

Region of the Americas Update

3 PM WDC. 18 May 2021

Last 24 hours *

124,762	Additional cases
3,129	Additional deaths
0.19%	Relative increase in cases
0.20%	Relative increase in deaths
34	Countries/territories reporting new cases
29	Countries/territories reporting new deaths

Highest numbers of cases & deaths in the last 24 hrs.*

Cases (≥ 1,000)

Brazil	29,916
Argentina	28,680
United States	23,942
Colombia	12,984
Canada	5,522
Peru	4,282
Chile	3,766
Uruguay	2,394
Bolivia	2,257
Paraguay	2,020
Costa Rica	1,322
Guatemala	1,256

Deaths (≥ 100)

Brazil	786
United States	515
Colombia	509
Argentina	505
Peru	251

COVID-19 – Highlights

1. According to the most recent findings of the Randomized Evaluation of COVID-19 Therapy (RECOVERY) trial in the United Kingdom, convalescent plasma given to hospitalized COVID-19 patients did not improve survival or rates of release from the hospital within 28 days, need for invasive mechanical ventilation, or death. [The Lancet](#)
2. Cases and deaths continue to surge in Trinidad and Tobago where a 56% increase in cases and 119% increase in deaths compared to the previous seven days was observed. The daily percentage positivity began increasing since 13 April (7.2%) reaching 10.7% positivity on 18 May. [Trinidad and Tobago Ministry of Health](#)
3. According to the European Medicines Agency (EMA), Pfizer/BioNTech coronavirus vaccine can be stored at fridge temperature for much longer than previously recommended. [The Guardian](#)

*Numbers may vary due to differences in reporting times.

Region of the Americas

65,178,846 cases

1,593,940 deaths

56

countries/areas/territories affected.

Global

163,436,450 cases

3,389,963 deaths

236

countries/areas/territories affected.

Total cases, deaths & CFR (%) among PAHO countries/territories with ≥ 100,000 cumulative cases.

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
United States of America	32,647,162	580,983	1.8%
Brazil	15,657,391	436,537	2.8%
Argentina	3,335,965	71,027	2.1%
Colombia	3,131,410	81,809	2.6%
Mexico	2,382,745	220,493	9.3%
Peru	1,893,334	66,471	3.5%
Canada	1,334,104	24,983	1.9%
Chile	1,295,862	27,965	2.2%
Ecuador	411,466	19,877	4.8%
Panama	371,145	6,297	1.7%
Bolivia	334,824	13,566	4.1%
Paraguay	315,547	7,692	2.4%
Costa Rica	288,626	3,625	1.3%
Dominican Republic	278,549	3,597	1.3%
Uruguay	242,906	3,521	1.4%
Guatemala	242,784	7,913	3.3%
Honduras	227,516	5,970	2.6%
Venezuela	216,415	2,411	1.1%
Puerto Rico	137,060	2,445	1.8%
Cuba	126,755	826	0.7%

Haiti

Population	Cases	Deaths	Transmission
11,402,528	13,598	276	Community Transmission

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION: Over the past six weeks, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has gradually increased in Haiti (**Figure 1**). The current doubling time of cases is approximately 9.75 days (95% CI: 8.66 – 11.16) (**Figure 1-b**) and the weekly percentage positivity (positive samples/total samples tested) increased from 4% during epidemiological week (EW) 11 to 13% in EW 18. The increase in the number of cases has been associated with a surge in COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths.

Figure 1. Number of conducted tests and confirmed cases by week.

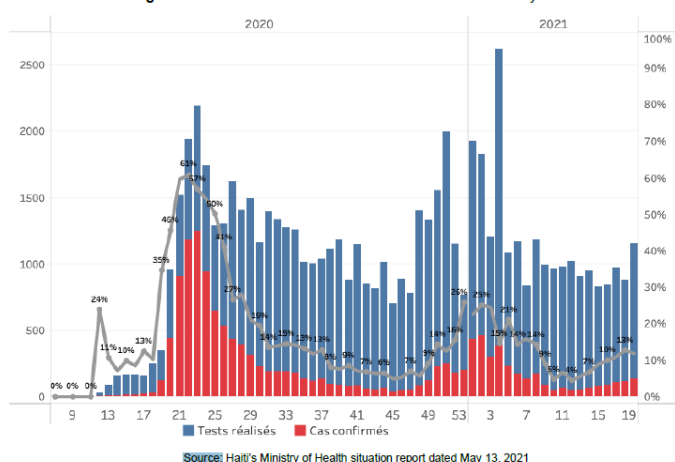
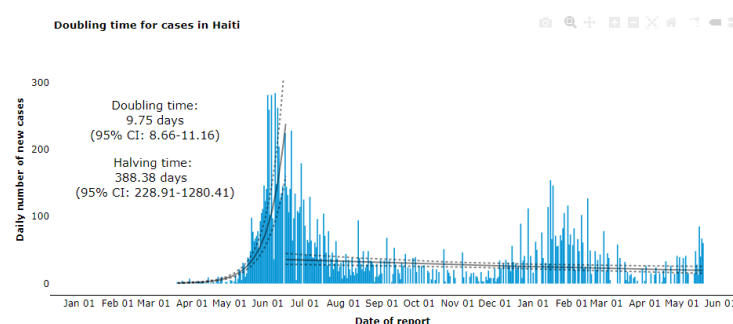


Figure 1-b: COVID-19 cases doubling time by date of report. Haiti. As of 17 May 2021.

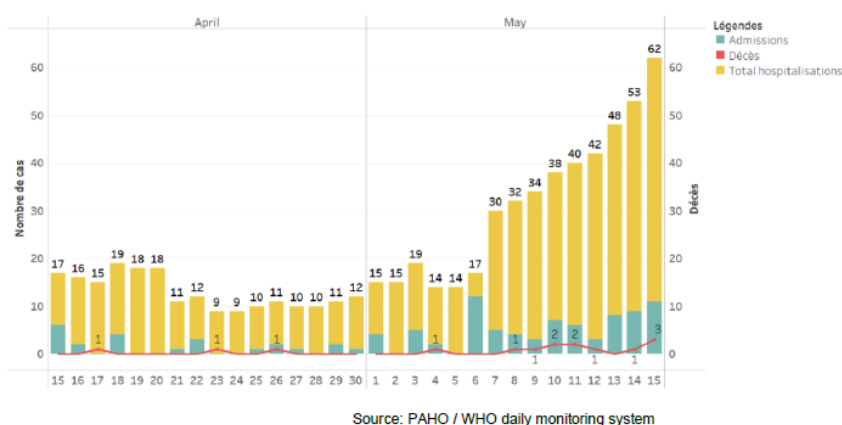


Source: [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/covid19/situation-reports). Data Provided by Haiti Ministry of Health.

In EW 18 (May 2 to May 8, 2021), 89 confirmed cases were reported in Haiti – up from 68 cases in EW 17. Five additional deaths were reported during EW 18. To date, 271 deaths have been notified among laboratory-confirmed cases, which corresponds to a case fatality rate (CFR) of 2%. To date, a total of 12,435 cases have recovered, which accounts for 92% of all confirmed cases.

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Since the beginning of the outbreak, and up to May 15, 2021, an estimated 1,929 confirmed cases have been hospitalized based on data collected daily by PAHO / WHO. Currently, a total of 62 confirmed cases are hospitalized (**Figure 2**). An additional 9 cases are being monitored remotely by health personnel. 50% of the hospitalized cases are admitted to St Luc Hospital, a health center in the Ouest department. An investigation conducted on 7 May at St Luc Hospital showed that 124 confirmed COVID-19 cases were hospitalized from January 1 to May 7, 2021. During this period, there were 17 deaths among these cases. The average age of the deceased patients was 60 years. Most of them (59%) were female. The majority (88%) had comorbidities.

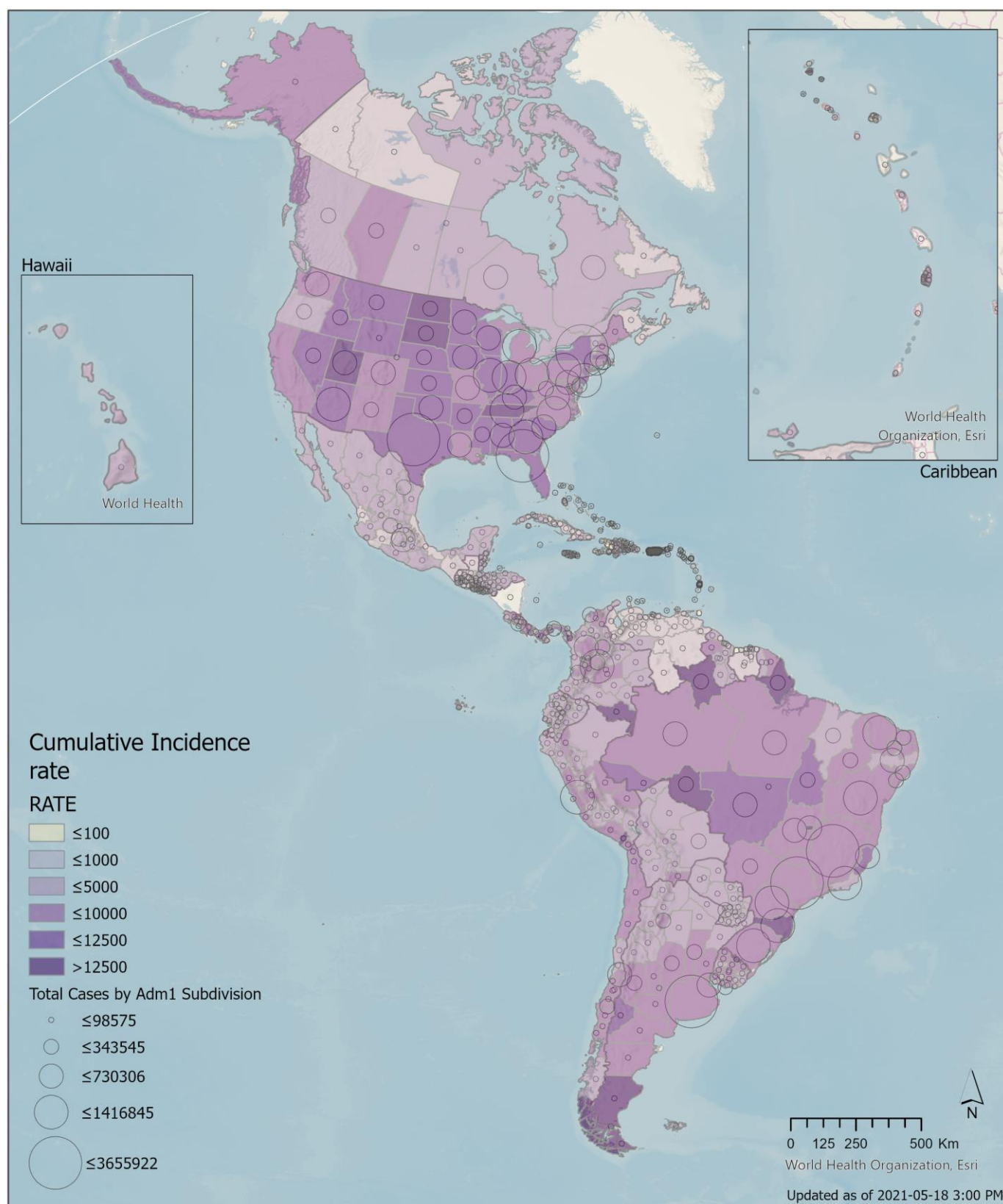
Figure 2. Hospitalizations and deaths among COVID-19 patients, April 15 to May 15, 2021.



Variants of Concern (VOC): According to an official communication released by the MSPP on 14 May 2021, two variants of SARS-CoV-2 were identified in Haiti – the P. 1 variant (which was first detected in Brazil) and the B.1.1.7 variant (which was first detected in the UK).

Source: PAHO/WHO Haiti Country Office COVID-19 Situation Report. 16 May 2021.

Map 1. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Region of the Americas and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory. As of 18 May 2021

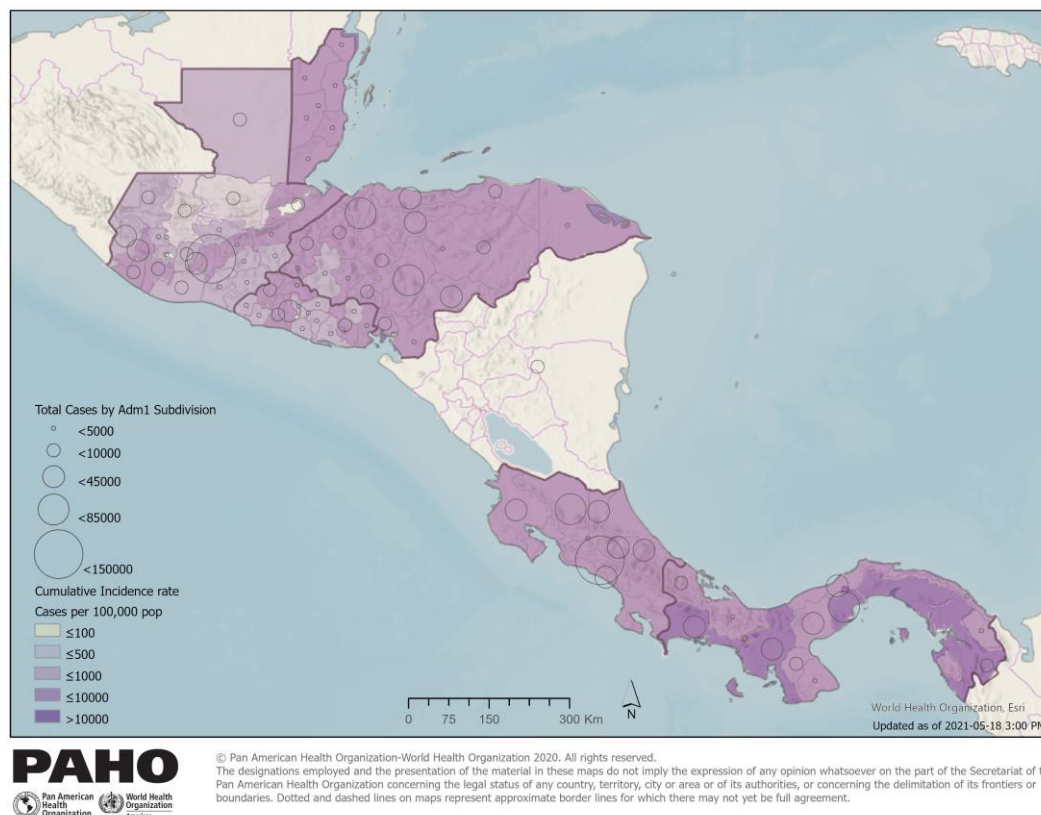


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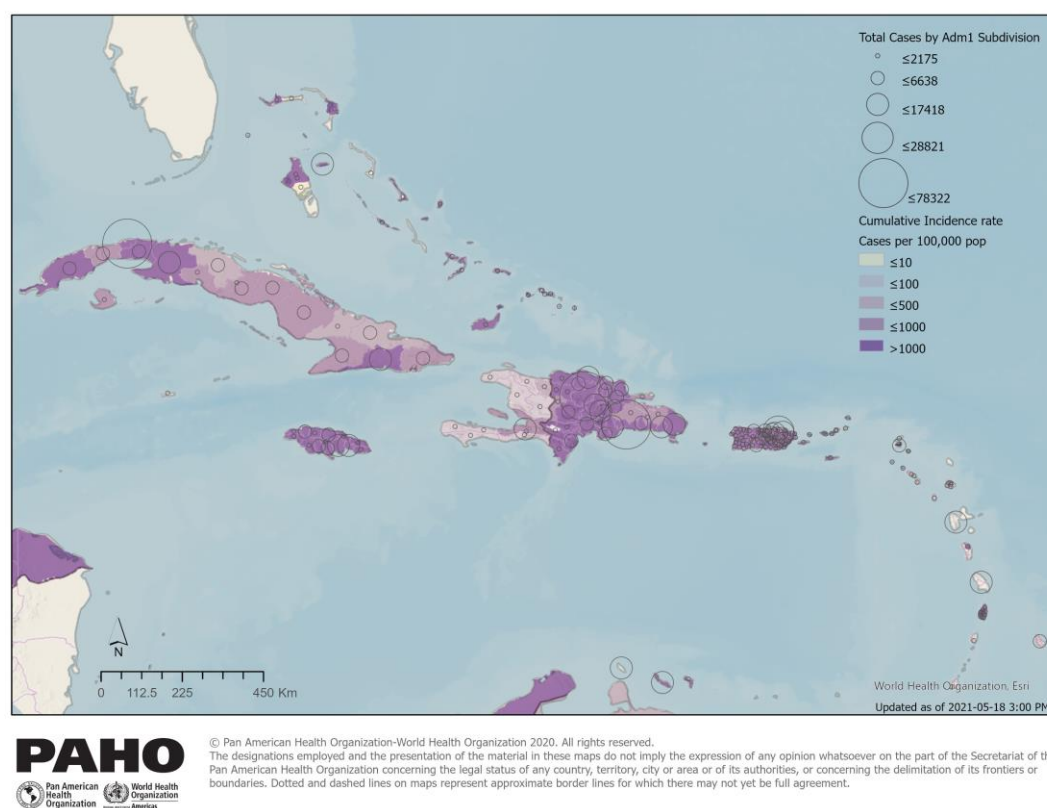


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Map 2. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 18 May 2021



















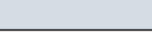
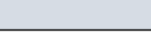



























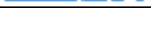























































Map 3. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 18 May 2021



COVID-19 situation reported by
countries and territories in the Americas,
as of 18 May 2021

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases			Deaths			Transmission Type
		7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	
North America	Canada		1,334,104	-22%		24,983	-11%	Community transmission
	Mexico		2,382,745	-2%		220,493	-19%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)		32,647,162	-17%		580,983	-6%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		36,364,011			826,459		
Central America	Belize		12,742	62%		323	0%	Community transmission
	Costa Rica		288,626	16%		3,625	39%	Community transmission
	El Salvador		71,479	68%		2,195	15%	Community transmission
	Guatemala		242,784	6%		7,913	-19%	Community transmission
	Honduras		227,516	0%		5,970	-19%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua		5,731	11%		185	0%	Community transmission
	Panama		371,145	24%		6,297	-39%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		1,220,023			26,508		
South America	Argentina		3,335,965	19%		71,027	6%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)		334,824	30%		13,566	38%	Community transmission
	Brazil		15,657,391	4%		436,537	-9%	Community transmission
	Chile		1,295,862	5%		27,965	-8%	Community transmission
	Colombia		3,131,410	6%		81,809	9%	Community transmission
	Ecuador		411,466	-22%		19,877	40%	Community transmission
	Paraguay		315,547	4%		7,692	-13%	Community transmission
	Peru		1,893,334	2%		66,471	5%	Community transmission
	Uruguay		242,906	7%		3,521	-7%	Community transmission
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		216,415	-12%		2,411	-7%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		26,835,120			730,876		
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla		109	-100%				Clusters of cases
	Antigua and Barbuda		1,251	44%		42	0%	Clusters of cases
	Aruba		10,857	-25%		105	50%	Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)		11,225	7%		221	133%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados		3,972	-68%		47	100%	Community transmission
	Bermuda		2,477	-10%		32	0%	Community transmission
	Bonaire		1,573	-23%		17	-100%	Community transmission

Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Cayman Islands		565	467%		2	0%	Sporadic cases
	Cuba		126,755	14%		826	3%	Community transmission
	Curacao		12,256	-13%		120	-20%	Community transmission
	Dominica		178	200%				Sporadic cases
	Dominican Republic (the)		278,549	21%		3,597	2%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the)		63	0%				Sporadic cases
	French Guiana		21,845	-3%		109	50%	Community transmission
	Grenada		161	0%		1	0%	Sporadic cases
	Guadeloupe		16,079	-18%		245	13%	Community transmission
	Guyana		15,352	4%		344	-29%	Community transmission
	Haiti		13,598	376%		276	67%	Community transmission
	Jamaica		47,479	-10%		878	205%	Community transmission
	Martinique		11,669	-49%		90	-63%	Community transmission
	Montserrat		20	0%		1	0%	No cases
	Puerto Rico		137,060	-40%		2,445	0%	Community transmission
	Saba		7	0%				Sporadic cases
	Saint Barthelemy		1,010	167%		1	0%	Clusters of cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		45	0%				Sporadic cases
	Saint Lucia		4,818	9%		76	0%	Community transmission
	Saint Martin		1,839	121%		14	0%	Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon		25	0%				No cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		1,947	-38%		12	-100%	Community transmission
	Sint Eustatius		20	0%				No cases
	Sint Maarten		2,292	26%		27	0%	Community transmission
	Suriname		12,107	33%		230	9%	Community transmission
	Trinidad and Tobago		16,549	56%		294	119%	Community transmission
	Turks and Caicos		2,404	-78%		17	0%	Clusters of cases
	Virgin Islands (UK)		248	867%		1	0%	Clusters of cases
	Virgin Islands (US)		3,288	-32%		27	0%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		759,692			10,097		
	Total		65,178,846			1,593,940		

* 7 Day Moving Average

Legend

>50% increase

10% to 50% increase

10 to -10% change

10% to 50% decrease

>50% decrease

Table notes on the next page.

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

- 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 a 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.
- *A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (the) (Malvinas) "

Argentina: On 14 March 2021, due to daylight savings time observed in Eastern Standard Time zone, the Argentina data is no longer published by 3:00PM EST same day and is henceforth included in the following day table. Between 22 February and 14 March 2021, the data had corresponded to the same date.

Bahamas: According to the 16 May 2021 Bahamas Ministry of Health (MoH) publication, there are a total of 26 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3eRnzZH>

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, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy in Sante Publique France weekly publications; death counts for Guadeloupe are calculated subtracting deaths in Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy. Available at: <https://bit.ly/39UMysd>

Jamaica: According to the latest Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 136 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3qAwIJo>

Nicaragua: Please note there are discrepancies with the data published by the Citizen's Observatory COVID-19 Nicaragua as of 12 May 2021. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3pw7ZVR>

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; disaggregated data available is 567,778 by RT-PCR + 414,434 by antigen tests + 911,122 by other 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/3fJVKTM>.

Puerto Rico: Aggregated case total as reported by the Puerto Rico Department of Health (DoH); 120,808 were positive by RT-PCR and 16,252 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 include both confirmed and probable classifications, as published on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC) website on 18-May. Excludes American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands and the United States Virgin Islands. Case and death counts may differ from other US CDC data sources because these are provisional counts which are subject to change, including updates to data reported previously, adjustments can occur. Sources: <https://bit.ly/2RSap5> and <https://bit.ly/2RVI2n6>.

Uruguay: According to the latest Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, the total notes 5 positive cases reported in the last 24 hours were excluded from the total. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3bDGpBv>.

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

Antigua and Barbuda: The Antigua and Barbuda Ministry of Health retrospectively released data. Cases have been retrospectively adjusted for 12 and 13 May 2021 to align with the Antigua and Barbuda MoH indicating 1,241 cases, and 1,251 cases including 42 deaths, respectively. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2S6jqrS> and <https://bit.ly/3uZMzn6>

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Ministry of Health retrospectively released data. Cases have been retrospectively adjusted for 16 May 2021 to align with the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines MoH indicating 1,947 cases. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3wdqKR6>

United States: The US CDC released the 17 May 2021 data of 32,623,220 cases including 580,468 deaths after the 3 PM time cut off. The data have been retrospectively added to the 17 May Americas table.