Notes

It turns out that May 24 is not when we first reached 100,000 deaths. The NYT front page was just a visualization about what nearly 100,00 deaths would look like. NYT posted this before we reached 100,000 deaths.

There is a May 23 article about the front page full of names - <https://web.archive.org/web/20200524093130/https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/23/reader-center/coronavirus-new-york-times-front-page.html> that also displayed on the front page of NYT on Sunday May 23.

The tweet I captured for class that week is now unavailable as the poster has protected all his tweets.

But you can see the original - <https://web.archive.org/web/20200921023939/https://twitter.com/dennismhogan/status/1307722852066525186> and the tweet that he was quote tweeting - <https://web.archive.org/web/20201018234135/https://twitter.com/nycsouthpaw/status/1307668885009772546>

CDC Reports 100,000 Milestone in press release on Thu May 28

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s0528-coronavirus-death-toll.html>. They have no press release in September about the 200,000 deaths milestone.

**CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker**

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_totaldeaths>

[https://web.archive.org/web/\*/https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\_totaldeaths](https://web.archive.org/web/*/https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_totaldeaths)

First Milestone – 100,000

Does not have any IA captures before August 25, 2020

Using a press release to establish milestone date –

Second Milestone – 200,000

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| Sep 19 2020 2:46pm | 198,099 | https://web.archive.org/web/20200920152004/https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\_casesinlast7days |
| Sept 20 2020 2:40pm | 198,754 | https://web.archive.org/web/20200920212559/https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\_casesinlast7days |
| Sep 21 2020 12:16pm | 199,024 | https://web.archive.org/web/20200922074329/https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\_casesinlast7days |
| Sep 22 2020 12:16pm | 199,462 | https://web.archive.org/web/20200922184710/https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\_casesinlast7days |
| Sep 23 2020 12:21pm | 200,275 | https://web.archive.org/web/20200923172039/https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\_casesinlast7days |

So I started looking for reporting on the milestones and found a second resource was being used to determine number of deaths.

**John Hopkins University COVID-19 dashboard**

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

[https://web.archive.org/web/\*/https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://web.archive.org/web/*/https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)

Using Internet Archive was taking too long and the results were inconsistent. Found single captures for each day on archive.today

<http://archive.is/https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

First Milestone – 100,000

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| 24 May 2020 06:08:35 UTC | 97,087 | http://archive.is/lrVP5 |
| 25 May 2020 06:15:40 UTC | 97,722 | http://archive.is/dsGUl |
| 26 May 2020 06:02:57 UTC | 98,223 | http://archive.is/2Tn82 |
| 27 May 2020 07:07:42 UTC | 98,929 | http://archive.is/vIoXB |
| 28 May 2020 06:11:38 UTC | 100,442 | http://archive.is/yyaT7 |

Second Milestone – 200,000

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| 18 Sep 2020 15:42:32 UTC | 197,266 | http://archive.is/6xhYZ |
| 21 Sep 2020 16:17:48 UTC | no data | http://archive.is/IbhnJ |
| 22 Sep 2020 22:13:57 UTC | 200,558 | http://archive.is/f2jlt |

**Prominence and existence on a news front page**

Measuring News Similarity Across Ten U.S. News Sites – <https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.09082>

Washington Post story - <https://web.archive.org/web/20200527232835if_/https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/national/100000-deaths-american-coronavirus/>

**How to evaluate ranking of boxes**

Largest font and a picture (size of picture is a consideration)

Contains a picture

Position on the page

Left to right

Article baskets rank lower

No:

* Video clips/stories
* Live streams
* Opinion pieces