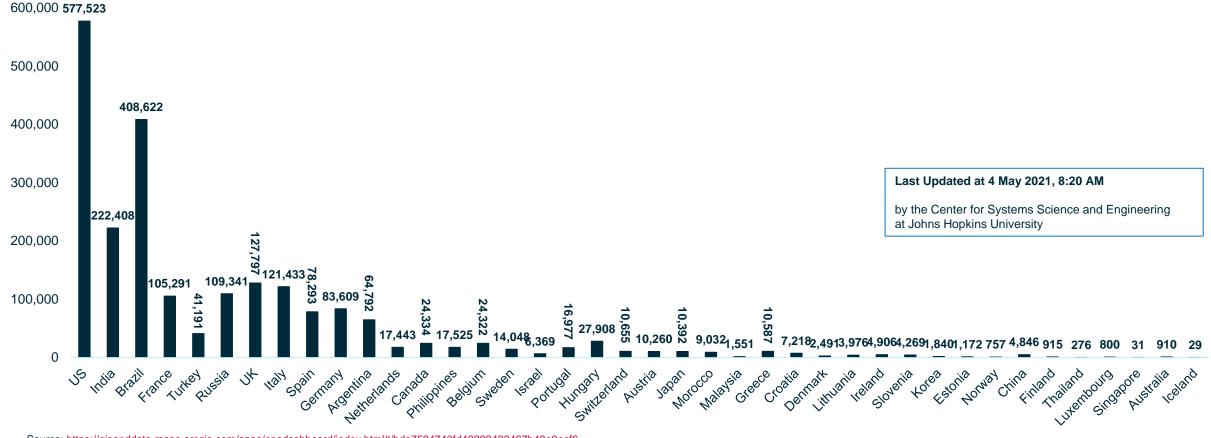
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# Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / Covid-19) – Deaths by Country

Note: Selected Countries, sorted by # of cases

700,000



Source: https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdasnboard/index.ntmi#/bda/1994/140fd4029942346/1048e9ecit



# Latest Cases and Deaths by TOP 10 Countries – 3 May 2021

Total Cases					
1	USA				
2	India				
3	Brazil				
4	France				
5	5 Turkey				
6	Russia				
7	United Kingdom				
8	Italy				
9	Spain				
10	Germany				
31 (30)	Portugal				

Cases in last 7 days				
1	India			
2	Brazil			
3	USA			
4	Turkey			
5	Iran			
6	France			
7	Argentina			
8	Colombia			
9	Germany			
10	Italy			
83 (83)	Portugal			

31 (30)	Portugal		83 (83)	Portugal		
Total Cases per million people			Cases in last 7 days per million people			
1	Czechia		1	Bahrain		
2	Slovenia		2	Uruguay		
3	Bahrain		3	Costa Rica		
4	Serbia		4	Cyprus		
5	USA		5	Lithuania		
6	Sweden		6	Croatia		
7	Moldova		7	Argentina		
8	Israel		8	Mongolia		
9	Estonia		9	Netherlands		
10	Lithuania		10	Turkey		
17 (15)	Portugal		85 (80)	Portugal		

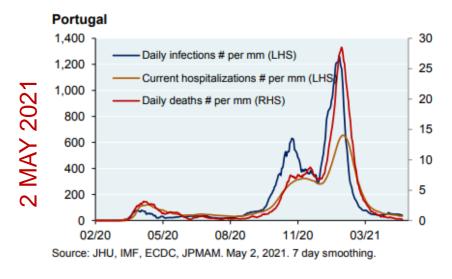
Total Deaths					
1	USA				
2	Brazil				
3	India				
4	Mexico				
5	United Kingdom				
6	Italy				
7	Russia				
8	France				
9	Germany				
10	Spain				
29 (28)	Portugal				

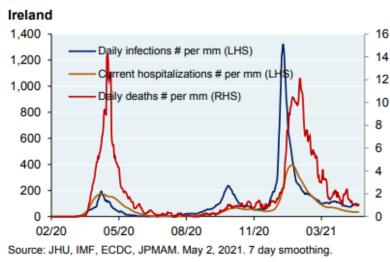
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Total Deaths					
pe	r million people				
1	Hungary				
2 Czechia					
3	Bosnia and Herzegovina				
4	North Macedonia				
5	Bulgaria				
6	Moldova				
7	Slovakia				
8	Belgium				
9 Slovenia					
10	Italy				
19 (18)	Portugal				

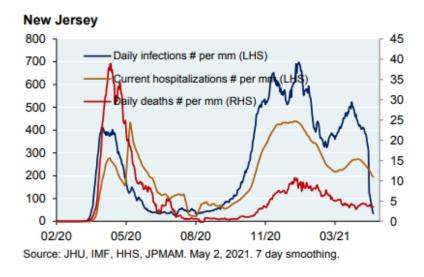
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2	Brazil				
3	USA				
4	Colombia				
5	Peru				
6	Iran				
7	Poland				
8	8 Argentina				
9	Russia				
10	Turkey				
109 (102)	Portugal				

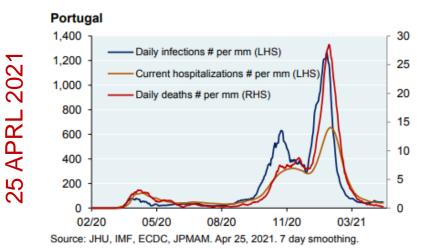
Deaths in last 7 days per million people				
1	North Macedonia			
2	Uruguay			
3	Hungary			
4	Paraguay			
5	5 Peru			
6	Brazil			
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8	Colombia			
9	Poland			
10	Bulgaria			
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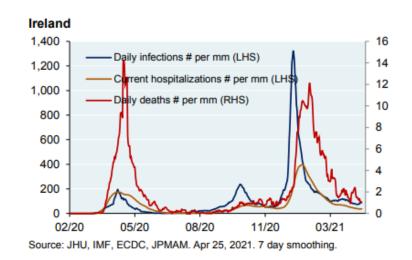
# Daily infections vs mortality per million

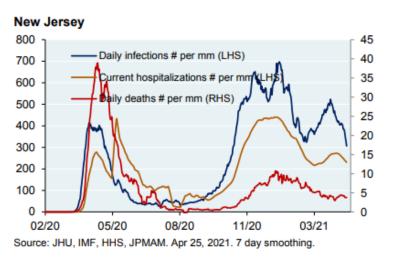












# **US vs Europe infections and mortality**

# US vs Europe infections Daily infections, # per mm, smoothing = 7 days 800 700 600 500 400 300 100

Source: Johns Hopkins University, IMF, JPMAM. May 2, 2021.

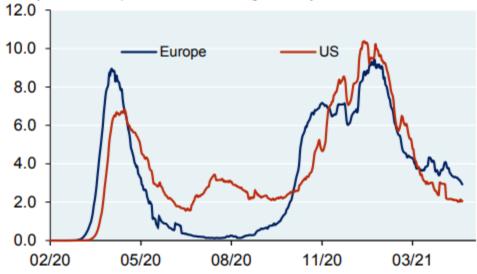
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# US vs Europe mortality

Daily deaths, # per mm, smoothing = 7 days



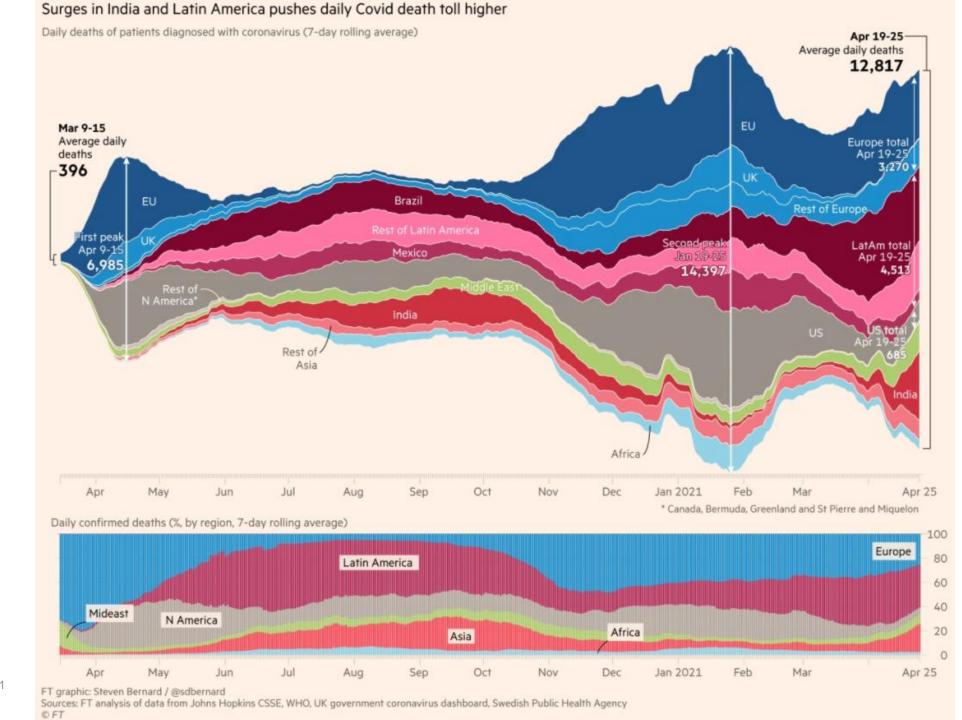
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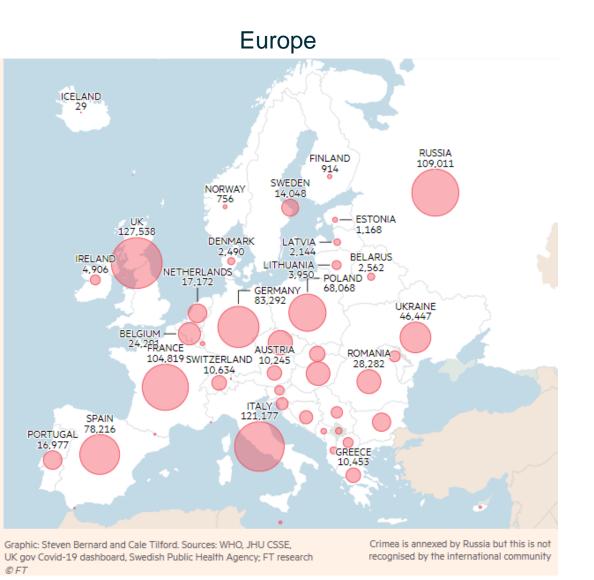
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# Daily deaths of patients diagnosed with coronavirus (7-day average)

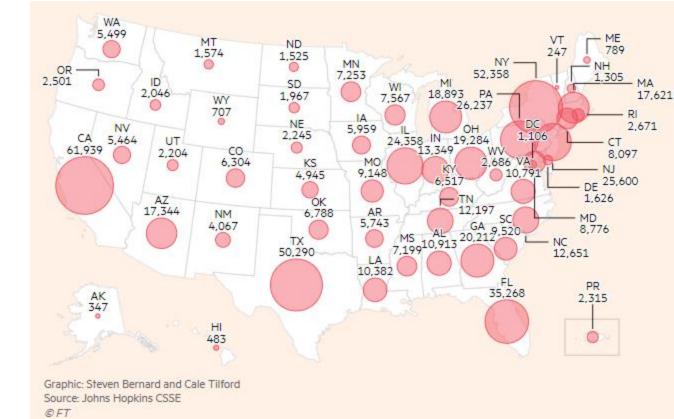




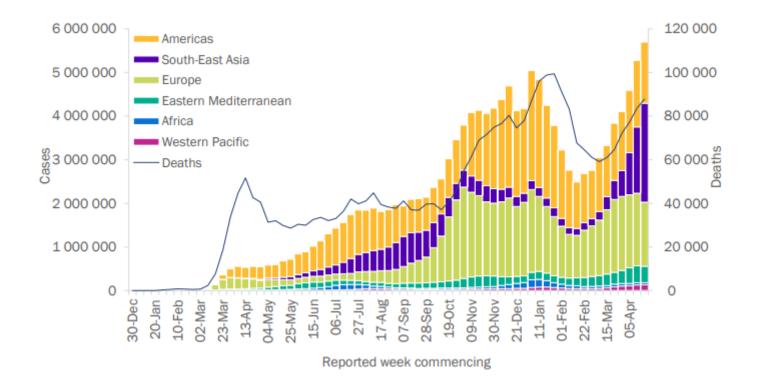
# Total deaths as of 1.01pm May 3 GMT



# US



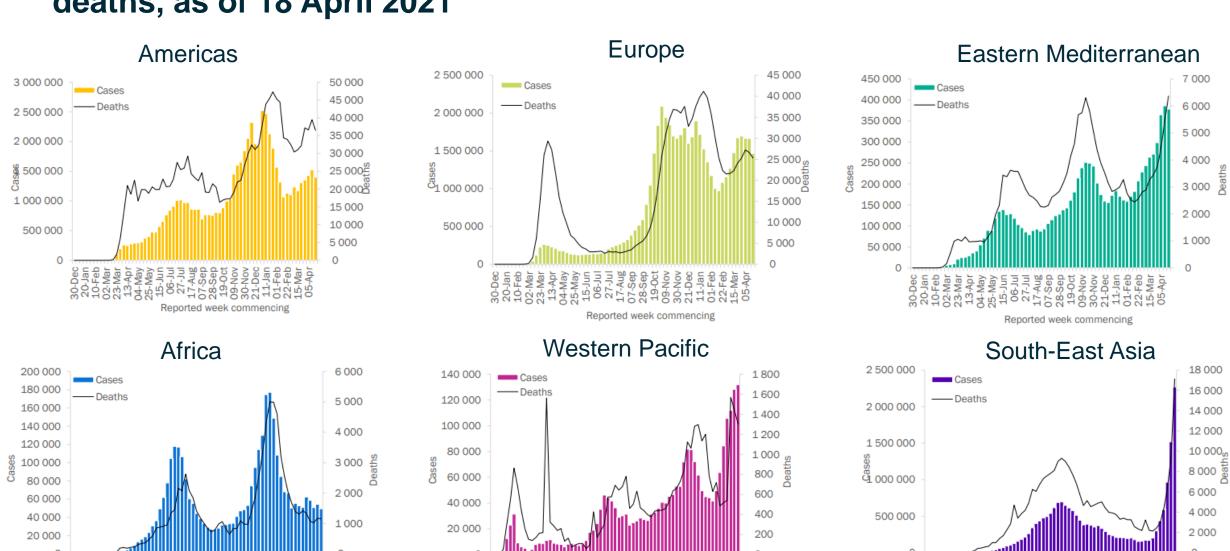
# Number of COVID-19 cases reported weekly by WHO Region, and global deaths, as of 18 April 2021





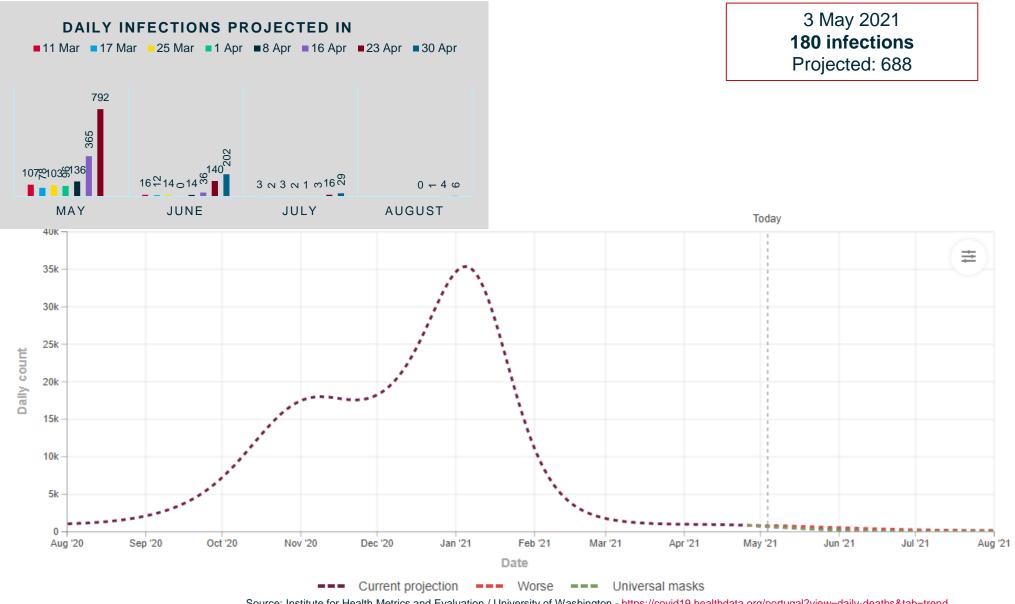
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# Portugal

# **Covid-19 Daily Infection Projections in Portugal**



Current projection: Vaccine distribution is scaled up over 90 days. Variant B.1.1.7 continues to spread in certain locations.

Worse: In those who are vaccinated, mobility moves toward pre-COVID-19 levels.

Universal masks : 95% mask usage is adopted in public.

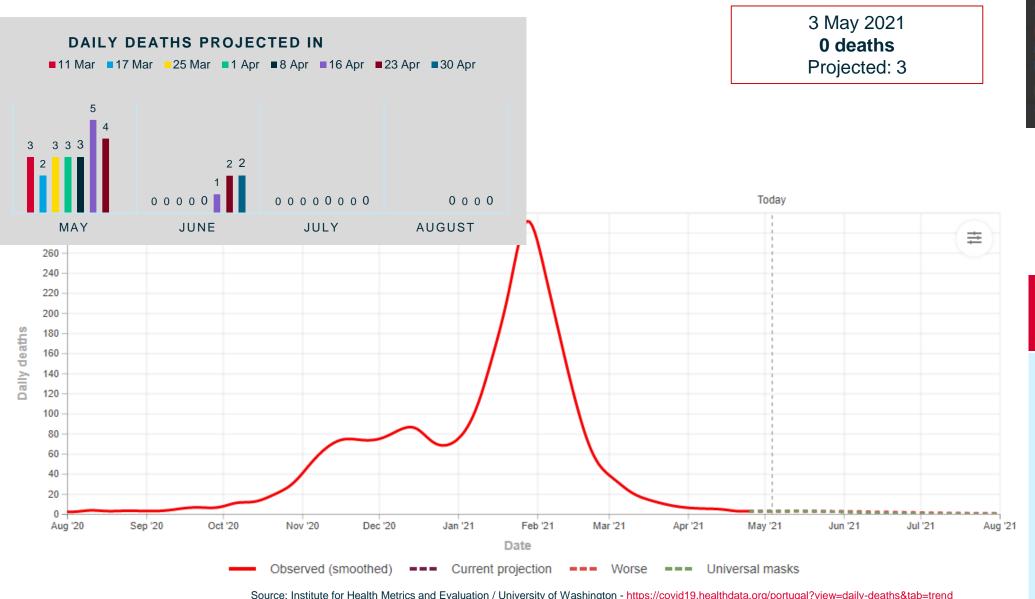
# **Projection Daily Infections**

For 1 August 2021

30 April Projection: 6

Source: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation / University of Washington - https://covid19.healthdata.org/portugal?view=daily-deaths&tab=trend

# **Covid-19 Daily Deaths Projections in Portugal**



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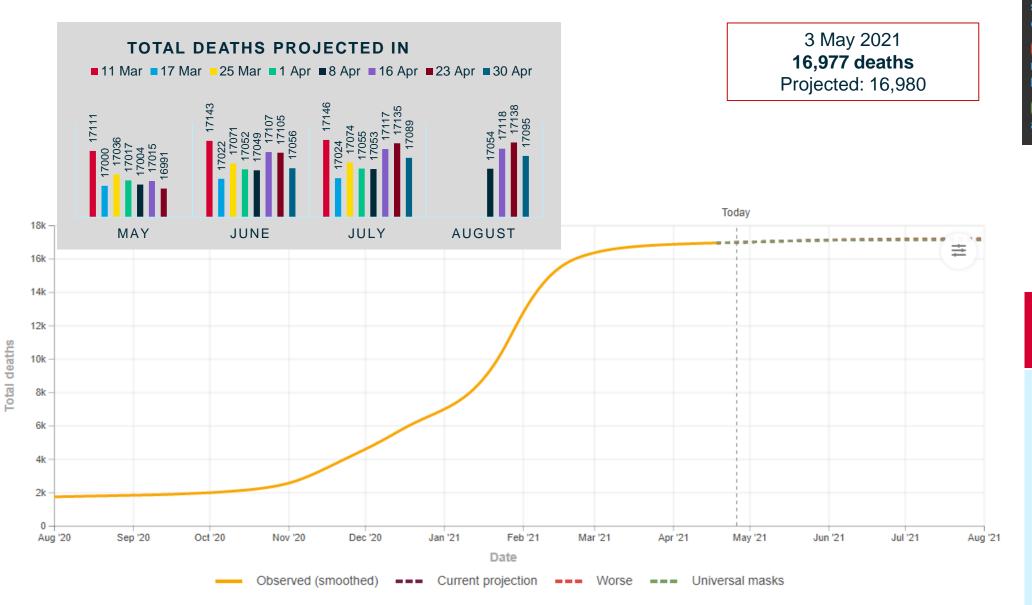
# **Projection Daily Deaths**

For 1 August 2021

30 April Projection: 0

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# **Covid-19 Total Deaths Projections in Portugal**



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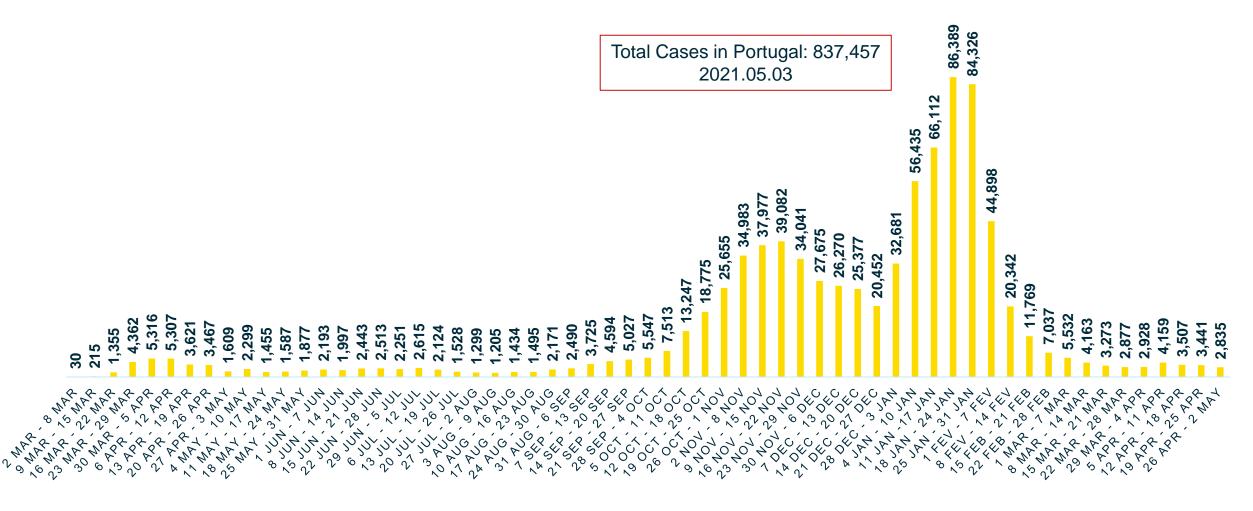
# Projection Total Deaths

For 1 August 2021

30 April Projection: 17,095

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# Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) – Portugal – New cases per week



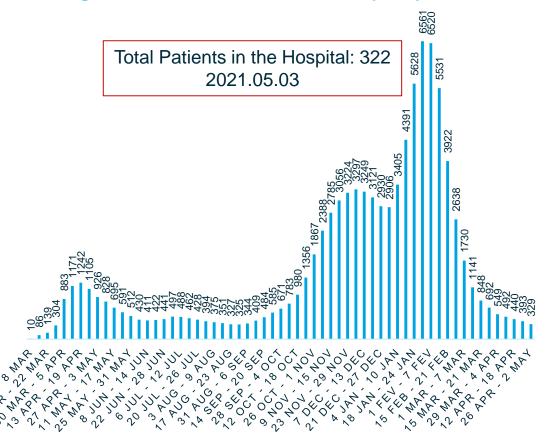
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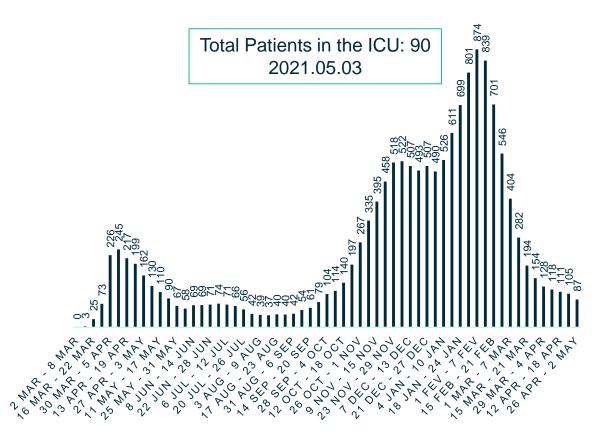
Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) – Portugal – Hospital stable/ICU per

week

■ Average # of Patients stable in the Hospital per week



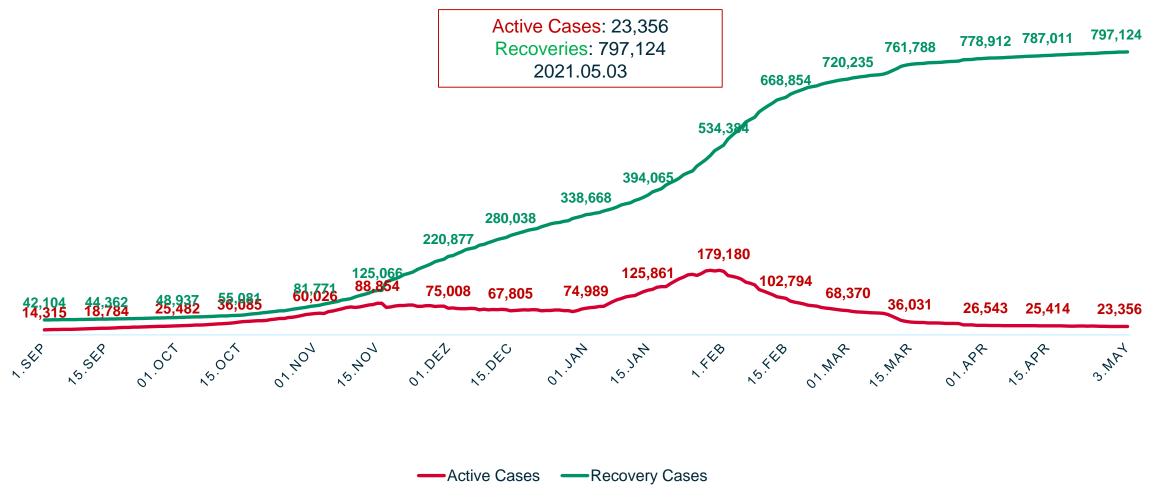
■ Average # of Patients in the ICU per week



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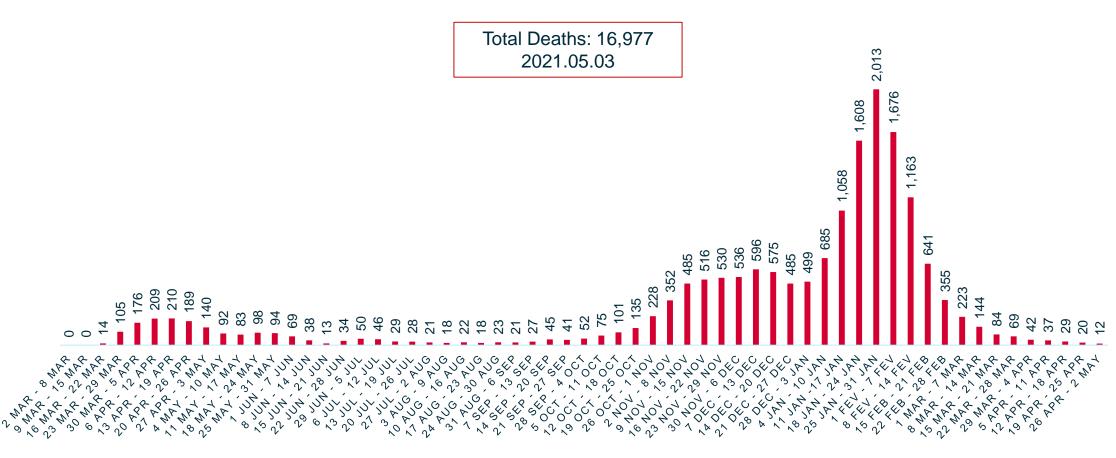
# Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) – Portugal – Active cases vs Recoveries



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# Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) – Portugal – New deaths per week



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# **Portugal – Fatality Rate**

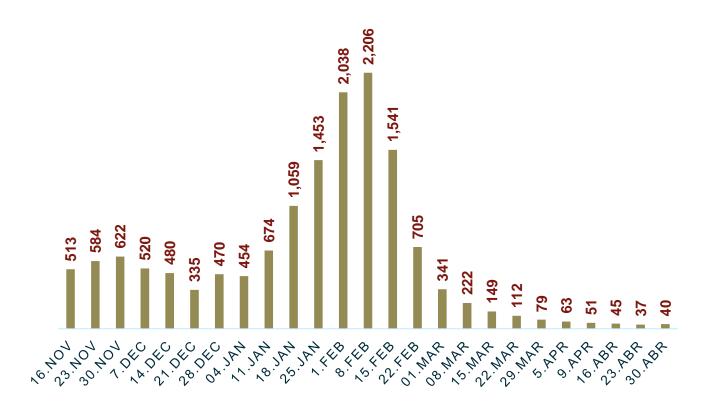


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# Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) ) – Loures

# New Cases per 100,000 population



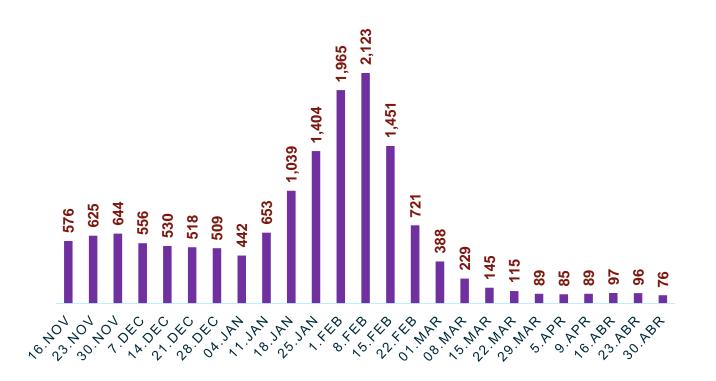


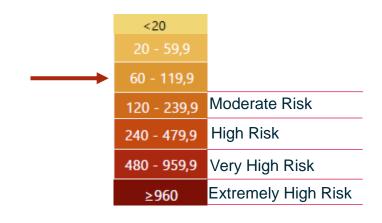
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# Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) ) – Lisbon

# New Cases per 100,000 population



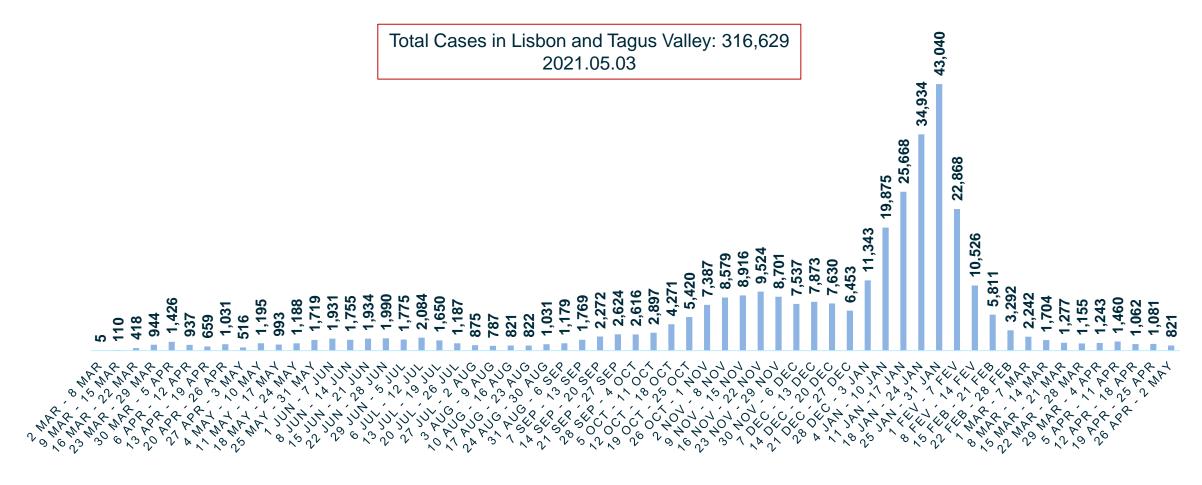


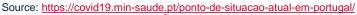
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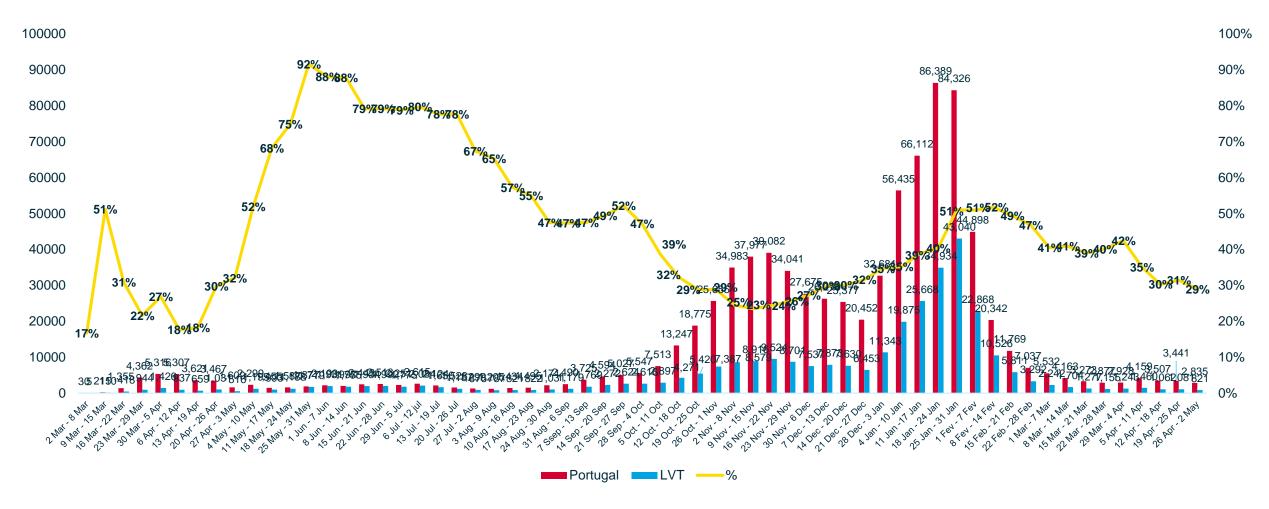
# Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) ) – Lisbon and Tagus Valley - New cases per week







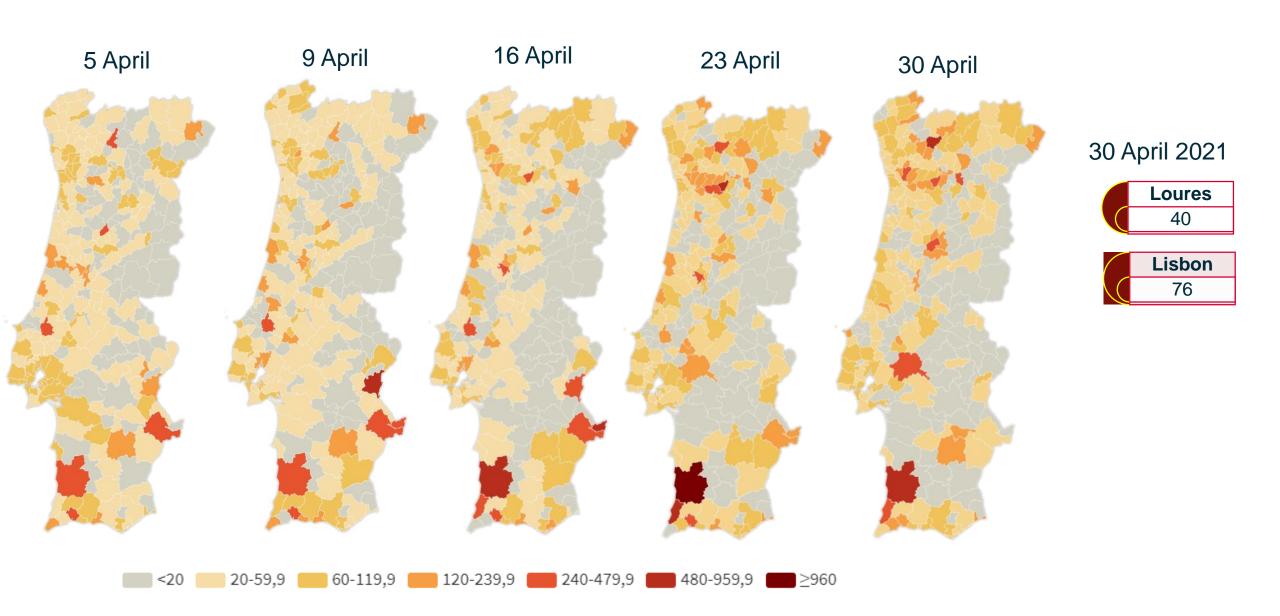
# Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) – % of new cases in Lisbon and Tagus Valley - New cases per week



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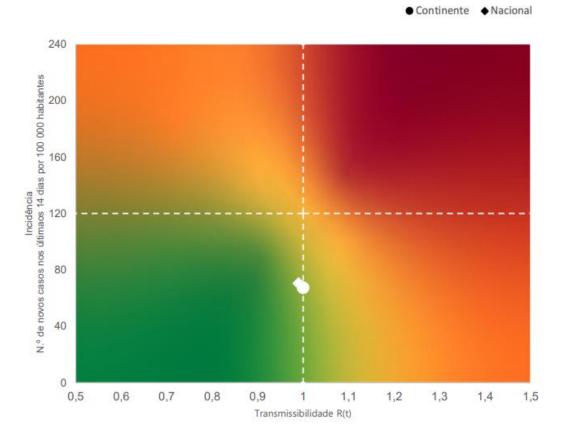
# SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19 Portugal - cases per 100.000



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### MATRIZ DE RISCO

Realização da análise: 26-04-2021



### INCIDÊNCIA

Nacional: **70,4** casos de infeção por SARS-CoV-2/ COVID-19 por 100 000 hab.

Continente: **67,3** casos de infeção por SARS-CoV-2/ COVID-19 por 100 000 hab.

### R(t)

Nacional: 0,99

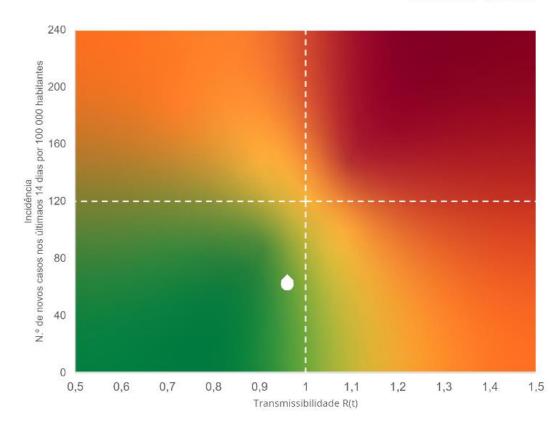
Continente: 1,00

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### MATRIZ DE RISCO

Realização da análise: 03-05-2021

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 ◆ Nacional



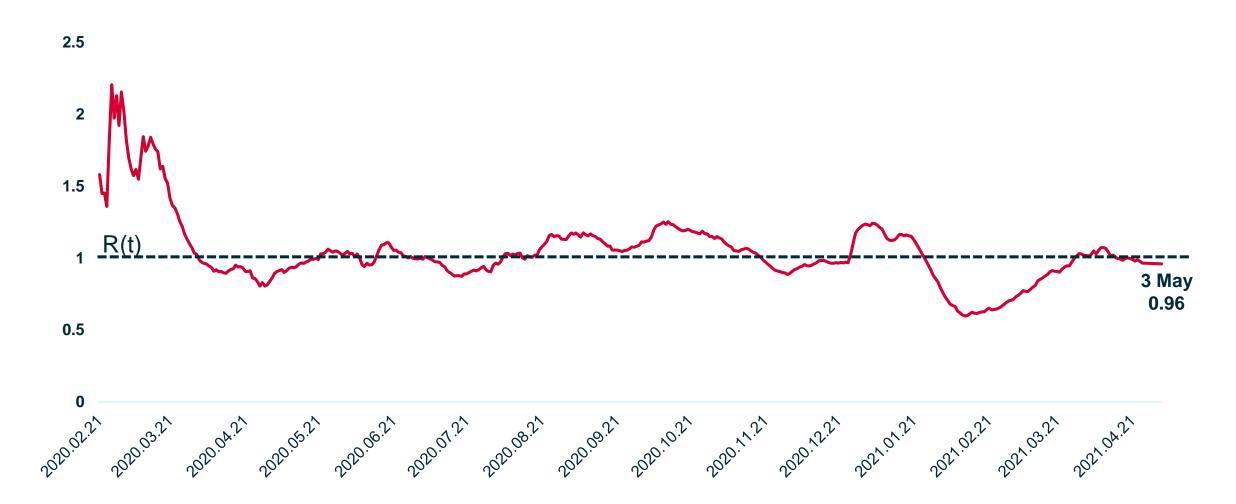
### INCIDÊNCIA

Nacional: **64,4** casos de infeção por SARS-CoV-2/ COVID-19 por 100 000 hab. Continente: **62,0** casos de infeção por SARS-CoV-2/ COVID-19 por 100 000 hab.

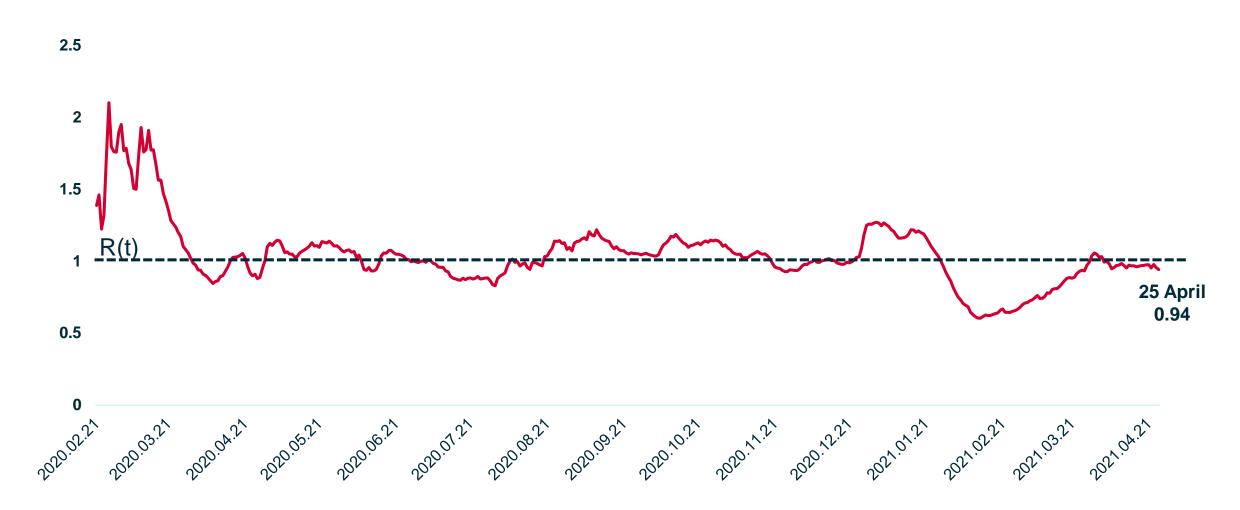
### R(t)

Nacional: 0,96 Continente: 0,96

# **Transmission Rate - R(t) in Portugal**

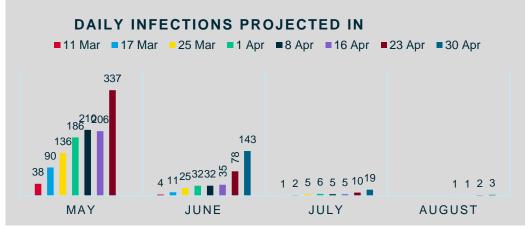


# **Transmission Rate - R(t) in Lisbon and Tagus Valley**



# Ireland

# **Covid-19 Daily Infection Projections in Ireland**



3 May 2021 **453 infections** Projected: 500

Today

Current projection: Vaccine distribution is scaled up over 90 days. Variant B.1.1.7 continues to spread in certain locations.

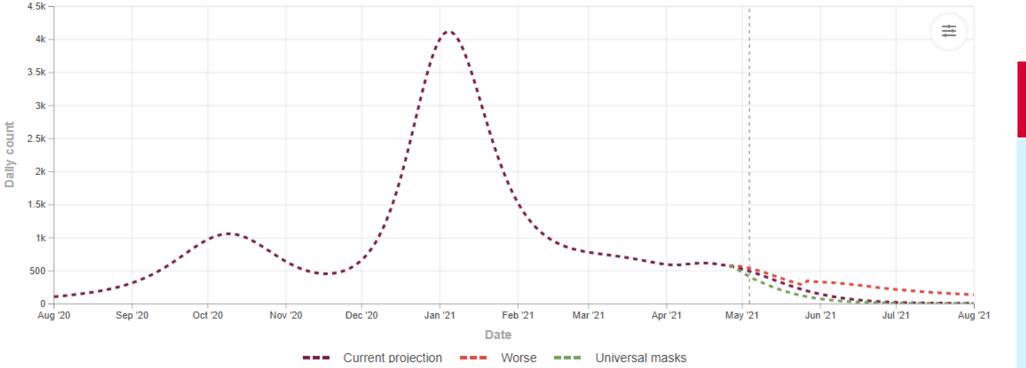
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Universal masks : 95% mask usage is adopted in public.



# For 1 August 2021

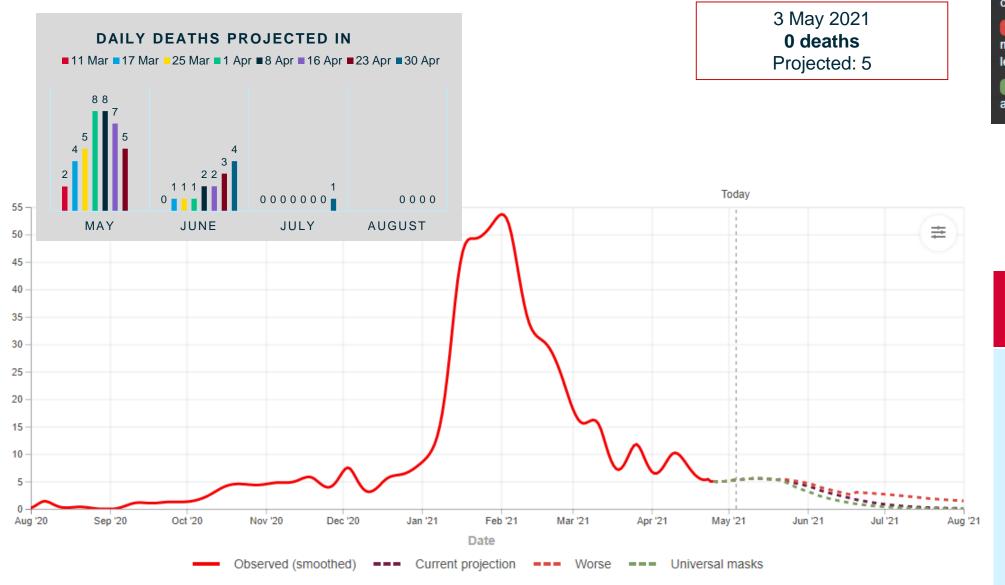
30 April Projection: 3



Source: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation / University of Washington - <a href="https://covid19.healthdata.org/portugal?view=daily-deaths&tab=trend">https://covid19.healthdata.org/portugal?view=daily-deaths&tab=trend</a>

# **Covid-19 Daily Deaths Projections in Ireland**

Dally deaths



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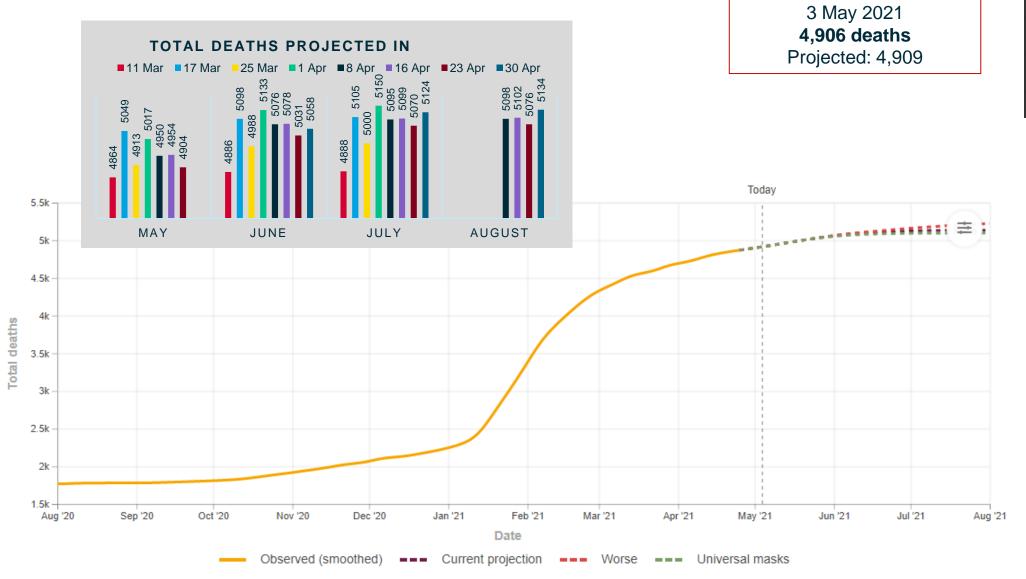
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For 1 August 2021

30 April Projection: 0

Source: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation / University of Washington - <a href="https://covid19.healthdata.org/portugal?view=daily-deaths&tab=trend">https://covid19.healthdata.org/portugal?view=daily-deaths&tab=trend</a>

### **Covid-19 Total Deaths Projections in Ireland**



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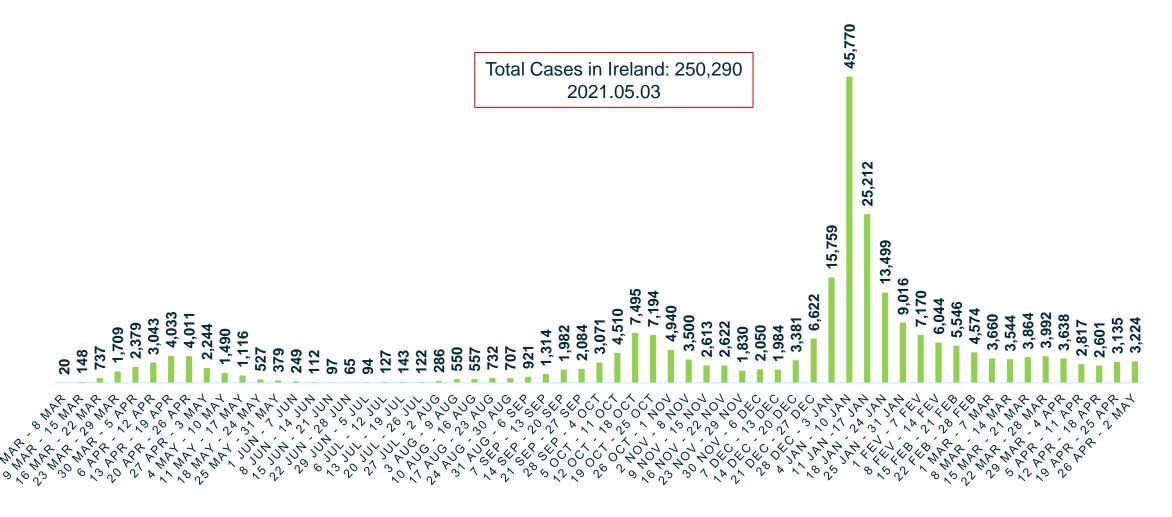
## Projection Total Deaths

For 1 August 2021

30 April Projection: 5,134

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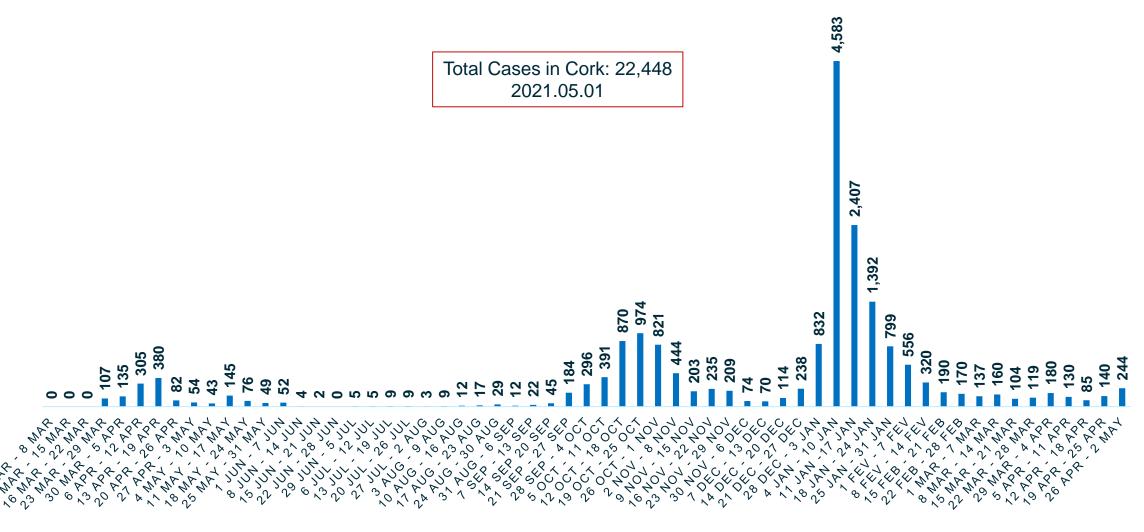
### Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) ) – Ireland - New cases per week







### Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) ) – Cork - New cases per week

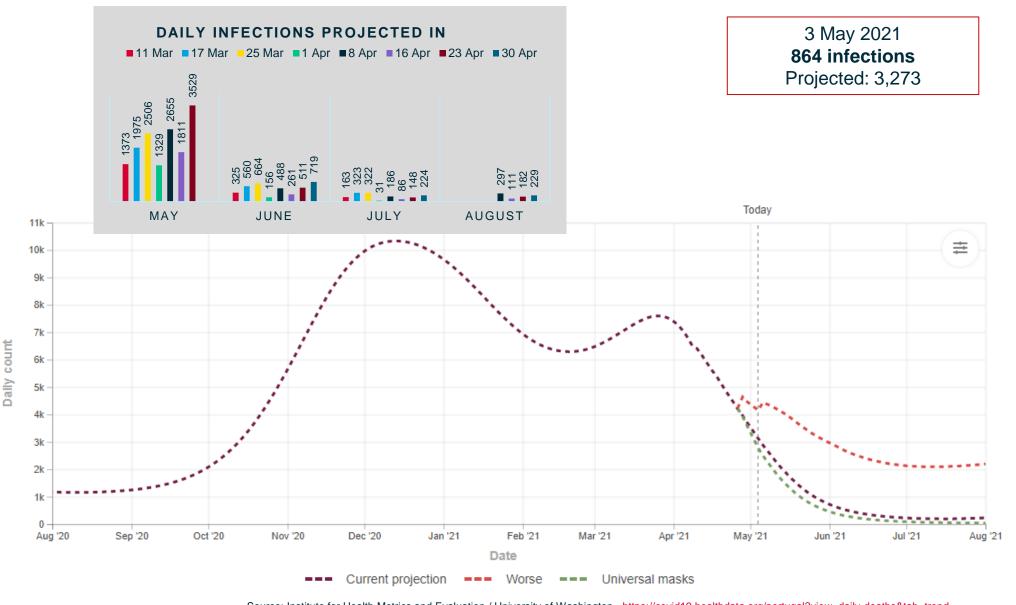


Source: https://covid19.min-saude.pt/ponto-de-situacao-atual-em-portugal/



# New Jersey

### **Covid-19 Daily Infection Projections in New Jersey**



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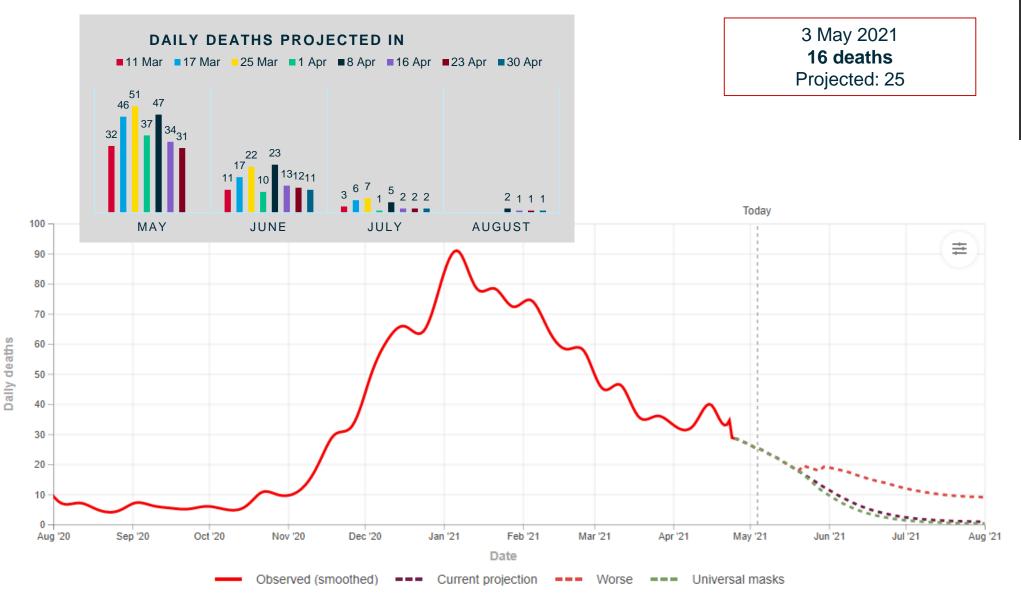
# Projection Daily Infections

For 1 August 2021

30 April Projection: 229

Source: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation / University of Washington - https://covid19.healthdata.org/portugal?view=daily-deaths&tab=trend

### **Covid-19 Daily Deaths Projections in New Jersey**



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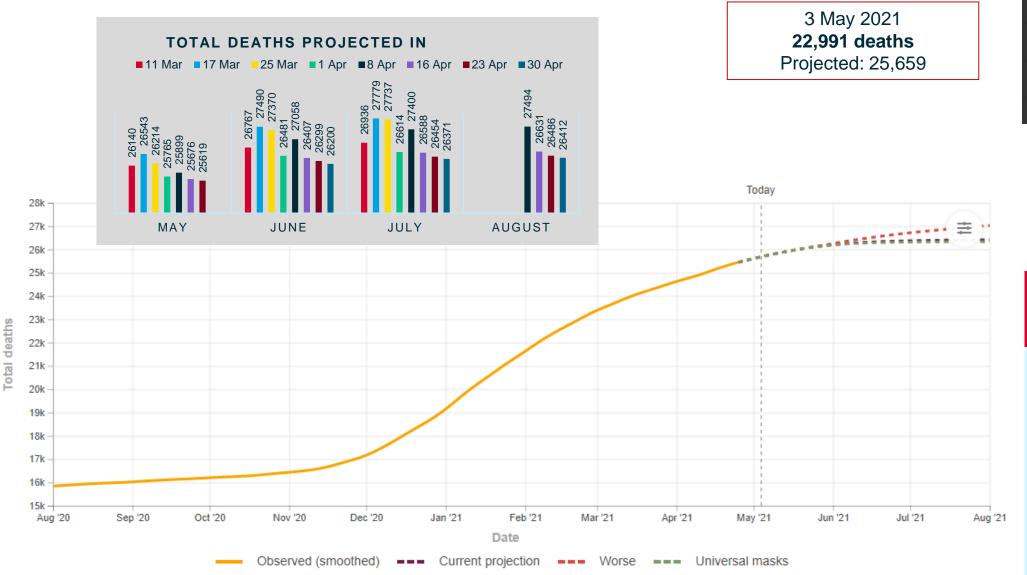
# **Projection Daily Deaths**

For 1 August 2021

30 April Projection: 1

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For 1 August 2021

30 April Projection: 26,412

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#### **U.S. Vaccination**

Distribution in the U.S. is directed by the federal government. Pfizer and BioNTech's vaccine, as well as Moderna's shot both require two doses taken several weeks apart. J&J's inoculation requires just a single dose.

Time to Deliver

Feb.

The U.S. leads the world in total vaccines administered, and more supply is on the way. Drugmakers have promised to deliver enough shots to fully vaccinate more than 300 million people by the end of June. That's more than enough for every adult, and clinical studies in children are underway.

### Vaccine makers pledge 700M doses for the U.S. by the end of July—enough to cover 400M people Vaccines available Delivery targets /// Projected People covered: 400M J&J 300 Moderna Unknown manufacturer 100 Pfizer 0

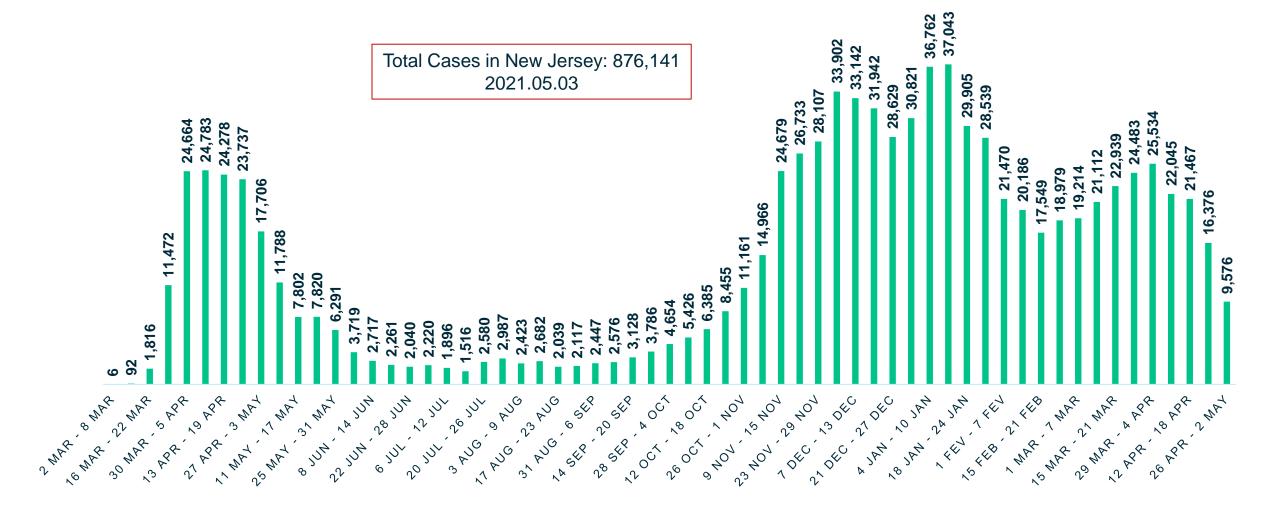
Source: "Unknown manufacturer" refers to vaccine allocations reported by the White House that are not further identified; the coverage calculation assumes they are two-dose vaccines. Specified allocations are from CDC. Targets are provided by the manufacturers and don't always align with government forecasts for availability.

June

Aug.

April

### Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 / COVID 19) ) – New Jersey - New cases per week







## Recent News

#### **Latest News**

- The US Food and Drug Administration is preparing to authorise the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid vaccine for adolescents between ages 12 and 15 years by early next week, the New York Times reported on Monday, citing federal officials familiar with the agency's plans.
- Denmark won't use J&J's vaccine due to concern about the risk of blood clots, the Danish Health Authority said. The move comes less than a month after Denmark became the first European Union member to drop AstraZeneca Plc for similar reasons. Both shots are used in many other countries. Denmark had pre-ordered about 7 million vaccine shots from J&J, more than from any other producer, so the decision will delay the national vaccine rollout by four weeks.
- BioNTech CEO Ugur Sahin is "confident" the company's Covid-19 vaccine with Pfizer will be effective against a variant of the virus first identified in India, CNBC said. Sahin said BioNTech has tested its two-dose vaccine against similar "double mutants" and felt assured the shot will still be protective. The company is evaluating the strain and the data will be available in the coming weeks, he said on CNBC.
- UK medical regulator the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has reported a total of 41 deaths following blood clots among people who received AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine, an increase of nine since last week's report. MHRA said a total of 209 clots with low platelet counts have now been reported after AstraZeneca vaccine shots, compared with 168 cases reported last week. The examination of blood clots following AstraZeneca vaccine doses showed that the incidence is higher among younger individuals. The regulator, however, maintained that the benefits of the vaccine outweighed its risks, and reported an overall blood clot case incidence of 9.3 per million doses.
- Vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna reduced the risk of being hospitalized for Covid-19 among fully immunized older adults by 94%, and by 64% for those
  who received only one of the two-shot regimens, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report.
- The UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has reported that there are no heart inflammation or other safety concerns with regard to Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine. The announcement comes after cases of myocarditis were reported in Israel among people who had received Pfizer's vaccine. The MHRA's statement follows similar comments from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that there were no observed links between Pfizer's vaccine and heart inflammation.
- Merck has signed non-exclusive voluntary licensing agreements with five generic pharmaceutical manufacturers in India to accelerate access to investigational
  oral antiviral agent molnupiravir amid a surge in coronavirus cases in the country. The manufacturers with whom Merck has signed the agreements include Cipla, Dr.
  Reddy's Laboratories, Emcure Pharmaceuticals, Hetero Labs and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries.
- The Irish government has approved the Covid-19 vaccines developed by Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca for administration to people over the age of 50.

  Administration of J&J's vaccine was previously paused, while AstraZeneca's vaccine was only approved for use in people over the age of 60 both jabs have been the subject of safety reviews into potential links to rare blood clot events. Ireland plans to vaccinate 80% of its adult population by the end of June.

### **Latest News (cont.)**

- The European Commission has initiated legal action against AstraZeneca for breaching its Covid-19 vaccine supply contract and for lacking a clear-cut strategy for ensuring timely supply of doses. AstraZeneca promised to supply 180 million vaccine doses to the European Union during the second quarter of 2021 under the contract, out of a total 300 million doses were planned to be delivered between December and June. The company, however, announced in March that it would deliver only 100 million doses by the end of June.
- French pharma company Sanofi has signed an agreement with Moderna to manufacture around 200 million doses of latter's Covid-19 vaccine in the US from September. The vaccine doses will be manufactured at Sanofi's facility in Ridgefield, New Jersey. Other vaccine manufacturing commitments made by Sanofi in 2021 include supporting the production of 125 million doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for the EU, and manufacturing 12 million doses a month of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at one of its French plants.
- Johnson & Johnson will restart the use of its single-shot Covid-19 vaccine in adults aged 18 years and older in the US, following a safety review by the US Centres
  for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The US CDC Advisory Committee on Immunisation Practices (ACIP) reevaluated the data on possible links between the vaccine and blood clots in individuals with low platelet counts, a week or two after being vaccinated.
- On the basis of additional evidence, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) has updated its interim guidance on the use of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine to fight the SARS-CoV-2 virus. WHO, on the advice of SAGE, maintains that the known and potential benefits of the vaccine outweigh its risks. SAGE also outlined the intended use, administration, the need for booster doses, interchangeability with AstraZeneca vaccines produced by other manufacturers, and other specifics.
- According to a European Union (EU) official, the European Commission is seeking EU member states' approval to initiate talks with Pfizer and BioNTech to purchase
  up to 1.8 billion doses of their Covid-19 vaccine, to be supplied in 2022 and 2023. Although there is no definite approval as yet, sources have stated that the EU has
  already decided to approach the companies. It is also being presumed that half of the purchase order will be optional.
- Pfizer and BioNTech will supply an additional 100 million doses of their Covid-19 vaccine, Comirnaty, to the European Union (EU) member states in 2021. The is a result of the European Commission's decision to activate its option of purchasing an additional 100 million doses under its expanded advanced purchase agreement signed on 17 February 2021. This brings the total number of Comirnaty doses to be supplied to the EU to 600 million.

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- Biotechnology company Adagio Therapeutics has completed a \$336m Series C financing led by RA Capital Management. The funding is expected to support the advancement of ADG20, an antibody therapy for the treatment and prevention of Covid-19 and other future coronaviruses. Pre-clinical data suggests the drug candidate achieves complete neutralisation of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and all known variants of concern. Adagio has begun a Phase I study of ADG20 in healthy volunteers, and a pivotal Phase I/II/III trial in high-risk individuals with mild or moderate Covid-19.
- The Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) and Hualan Biological Bacterin, a subsidiary of Hualan Biological Engineering, are collaborating on the production of more than 100 million doses of the Sputnik V per year in China, enough to vaccinate 50 million people. Sputnik V has been approved across 60 countries globally, and has an efficacy rate of 91.6%.
- Chinese pharma company Sinovac's Covid-19 vaccine CoronaVac has demonstrated 67% efficacy against symptomatic Covid-19 infections in a large real-world study in Chile. The vaccine showed effectiveness against admission to ICU, hospitalisation and death, with respective efficacy rates of 89%, 85% and 80%, according to a Chilean government report.
- A US Centers for Disease Prevention (CDC) advisory panel is scheduled to meet on Friday 23 April to decide whether to continue the pause of J&J's Covid-19 vaccine rollout. The panel will examine additional cases that have come up and assess risks arising from its administration. The use of the J&J vaccine was suspended following six cases of unusual brain blood clots reported in women out of approximately seven million people who received the one-shot vaccine in the US.
- Eli Lilly has requested that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revoke the emergency use authorisation (EUA) for bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) 700mg as a Covid-19 monotherapy.
- Denmark has become the first country in the world to discontinue the use of AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine altogether, following a potential link between the vaccine and an unusual but serious form of blood clots.
- The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have released a joint statement recommending a pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine. Both agencies are currently reviewing data involving six US cases of unusual blood clots among the 6.8 million shots administered in the country.
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- After AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine made headlines due to a potential link to rare blood clots, European drug safety regulators are now investigating the possible clotting risks from Johnson & Johnson's single-dose Covid-19 vaccine. According to the European Medicines Agency's Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee, four cases of unusual blood clots with low blood platelets following Covid-19 Vaccine Janssen have been reported in the US rollout. The vaccine is currently in use only in the US, under an emergency use authorisation.
- According to real-world data from Israel, the South Africa coronavirus variant may evade the protection offered by the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine. The study compared nearly 400 individuals infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus, 14 days or more after receiving one or two doses of the vaccine, against the same number of unvaccinated patients with the disease. The study revealed that the B.1.351 variant made up 1% of all the Covid-19 cases across all the people studied, while those who had received two doses of the vaccine, the variant's prevalence rate was eight times higher than those unvaccinated. The study has not been peer-reviewed.
- North Carolina stopped administering Johnson & Johnson doses at a mass vaccination site in Raleigh as well as clinics in Hillsborough and Chapel Hill after at least 26 people experienced adverse reactions, AP reports, citing local health officials. Reactions included fainting and at least four people were taken to hospitals for further examination, the report said. The CDC said that reactions like fainting are not uncommon after someone is vaccinated. All those taken to hospitals are expected to recover, local health officials said, according to the report
- The US stockpile of the controversial AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine has grown to more than 20 million doses, according to people familiar with the matter, even as the shot looks increasingly unlikely to factor into President Joe Biden's domestic vaccination campaign. AstraZeneca has yet to request Food and Drug Administration authorization for the two-dose vaccine, and the company faces safety questions abroad and scrutiny from US regulators who've already rebuked it for missteps during clinical trials and partial data releases.
- The EU has exported more than 80 million vaccine doses since the beginning of February, a document with updated data circulated among the bloc's governments and seen by Bloomberg shows. A total of 112 million doses had been delivered to EU member states as of April 5, according to the memo circulated to diplomats in Brussels. Japan has overtaken the UK as the main export destination, getting 17.7 million shots produced in the EU, versus 13.3 million for shipment to Britain. European governments have been under pressure to curb exports as their rollout lags behind vaccination rates in the US and the UK. However, out of the 534 export requests submitted by drugmakers so far, only one has been refused and two are pending, according to the memo dated 8 April.

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