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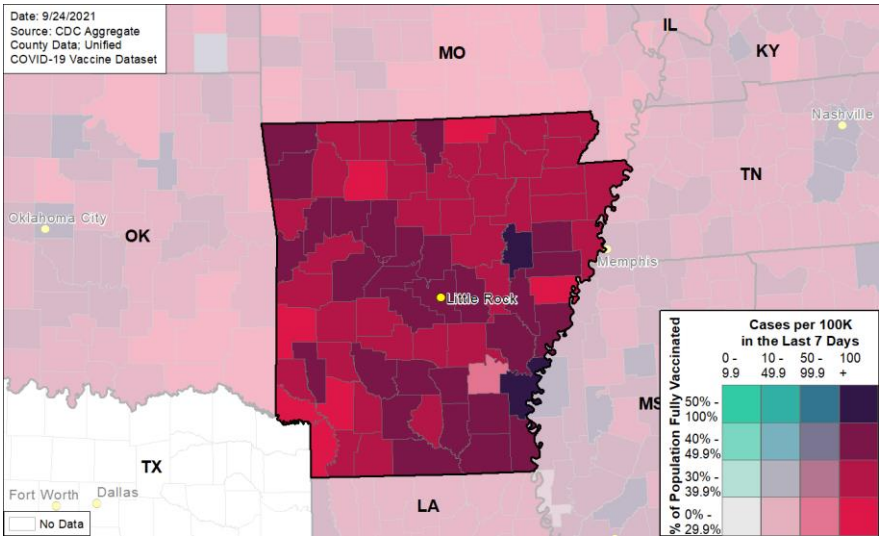
STATE SYNOPSIS

	LAST WEEK	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK
RATE OF NEW COVID-19 CASES PER 100,000	296	-19%
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY RATE	8.7%	-0.8%
NEW CONFIRMED COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS / 100 BEDS	9.2	-16%
RATE OF NEW COVID-19 DEATHS PER 100,000	5.1	-32%
COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION LEVEL	HIGH TRANSMISSION	
PEOPLE RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 DOSE	1,671,698 people	55.4% of total pop.
PEOPLE 18+ RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 DOSE	1,556,216 people	67.1% of 18+ pop.
PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED	1,361,043 people	45.1% of total pop.
PEOPLE 18+ FULLY VACCINATED	1,273,428 people	54.9% of 18+ pop.

SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern

- The following proportions of variants of concern have been identified in Arkansas: B.1.617.2, AY.1, AY.2 (Delta, 97.4%), P.1 (Gamma, 0.1%)

COVID-19 Reported Cases per 100,000 Population (last 7 days) and Percent of Total Population Fully Vaccinated



In map visualizations, test positivity data is now suppressed if there are strictly fewer than 20 total tests in the 7-day period.

The purpose of this report is to develop a shared understanding of the current status of the pandemic at the national, regional, state, and local levels. We recognize that data at the state level may differ from that available at the federal level. Our objective is to use consistent data sources and methods that allow for comparisons to be made across localities. We appreciate your continued support in identifying data discrepancies and improving data completeness and sharing across systems. We look forward to your feedback. All inquiries and requests for information should be directed to https://wwwn.cdc.gov/dcs/ContactUs/Form.

COVID-19

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	STATE	STATE, % CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	FEMA/HHS REGION	UNITED STATES
NEW COVID-19 CASES (RATE PER 100,000)	8,922 (296)	-19%	118,529 (277)	819,465 (247)
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY RATE	8.7%	-0.8%*	11.3%	7.3%
TOTAL NAAT VOLUME (TESTS PER 100,000)	57,316** (1,899**)	-1%**	984,021** (2,304**)	11,478,250** (3,457**)
NEW COVID-19 DEATHS (RATE PER 100,000)	153 (5.1)	-32%	2,869 (6.7)	10,913 (3.3)
CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (RATE PER 100 BEDS)	1,204 (15.4)	-15% (-15%)	17,772 (19.4)	104,370 (14.8)
CONFIRMED NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (RATE PER 100 BEDS)	719 (9.2)	-16% (-16%)	12,031 (13.2)	66,686 (9.5)
NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH SUPPLY SHORTAGES (PERCENT)	1 (1%)	+0%	59 (7%)	287 (5%)
NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH STAFF SHORTAGES (PERCENT)	20 (22%)	+5%	163 (18%)	981 (19%)
PEOPLE 12+ INITIATING VACCINATION (PERCENT OF POPULATION)	15,041 (0.6%)	-12.8%	256,853 (0.7%)	1,763,055 (0.6%)
PEOPLE 12-17 INITIATING VACCINATION (PERCENT OF POPULATION)	1,825 (0.8%)	-20.3%	41,226 (1.1%)	227,986 (0.9%)
PEOPLE 18+ INITIATING VACCINATION (PERCENT OF POPULATION)	13,216 (0.6%)	-11.7%	215,627 (0.7%)	1,535,069 (0.6%)

* Indicates absolute change in percentage points.
** Due to delayed reporting, this figure may underestimate total diagnostic tests and week-on-week changes in diagnostic tests.

DATA SOURCES

Note: Some dates may have incomplete data due to delays in reporting. Data may be backfilled over time, resulting in week-to-week changes.

Cases and Deaths: State values are aggregated data provided by the states to the CDC. Historical reports of cases and deaths exceeding 1% of the total new cases or deaths reported in the US that day have been excluded. Data are through 9/23/2021; previous week is from 9/10 to 9/16.

Testing: CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data. The term Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) includes RT-PCR and other testing methods. Test positivity through 9/21/2021; previous week is from 9/8 to 9/14. Test volume through 9/17/2021; previous week is from 9/4 to 9/10.

Admissions: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. Data are through 9/22, previous week is from 9/9 to 9/15.

Shortages: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. Values presented show the latest reports from hospitals in the week ending 9/22/2021 for staffing and the week ending 9/22/2021 for supplies.

Vaccinations: CDC COVID Data Tracker. Data includes the Moderna, Pfizer BioNTech, and J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines and reflects current data available as of 10:11 EDT on 09/24/2021. Data last updated 06:00 EDT on 09/24/2021. People initiating vaccination include those who have received the first dose of the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine as well as those who have received one dose of the J&J/Janssen vaccine. Population denominators reflect the subset of the population of the corresponding age range.

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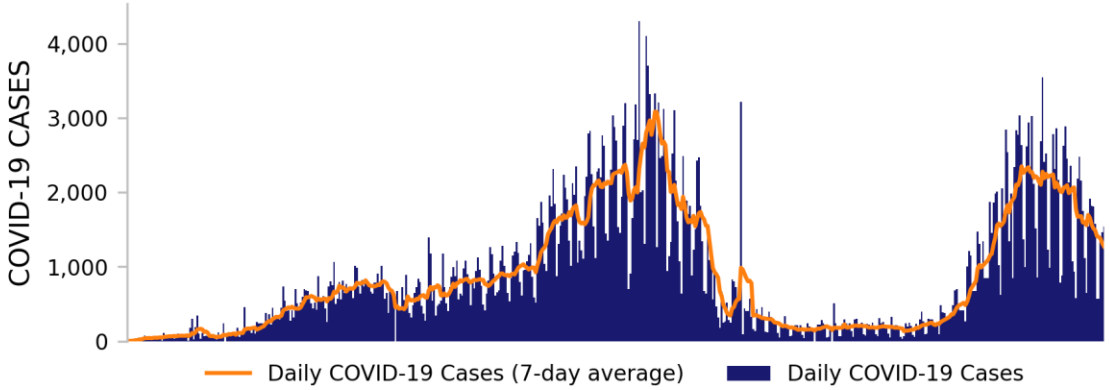

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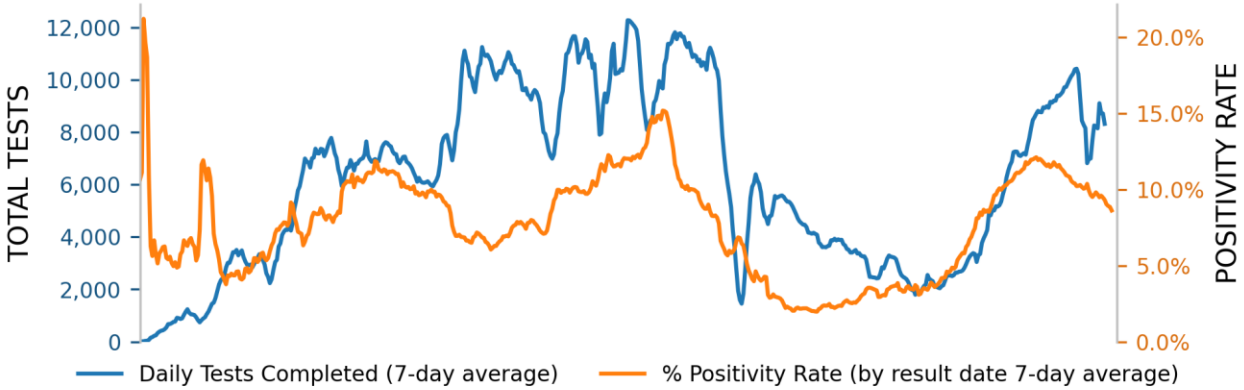

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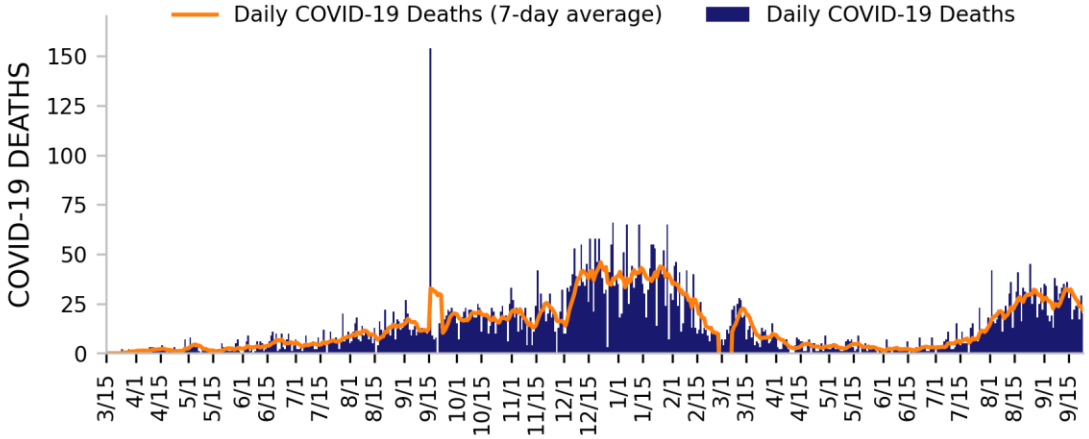

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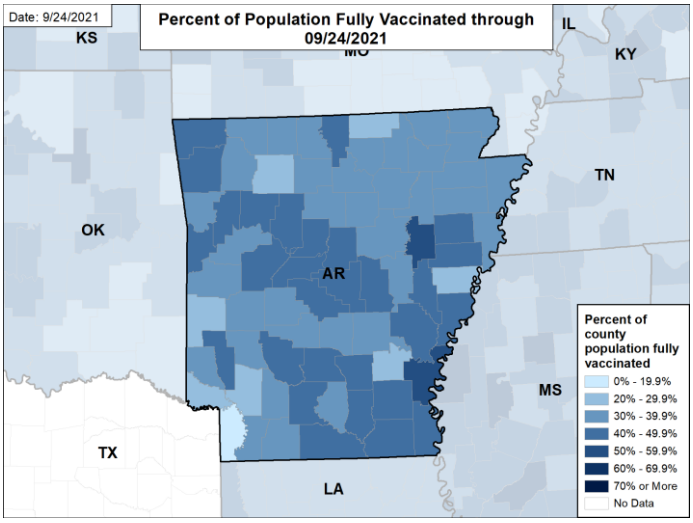
STATE VACCINATION SUMMARY

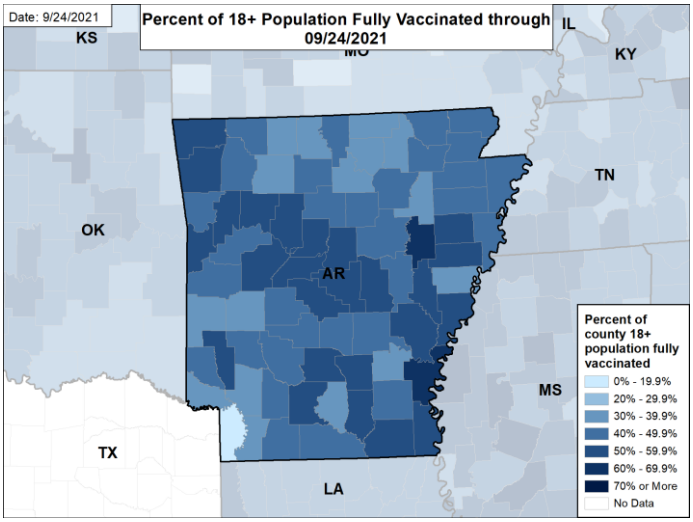
DOSES DELIVERED	3,987,780 132,142 per 100k	DOSES ADMINISTERED	2,980,044 98,749 per 100k

PERCENT OF POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED

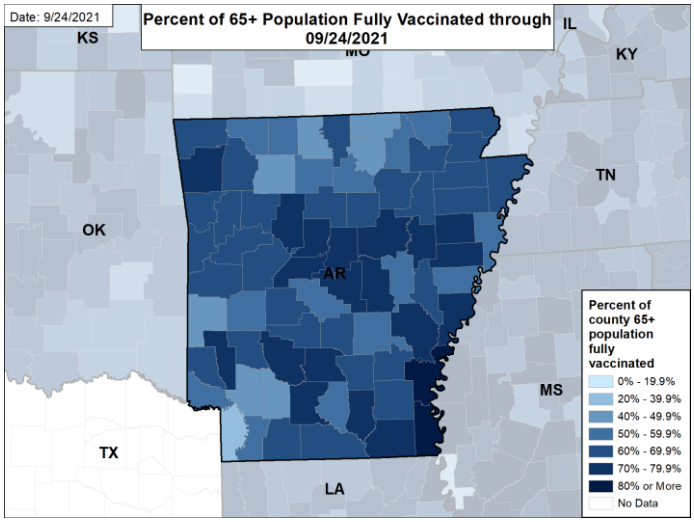


	RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	FULLY VACCINATED
ALL PEOPLE	1,671,698 55.4% of total pop.	1,361,043 45.1% of total pop.
PEOPLE 12-17	111,682 46.6% of 12-17 pop.	86,130 35.9% of 12-17 pop.
PEOPLE 18+	1,556,216 67.1% of 18+ pop.	1,273,428 54.9% of 18+ pop.
PEOPLE 65+	445,333 85.0% of 65+ pop.	379,839 72.5% of 65+ pop.

PERCENT OF 18+ POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED



PERCENT OF 65+ POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED



DATA SOURCES

County reporting completeness for Arkansas is 90.1%.

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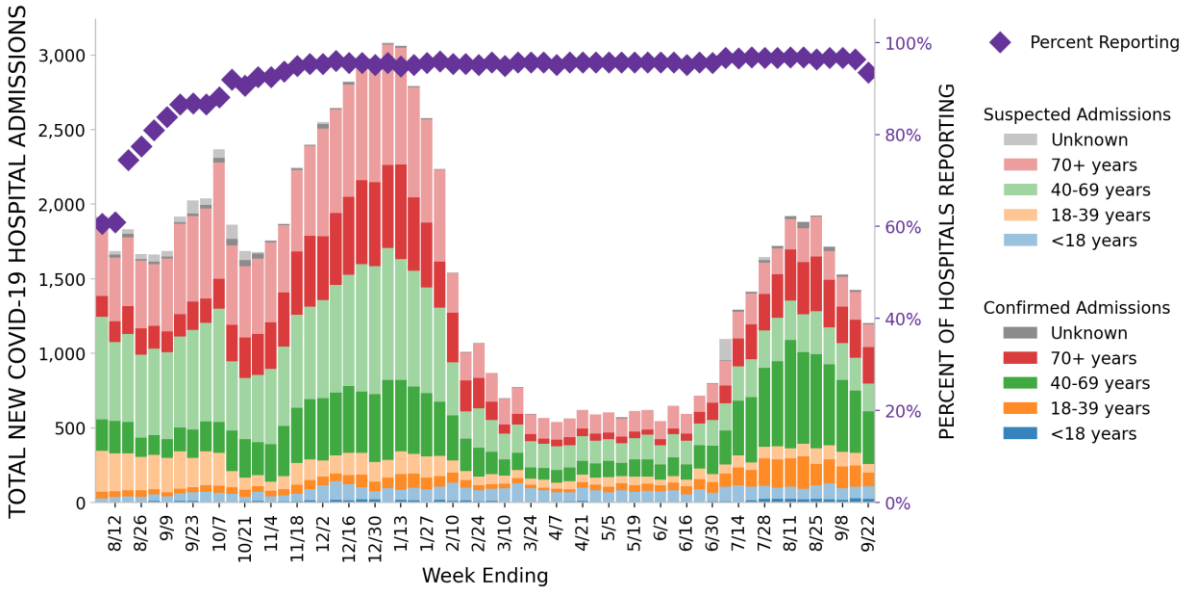
90 hospitals are expected to report in Arkansas

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS



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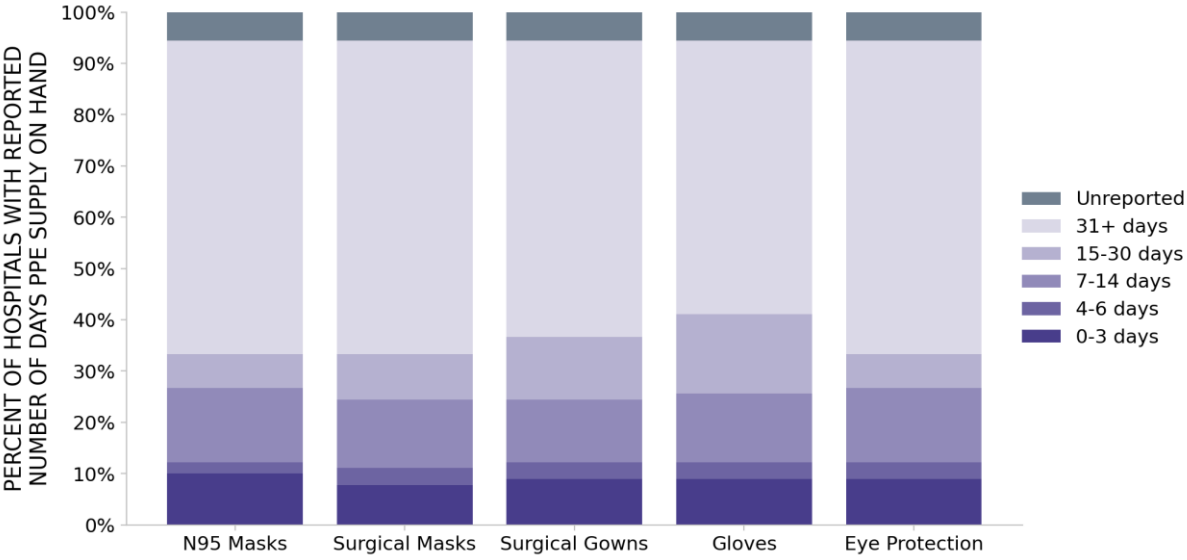

DATA SOURCES

Hospitalizations: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the percent reporting figure. Data are through 9/22/2021.

PPE: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Values presented show the latest reports from hospitals in the week ending 9/22/2021.

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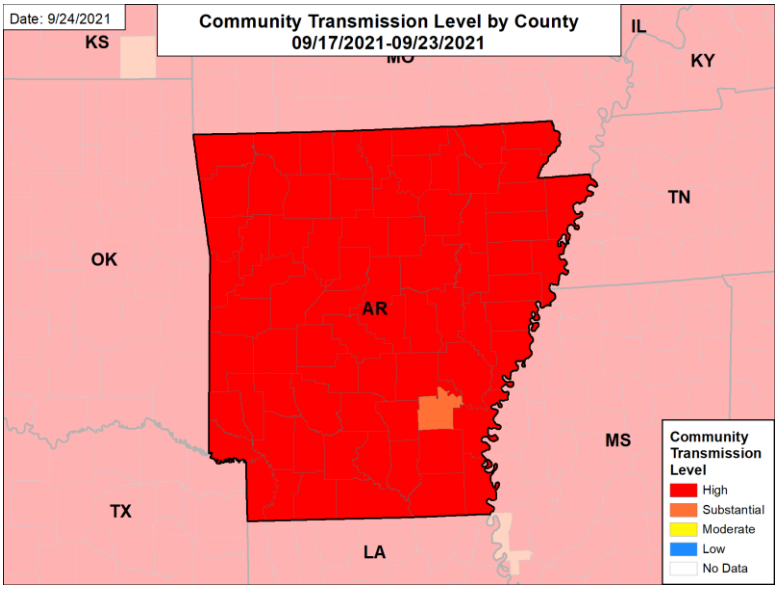
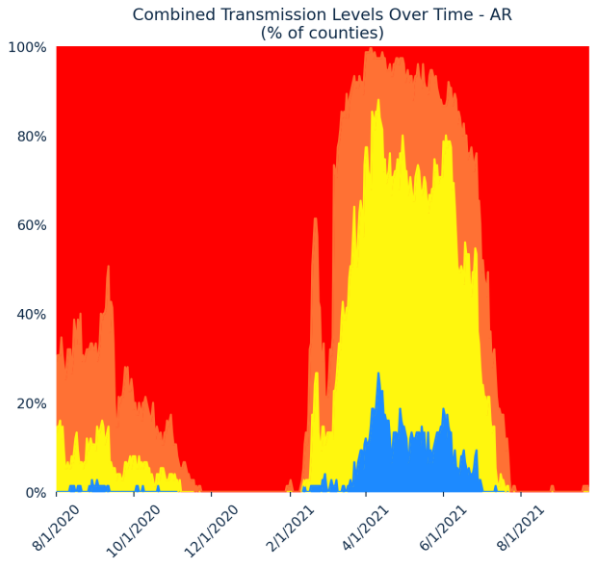
COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION BY COUNTY AND METRO AREA





COUNTIES AND METRO AREAS BY COMBINED TRANSMISSION LEVEL

CATEGORY	LOW TRANSMISSION BLUE	MODERATE TRANSMISSION YELLOW	SUBSTANTIAL TRANSMISSION ORANGE	HIGH TRANSMISSION RED
# OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (↑1)	74 (↓1)
# OF METRO AREAS (CHANGE)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	23 (0)

All Orange Counties: Lincoln

All Red Counties: Washington, Benton, Pulaski, Craighead, Sebastian, Faulkner, Saline, White, Crawford, Greene, Garland, Mississippi, Crittenden, Lonoke, Independence, Pope, Miller, Union, Johnson, Poinsett, Randolph, Sharp, Jefferson, Scott, Lawrence, Ashley, Boone, Yell, Jackson, Cleburne, St. Francis, Sevier, Clay, Madison, Hot Spring, Little River, Franklin, Van Buren, Cross, Baxter, Carroll, Hempstead, Arkansas, Logan, Polk, Columbia, Marion, Nevada, Izard, Phillips, Drew, Grant, Conway, Lee, Clark, Chicot, Howard, Stone, Woodruff, Ouachita, Pike, Searcy, Fulton, Bradley, Desha, Prairie, Perry, Monroe, Dallas, Lafayette, Montgomery, Cleveland, Newton, Calhoun

All Red CBSAs: Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, Fort Smith, Jonesboro, Batesville, Russellville, Searcy, Paragould, Hot Springs, Texarkana, Blytheville, Memphis, El Dorado, Pine Bluff, Hope, Harrison, Forrest City, Malvern, Mountain Home, Magnolia, Helena-West Helena, Arkadelphia, Camden

DATA SOURCES

Maps and figures reflect 7-day average of data from 9/17-9/23 (cases), 9/15-9/21 (tests). Metro areas and counties are listed in order of the total number of cases in the last week from largest to smallest.

Note: Most recent days may have incomplete reporting.

Cases: County-level data are from a CDC managed aggregate county dataset compiled from state and local health departments; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state. Data are through 9/23/2021.

Testing: CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data. Data are through 9/21/2021.

Combined Transmission Level: If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected. Previous week transmission levels are computed based on current data. See CDC COVID Data Tracker.

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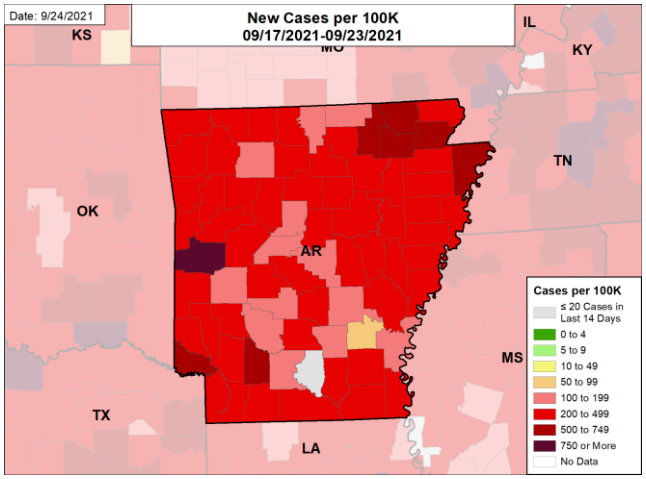
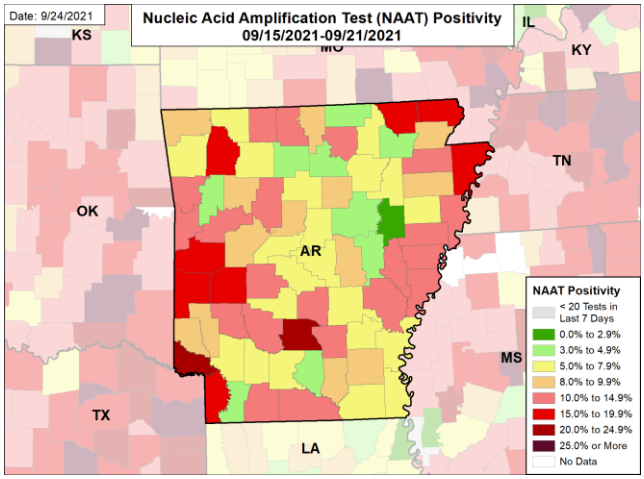
CASE RATES, NAAT POSITIVITY, HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, AND DEATH RATES

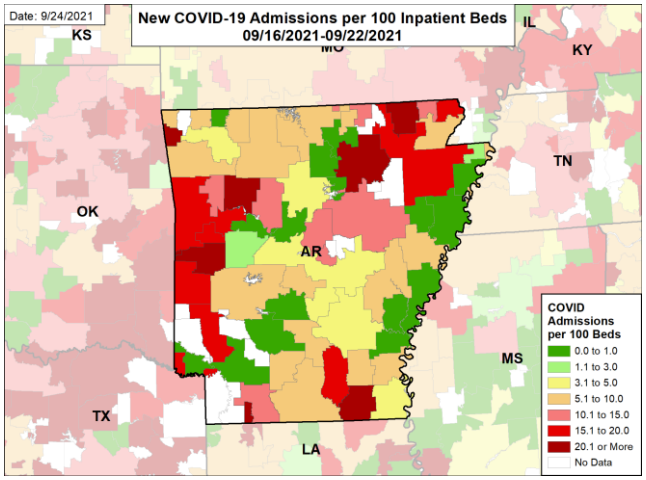
NEW CASES PER 100,000



NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY



CONFIRMED NEW COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100 INPATIENT BEDS



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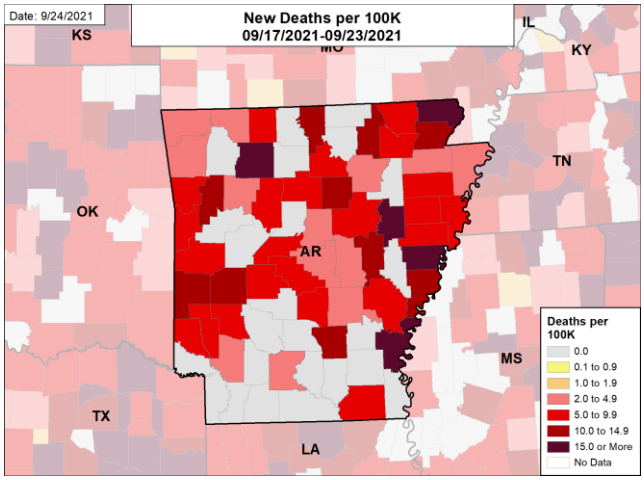

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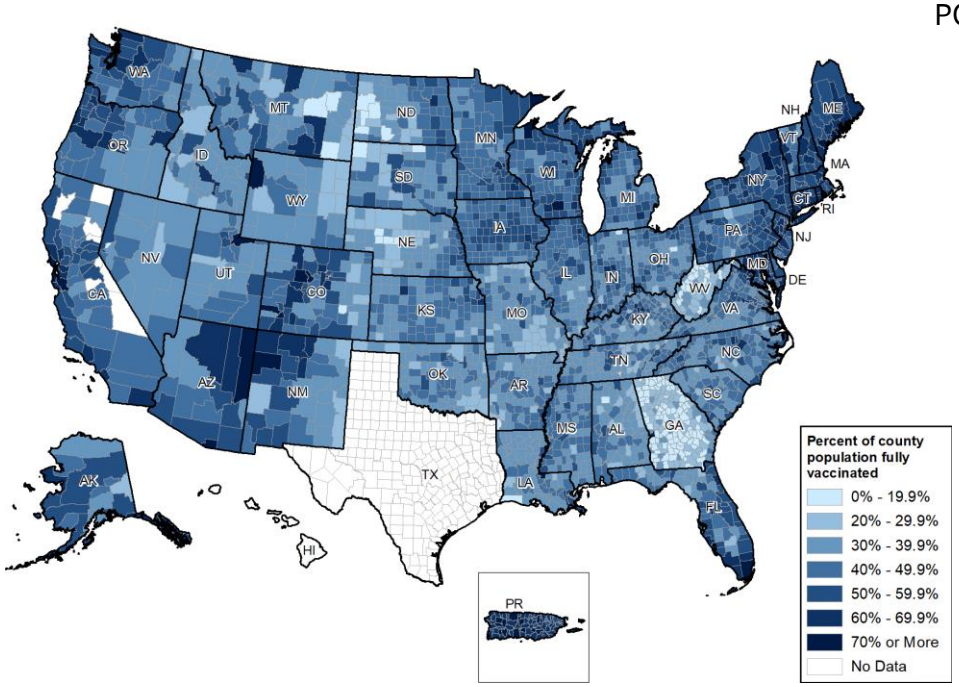
Hospitalizations: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. Totals include only confirmed COVID-19 admissions. Data are through 9/22/2021.

METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

National Picture: Vaccinations

PERCENT OF POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED



NATIONAL RANKING OF POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED

National Rank	State	National Rank	State
1	PR	27	MI
2	VT	28	KY
3	CT	29	SD
4	ME	30	TX
5	RI	31	AZ
6	MA	32	KS
7	NJ	33	NV
8	MD	34	UT
9	NY	35	OH
10	NM	36	AK
11	NH	37	NC
12	WA	38	MT
13	OR	39	IN
14	VA	40	MO
15	DC	41	OK
16	CO	42	SC
17	CA	43	AR
18	MN	44	LA
19	PA	45	GA
20	HI	46	TN
21	DE	47	ND
22	FL	48	MS
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24	NE	50	ID
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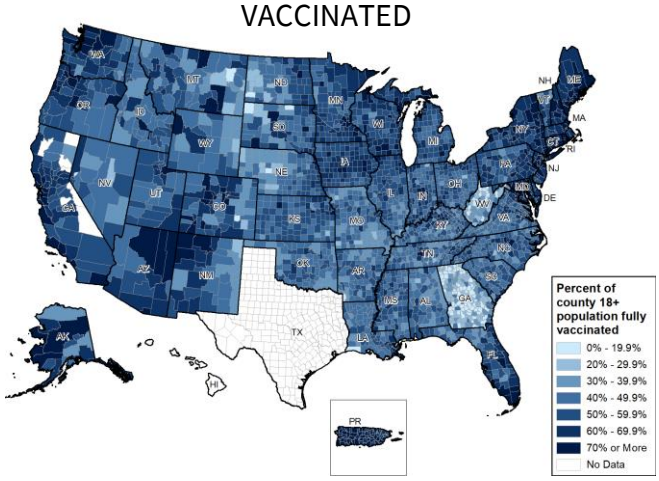
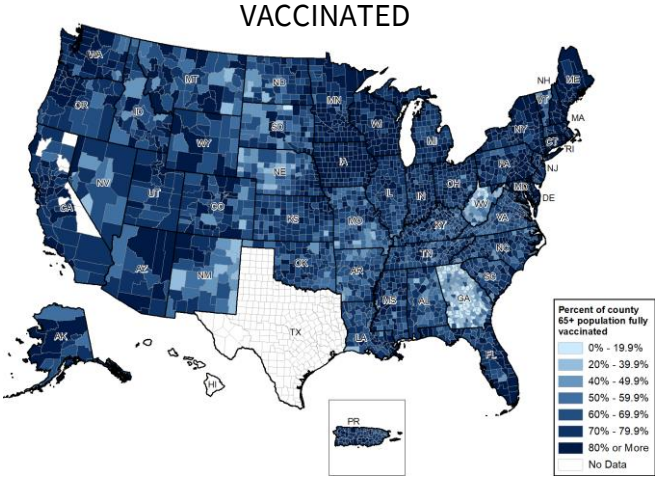
26	IL	52	WV

PERCENT OF 18+ POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED



PERCENT OF 65+ POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED



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METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

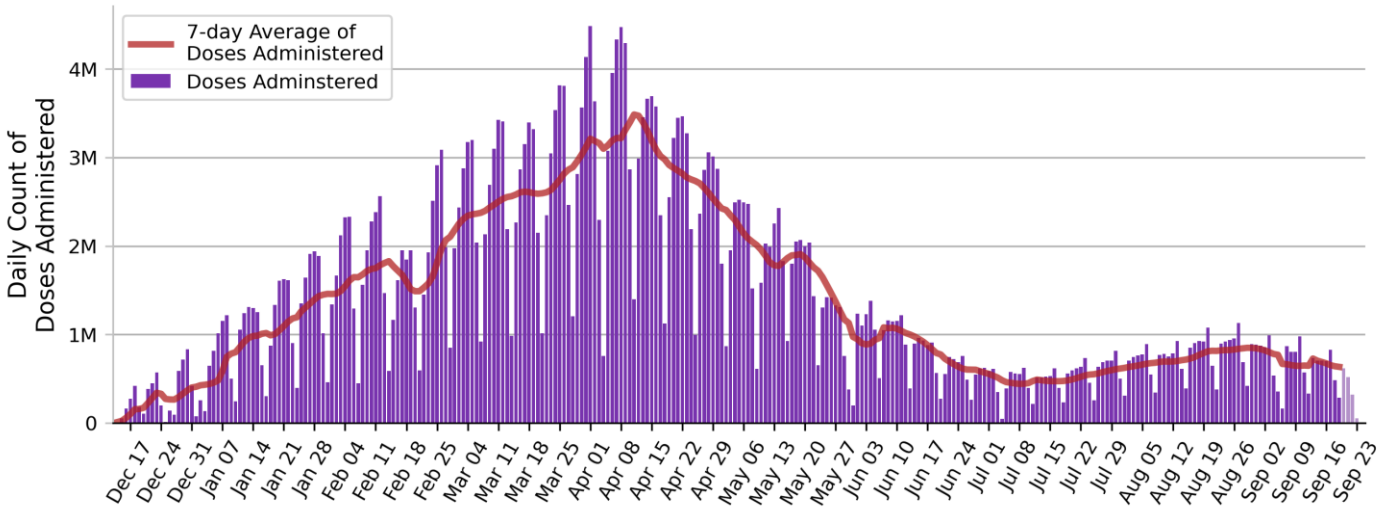
National Picture: Vaccinations

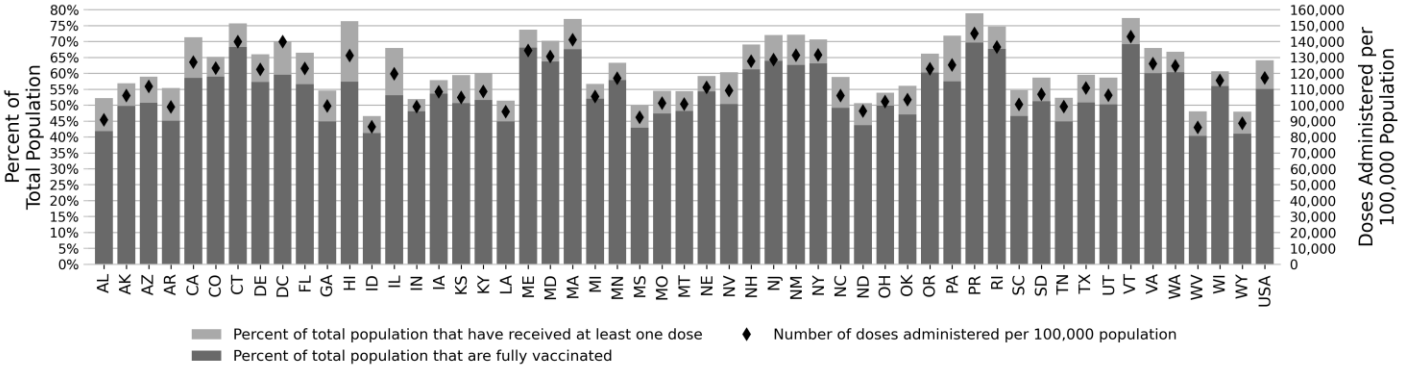
NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINE SUMMARY AS OF 9/24

DOSES DELIVERED	470,630,875 141,758 per 100k	**DOSES ADMINISTERED**	388,567,109 117,040 per 100k
PEOPLE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	212,861,380 64.1% of total pop.	**PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED**	182,958,696 55.1% of total pop.
PEOPLE 18+ RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	198,393,188 76.8% of 18+ pop.	**PEOPLE 18+ FULLY VACCINATED**	171,257,168 66.3% of 18+ pop.
PEOPLE 65+ RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	51,068,426 93.1% of 65+ pop.	**PEOPLE 65+ FULLY VACCINATED**	45,461,234 82.9% of 65+ pop.

ADDITIONAL DOSES 2,443,106

DAILY NATIONAL COUNT OF VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED BY DATE OF ADMINISTRATION





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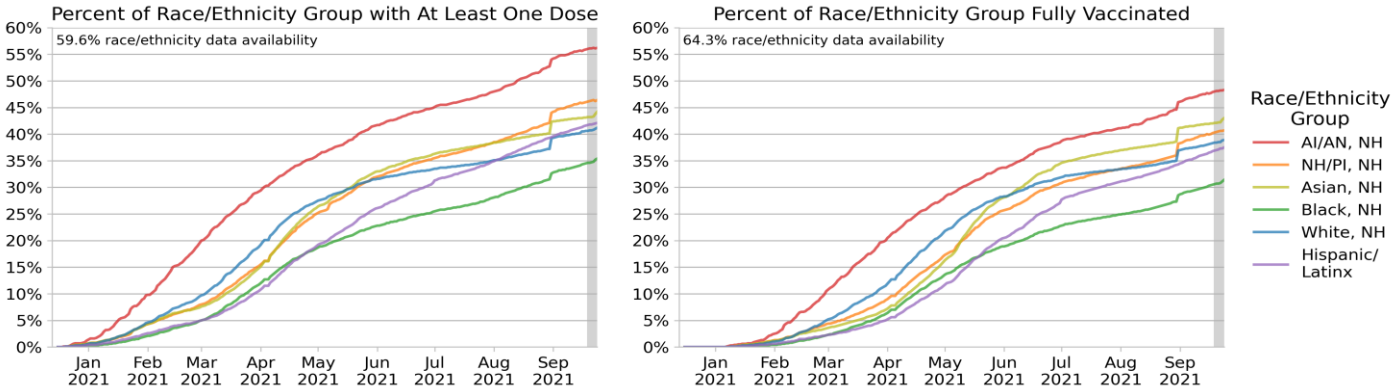
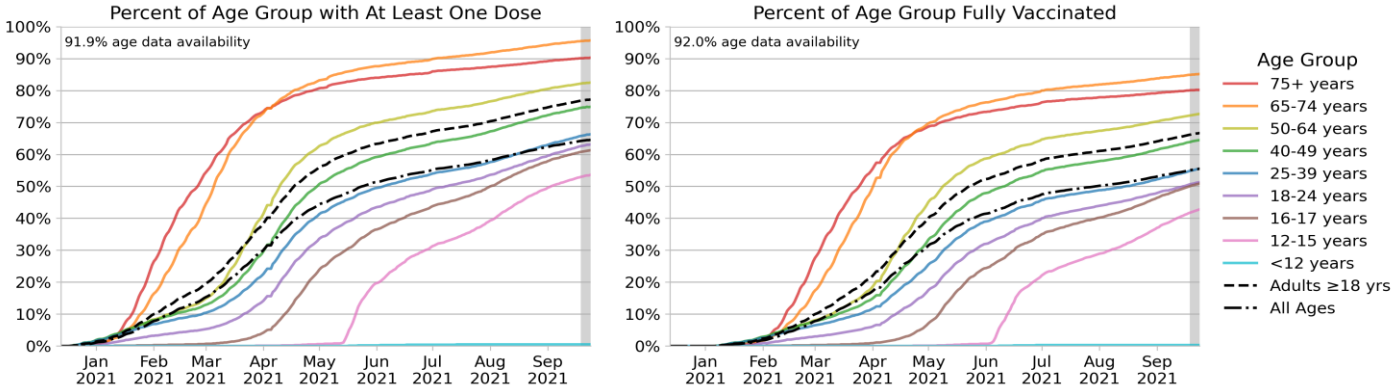
METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

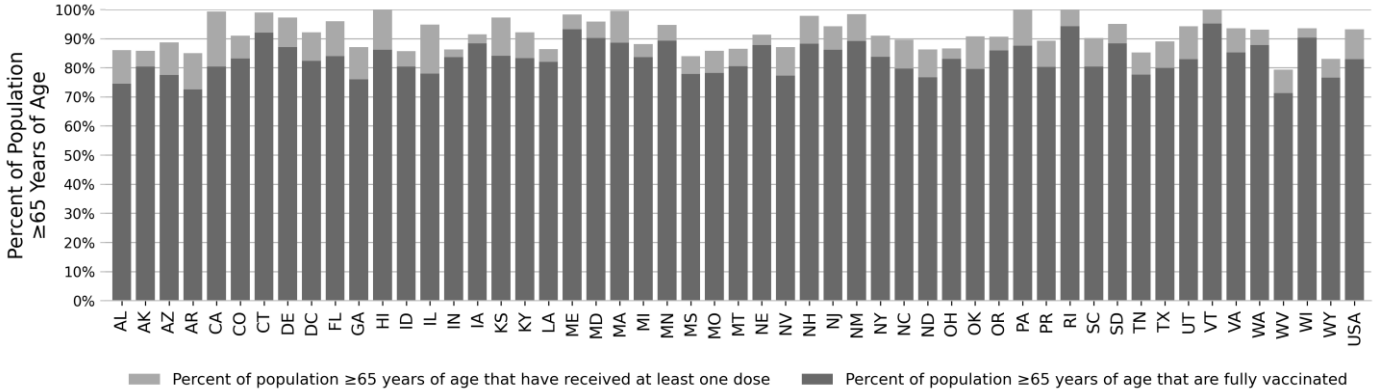
National Picture: Vaccinations

NATIONAL SUMMARY OF VACCINATIONS BY RACE/ETHNICITY



NATIONAL SUMMARY OF VACCINATIONS BY AGE





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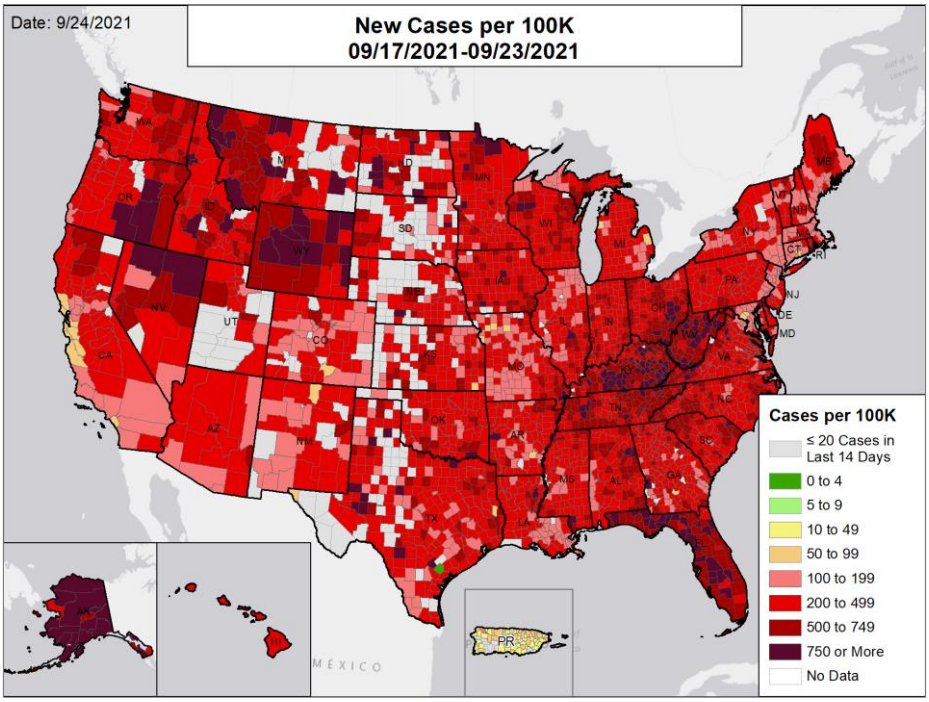
National Picture: Cases

NEW CASES PER 100,000



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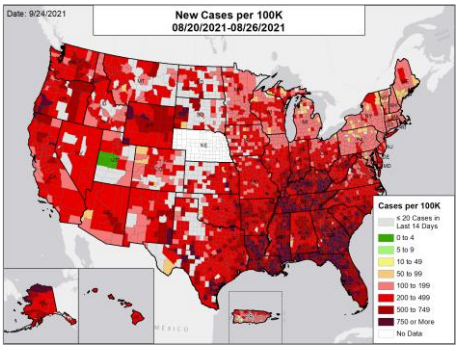
8	MA	34	UT
9	NY	35	OK
10	DC	36	GA
11	NM	37	MS
12	NH	38	TN
13	RI	39	SD
14	MO	40	IN
15	HI	41	DE
16	LA	42	WI
17	NV	43	OH
18	NC	44	AL
19	KS	45	ND
20	MI	46	SC
21	AZ	47	ID
22	NE	48	KY
23	ME	49	MT
24	PA	50	WY
25	VT	51	WV
26	FL	52	AK

NEW CASES PER 100,000 IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



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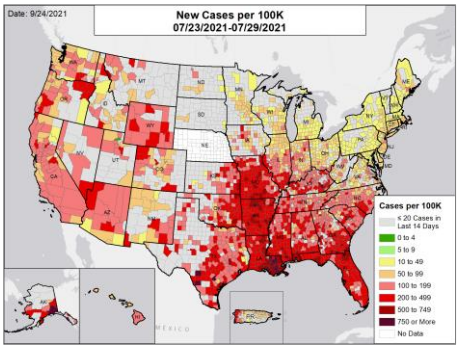

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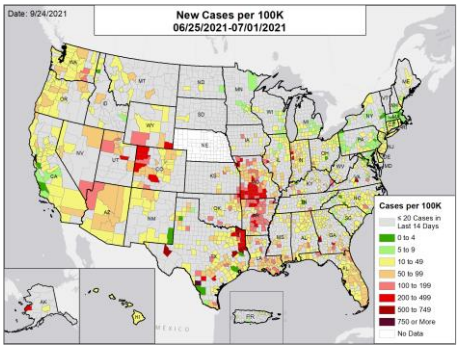

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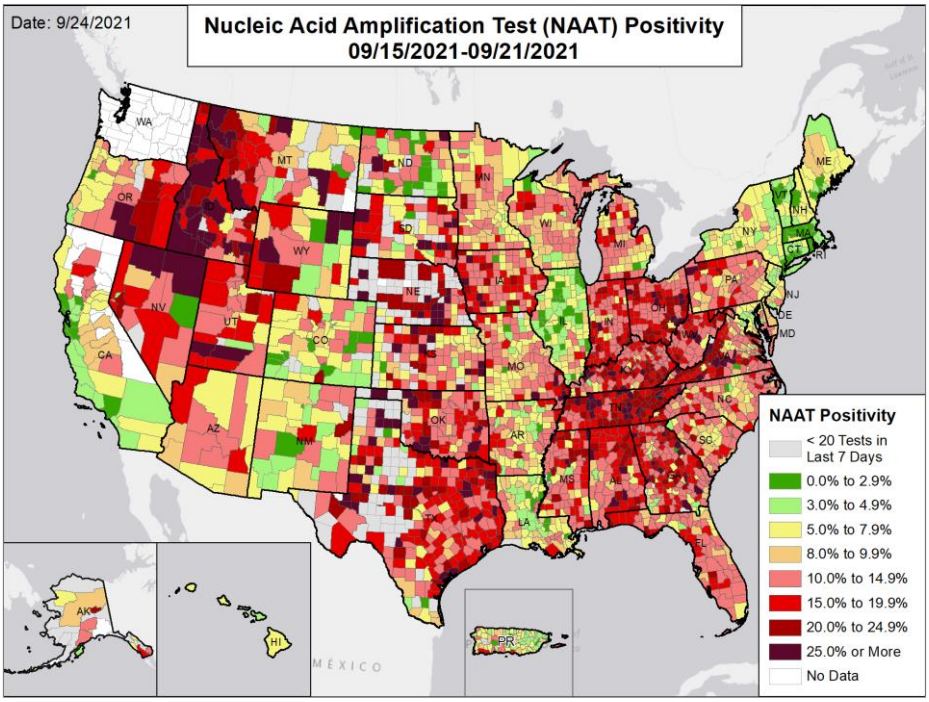
METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

National Picture: NAAT Positivity

NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY



NATIONAL RANKING OF NAAT POSITIVITY

National Rank	State	National Rank	State
1	RI	27	MO
2	MA	28	FL
3	DC	29	AK
4	CT	30	NC
5	CA	31	VA
6	IL	32	AZ
7	NY	33	SC
8	VT	34	UT
9	ME	35	NV
10	NH	36	WY
11	NJ	37	GA
12	PR	38	TX
13	MD	39	IN
14	LA	40	IA
15	HI	41	OH
16	CO	42	KY
17	NM	43	NE
18	MN	44	MS
19	DE	45	WV
20	MI	46	OK
21	OR	47	AL
22	ND	48	TN
23	WI	49	MT
24	PA	50	SD
25	AR	51	ID
26	KS	--	WA

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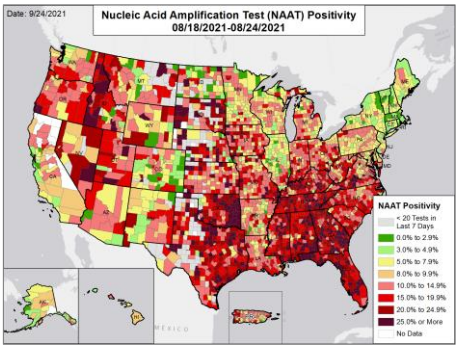

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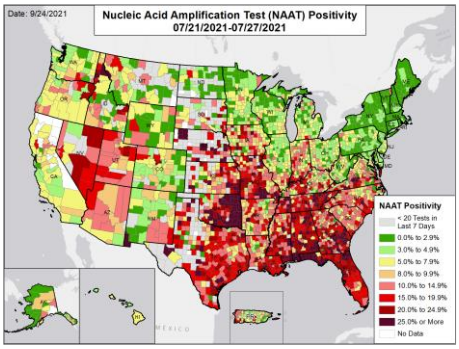

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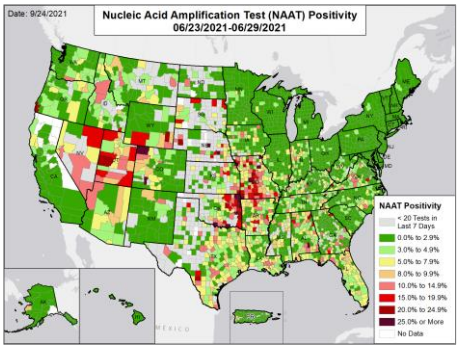

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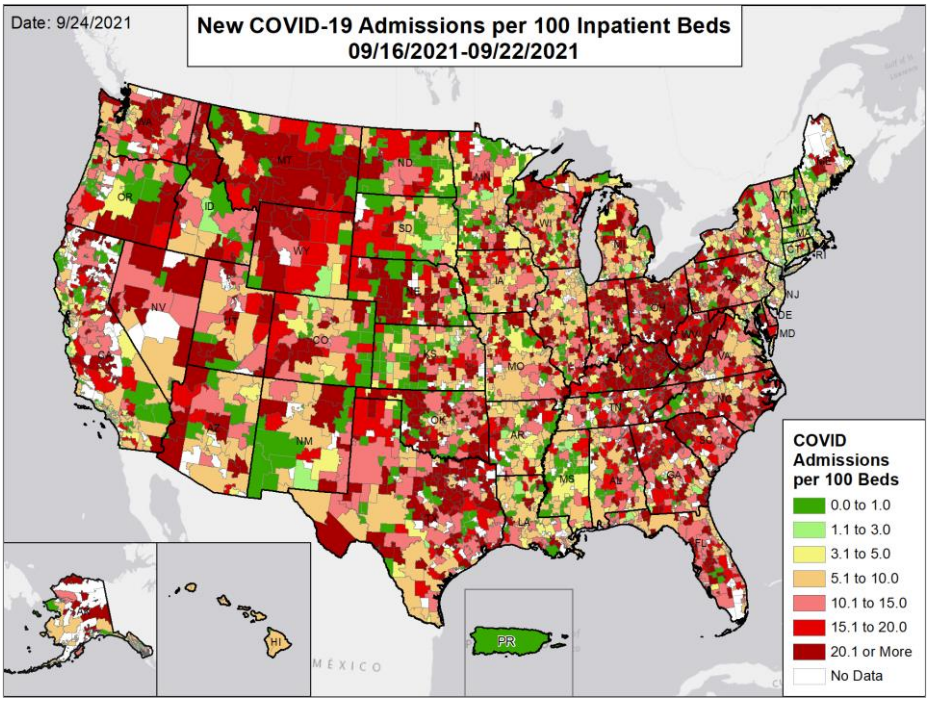
METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

National Picture: Hospital Admissions

CONFIRMED NEW COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100 INPATIENT BEDS

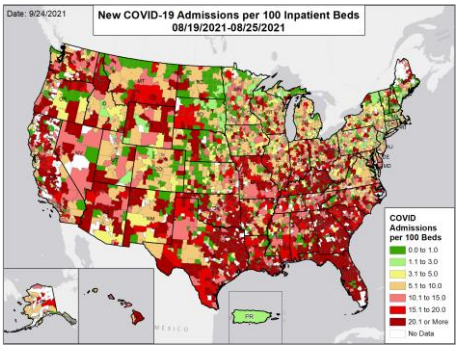


NATIONAL RANKING OF CONFIRMED ADMISSIONS PER 100 BEDS

National Rank	State	National Rank	State
1	PR	27	OR
2	MA	28	VA
3	CT	29	CO
4	RI	30	AZ
5	DC	31	AR
6	NH	32	ND
7	NY	33	NV
8	NJ	34	NE
9	IL	35	AL
10	VT	36	UT
11	MI	37	NC
12	MS	38	IN
13	CA	39	TN
14	MN	40	FL
15	DE	41	AK
16	MO	42	OH
17	ME	43	WI
18	MD	44	WY
19	PA	45	TX
20	SD	46	WV
21	LA	47	GA
22	KS	48	SC
23	WA	49	OK
24	HI	50	ID
25	IA	51	MT
26	NM	52	KY

CONFIRMED NEW COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100 INPATIENT BEDS IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



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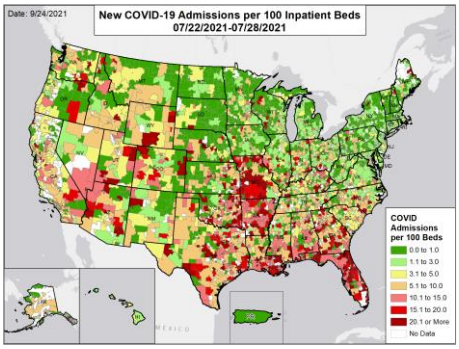

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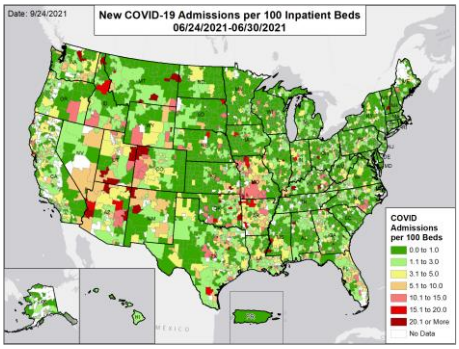

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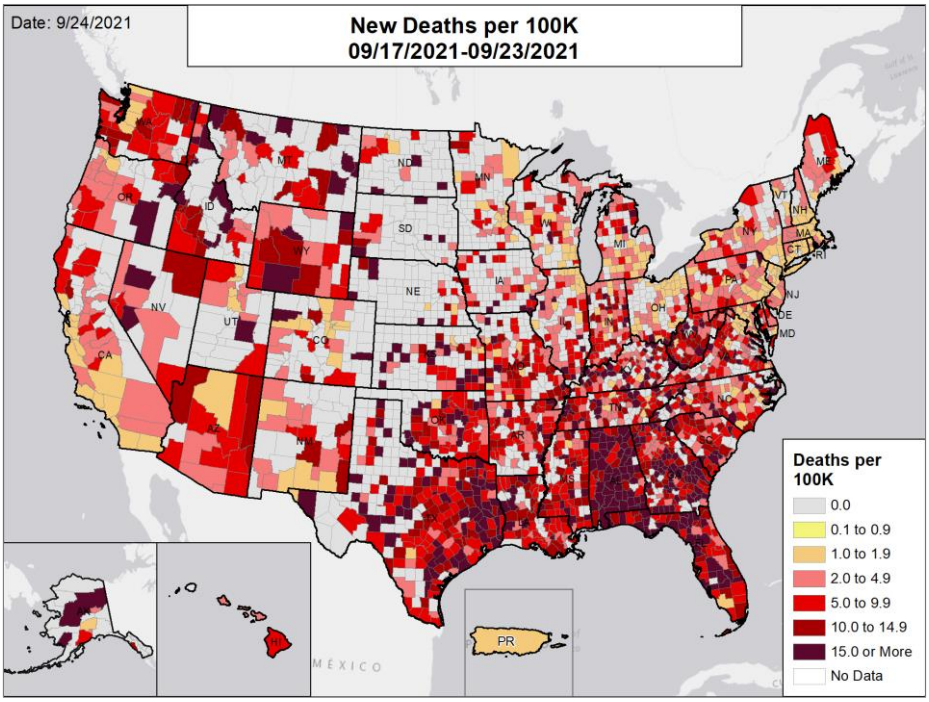
Admissions: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect through 9/22/2021. Totals include only confirmed COVID-19 admissions. Puerto Rico is shown at the territory level as HSAs are not defined. The week one month before is from 8/19 to 8/25; the week two months before is from 7/22 to 7/28; the week three months before is from 6/24 to 6/30.

METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

National Picture: Deaths

NEW DEATHS PER 100,000



NATIONAL RANKING OF NEW DEATHS PER 100,000

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2	DC	28	OH
3	RI	29	DE
4	MI	30	VA
5	CT	31	NM
6	VT	32	MS
7	NH	33	WA
8	FL	34	KS
9	MN	35	HI
10	NY	36	IN
11	MA	37	MO
12	ND	38	TN
13	NJ	39	AZ
14	WI	40	AR
15	PR	41	NV
16	NE	42	SC
17	CO	43	KY
18	MD	44	MT
19	NC	45	WY
20	PA	46	OK
21	SD	47	ID
22	ME	48	TX
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24	UT	50	GA
25	IA	51	WV
26	OR	52	AL

NEW DEATHS PER 100,000 IN THE WEEK:

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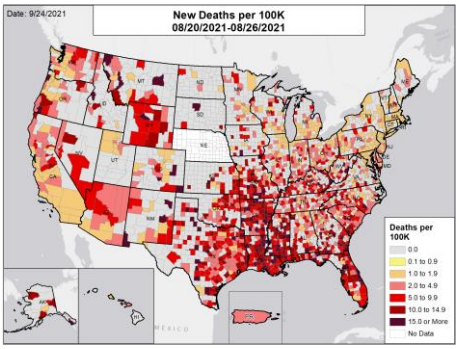

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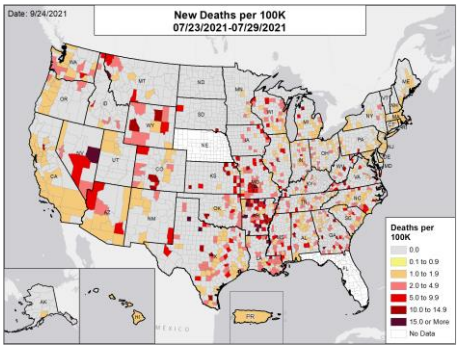

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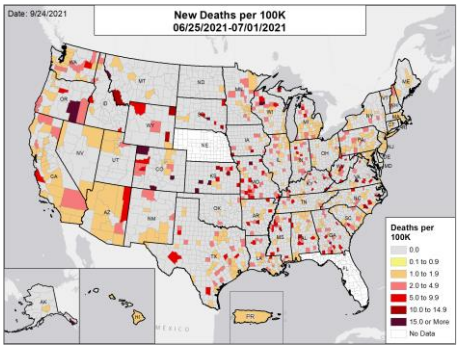

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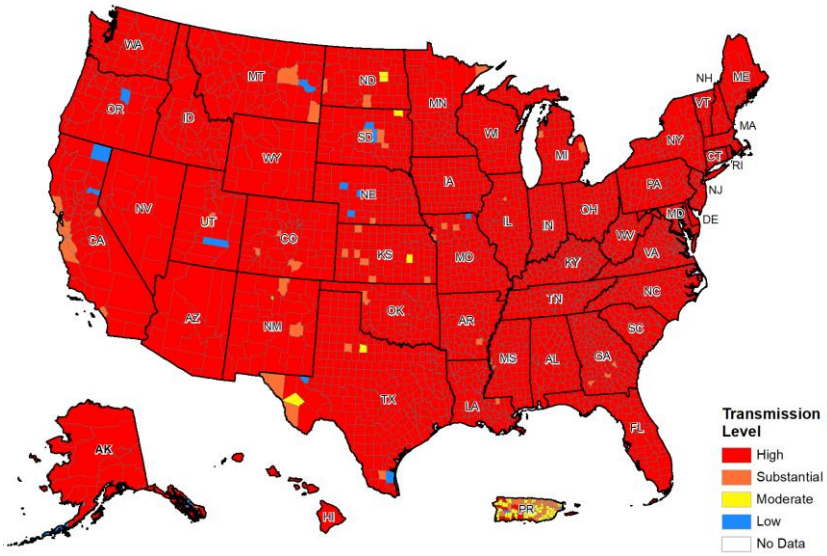
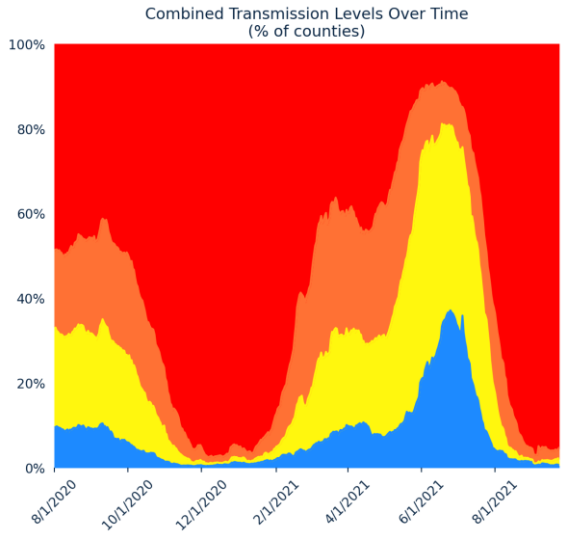
National Picture: Community Transmission

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION BY COUNTY





COUNTIES BY COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION INDICATOR

CASES PER 100K	0 TO 9	10 TO 49	50 TO 99	100 +
# OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	39 (↓1)	58 (↑12)	94 (↑4)	3029 (↓15)
% OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	1.2% (↓0.0%)	1.8% (↑0.4%)	2.9% (↑0.1%)	94.1% (↓0.5%)
TEST POSITIVITY	0.0% TO 4.9%	5.0% TO 7.9%	8.0% TO 9.9%	10.0% +
# OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	423 (↑80)	465 (↑33)	364 (↑61)	1968 (↓174)
% OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	13.1% (↑2.5%)	14.4% (↑1.0%)	11.3% (↑1.9%)	61.1% (↓5.4%)

COUNTIES BY COMBINED TRANSMISSION LEVEL

CATEGORY	LOW TRANSMISSION BLUE	MODERATE TRANSMISSION YELLOW	SUBSTANTIAL TRANSMISSION ORANGE	HIGH TRANSMISSION RED
# OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	20 (↑5)	49 (↑11)	82 (↑7)	3069 (↓23)
% OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	0.6% (↑0.2%)	1.5% (↑0.3%)	2.5% (↑0.2%)	95.3% (↓0.7%)

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Maps and figures reflect 7-day average of data from 9/17-9/23 (cases), 9/15-9/21 (tests).

Note: Most recent days may have incomplete reporting.

Cases: County-level data are from a CDC managed aggregate county dataset compiled from state and local health departments; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state Data are through 9/23/2021.

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County Percentages: Based on a denominator of 3,220 county/county-equivalents, including states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico municipios.

Combined Transmission Level: If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected. Previous week transmission levels are computed based on current data. See CDC COVID Data Tracker.

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- Some dates may have incomplete data due to delays and/or differences in state reporting. Data may be backfilled over time, resulting in week-to-week changes between reports. It is critical that states provide as up-to-date data as possible. Figures and values may also differ from state reports due to differing methodologies. For more information, see CDC COVID Data Tracker.
- All population values are vintage 2019 US Census data.
- **Cases and Deaths:** County-level data are from a CDC-managed aggregate county dataset compiled from state and local health departments; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state. State values are aggregated data provided by the states to the CDC. Data and week-on-week changes are as of 11:37 EDT on 09/24/2021. Cases and deaths are generally shown by date of report. Some states periodically adjust their past data with CDC to show it by case date and death date, as determined by the state. Between adjustments, new cases and deaths continue to be shown by date of report. This can potentially lead to over-estimates of the week-on-week increases in cases or deaths.
  - California reports COVID-19 cases and deaths at the state level on the day of incident, not the day of report, which could result in a fluctuation in the number of cases and deaths from recent weeks due to delayed reporting. Between 6/5/21 and 8/18/21, Florida was not updating their county death data, therefore no county death data are available during this time frame. As of 8/10/2021, Florida changed their method of reporting COVID-19 cases and deaths at the state level and will report cases and deaths on the day of incident, not the day of report, which could result in a fluctuation in the number of deaths from recent weeks due to delayed reporting. As of 9/21/2021, Nebraska began providing county case and death data directly to CDC, with daily data going back to 9/2. As of 6/30, Nebraska is no longer updating their state dashboard and since 5/26, Nebraska was reporting by Local Health Department instead of county; therefore, between 5/25 and 9/1 no county case and death data are available. As of 3/2/2021, Ohio changed their method of reporting COVID-19 deaths and will report deaths on the day of death, not the day of report, which could result in a fluctuation in the number of deaths from recent weeks due to delayed reporting. Puerto Rico deaths are shown at the territory level as deaths are not reported at the municipio level.
  - Historical reports of cases and deaths — for which backfill dates are not available — that exceed 1% of the total new cases or deaths reported in the US that day have been excluded from state daily and weekly trends. However, these are still present in county-level data. Historical reports in the last two weeks (9/10/21 – 9/23/21) are:
    - Colorado cases: 597 on 9/10; 770 on 9/14; 688 on 9/15; 773 on 9/16; 499 on 9/17; 209 on 9/20; 608 on 9/21; 480 on 9/22; and 631 on 9/23
    - District of Columbia cases: 118 on 9/13; 108 on 9/14; and 85 on 9/15
    - Michigan deaths: 44 on 9/10; 9 on 9/13; 41 on 9/15; 36 on 9/17; 9 on 9/20; and 52 on 9/22
    - Minnesota deaths: 5 on 9/10; 1 on 9/13; 1 on 9/14; 29 on 9/15; 1 on 9/17; 1 on 9/20; 2 on 9/21; and 3 on 9/23
    - Mississippi deaths: 18 on 9/12; 43 on 9/13; 4 on 9/14; 38 on 9/15; 25 on 9/16; 33 on 9/19; 42 on 9/20; 7 on 9/21; and 18 on 9/22
    - Texas cases: 349 on 9/10; 527 on 9/11; 79 on 9/12; 46 on 9/13; 552 on 9/14; 831 on 9/15; 540 on 9/16; 531 on 9/17; 575 on 9/18; 87 on 9/19; 33 on 9/20; 624 on 9/21; 445 on 9/22; and 1,466 on 9/23
- **Testing:** The data presented represent viral COVID-19 laboratory diagnostic and screening test results — not individual people — and exclude antibody and antigen tests, unless stated otherwise. The term Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) includes RT-PCR and other testing methods, which were always included in the testing data. CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data are used to describe county-level viral COVID-19 NAAT result totals when information is available on patients' county of residence or healthcare providers' practice location. HHS Protect laboratory data (provided directly to Federal Government from public health labs, hospital labs, and commercial labs) are used otherwise. Because the data are deidentified, total NAATs are the number of tests performed, not the number of individuals tested. NAAT positivity rate is the number of positive tests divided by the number of tests performed and resulted. For test positivity, last week data are from 9/15 to 9/21; previous week data are from 9/8 to 9/14; the week one month before data are from 8/18 to 8/24. For number of tests, last week data are from 9/11 to 9/17; previous week data are from 9/4 to 9/10. HHS Protect data are recent as of 10:52 EDT on 09/24/2021. Testing data are inclusive of everything received and processed by the CELR system as of 19:00 EDT on 09/23/2021. Due to technical issues, Washington's test positivity cannot be calculated for the last week.
- **Hospitalizations:** Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. In addition, hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the percent reporting figure. The data presented represents raw data provided; we are working diligently with state liaisons to improve reporting consistency. Data are recent as of 11:15 EDT on 09/24/2021.
- **Hospital PPE:** Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. This figure may differ from state data due to differences in hospital lists and reporting between federal and state systems. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the percent reporting figure. Data are recent as of 10:51 EDT on 09/24/2021.
- **State, County, and Metro Area Community Transmission Levels**
  - **High Transmission:** Those states, CBSAs, and counties that during the last week reported 100 or more cases per 100,000 population or a lab test positivity at or above 10.0%.
  - **Substantial Transmission:** Those states, CBSAs, and counties that during the last week reported from 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 population or a lab test positivity from 8.0% to 9.9%.
  - **Moderate Transmission:** Those states, CBSAs, and counties that during the last week reported from 10 to 49 cases per 100,000 population or a lab test positivity from 5.0% to 7.9%.
  - **Low Transmission:** Those states, CBSAs, and counties that during the last week reported from 0 to 9 cases per 100,000 population or a lab test positivity from 0.0% to 4.9%.
  - If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected. Previous week transmission levels are computed based on current data. See CDC COVID Data Tracker.
- **Shortages:** Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. Includes hospitals currently reporting a staffing shortage. Low supply is defined as a hospital reporting they are not able to maintain a 3-day supply of N95s, face masks, gloves, gowns, or eye protection. Data are recent as of 10:51 EDT on 09/24/2021.
- **Vaccinations:** CDC COVID Data Tracker. Data includes the Moderna, Pfizer BioNTech, and J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines and reflects current data available as of 10:11 EDT on 09/24/2021. Data last updated 06:00 EDT on 09/24/2021. Persons who are fully vaccinated include those who have received both doses of the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine as well as those who have received one dose of the J&J/Janssen vaccine. Allocations are made pro rata (equal based on population) from which jurisdictions are then to order. COVID-19 vaccines available in the U.S. are authorized only for persons ≥12 years of age (Pfizer-BioNTech) or ≥18 years of age (Moderna and J&J/Janssen). Population denominators reflect the subset of the population of the corresponding age range when specified (e.g., 12+, 12-17, 18+, or 65+), otherwise the total population is used. On August 13, 2021, certain groups of fully vaccinated people were recommended for an additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. See also ACIP COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations | CDC. The following states have ≤80% completeness reporting vaccinations by county, which may result in underestimates of vaccination data for counties: VT (74%), WV (60%), GA (57%), HI (0%), and TX (0%). %). On 9/23/2021, Washington state issued a correction to their vaccination data, resulting in negative values for doses administered in the past week. As a result, the past week's COVID-19 vaccination administration data is unavailable for Washington state and Region 10.
- **Variants:** Data from CDC COVID Data Tracker. Variant proportions are based on representative CDC sequence data (NS3 + CDC-funded contract sequencing) collected over a 4-week period ending September 21, 2021 for states with at least 300 sequences. Proportions are calculated using empirical (unweighted) data, which are subject to change over time and will be updated as more data become available. Proportions of variants do not represent the total number that may be circulating in the United States and may not match cases reported by states, territories, tribes, and local officials. For states and jurisdictions not listed, CDC has insufficient genomic surveillance data for the specified time period. Data updated by 19:00 ET on 9/21. Data pulled 11:52 EDT on 09/24/2021.

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Color threshold values are rounded before color classification

Metric	Dark Green	Light Green	Yellow	Orange	Light Red	Red	Dark Red	Darkest Red
New cases per 100,000 population per week	≤4	5 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 99	100 – 199	200 – 499	500 – 749	≥750
Percent change in new cases per 100,000 population	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% – 0%	1% – 10%	11% – 99%	100% – 999%	≥1000%	
Diagnostic test result positivity rate	≤2.9%	3.0% – 4.9%	5.0% – 7.9%	8.0% – 9.9%	10.0% – 14.9%	15.0% – 19.9%	20.0% – 24.9%	≥25.0%
Change in test positivity	≤-2.1%	-2.0% – -0.6%	-0.5% – 0.0%	0.1% – 0.5%	0.6% – 2.0%		≥2.1%	
Total diagnostic tests resulted per 100,000 population per week	≥5000	3000 – 4999	2000 – 2999	1000 – 1999	500 – 999		≤499	
Percent change in tests per 100,000 population	≥26%	11% – 25%	1% – 10%	-10% – 0%	-25% – -11%		≤-26%	
COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 population per week	0.0		0.1 – 0.9	1.0 – 1.9	2.0 – 4.9	5.0 – 9.9	10.0 – 14.9	≥15.0
Percent change in deaths per 100,000 population	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% – 0%	1% – 10%	11% – 25%		≥26%	
Confirmed and suspected new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100 beds	≤2.0	2.1 – 5.0	5.1 – 10.0	10.1 – 15.0	15.1 – 20.0	20.1 – 25.0	≥25.1	
Confirmed new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100 beds	≤1.0	1.1 – 3.0	3.1 – 5.0	5.1 – 10.0	10.1 – 15.0	15.1 – 20.0	≥20.1	
Change in new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100 beds	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% – 0%	1% – 10%	11% – 25%		≥26%	
Percent of hospitals with supply/staff shortages	≤9%		10% – 19%	20% – 29%	30% – 39%		≥40%	
Change in percent of hospitals with supply/staff shortages	≤-10%	-9% – -5%	-4% – 0%	1% – 4%	5% – 9%		≥10%	

Percent of Population Fully Vaccinated (State Level)	0.0 – 39.9%	40.0 – 49.9%	50.0 – 59.9%	60.0 – 69.9%	≥70.0%