

Region of the Americas Update

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Last 24 hours

- 303,112** Additional cases
- 4,633** Additional deaths
- 0.93%** Relative increase in cases
- 0.57%** Relative increase in deaths
- 32** Countries/territories reporting new cases
- 21** Countries/territories reporting new deaths

Highest numbers of cases & deaths in the last 24 hrs

Cases (≥ 1,000)

United States	200,257
Brazil	50,177
Colombia	13,990
Mexico	12,129
Canada	6,248
Argentina	5,795
Panama	3,274
Chile	2,191
Peru	2,139
Dominican Republic	1,322
Puerto Rico	1,222

Deaths (≥ 100)

United States	2,598
Brazil	706
Mexico	627
Colombia	249
Canada	114

Region of the Americas

32,740,713 cases

813,738 deaths

Global

75,413,763 cases

1,685,028 deaths

216

countries/areas/territories affected

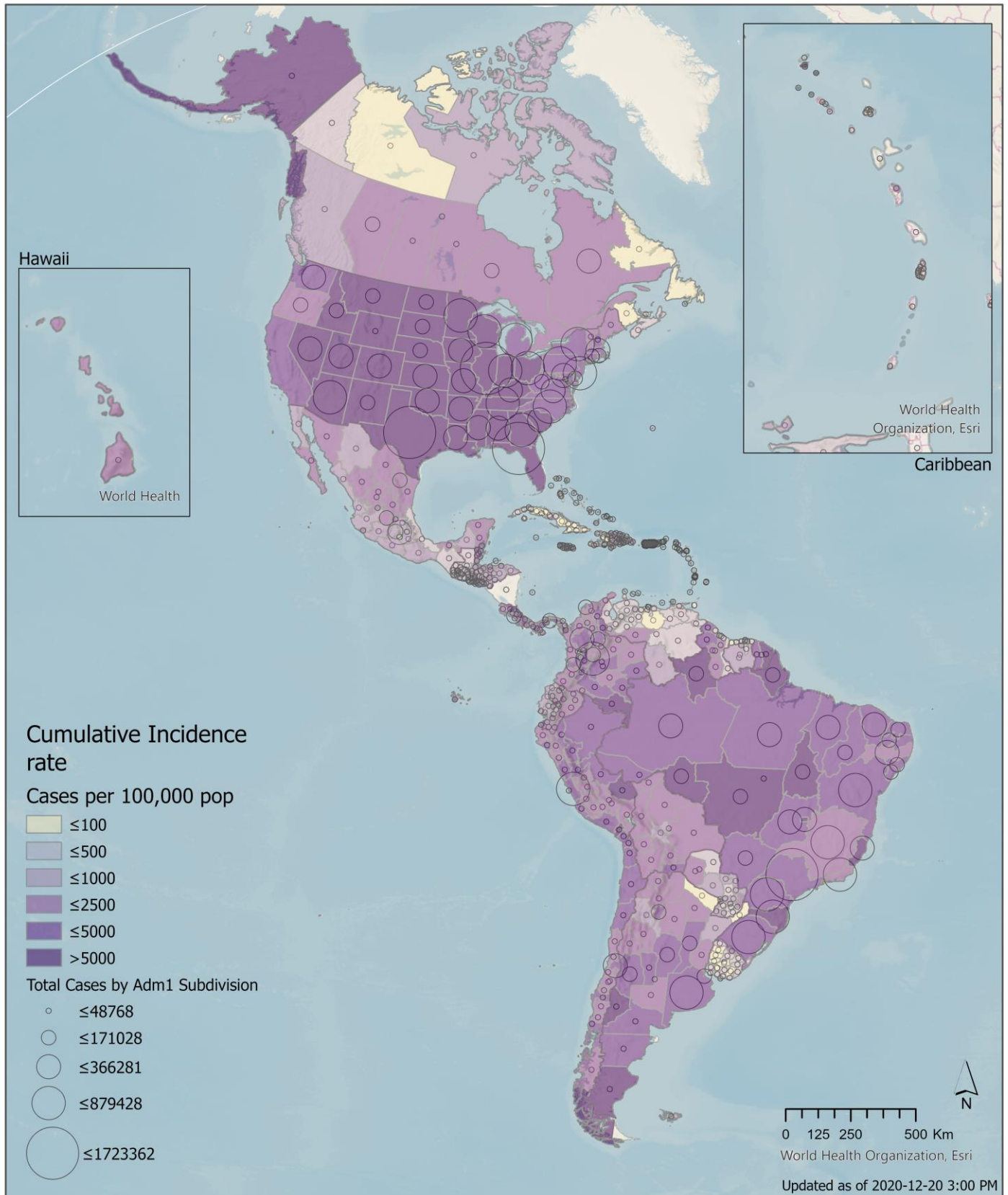
Total cases, deaths & CFR (%) among PAHO countries/territories with ≥ 10,000 cumulative cases.

Region of the Americas – Highlights

- The **Ministry of Health Grenada** advised today that a current testing backlog of [COVID-19 test results will be cleared later this evening](#), which may result in a more significant increase in reported cases.
- The **Peru Ministry of Health**, in order to expand and strengthen the health response to COVID-19, has [approved COVID-19 telemedicine scheduling for patient care](#).
- With one newly reported case, bringing the total COVID-19 cases to 15 cases, [Saint Pierre and Miquelon](#) had the highest relative increase in cases of 7%.

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
United States of America	17,515,091	313,748	1.8%
Brazil	7,213,155	186,356	2.6%
Argentina	1,537,169	41,763	2.7%
Colombia	1,496,062	40,268	2.7%
Mexico	1,313,675	117,876	9.0%
Peru	995,899	37,034	3.7%
Chile	585,545	16,154	2.8%
Canada	501,594	14,154	2.8%
Panama	209,584	3,527	1.7%
Ecuador	206,257	13,948	6.8%
Dominican Republic	160,386	2,384	1.5%
Costa Rica	157,472	1,996	1.3%
Bolivia	149,770	9,035	6.0%
Guatemala	132,765	4,656	3.5%
Honduras	116,860	3,025	2.6%
Venezuela	109,781	984	0.9%
Paraguay	99,157	2,072	2.1%
Puerto Rico	68,433	1,368	2.0%
El Salvador	43,477	1,250	2.9%
Uruguay	12,557	114	0.9%

Map 1. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Region of the Americas and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory. As of 20 December 2020.

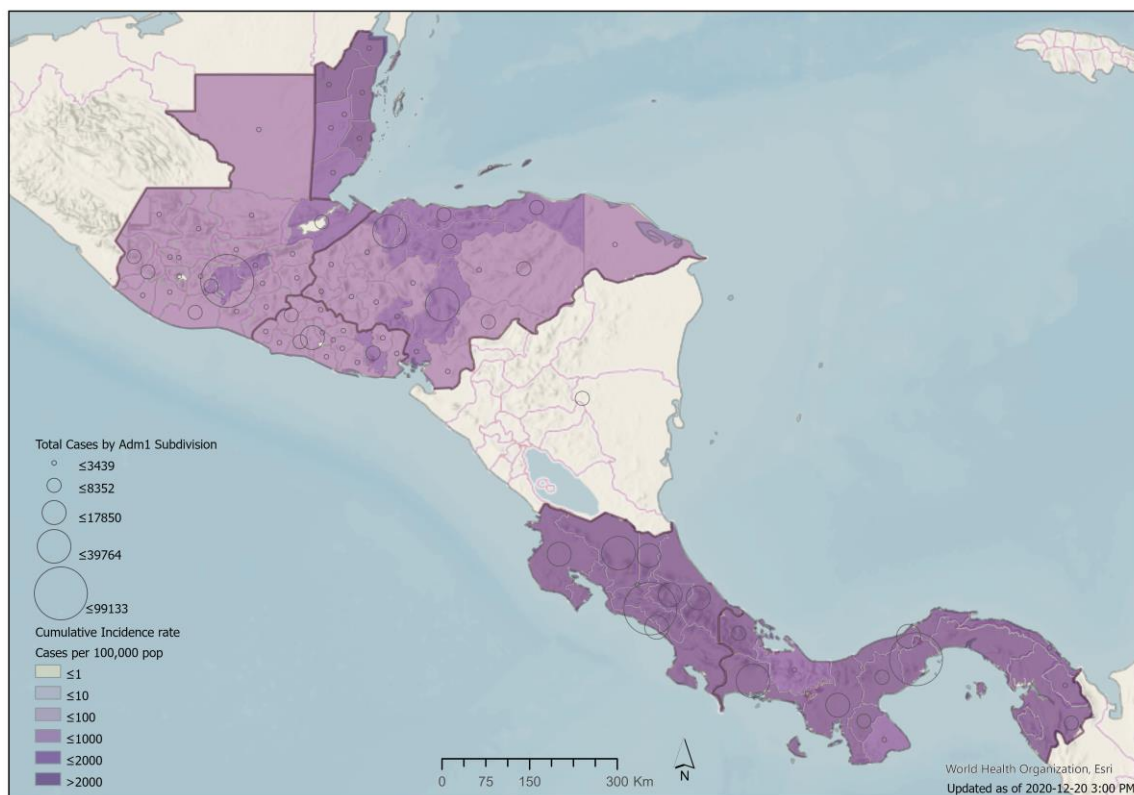


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Map 2. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 20 December 2020.

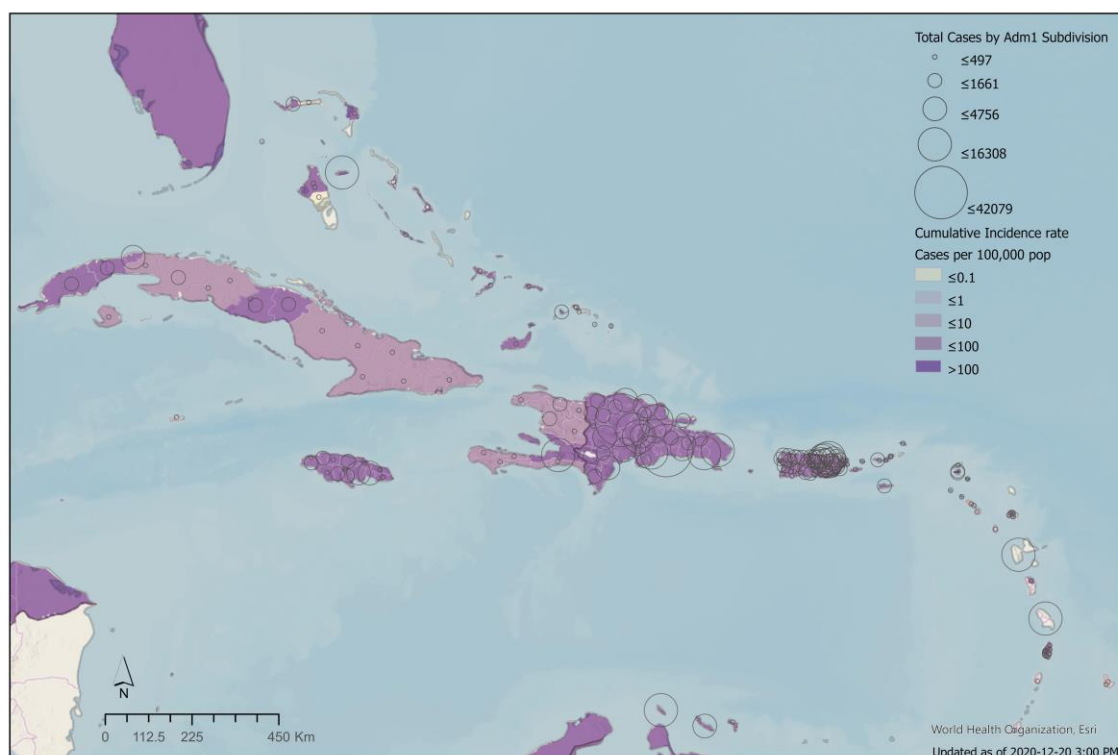


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Map 3. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 20 December 2020.



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Cumulative COVID-19 cases and deaths reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 20 December 2020

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	% Relative Increase in Cases	Transmission Type
North America	Canada	501,594	14,154	411,396	1%	Community transmission
	Mexico	1,313,675	117,876	971,115	1%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)	17,515,091	313,748	6,818,672	1%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	19,330,360	445,778	8,201,183	1%	
Central America	Belize	10,023	216	8,266	1%	Community transmission
	Costa Rica	157,472	1,996	125,488	0%	Community transmission
	El Salvador	43,477	1,250	39,142	1%	Community transmission
	Guatemala	132,765	4,656	120,994	0%	Community transmission
	Honduras	116,860	3,025	54,200	1%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua	4,748	163	4,534	0%	Community transmission
	Panama	209,584	3,527	171,745	2%	Community transmission
Subtotal	674,929	14,833	524,369	1%		
South America	Argentina	1,537,169	41,763	1,362,617	0%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)	149,770	9,035	127,815	0%	Community transmission
	Brazil	7,213,155	186,356	6,222,764	1%	Community transmission
	Chile	585,545	16,154	555,956	0%	Community transmission
	Colombia	1,496,062	40,268	1,362,543	1%	Community transmission
	Ecuador	206,257	13,948	181,618	0%	Community transmission
	Paraguay	99,157	2,072	70,943	1%	Community transmission
	Peru	995,899	37,034	930,410	0%	Community transmission
	Uruguay	12,557	114	8,002	5%	Community transmission
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	109,781	984	104,208	0%	Community transmission	
Subtotal	12,405,352	347,728	10,926,876	1%		
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla	10		7	0%	Sporadic cases
	Antigua and Barbuda	152	5	141	0%	Sporadic cases
	Aruba	5,124	47	4,919	0%	Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)	7,765	164	6,127	0%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados	307	7	280	0%	Clusters of cases
	Bermuda	527	9	276	2%	Clusters of cases
	Bonaire	154	3	147	0%	Sporadic cases
	Cayman Islands	311	2	282	0%	Sporadic cases
	Cuba	10,127	137	9,040	1%	Clusters of cases
	Curacao	3,823	11	2,105	0%	Community transmission
	Dominica	92		84	0%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)	160,386	2,384	124,276	1%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the) [Malvinas]	23		15	0%	Sporadic cases
	French Guiana	12,369	71	9,995	0%	Community transmission
	Grenada	94		49	0%	Sporadic cases
	Guadeloupe	8,557	155	2,242	0%	Community transmission
	Guyana	6,105	159	5,305	0%	Clusters of cases
	Haiti	9,674	234	8,336	0%	Community transmission
	Jamaica	12,224	286	8,966	1%	Community transmission
	Martinique	5,634	42	98	0%	Community transmission
	Montserrat	13	1	11	0%	No Cases
	Puerto Rico	68,433	1,368	0	2%	Community transmission
	Saba	5		5	0%	No Cases
	Saint Barthelemy	182		94	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	30		24	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Lucia	282	5	255	1%	Clusters of cases
	Saint Martin	948	12	598	0%	Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	15		14	7%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	104		85	4%	Sporadic cases
	Sint Eustatius	18		18	0%	Sporadic cases
Sint Maarten	1,294	26	1,134	0%	Community transmission	
Suriname	5,511	118	5,263	1%	Sporadic cases	
Trinidad and Tobago	6,974	123	6,426	0%	Community transmission	
Turks and Caicos	798	6	759	1%	Clusters of cases	
Virgin Islands (UK)	86	1	74	0%	Clusters of Cases	
Virgin Islands (US)	1,921	23	1,752	1%	Community transmission	
Subtotal	330,072	5,399	199,202	1%		
Total	32,740,713	813,738	19,851,630	1%		

NOTES: Case and death counts may include both confirmed and probable classifications depending on the reporting Member State.

Recovered counts as indicated and defined by reporting Member States.

Antibody tests, including rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) based on antibody detection, are not recommended for use by PAHO/WHO in clinical diagnosis. Antigen-detecting RDTs may be used following the WHO 11 September 2020 Guidance, available at: <https://bit.ly/2FxK2fs>.

Data is updated on an approximately semi-weekly to weekly basis for Guadeloupe, Martinique, Nicaragua, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin, and Saint Pierre and Miquelon.

As of 11 November 2020, the previously aggregated Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius are now being presented separately in the table.

Bahamas: Bahamas: According to a 17 December Bahamas Ministry of Health (MoH) publication, there are a total of 24 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3noOhKK>.

Ecuador: According to a 6 September Ecuador Ministry of Public Health press release, only cases confirmed by RT-PCR will be reported; previously, cases who tested positive by either RT-PCR or RDTs were reported, resulting in the exclusion of 8,956 cases. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3h2EWEA>.

Guadeloupe: Deaths are aggregated for Guadeloupe and Saint Martin in Santé Publique France weekly publications, available at: <https://bit.ly/2VQ201g>. Death counts for Guadeloupe are calculated subtracting deaths in Saint Martin published by the Saint Barthelemy and Saint Martin prefecture, available at: <https://bit.ly/39Pt7lj>.

Jamaica: According to a 19 December Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 28 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/39aUN3Q>

Nicaragua: Please note there are discrepancies with the data published by the Citizen's Observatory COVID-19 Nicaragua as of 16 December. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2T31cEN>.

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; disaggregated data is (224,190 by RT-PCR + 771,709 by RDTs). Antibody tests, including RDTs based on antibody detection, are not recommended for use by PAHO/WHO in clinical diagnosis. Antigen-detecting RDTs may be used following the WHO 11 September 2020 Guidance, available at: <https://bit.ly/2FxK2fs>.

Puerto Rico: Aggregated case total as reported by the Puerto Rico Department of Health (DoH); 64,697 were positive by RT-PCR and 3,736 were positive by antigen tests; previously, cases who tested positive by either RT-PCR or serological RDTs were reported, resulting in the exclusion of 33,965 cases. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2VvjksQ>.

United States of America: Case and death counts includes both confirmed and probable classifications, as published on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC) website on 20-December (for data confirmed at 16:00 EST the previous day). Excludes counts for Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. On 18 December, Texas State started including probable cases which resulted in 171,505 additional cases. Without this inclusion, the daily new case count for the United States would have been 231,854. Sources: <https://bit.ly/2WJN2dd> and <https://bit.ly/2zUMSZ1>. Recovered counts as reported by state and territorial health authorities, available at the COVID Tracking Project <https://bit.ly/2ztbRC6>.

Uruguay: According to the 19 December 2020 Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, there were 3 additional cases that tested positive in foreign nationals; however, the positive cases were excluded from the total case count as they returned to their home country, available at: <https://bit.ly/3rhWFOu>.

DATA ADJUSTMENTS: Differences in the total number of cases, deaths, and/or recovered cases and respective % increases reflect the following adjustment:

Dominica: Total cases and recovered cases were retrospectively adjusted for 19 December in order to align with data reported by the Dominica Ministry of Health, Wellness and New Health Investment indicating 94 cases and 84 recovered cases. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3arSwl9>.