First Trust COVID-19 TRACKER

Daily Reported New Positive COVID-19 Tests vs. Daily Reported Deaths with COVID-19 in the U.S.





Source: The New York Times. Data as of December 2, 2020.

U.S. Weekly COVID-19 Case Fatality Rate

April 12, 2020 - November 29, 2020



Percentage of Inpatient Hospital Beds Occupied

As of November 30, 2020



Sources: American Hospital Association, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, HealthData.gov

A new NBER working paper analyzed the tone of COVID-19 related English-language news articles written since January 1, 2020. **91% of stories by U.S. major media outlets were negative in tone versus 54% for non-U.S. major sources and 65% for scientific journals.**

The negativity of the U.S. major media was notable even in areas with positive scientific developments including school re-openings and vaccine trials.¹

COVID-19 Deaths by Age vs. Share of Population in the U.S.

As of November 28, 2020



COVID-19 Infection Survival Rates vs. Overall Survival Rates in 2018



Sources: First Trust Advisors, CDC.gov, Census.gov

It now appears **COVID-19 infected people in the U.S. in mid-December 2019, a few** weeks before it was officially identified in China and about a month earlier than public health authorities found the first U.S. case, according to a government study published Monday. **CDC scientists found antibodies in 39 samples from California, Oregon and** Washington state collected between December 13 and December 16, 2019. They also found 67 samples with antibodies in Massachusetts, Michigan, Wisconsin or Iowa, and Connecticut or Rhode Island collected between December 30, 2019 and January 17, 2020.²

Estimates of Total COVID-19 Infections and Rates

Per 100,000 Population in the U.S.

February 2020 - September 2020

Age Group	Estimated Total Infections	Rate, per 100,000*
Overall**	52,885,526	16,165
0-4	1,342,212	6,775
5-17	5,538,766	10,336
18-49	29,421,481	21,292
50-64	10,484,802	16,601
65 and over	5,636,607	10,750

Source: academic.oup.com (November 25, 2020), *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, ciaa1780 *Population estimated using CDC Wonder Bridged-Race estimates

**Due to rounding, age group and region estimates may not sum to overall estimates