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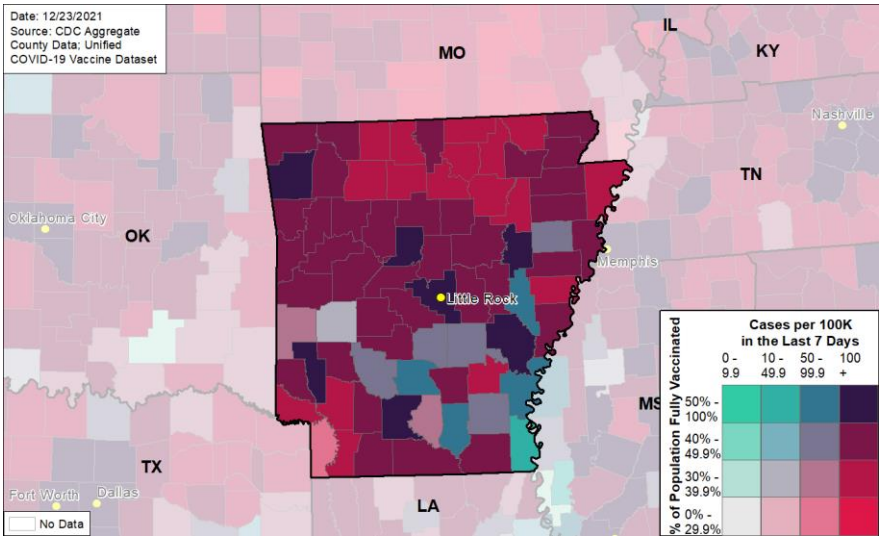
STATE SYNOPSIS

	LAST WEEK	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK
RATE OF NEW COVID-19 CASES PER 100,000	**180**	**+7%**
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY RATE	**7.8%**	**+1.0%**
NEW CONFIRMED COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS / 100 BEDS	**6.0**	**+14%**
RATE OF NEW COVID-19 DEATHS PER 100,000	**3.5**	**+1%**
COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION LEVEL	**HIGH TRANSMISSION**	
PEOPLE RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 DOSE	**1,881,140 people**	**62.3% of total pop.**
PEOPLE 5-11 RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 DOSE	**40,277 people**	**14.8% of 5-11 pop.**
PEOPLE 12+ RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 DOSE	**1,839,388 people**	**71.9% of 12+ pop.**
PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED	**1,536,411 people**	**50.9% of total pop.**
PEOPLE 12+ FULLY VACCINATED	**1,515,657 people**	**59.3% of 12+ pop.**
PEOPLE 65+ RECEIVED BOOSTER	**220,158 people**	**53.8% of fully vaccinated 65+ pop.**

SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern

- The following proportions of variants of concern have been identified in Arkansas: Delta (B.1.617.2, AY.*) 98.1%

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



Starting 11/1/21, several states shifted to the use of report date; this change may result in fluctuations of weekly values and/or week-on-week changes.

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)	5,424 (180)	+7%	89,276 (209)	1,232,685 (371)
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY RATE	7.8%	+1.0%*	11.1%	9.6%
TOTAL NAAT VOLUME (TESTS PER 100,000)	36,685** (1,216**)	-9%**	664,693** (1,556**)	11,097,990** (3,343**)
NEW COVID-19 DEATHS (RATE PER 100,000)	106 (3.5)	+1%	759 (1.8)	8,497 (2.6)
CONFIRMED NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (RATE PER 100 BEDS)	465 (6.0)	+13% (+14%)	5,213 (5.9)	55,499 (8.0)
NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH SUPPLY SHORTAGES (PERCENT)	1 (1%)	+0%	55 (6%)	281 (5%)
NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH STAFF SHORTAGES (PERCENT)	17 (19%)	+0%	138 (15%)	990 (19%)
PEOPLE 5-11 INITIATING VACCINATION (PERCENT OF POPULATION)	4,165 (1.5%)	+16.3%	80,090 (1.9%)	602,144 (2.1%)
PEOPLE 12+ INITIATING VACCINATION (PERCENT OF POPULATION)	11,657 (0.5%)	+13.4%	205,008 (0.6%)	596,822 (0.2%)
PEOPLE 12-17 INITIATING VACCINATION (PERCENT OF POPULATION)	837 (0.3%)	+41.9%	20,822 (0.6%)	103,107 (0.4%)
PEOPLE 18+ INITIATING VACCINATION (PERCENT OF POPULATION)	10,820 (0.5%)	+11.7%	184,186 (0.6%)	493,715 (0.2%)
PEOPLE 65+ RECEIVING BOOSTER DOSE	10,988	-3.0%	147,480	1,814,069

* 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

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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 12/22/2021; previous week is from 12/9 to 12/15.

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 12/20/2021; previous week is from 12/7 to 12/13. Test volume through 12/16/2021; previous week is from 12/3 to 12/9.

Admissions: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. Data are through 12/21, previous week is from 12/8 to 12/14.

Shortages: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. Values presented show the latest reports from hospitals in the week ending 12/21/2021 for staffing and the week ending 12/15/2021 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 11:35 EST on 12/23/2021. Data last updated 06:00 EST on 12/23/2021. 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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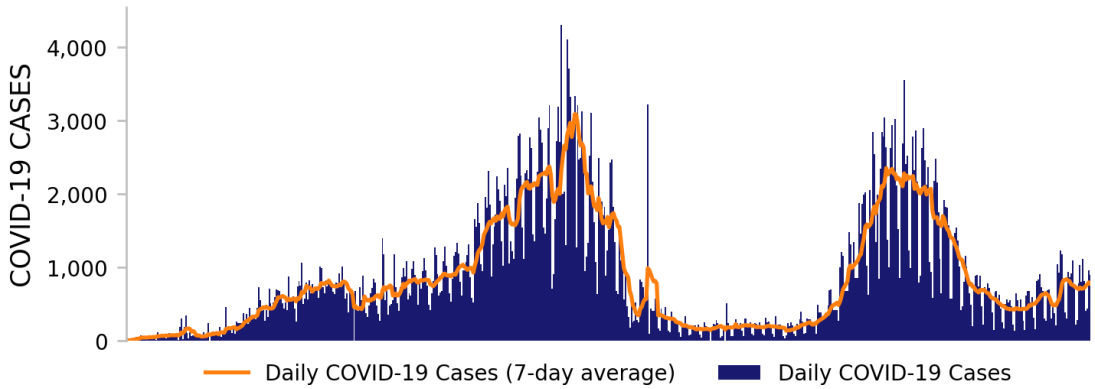

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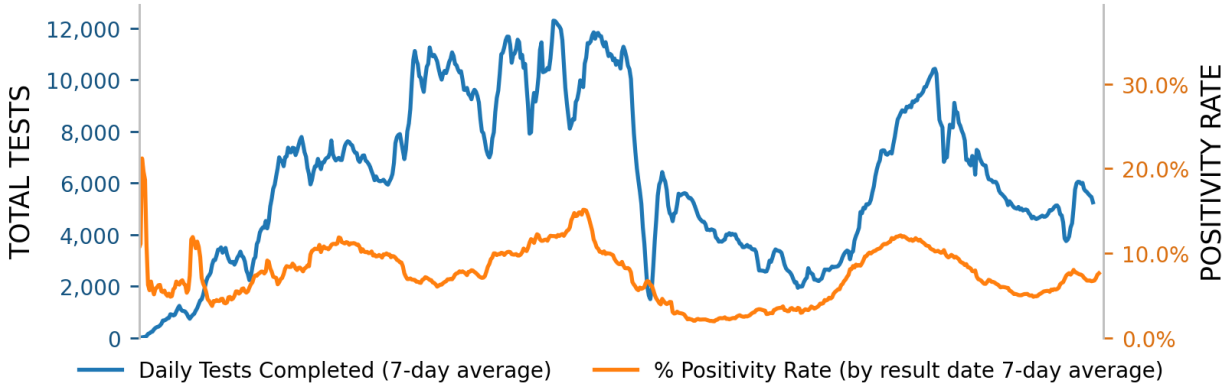

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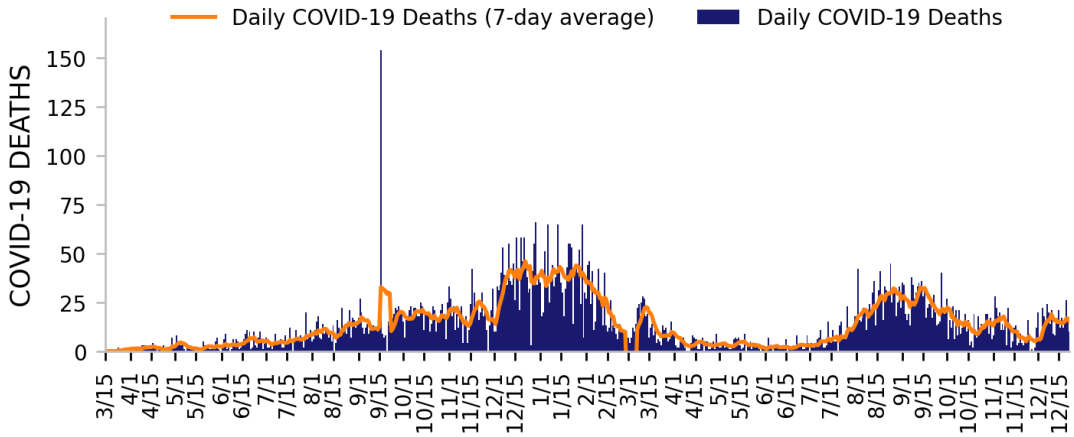

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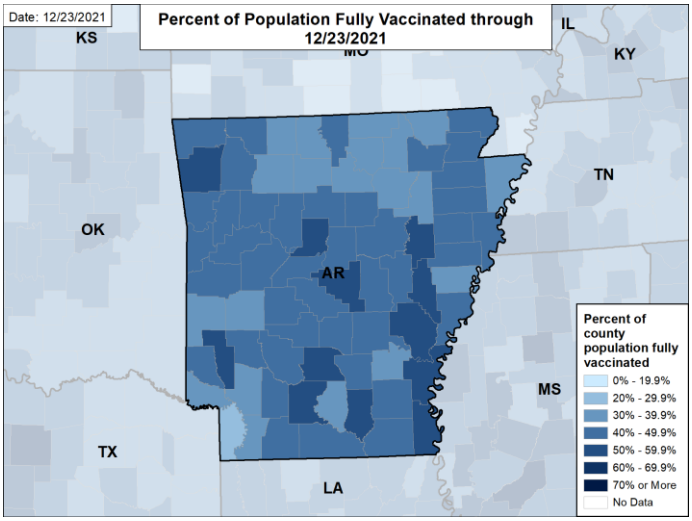
STATE VACCINATION SUMMARY

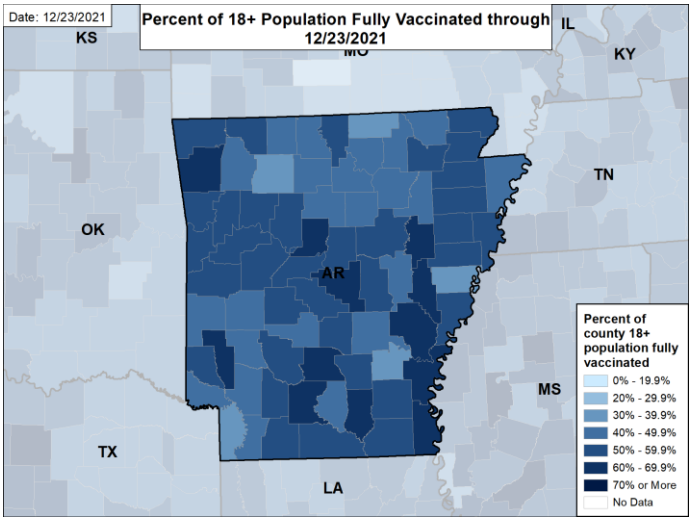
DOSES DELIVERED	4,993,320 165,462 per 100k	DOSES ADMINISTERED	3,754,611 124,415 per 100k

	RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	FULLY VACCINATED	RECEIVED BOOSTER DOSE
ALL PEOPLE	1,881,140 62.3% of total population	1,536,411 50.9% of total population	441,691 28.7% of fully vaccinated total pop
PEOPLE 5-11	40,277 14.8% of 5-11 population	20,582 7.6% of 5-11 population	N/A
PEOPLE 12-17	124,155 51.8% of 12-17 population	100,730 42.0% of 12-17 population	N/A
PEOPLE 18+	1,715,233 74.0% of 18+ population	1,414,927 61.1% of 18+ population	440,321 31.1% of fully vaccinated 18+ pop
PEOPLE 65+	483,632 92.3% of 65+ population	409,421 78.2% of 65+ population	220,158 53.8% of fully vaccinated 65+ pop

PERCENT OF POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED



PERCENT OF 18+ POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED



DATA SOURCES

County reporting completeness for Arkansas is 90.4%.

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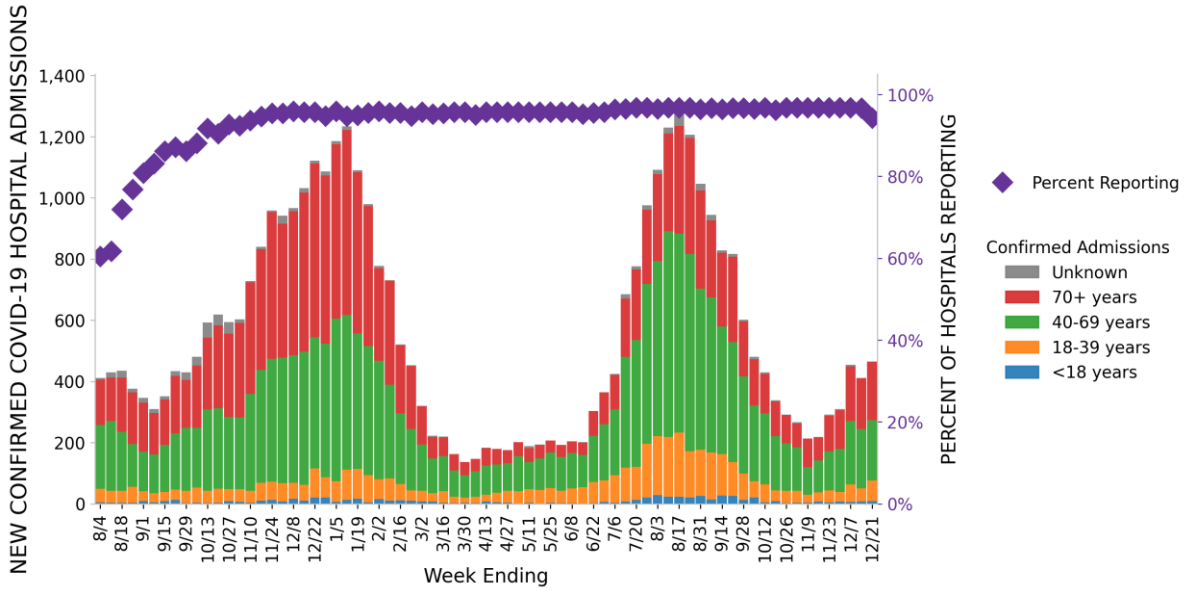
90 hospitals are expected to report in Arkansas

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS



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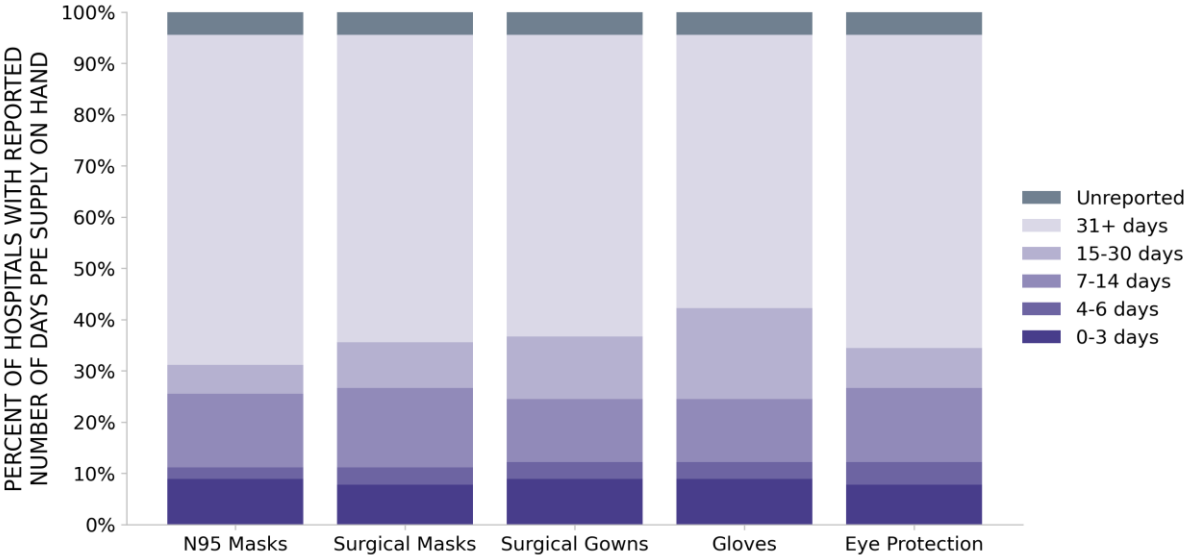

DATA SOURCES

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 12/21/2021.

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 12/15/2021.

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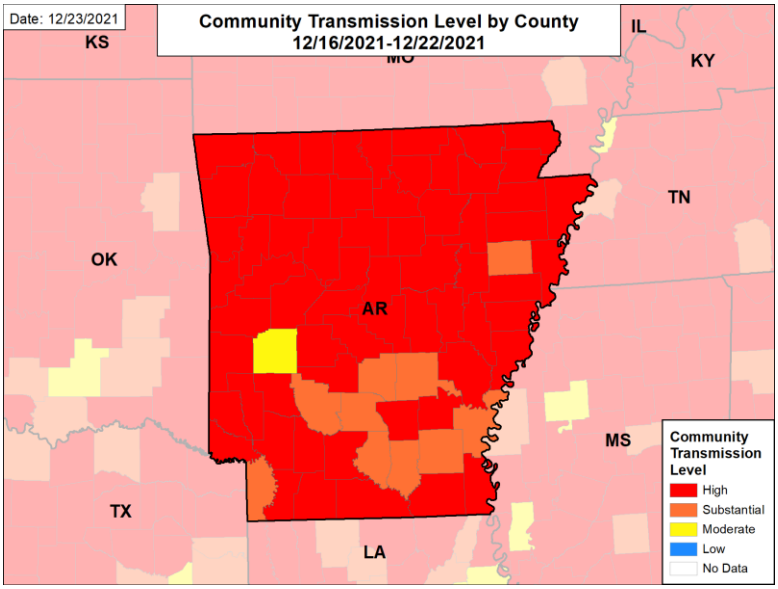
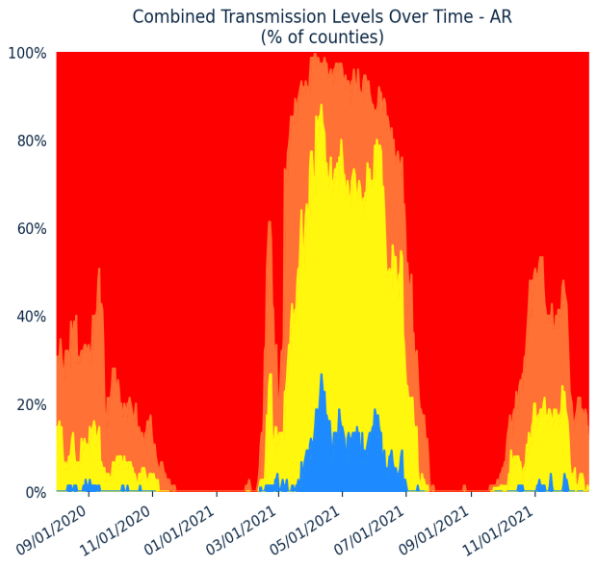
COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION BY COUNTY AND METRO AREA





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)	1 (↓2)	10 (↑2)	64 (0)
# OF METRO AREAS (CHANGE)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (↓1)	22 (↑1)

All Yellow Counties: Montgomery
All Orange Counties: Jefferson, Miller, Clark, Grant, Cross, Drew, Bradley, Desha, Dallas, Calhoun
All Orange CBSAs: Arkadelphia
All Red Counties: Craighead, Pulaski, Benton, Washington, Faulkner, Sebastian, Saline, White, Garland, Lonoke, Pope, Crittenden, Mississippi, Union, Crawford, Baxter, Boone, Greene, Hot Spring, Lawrence, Independence, Cleburne, Madison, Poinsett, Ouachita, Marion, Randolph, Van Buren, Sharp, Jackson, Yell, Conway, Johnson, Columbia, Hempstead, Logan, Carroll, St. Francis, Phillips, Fulton, Sevier, Clay, Izard, Ashley, Franklin, Howard, Searcy, Pike, Newton, Scott, Lincoln, Polk, Stone, Arkansas, Prairie, Lee, Woodruff, Little River, Perry, Nevada, Lafayette, Cleveland, Monroe, Chicot
All Red CBSAs: Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Jonesboro, Fort Smith, Searcy, Russellville, Hot Springs, Memphis, Harrison, Batesville, Blytheville, El Dorado, Pine Bluff, Mountain Home, Paragould, Malvern, Camden, Texarkana, Hope, Magnolia, Forrest City, Helena-West Helena

DATA SOURCES

Maps and figures reflect 7-day average of data from 12/16-12/22 (cases), 12/14-12/20 (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 12/22/2021.

Testing: CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data. Data are through 12/20/2021.

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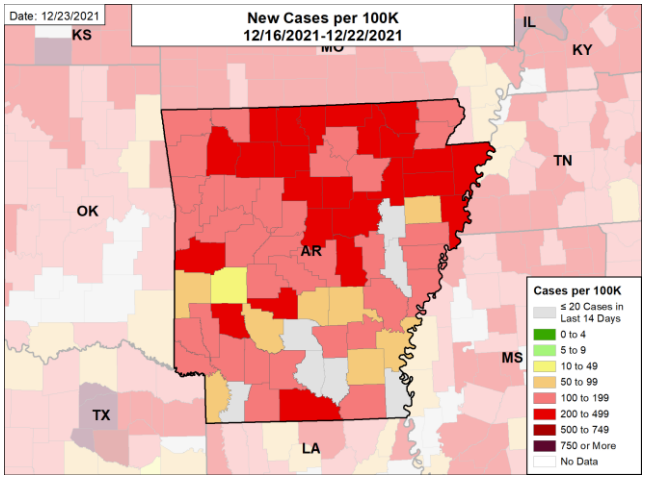
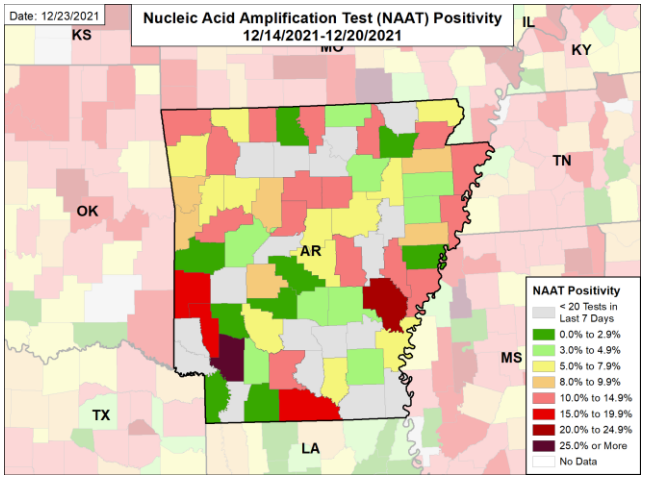
CASE RATES, NAAT POSITIVITY, HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, AND DEATH RATES

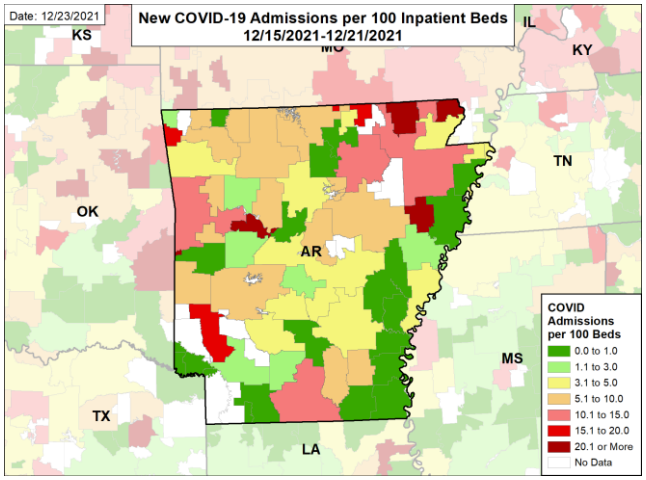
NEW CASES PER 100,000



NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY



CONFIRMED NEW COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100 INPATIENT BEDS



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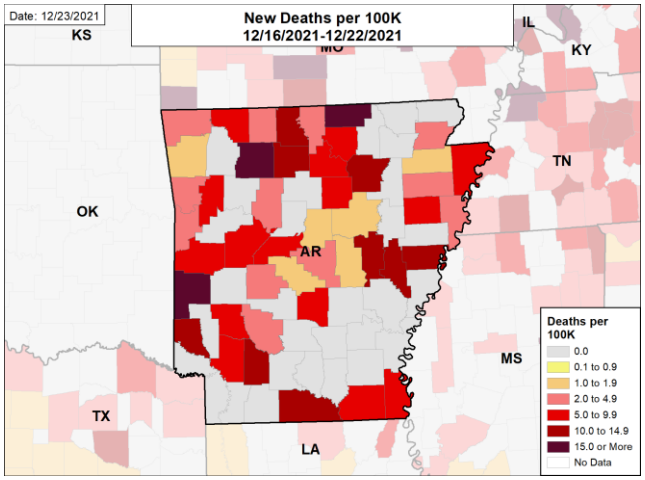

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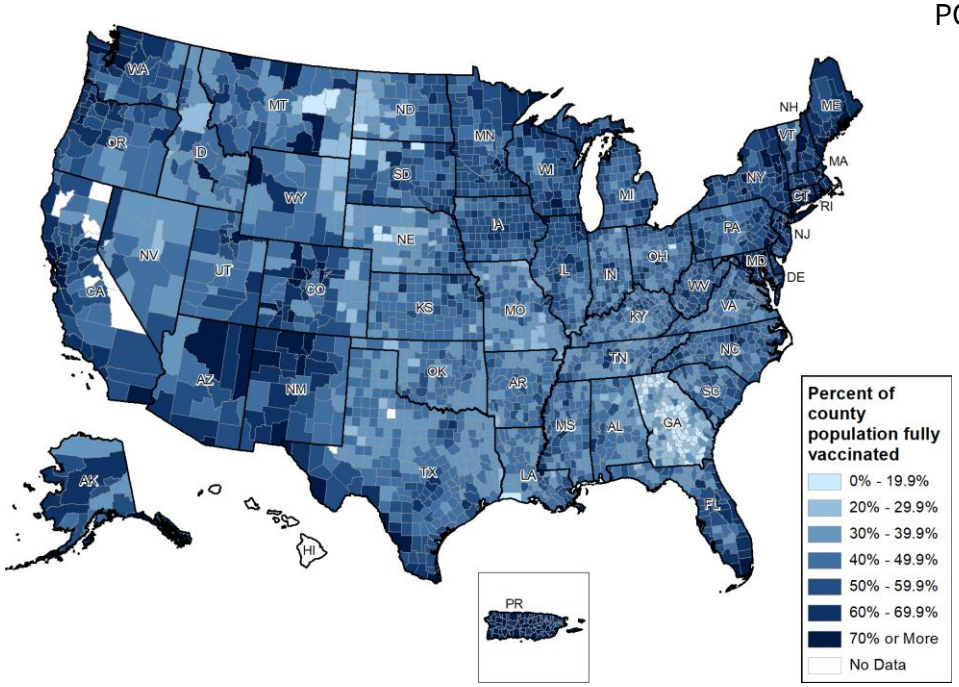
Hospitalizations: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect. Totals include only confirmed COVID-19 admissions. HSA indicates Hospital Service Area. Hospitals are assigned to HSA based on zip code where known. In some areas, reports are aggregates of multiple facilities that cross HSA boundaries; in these cases, values are assigned based on the zip code for the aggregate. Data are through 12/21/2021.

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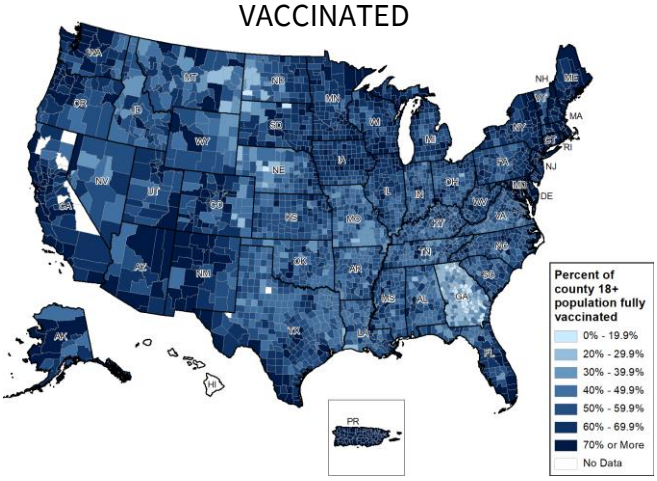
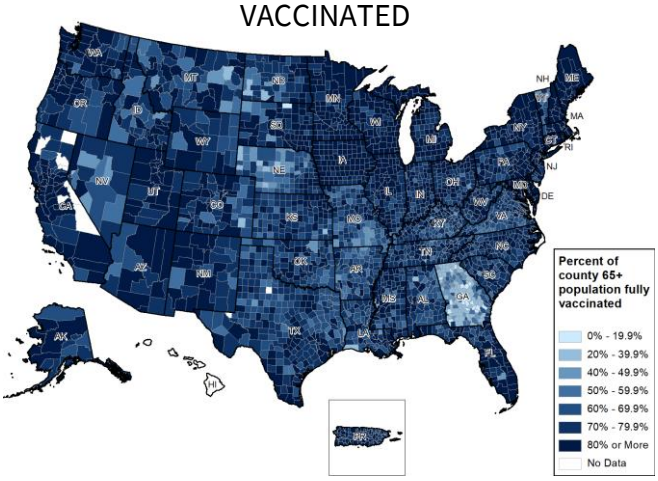
PERCENT OF 18+ POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED



PERCENT OF 65+ POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED



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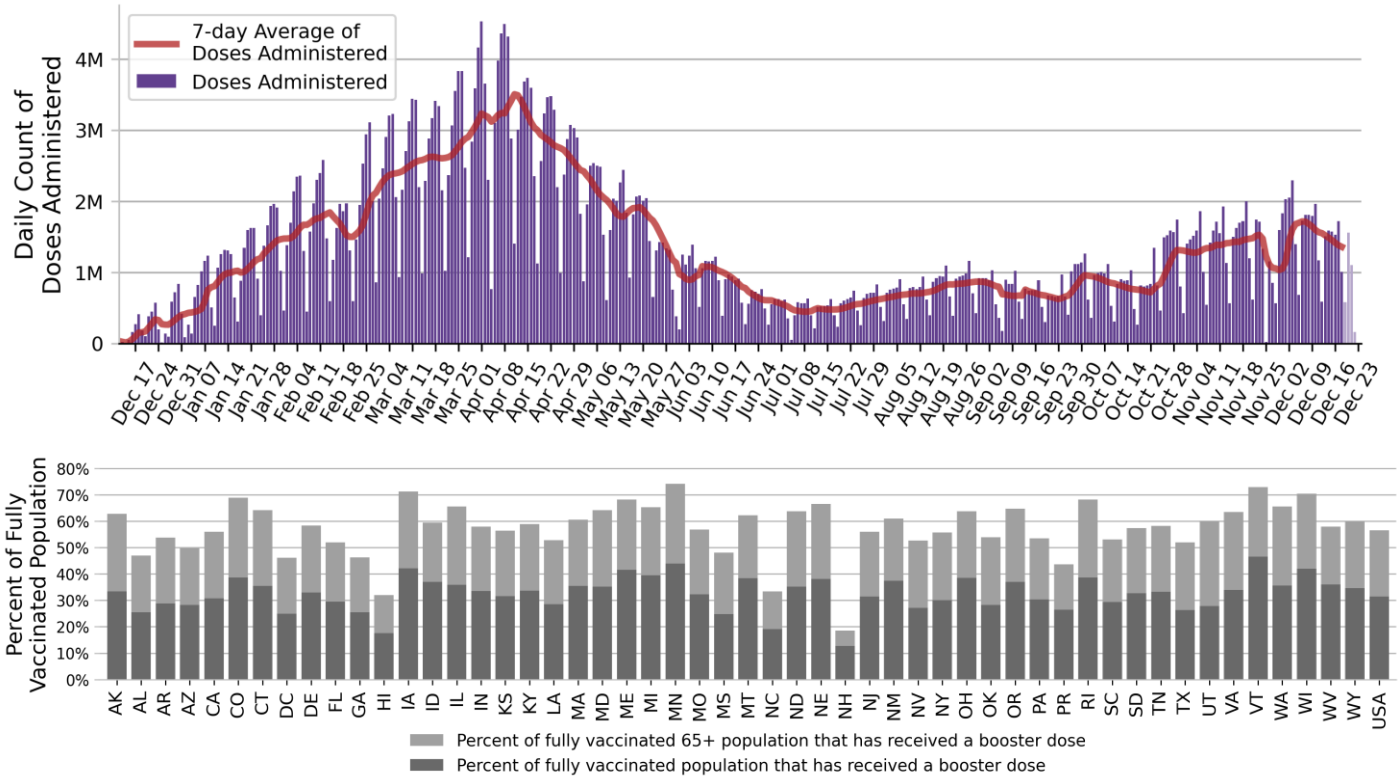
METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

National Picture: Vaccinations

NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINE SUMMARY AS OF 12/23

DOSES DELIVERED	611,897,975 184,302 per 100k	**DOSES ADMINISTERED**	500,222,330 150,665 per 100k
PEOPLE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	241,520,561 72.7% of total pop.	**PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED**	204,740,321 61.7% of total pop.
PEOPLE 5-11 RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	6,370,466 22.2% of 5-11 pop.	**PEOPLE 5-11 FULLY VACCINATED**	3,848,820 13.4% of 5-11 pop.
PEOPLE 12-17 RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	15,877,738 62.9% of 12-17 pop.	**PEOPLE 12-17 FULLY VACCINATED**	13,419,890 53.1% of 12-17 pop.
PEOPLE 18+ RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	219,232,193 84.9% of 18+ pop.	**PEOPLE 18+ FULLY VACCINATED**	187,461,696 72.6% of 18+ pop.
PEOPLE 65+ RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE	55,658,469 95.0% of 65+ pop.	**PEOPLE 65+ FULLY VACCINATED**	47,915,719 87.5% of 65+ pop.
PEOPLE RECEIVED BOOSTER DOSE	64,475,171 31.5% of fully vaccinated total pop.	**PEOPLE 65+ RECEIVED BOOSTER DOSE**	27,104,857 56.6% of fully vaccinated 65+ pop.

DAILY NATIONAL COUNT OF VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED BY DATE OF ADMINISTRATION



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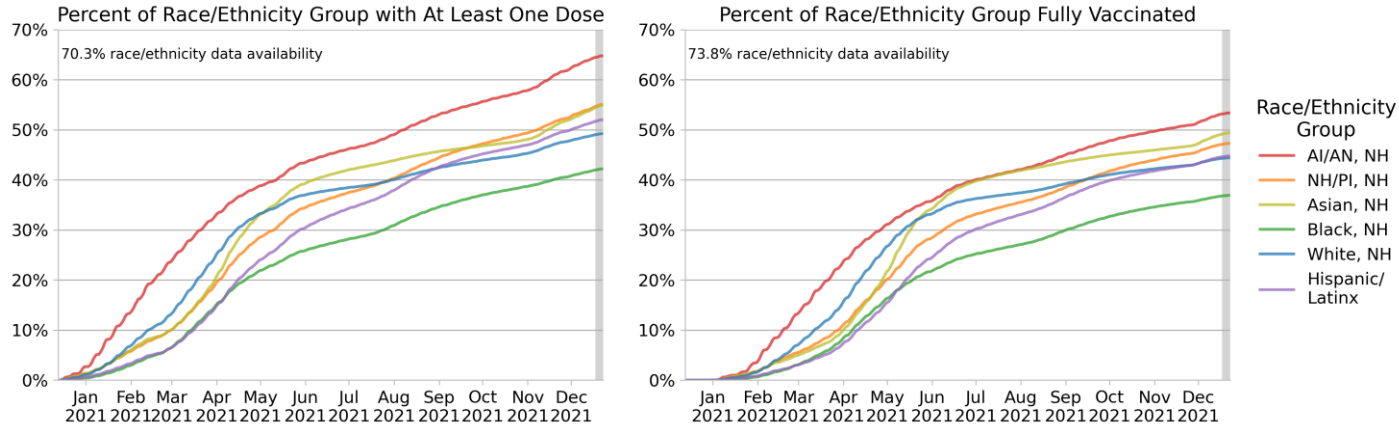
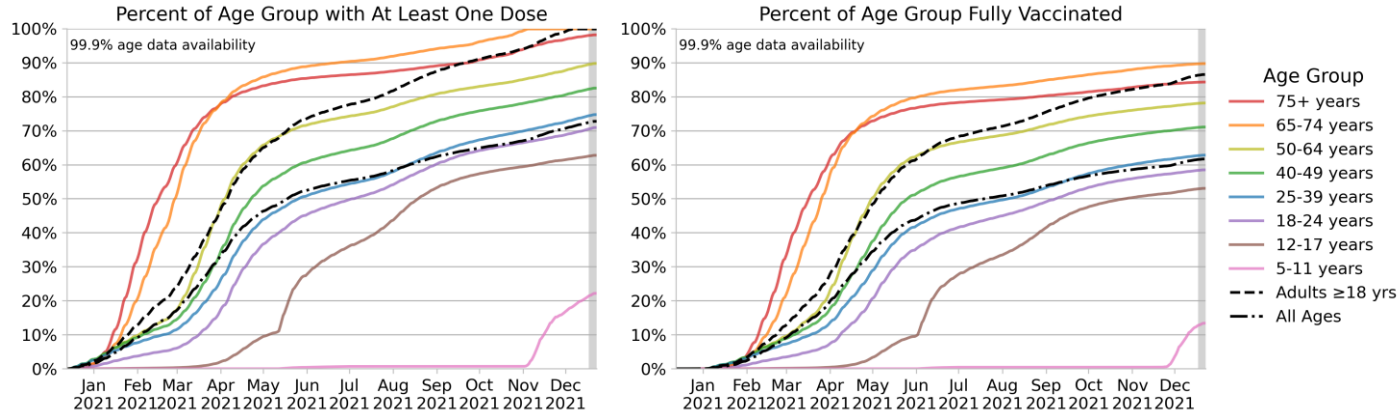
METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

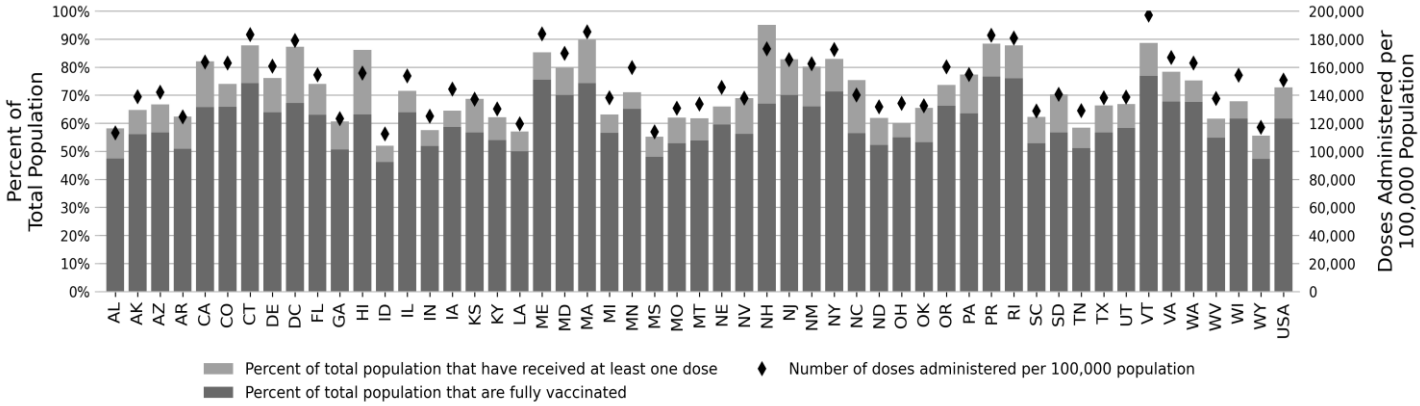
National Picture: Vaccinations

NATIONAL SUMMARY OF VACCINATIONS BY RACE/ETHNICITY



NATIONAL SUMMARY OF VACCINATIONS BY AGE





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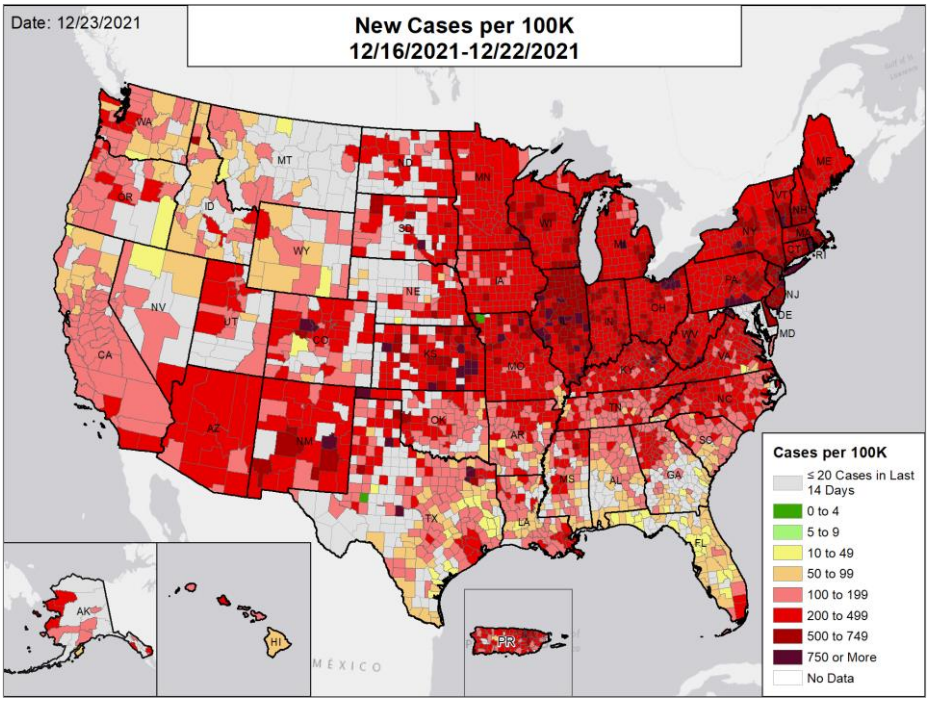
METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

National Picture: Cases

NEW CASES PER 100,000



NATIONAL RANKING OF NEW CASES PER 100,000

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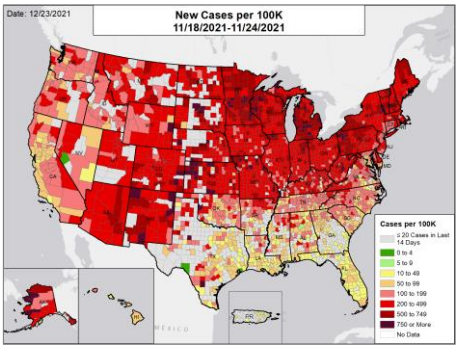
7	CA	33	KS
8	MS	34	PA
9	SC	35	IN
10	WA	36	MD
11	AR	37	MI
12	LA	38	VT
13	TX	39	ME
14	NV	40	FL
15	UT	41	WI
16	OK	42	DE
17	TN	43	CT
18	NC	44	PR
19	GA	45	OH
20	CO	46	NH
21	AZ	47	MA
22	ND	48	IL
23	NE	49	NJ
24	SD	50	NY
25	KY	51	RI
26	IA	52	DC

NEW CASES PER 100,000 IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



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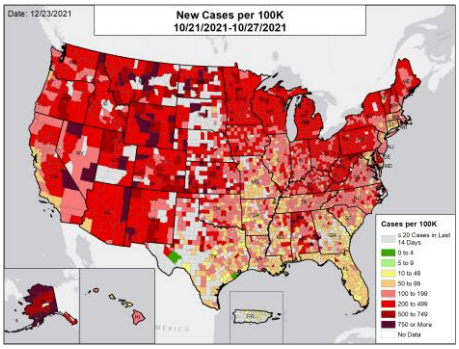

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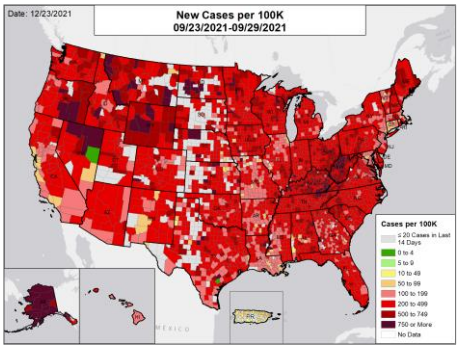

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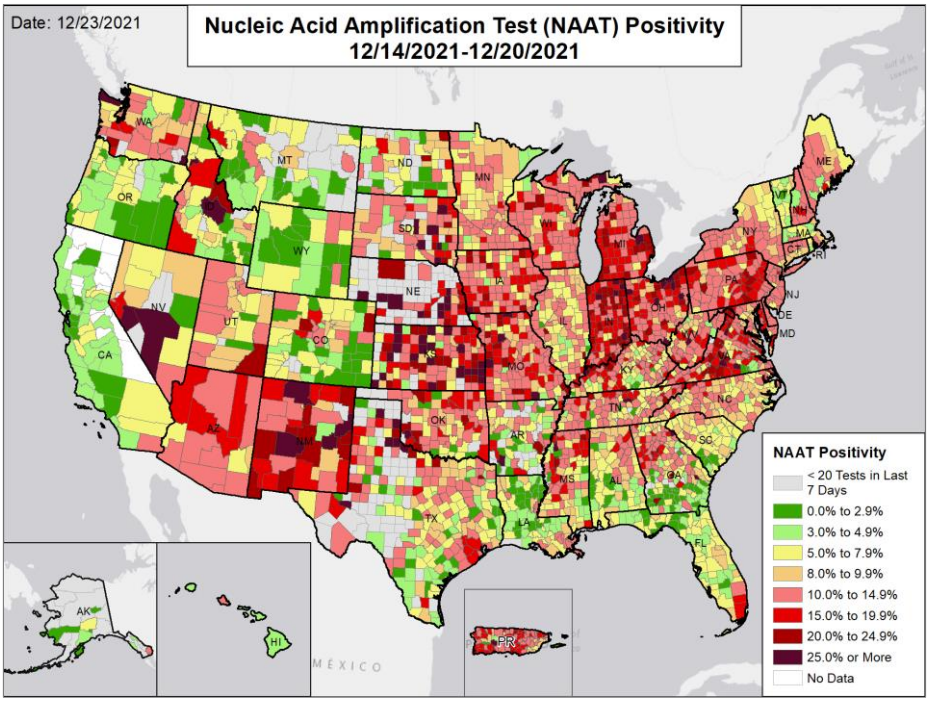
Cases: County-level data are from a CDC managed aggregate county dataset compiled from state and local health departments; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state. State values are aggregated data provided by the states to the CDC. The week one month before is from 11/18 to 11/24 ; the week two months before is from 10/21 to 10/27; the week three months before is from 9/23 to 9/29. Due to a cyber attack still under investigation, Maryland has not updated county-level cases since 12/5/2021.

METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

National Picture: NAAT Positivity

NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY

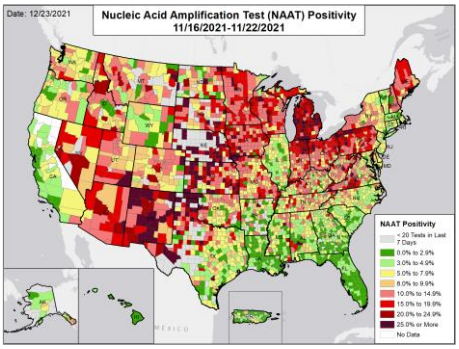


NATIONAL RANKING OF NAAT POSITIVITY

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

NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



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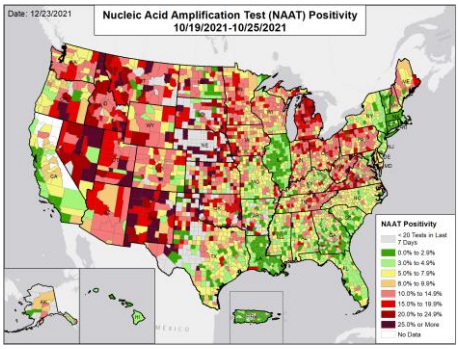

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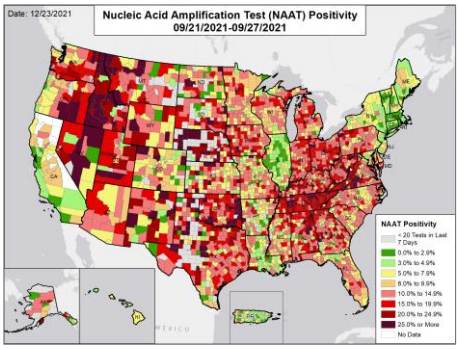

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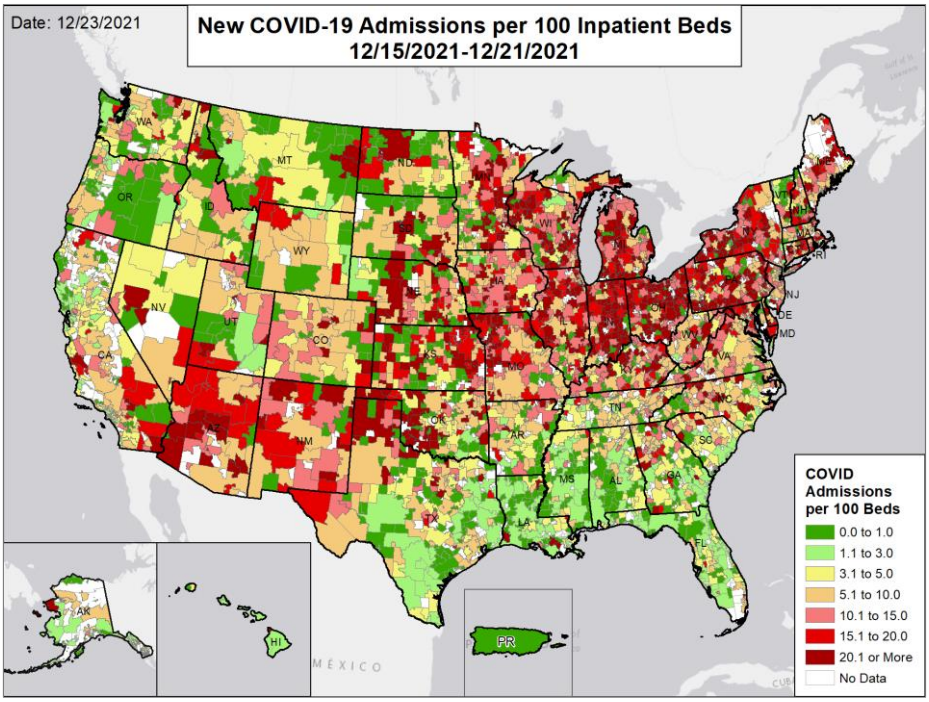
Testing: CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data. The term Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) includes RT-PCR and other testing methods. Data are through 12/20/2021. The week one month before is from 11/16 to 11/22; the week two months before is from 10/19 to 10/25; the week three months before is from 9/21 to 9/27. As of 8/31/2021, Washington has been experiencing technical issues. As a result, test positivity and test volume may be incomplete.
METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

National Picture: Hospital Admissions

CONFIRMED NEW COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100 INPATIENT BEDS

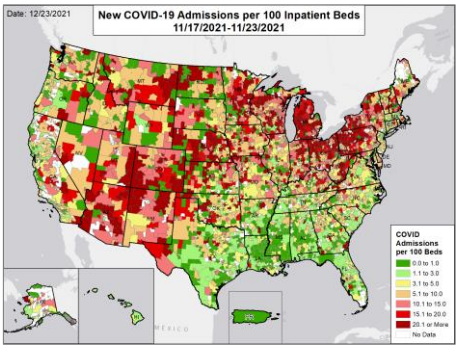


NATIONAL RANKING OF CONFIRMED ADMISSIONS PER 100 BEDS

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

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

ONE MONTH BEFORE



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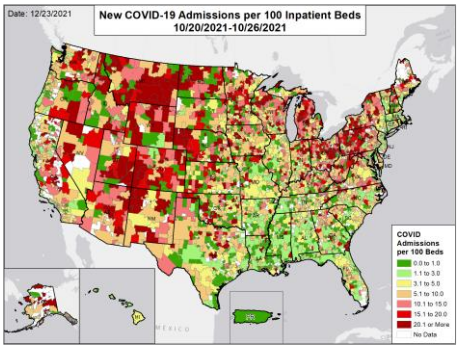

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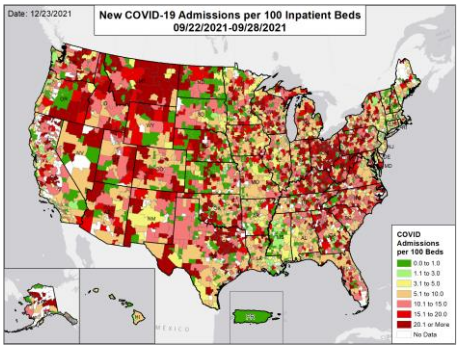

DATA SOURCES

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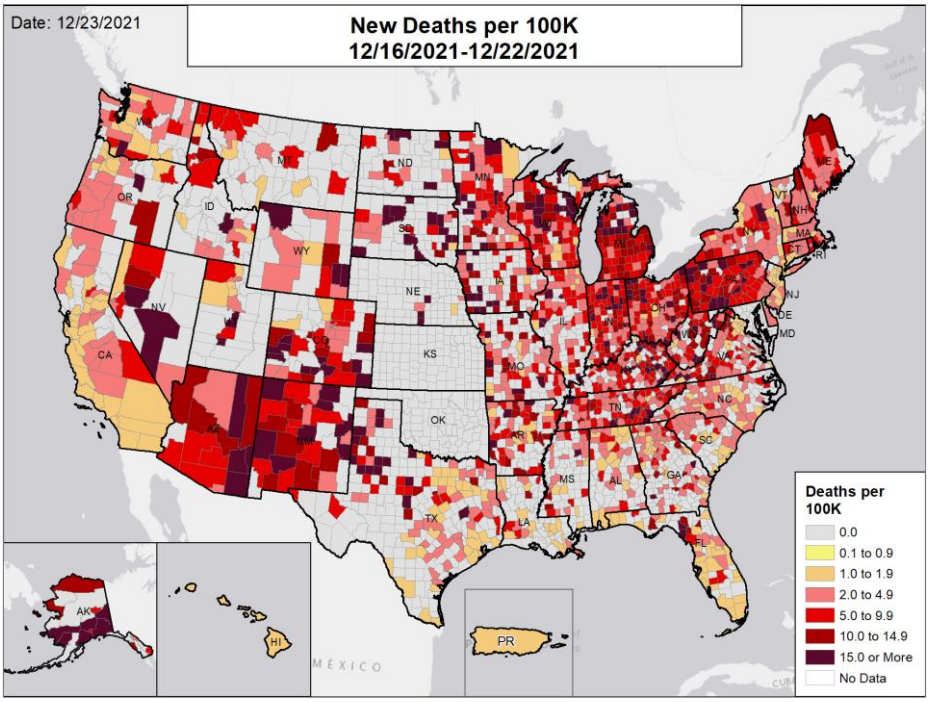
Admissions: Unified Hospitals Dataset in HHS Protect through 12/21/2021. Totals include only confirmed COVID-19 admissions. Puerto Rico is shown at the territory level as HSAs are not defined. The week one month before is from 11/17 to 11/23; the week two months before is from 10/20 to 10/26; the week three months before is from 9/22 to 9/28. HSA indicates Hospital Service Area. Hospitals are assigned to HSA based on zip code where known. In some areas, reports are aggregates of multiple facilities that cross HSA boundaries; in these cases, values are assigned based on the zip code for the aggregate.

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

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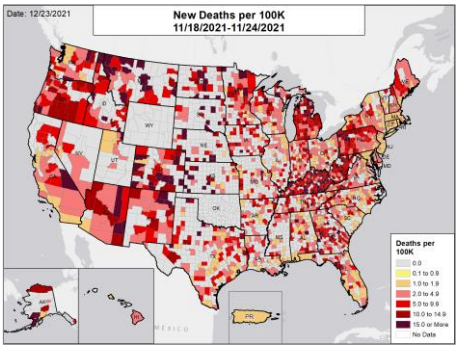
26	ID	52	NM

NEW DEATHS PER 100,000 IN THE WEEK:

ONE MONTH BEFORE



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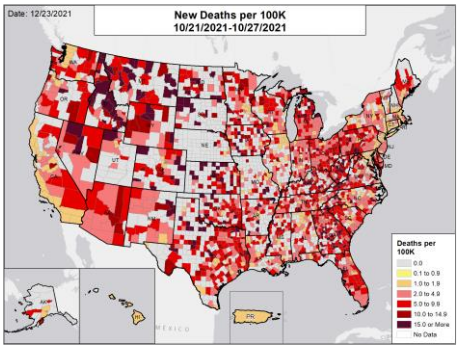

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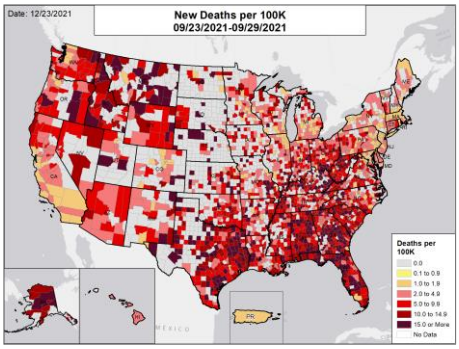

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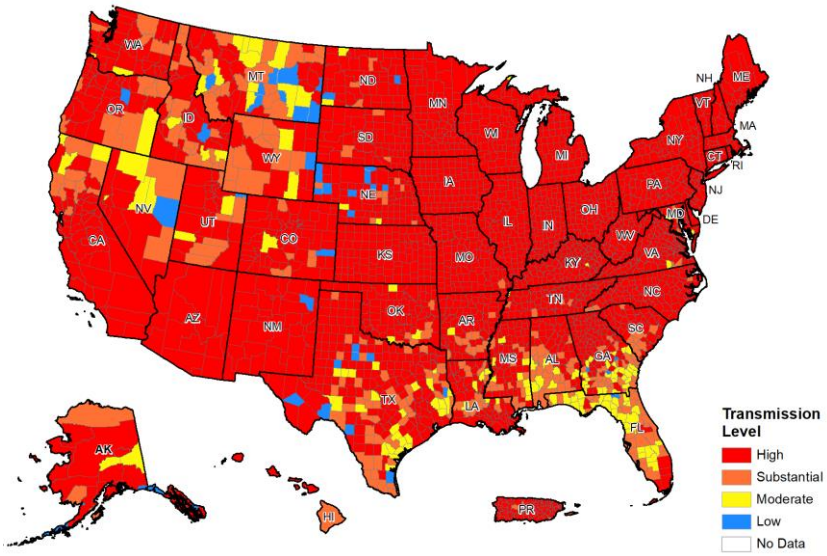
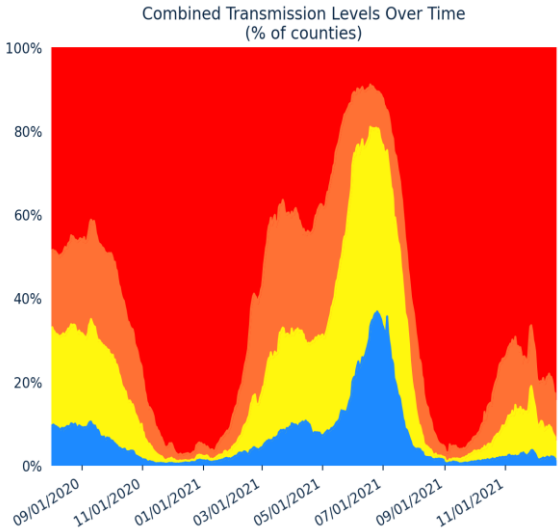
Deaths: County-level data are from a CDC managed aggregate county dataset compiled from state and local health departments; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state. State values are aggregated data provided by the states to the CDC. As of 3/2/2021, Ohio changed their 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 is shown at the territory level as deaths are not reported at the municipio level. The week one month before is from 11/18 to 11/24 ; the week two months before is from 10/21 to 10/27; the week three months before is from 9/23 to 9/29. Due to a cyber attack still under investigation, Maryland has not updated deaths since 12/5/2021. Due to technical issues, county-level deaths in Oklahoma have not updated since 11/3/2021.

METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

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)	93 (↓8)	164 (↓102)	363 (↓61)	2600 (↑171)
% OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	2.9% (↓0.2%)	5.1% (↓3.2%)	11.3% (↓1.9%)	80.7% (↑5.3%)
TEST POSITIVITY	0.0% TO 4.9%	5.0% TO 7.9%	8.0% TO 9.9%	10.0% +
# OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	584 (↓181)	533 (↓19)	400 (↑31)	1703 (↑169)
% OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	18.1% (↓5.6%)	16.6% (↓0.6%)	12.4% (↑1.0%)	52.9% (↑5.2%)

COUNTIES BY COMBINED TRANSMISSION LEVEL				
CATEGORY	**LOW TRANSMISSION BLUE**	**MODERATE TRANSMISSION YELLOW**	**SUBSTANTIAL TRANSMISSION ORANGE**	**HIGH TRANSMISSION RED**
# OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	46 (↓12)	152 (↓100)	312 (↓84)	2710 (↑196)
% OF COUNTIES (CHANGE)	1.4% (↓0.4%)	4.7% (↓3.1%)	9.7% (↓2.6%)	84.2% (↑6.1%)

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Maps and figures reflect 7-day average of data from 12/16-12/22 (cases), 12/14-12/20 (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 12/22/2021. Due to a cyber attack still under investigation, Maryland has not updated county-level cases since 12/5/2021.

Testing: CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data. Data are through 12/20/2021. As of 8/31/2021, Washington has been experiencing technical issues. As a result, test positivity and test volume may be incomplete.

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.

METHODS: Details available on last two pages of report.

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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 11:31 EST on 12/23/2021. 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. As of October 25, 2021, CDC no longer spreads aggregate COVID-19 case and death counts evenly over non-reporting days (i.e., smoothing), to avoid under-reporting of weekend averages.
  - 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. Due to a cyber attack still under investigation, Maryland has not updated county-level cases since 12/5/2021. Due to a cyber attack still under investigation, Maryland has not updated deaths since 12/5/2021. Due to technical issues, county-level deaths in Oklahoma have not updated since 11/3/2021.
  - 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 (12/9/21 – 12/22/21) are:
    - Alabama cases: 841 on 12/13
    - Alaska deaths: 55 on 12/17 and 26 on 12/22
    - Kentucky cases: 129 on 12/21
    - Michigan deaths: 151 on 12/10; 36 on 12/13; 230 on 12/15; 159 on 12/17; 63 on 12/20; and 250 on 12/22
    - Mississippi deaths: 1 on 12/16; 5 on 12/20; and 15 on 12/21
    - Ohio cases: 1,725 on 12/14; 840 on 12/15; and 1,347 on 12/16
- **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. 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 12/14 to 12/20; previous week data are from 12/7 to 12/13; the week one month before data are from 11/16 to 11/22. For number of tests, last week data are from 12/10 to 12/16; previous week data are from 12/3 to 12/9. HHS Protect data are recent as of 10:43 EST on 12/23/2021. Testing data are inclusive of everything received and processed by the CELR system as of 19:00 EST on 12/22/2021. As of 8/31/2021, Washington has been experiencing technical issues. As a result, test positivity and test volume may be incomplete.
- **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 10:37 EST on 12/23/2021.
- **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 10:39 EST on 12/23/2021.
- **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 10:39 EST on 12/23/2021.
- **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 11:35 EST on 12/23/2021. Data last updated 06:00 EST on 12/23/2021. 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 ≥5 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. The count of people who received a booster dose includes anyone who is fully vaccinated and has received another dose of COVID-19 vaccine since August 13, 2021. This includes people who received booster doses and people who received additional doses. CDC has capped the percent of population coverage metrics at 95.0%. These metrics could be greater than 95.0% for multiple reasons, including census denominator data not including all individuals that currently reside in the county (e.g., part time residents) or potential data reporting errors. The following states have ≤80% completeness reporting vaccinations by county, which may result in underestimates of vaccination data for counties: VT (74%), GA (60%), and HI (0%).
- **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 November 27, 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 12/21. Data pulled 11:05 EST on 12/23/2021.

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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 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 – 49.9%	50.0 – 59.9%	60.0 – 69.9%	70.0 – 79.9%	≥80.0%