

## Region of the Americas Update



3 PM WDC. 29 December 2021

### Last 24 hours \*

- 490,263** Additional cases
- 2,421** Additional deaths
- 0.48%** Relative increase in cases
- 0.10%** Relative increase in deaths
- 36** Countries/territories reporting new cases
- 22** Countries/territories reporting new deaths

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

#### Cases (≥ 1,000)

United States	<b>423,068</b>
Argentina	<b>33,902</b>
Puerto Rico	<b>8,203</b>
Bolivia	<b>4,934</b>
Mexico	<b>4,426</b>
Colombia	<b>4,306</b>
Peru	<b>2,112</b>
Panama	<b>1,354</b>
Chile	<b>1,096</b>

#### Deaths (≥ 100)

United States	<b>2,102</b>
Mexico	<b>125</b>

### COVID-19 – Highlights

The Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean sub region continues to see an acceleration of COVID-19 cases with some countries declaring a fifth wave of the pandemic in recent days. Among the 36 countries and territories in the sub region, at least half of them have experienced 100% or more increase in cases during the last 7 days compared to the previous 7 days (range: 100% - 879%).

According to [new data](#) published by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on 28 December, Omicron variant is now estimated to account for nearly 59% of all COVID-19 cases in the United States, a significant decrease from the agency's previous estimate of 73% for the week ending 18 December. In its revision this week, CDC reports that Omicron accounted for about 23% of the cases for the week ending 18 December, with Delta accounting for approximately 68% of the remaining cases. This could mean that a significant number of current COVID-19 hospitalizations in the US were still driven by Delta cases since hospitalizations generally lag a couple of weeks behind the cases.

## Region of the Americas

**102,814,342** cases

**2,406,884** deaths

**56**  
countries/areas/territories affected.

## Global

**282,334,451** cases

**5,414,289** deaths

**236**  
countries/areas/territories affected.

**Total cases, deaths & CFR (%) among PAHO countries/territories with ≥ 500,000 cumulative cases.**

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
United States of America	53,001,401	814,779	1.5%
Brazil	22,246,276	618,534	2.8%
Argentina	5,514,207	117,085	2.1%
Colombia	5,132,277	129,833	2.5%
Mexico	3,956,372	298,944	7.6%
Peru	2,283,474	202,584	8.9%
Canada	1,945,754	30,131	1.5%
Chile	1,802,891	39,063	2.2%
Cuba	965,243	8,321	0.9%
Guatemala	625,854	16,099	2.6%
Bolivia	585,624	19,622	3.4%
Costa Rica	570,556	7,353	1.3%

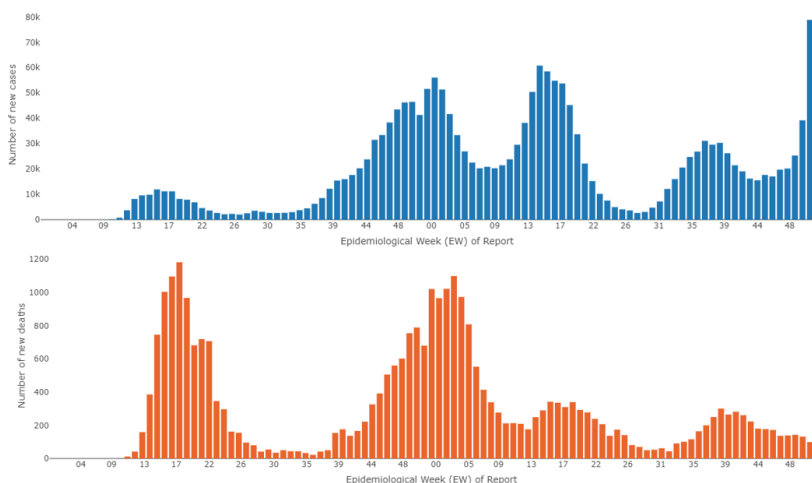
\*Numbers may vary due to differences in reporting times.

*Starting the weekend of 26 June 2021, the PAHO COVID-19 daily situation reports will no longer be published on Saturdays and Sundays. The reports will continue to be published during the workweek – Monday through Friday – at the regularly scheduled time, with the exception of any official holidays observed by PAHO in Washington, DC*



Population	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Active cases
37.7 million	1,945,754	30,131	1,814,426	101,197

**Figure 1. Distribution of COVID-19 cases and deaths by epidemiological week (EW) of report, in Canada as of EW 51 2021**



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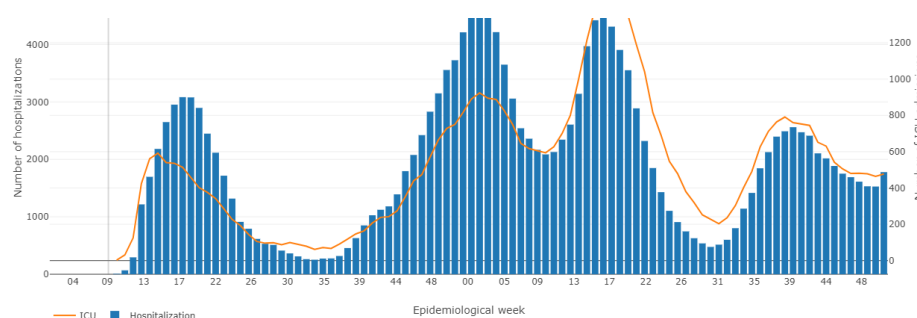
**CURRENT SITUATION AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL TRENDS:** As of epidemiological week (EW) 51, a total of 1,945,754 cases including 30,131 deaths have been reported in Canada. As observed in **Figure 1**, cases have been increasing since EW 45 with an acceleration in cases noted during epidemiological week (EW) 50, reaching the peak in EW 51. In EW 51, the highest number of weekly cases (78,847 new cases) since the onset of the pandemic was reported, representing a 101% increase compared to the previous week. There are currently 101,197 active cases. During EW 50, an average of 128,150 tests were performed daily, the weekly percentage

positivity was 6.7%, an increase from the previous week. Daily rates of cases per 100,000 population continue increasing (both male and female), with the highest reported among individuals 5-11 years old and the lowest among individuals aged 60 years or older.

**GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION:** According to data as of EW 50, the provinces of Ontario and Quebec reported most cases in the country (75%). The highest weekly incidence rates were reported in Quebec (205.1 cases per 100,000 pop.), New Brunswick (120.9 cases per 100,000 pop.), Yukon (104.7 cases per 100,000 pop.), Ontario (101.8 cases per 100,000 pop.), and Manitoba (100.5 cases per 100,000 pop.) while the highest percent increases in cases compared to the previous week were observed in the Northwest Territories (500%), Newfoundland and Labrador (471%) and Prince Edward Island (188%).

**HOSPITALIZATIONS:** Based on data from 12 provinces and territories, incidence and hospitalization rates continue to be lower among those fully vaccinated compared to those unvaccinated. During EW 50, the number of hospitalizations and ICU admissions remained similar to those from the previous week, showing a slight increase (2%). However, an increase of 16% was observed during EW 51 compared to EW 50 (**Figure 2**).

**Figure 2. Number of current COVID-19 hospitalized cases (general and ICU) by epidemiological week of report, in Canada as of EW 51 2021**

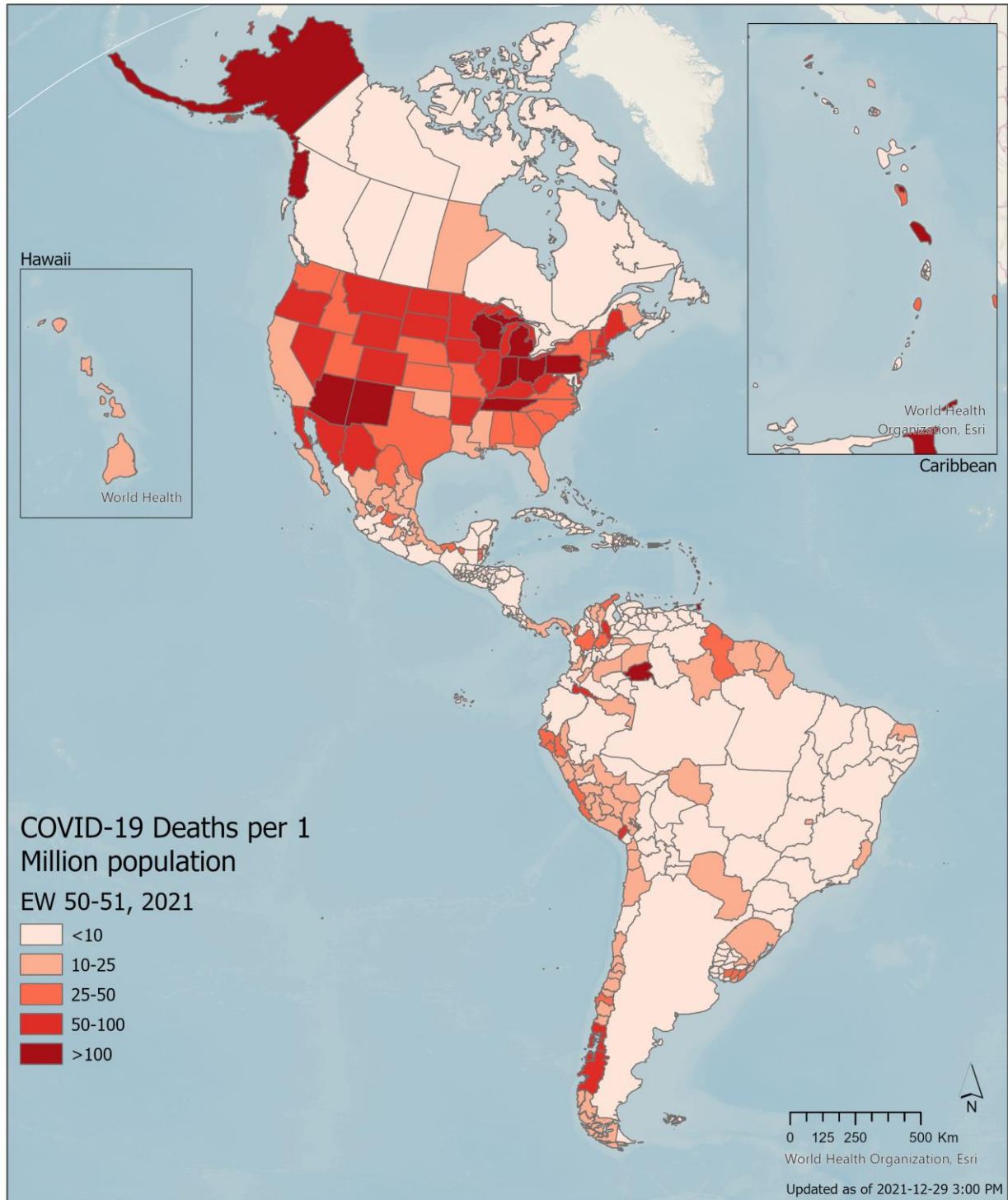


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**VACCINATION:** Among individuals aged 12 years or older, a total of 30,138,395 (90.01% vaccine coverage for this group) have received their first COVID-19 vaccination dose of a two-dose regimen, while 29,213,653 (87.25%) have completed their vaccine regimen. Regarding children aged 5-11 years old, 1,137,403 (39.51%) have received their first dose while 37,216 (1.29%) are fully vaccinated.

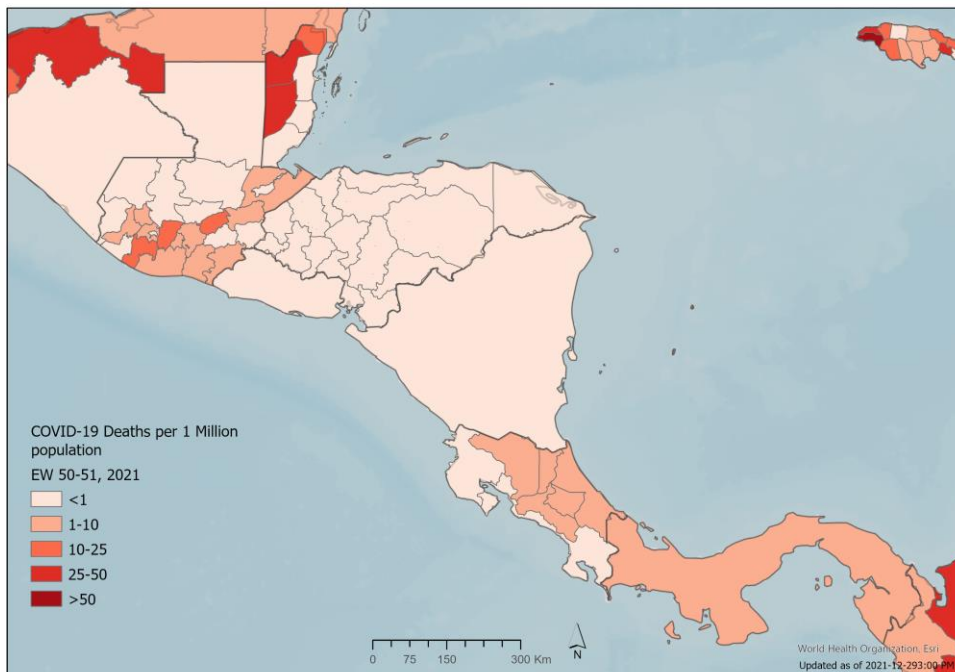
Public Health Agency of Canada [COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Report](#) as of EW 50

**Map 1. Reported COVID-19 mortality rate per 1 million population in the Region of the Americas. Epidemiological week (EW) 50 and 51.**



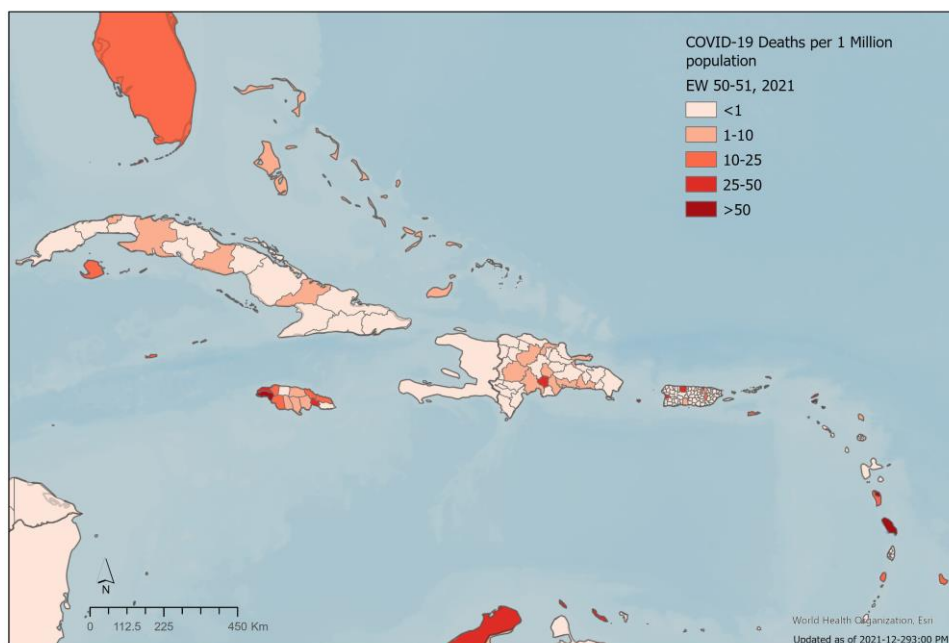
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**Map 2. Reported COVID-19 mortality rate per 1 million population in the Region of the Americas. Central America subregion. EW 50 and EW 51.**



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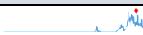













**Map 3. Reported COVID-19 mortality rate per 1 million population in the Region of the Americas. Caribbean subregion. EW 50 and EW 51.**


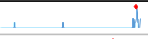










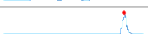
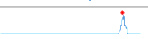







































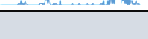






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## COVID-19 situation reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 29 December 2021

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases			Deaths		
		7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change
North America	Canada		1,945,754	-39%		30,131	-60%
	Mexico		3,956,372	-14%		298,944	-49%
	United States of America (the)		53,001,401	69%		814,779	20%
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>58,903,527</b>			<b>1,143,854</b>	
Central America	Belize		31,734	142%		597	20%
	Costa Rica		570,556	206%		7,353	0%
	El Salvador		121,741	-67%		3,821	-25%
	Guatemala		625,854	2%		16,099	-40%
	Honduras		379,402	37%		10,434	0%
	Nicaragua		13,563	-16%		217	0%
	Panama		489,695	107%		7,421	14%
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,232,545</b>			<b>45,942</b>	
South America	Argentina		5,514,207	190%		117,085	4%
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)		585,624	37%		19,622	14%
	Brazil		22,246,276	13%		618,534	-40%
	Chile		1,802,891	-5%		39,063	-6%
	Colombia		5,132,277	64%		129,833	-9%
	Ecuador		542,960	17%		33,650	-52%
	Paraguay		465,824	19%		16,616	-61%
	Peru		2,283,474	44%		202,584	-44%
	Uruguay		408,894	62%		6,167	-9%
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		443,983	-34%		5,319	-57%
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>39,426,410</b>			<b>1,188,473</b>		
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla		1,674	22%		5	-100%
	Antigua and Barbuda		4,259	93%		118	0%
	Aruba		18,350	422%		181	-50%
	Bahamas (the)		24,204	258%		713	0%
	Barbados		27,836	47%		260	33%
	Bermuda		6,064	16%		106	0%
	Bonaire		3,262	39%		23	0%

Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Cayman Islands		8,386	<b>221%</b>		11	0%
	Cuba		965,243	<b>84%</b>		8,321	0%
	Curacao		19,645	<b>516%</b>		186	0%
	Dominica		6,559	<b>-83%</b>		45	<b>-50%</b>
	Dominican Republic (the)		416,270	<b>200%</b>		4,246	<b>667%</b>
	Falkland Islands (the)		81	<b>-100%</b>		0	0%
	French Guiana		48,038	<b>143%</b>		339	<b>-50%</b>
	Grenada		6,009	<b>322%</b>		200	0%
	Guadeloupe		55,795	<b>22%</b>		831	<b>-50%</b>
	Guyana		39,151	<b>-27%</b>		1,050	<b>-27%</b>
	Haiti		25,985	5%		766	0%
	Jamaica		93,226	<b>179%</b>		2,469	6%
	Martinique		48,123	<b>54%</b>		777	<b>-38%</b>
	Montserrat		45	<b>-100%</b>		1	0%
	Puerto Rico		243,183	<b>227%</b>		3,295	<b>-20%</b>
	Saba		31	<b>750%</b>		0	0%
	Saint Barthelemy		1,726	<b>278%</b>		4	0%
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		2,877	<b>467%</b>		28	0%
	Saint Lucia		13,410	<b>93%</b>		295	<b>-100%</b>
	Saint Martin		4,118	<b>169%</b>		39	0%
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon		98	<b>100%</b>		0	0%
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		5,850	<b>-54%</b>		81	0%
	Sint Eustatius		32	0%		0	0%
	Sint Maarten		4,947	<b>394%</b>		75	0%
	Suriname		51,791	<b>40%</b>		1,188	<b>-71%</b>
	Trinidad and Tobago		90,364	<b>-20%</b>		2,809	-8%
	Turks and Caicos		3,283	<b>184%</b>		26	<b>-100%</b>
	Virgin Islands (UK)		3,220	<b>57%</b>		39	0%
Virgin Islands (US)		8,725	<b>879%</b>		88	0%	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,251,860</b>			<b>28,615</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>102,814,342</b>			<b>2,406,884</b>		

\* 7 Day Moving Average

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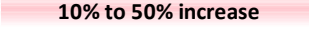



	<b>&gt;50% increase</b>
	<b>10% to 50% increase</b>
	<b>10 to -10% change</b>
	<b>10% to 50% decrease</b>
	<b>&gt;50% decrease</b>

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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 6 October 2021 Guidance, available at: <https://bit.ly/3EK44fn>.

Data is updated on a weekly basis for the British Virgin Islands, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Nicaragua, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin, and Saint Pierre and Miquelon.

As of 29 December 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 latest Bahamas Ministry of Health (MoH) publication, there are a total of 38 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3wh84Aq>

**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>

**El Salvador:** Cumulative cases and deaths as published by the Government of El Salvador: <https://covid19.gob.sv/>. The government presents a retroactively adjusted epidemiological curve of daily cases on the same dashboard.

**Jamaica:** According to the latest Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 351 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3qAwlJo>

**Mexico:** On 1 June 2021, the Mexico Ministry of Health reported 4,272 deaths in 24 hours. Of these, 3,924 were reported in 2020 and the remaining were reported in 2021. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3pfdMA8>

**Nicaragua:** Please note there are discrepancies with the data published by the Citizen's Observatory COVID-19 Nicaragua as of 15 December 2021. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3pw7ZVR>

**Peru:** Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; latest disaggregated data available is 690,252 by RT-PCR + 635,554 by antigen tests + 953,493 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>. On 31 May 2021, the Government of Peru announced that, after revision, the death toll was 180,764 deaths as of 22 May 2021, available at: <https://bit.ly/3fYGj8V>. The number of cumulative deaths reported prior to the revision, on 30 May, was 69,342, available at: <https://bit.ly/3pkar2U>.

**Puerto Rico:** Aggregated case total as reported by the Puerto Rico Department of Health (DoH); 180,644 were positive by RT-PCR and 62,539 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/3AXY7KU>

**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 29-December. 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. Please note that the state of Maryland has not been submitting COVID-19 data to the

U.S. CDC since 3 December 2021 due to server issues. 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/2RSpap5> and <https://bit.ly/2RVI2n6>.

**Uruguay:** According to the latest Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, the total notes 00 positive cases reported in the last 24 hours were excluded from the total. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3mJE11D>.

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

ISO3_CODE	Adjusted Date	Cases	Deaths	Source
BHS	2021-12-25	23630	713	<a href="https://bit.ly/3mJumYG">https://bit.ly/3mJumYG</a>
BHS	2021-12-26	23960	713	<a href="https://bit.ly/32AaPmD">https://bit.ly/32AaPmD</a>
BHS	2021-12-27	24045	713	<a href="https://bit.ly/3mHWxHE">https://bit.ly/3mHWxHE</a>
BHS	2021-12-28	24204	713	<a href="https://bit.ly/3EzDqpb">https://bit.ly/3EzDqpb</a>
CRI	2021-12-23	569023	7343	<a href="https://bit.ly/3ewZeqP">https://bit.ly/3ewZeqP</a>
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USA	2021-12-28	52578333	812677	
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