

COVID-19 Mortality Rate Trends in Countries and US States

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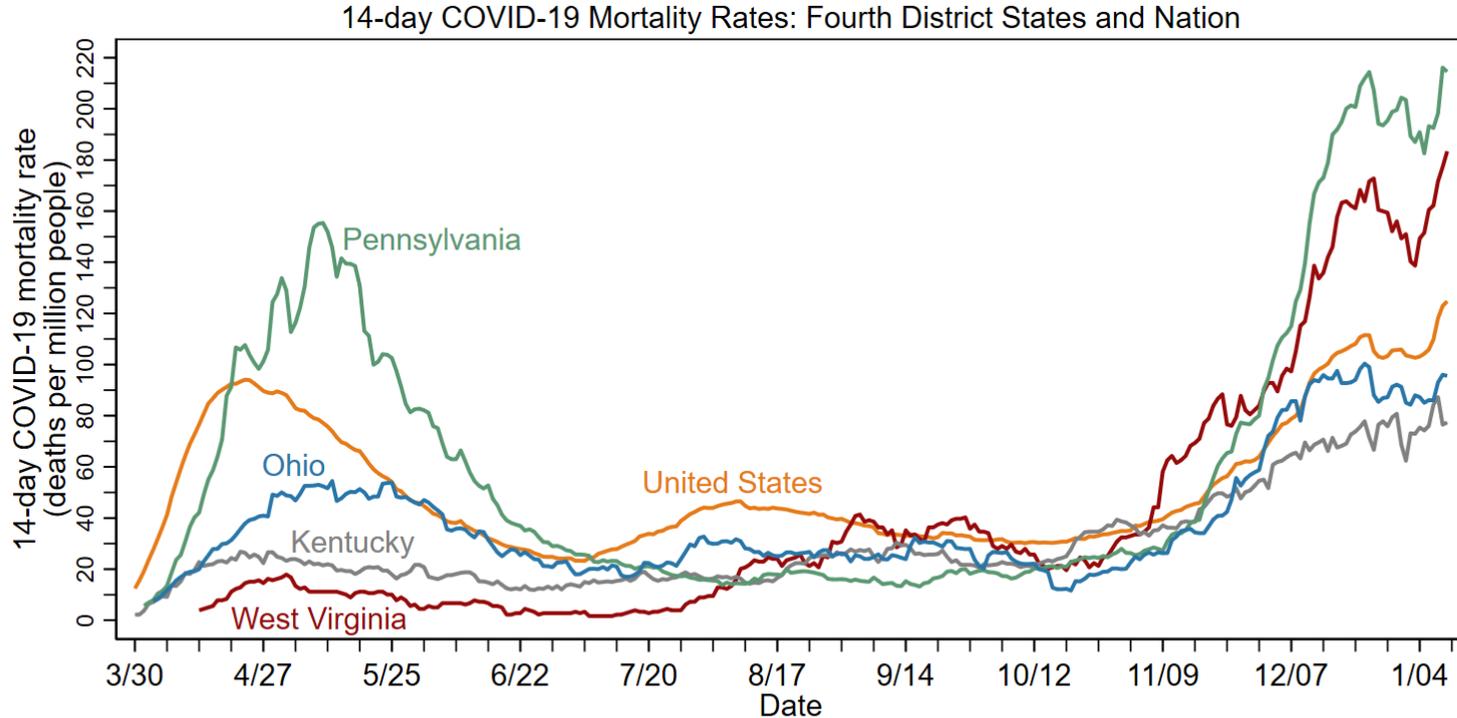
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- The charts in this presentation use the same data sources as the charts in two April 2020 District Data Briefs. Please see these reports for additional details.
 - [Getting to Accuracy: Measuring COVID-19 by Mortality Rates and Percentage Changes](#)
 - [A Speeding Rate Starts to Slow: COVID-19 Mortality Rates by State](#)
- Since those reports were completed, additional evidence shows that COVID-19 deaths have been underreported, both in other countries and in the United States. The following charts present the latest data from the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University (CSSE) through January 10, with no attempt to further correct for underreporting.
 - Some large revisions in COVID-19 data have been smoothed. See slide 12 for details.
- The charts have been modified from those in the reports to better convey the current status of the COVID-19 epidemic in the United States.
- Hospitalization rate data comes from the COVID Tracking Project at *The Atlantic*.

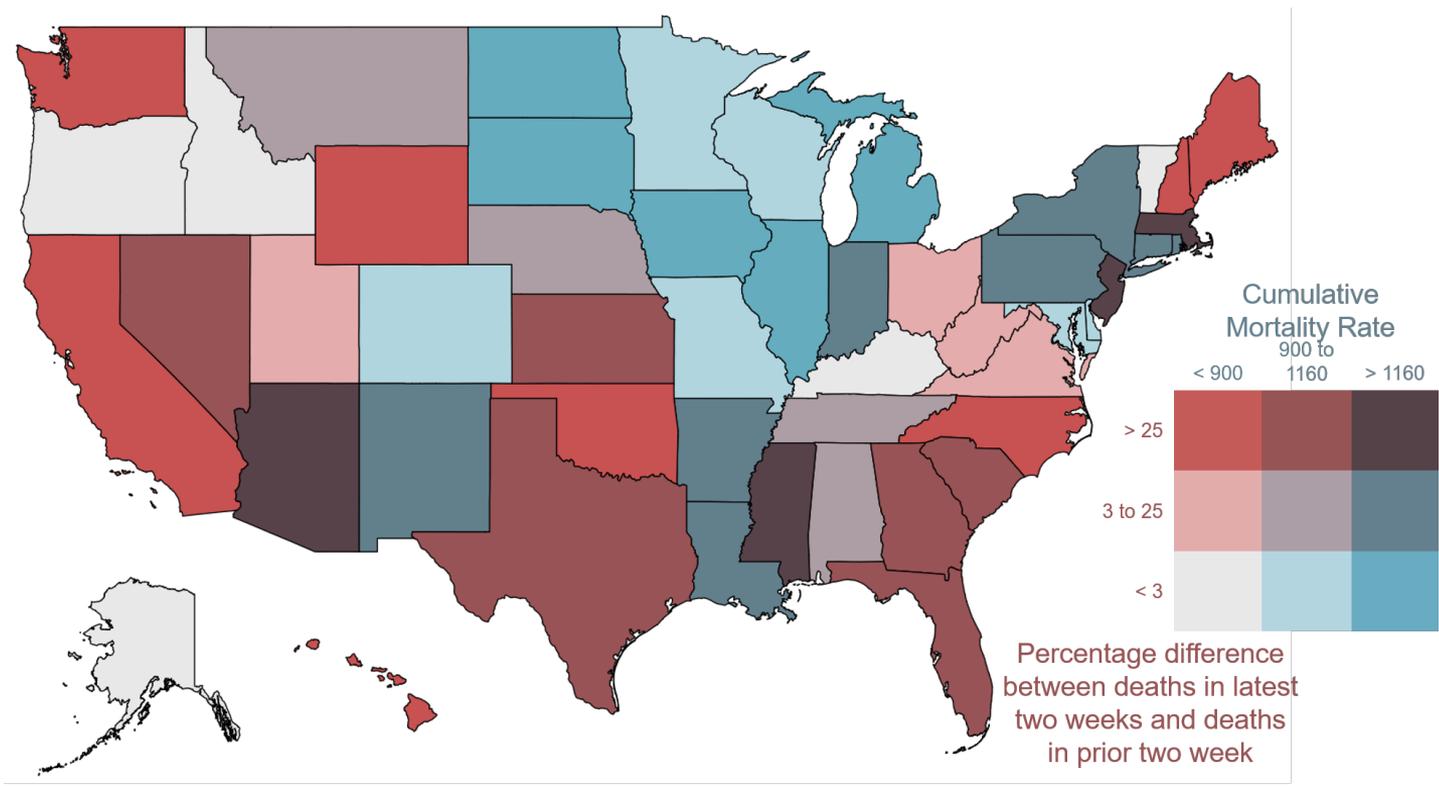
In the two weeks leading up to January 10, the 14-day COVID-19 mortality rate rose in all Fourth District states except Kentucky. The rate rose in the United States as a whole, too.



Note: Data through January 10, 2021.

Sources: FRBC calculations, the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, and Bureau of Economic Analysis.

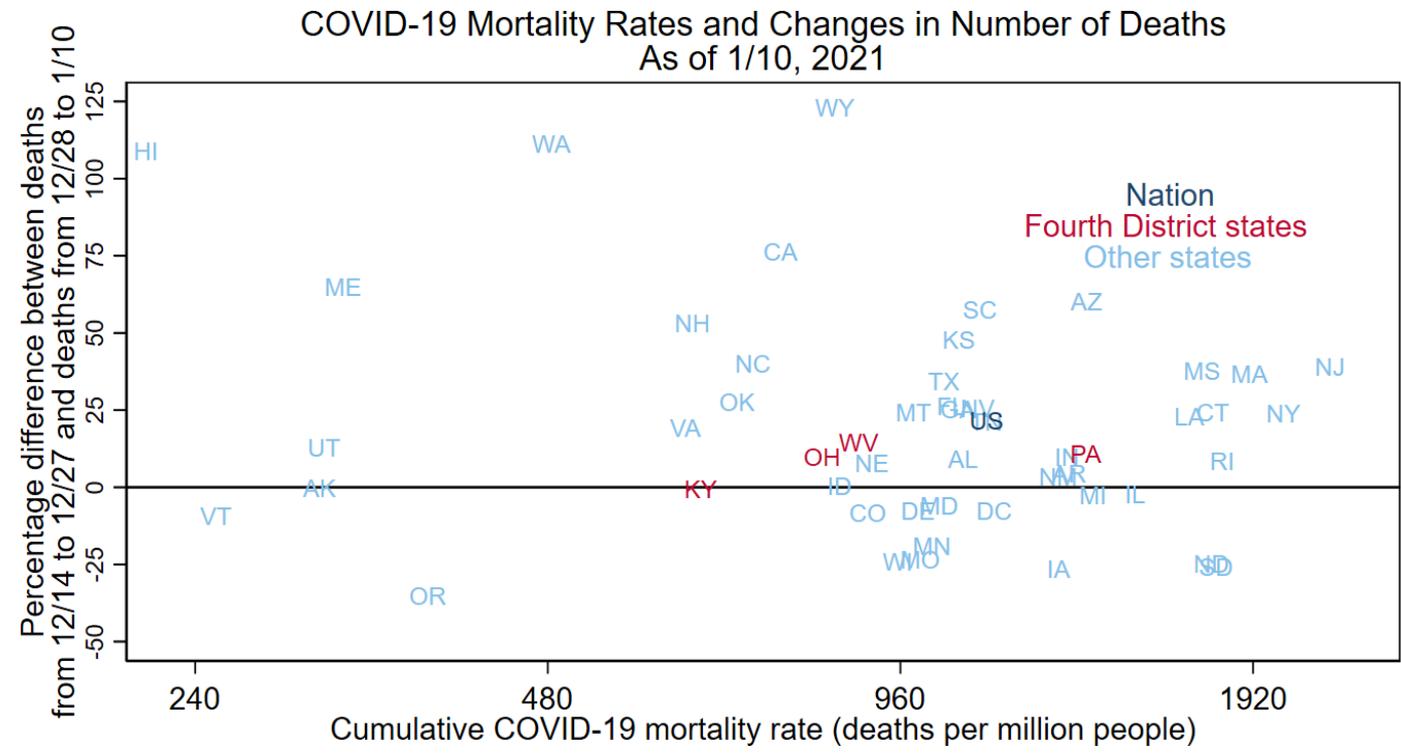
Between December 28 and January 10, the 14-day COVID-19 mortality rose along much of the West Coast and the South. The 14-day rate continued to fall in many of the Great Plains states.



Data for January 10, 2021, accessed on January 11, 2021.
“Latest two weeks” is 12/28/20 to 1/10/21, “prior two weeks” is 12/14/20 to 12/27/20.
Sources: FRBC calculations, CSSE, and BEA.

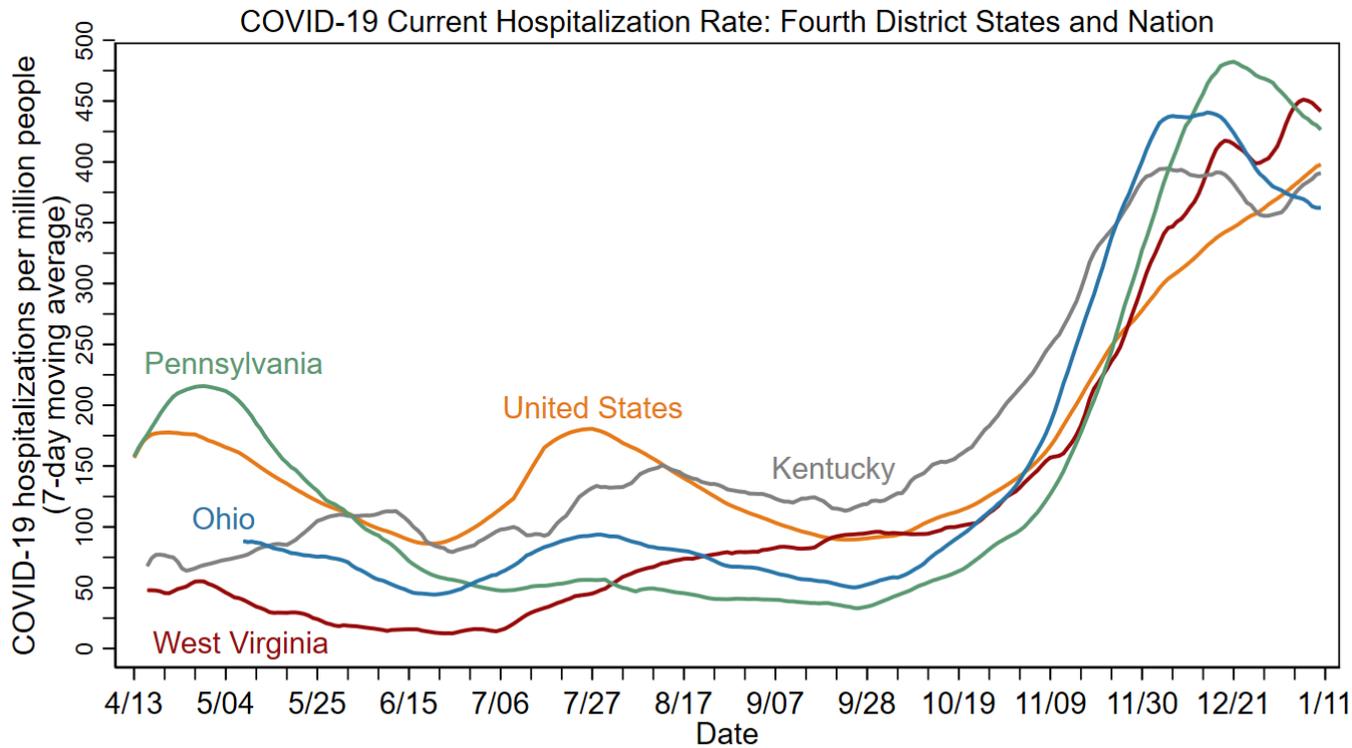
Notes: The District of Columbia is in the bin with mortality rate from 900 to 1160 and percentage difference < 3. The color bins on this map are changed with each update to better represent the latest data.

This chart gives similar information to the map, but it is more precise and includes the nation as a whole.



Notes: Horizontal axis has log scale.
Sources: FRBC calculations, the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, and Bureau of Economic Analysis.

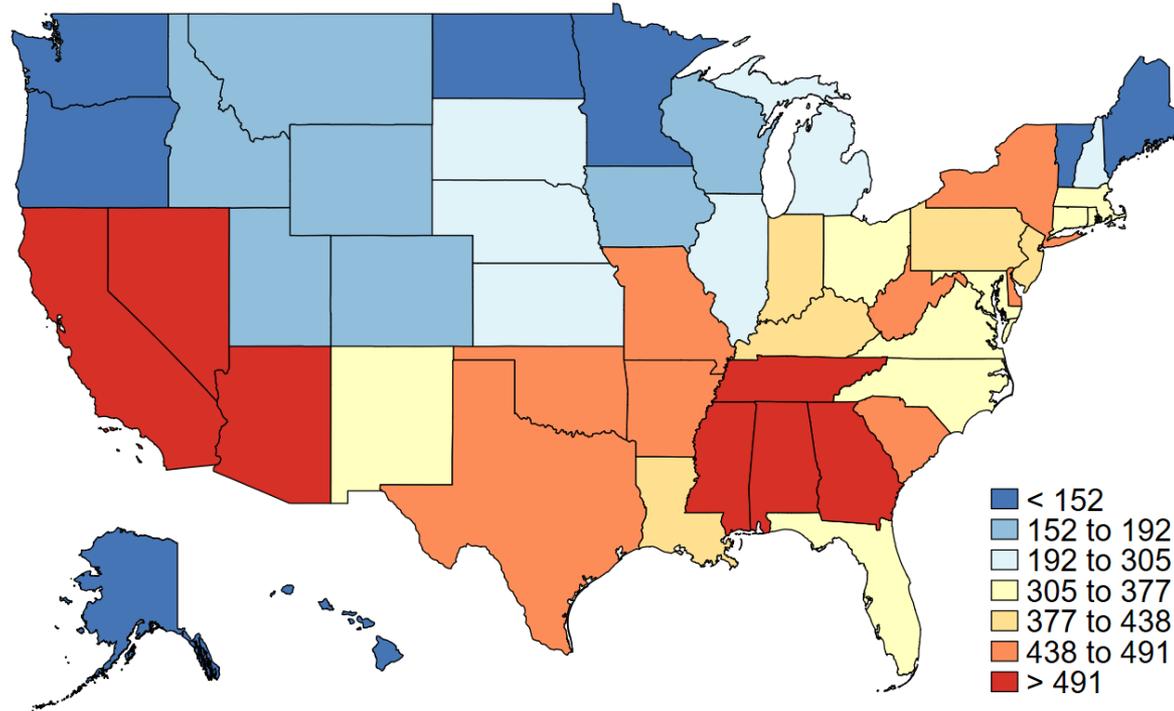
The trends in COVID-19 hospitalizations suggest that in the weeks ahead, mortality rates will fall in Ohio and Pennsylvania, remain stable in Kentucky, and rise in West Virginia and in the United States overall.



Note: Data through January 10, 2021.
Sources: FRBC calculations, the COVID Tracking Project at *The Atlantic*, and BEA.

In the week leading up to January 10, hospitalization rates were highest in the Southwest and Southeast states and lowest in the Northwest and the Great Plains states.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations per Million People, 7-day moving average as of January 10, 2021.



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Sources: FRBC calculations, the COVID Tracking Project at *The Atlantic*, and BEA.

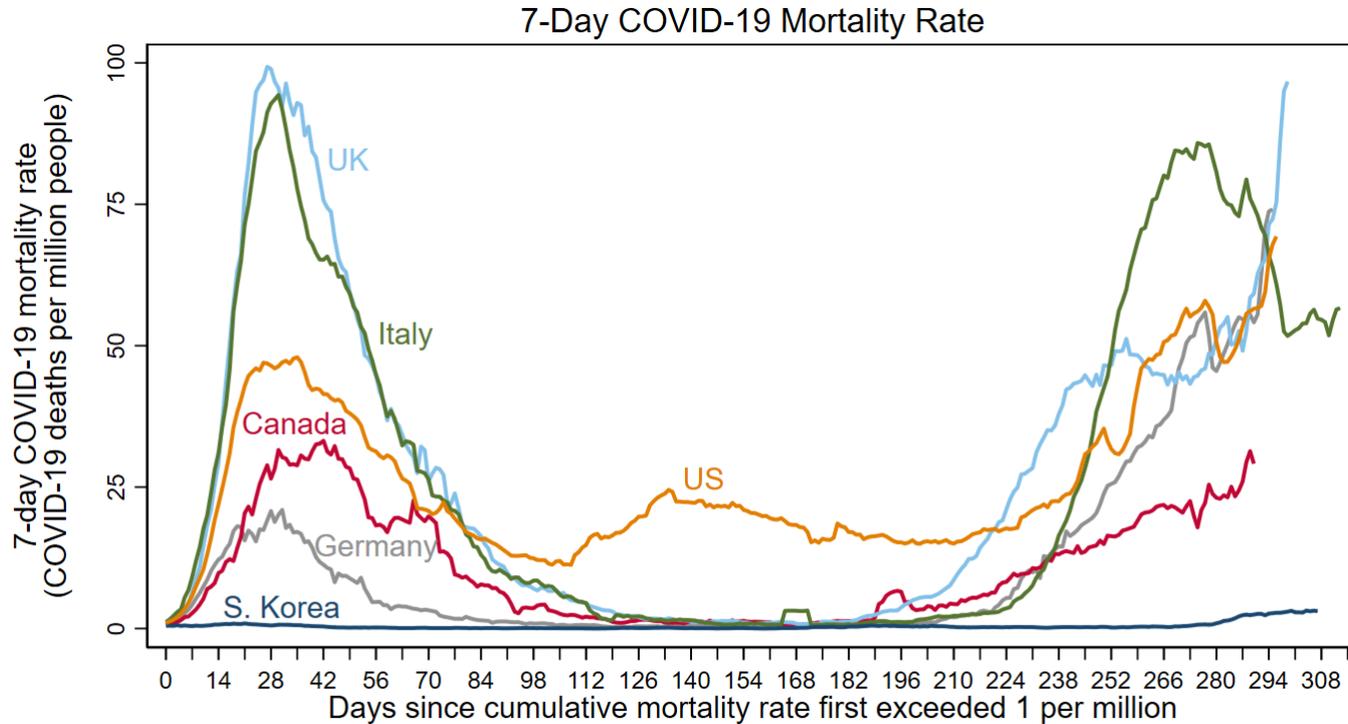
Notes: The District of Columbia is in the bin with a hospitalization rate between 377 and 438. The color bins on this map are changed with each update to better represent the latest data.

COVID-19 statistics for Fourth District states and the nation as of January 10, 2021.

COVID-19 Statistic	Kentucky	Ohio	Pennsylvania	West Virginia	United States
Levels					
Average daily deaths in past 2 weeks	25	80	196	23	2932
Cumulative deaths	2901	9627	17717	1582	374329
Average daily hospitalizations in past week	1747	4237	5462	790	130879
Rates (per million residents)					
14-day mortality rate	77	96	215	183	125
Cumulative mortality rate	649	823	1383	885	1144
Average daily hospitalization rate in past week	391	362	426	442	398

Sources: FRBC calculations, CSSE at Johns Hopkins University, the COVID Tracking Project at *The Atlantic*, and BEA.

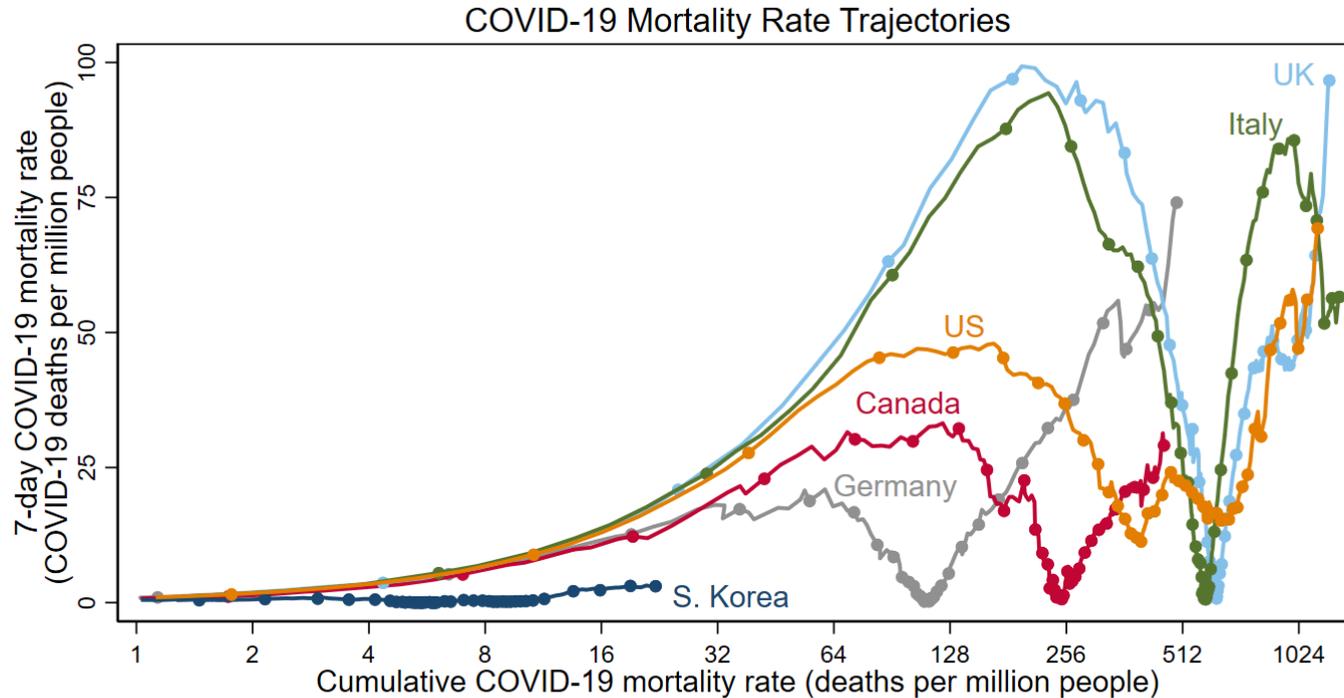
The 7-day COVID-19 mortality rate in the United States rose in the past week. The US 7-day mortality rate is just below that of Germany and above that of Italy.



Notes: 3/22/2020 was first day US rate > 1. Data through 1/10/2021.

Sources: FRBC calculations, the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, and the World Bank.

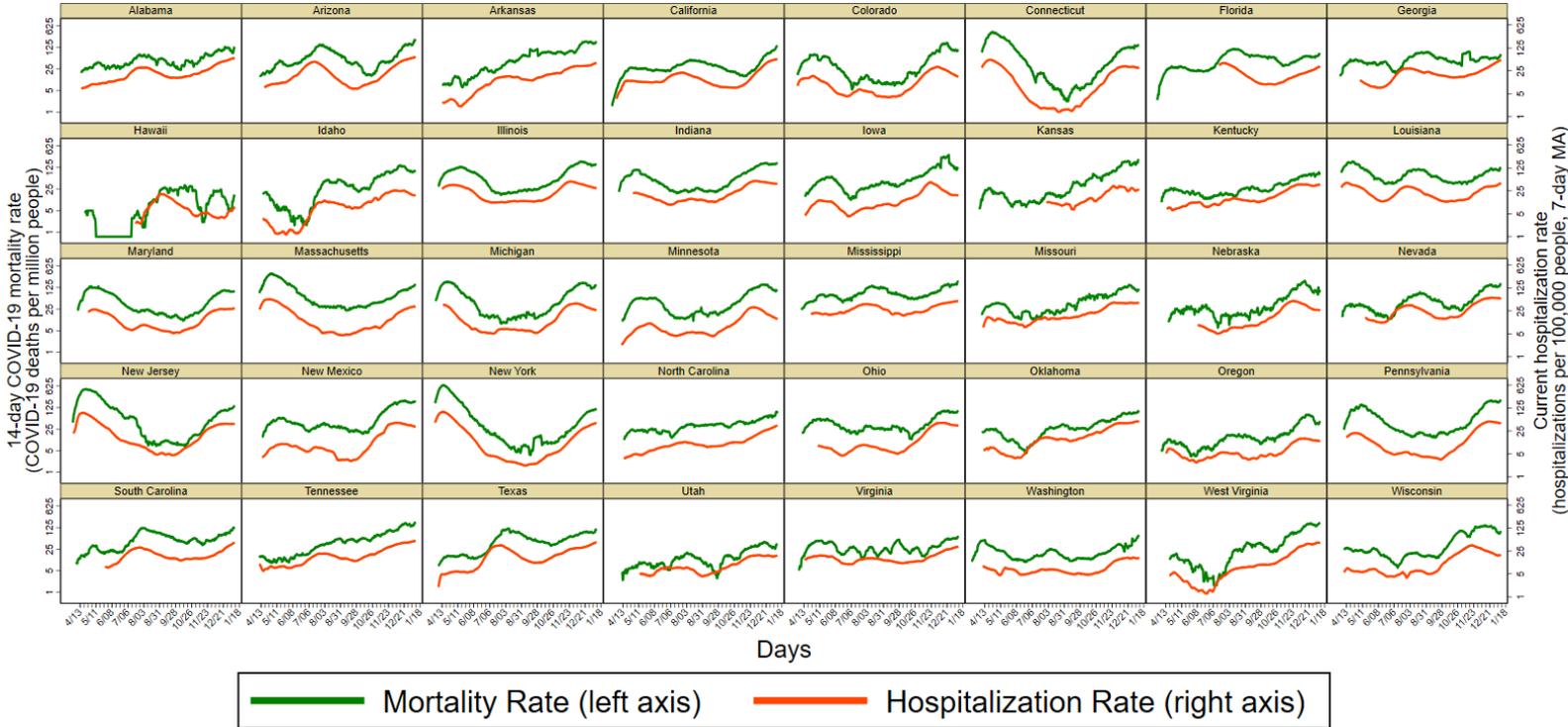
As of January 10, the cumulative COVID-19 mortality rate of the United States is 1,144 deaths per million people. This is more than double the mortality rate of Canada but below that of Italy and that of the UK.



Notes: Horizontal axis has log scale. Excluding days when mortality rate < 1. Dots on Sundays to show time. Data through January 10, 2021.
Sources: FRBC calculations, the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, and the World Bank.

This chart shows COVID-19 mortality and hospitalization rates for the 40 most populous US states.

COVID-19 Mortality and Hospitalization Rate in the 40 Most Populous States



Notes: Data from 1/22-1/10/2021. Both vertical axes have log scales.
 Sources: FRBC calculations, the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, BEA, and the COVID Tracking Project at *The Atlantic*.

Appendix: Adjustments for data revisions

- Some significant revisions to the reported number of COVID-19 deaths cause large single-day jumps.
- We smooth some of these jumps by multiplying daily changes for a period of time by a scaling factor so that the adjusted series meets the post-revision series.
- We have used this approach for the following revisions and periods in 2020:
 - Spain revised deaths downward on May 25; data are adjusted from 3/3 to 5/24.
 - New Jersey revised deaths downward on June 25; data are adjusted from 3/10 to 6/24.
 - Illinois revised deaths upward on July 7; Illinois and United States are adjusted from 3/23 to 7/6.
 - New Jersey revised deaths downward on August 26; data are adjusted from 3/18 to 8/25.
- Other data cleaning in 2020
 - Ohio's reported cumulative deaths jumped up on August 29 and reversed on August 30. We set Ohio's cumulative deaths on August 29 to the midpoint of deaths on August 28 and 30 and incorporated this change into the US total for August 29.