Visualizing the Spread of COVID-19 in the United States

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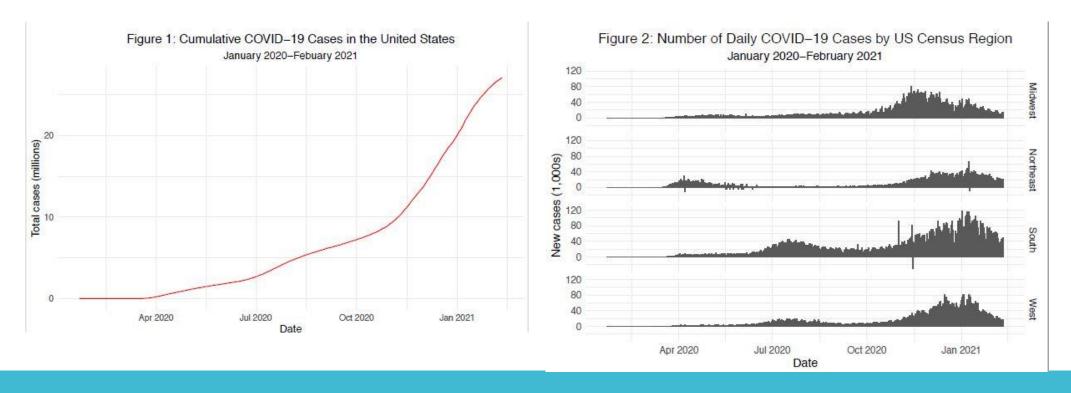


Figure 1 shows that the cumulative number of COVID cases in the United States has not grown at a constant rate since the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020. The rate of growth in cases appears to have increased abruptly in April 2020, July 2020, and November 2020.

Figure 2 shows that stark differences in the number of daily cases in different regions of the country at different points over the last year. While the Northeast initially accounted for most of the new cases in the country, the South, Midwest, and West have accounted for many more cases in the latter half of the year since the beginning of the pandemic.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, COVID-19 Response. COVID-19 Case Surveillance Public Data Access, Summary, and Limitations. Updated 2/11/2021. Accessed 2/14/2021. https://data.cdc.gov/Case-Surveillance/United-States-COVID-19-Cases-and-Deaths-by-State-o/9mfq-cb36