



# Information note on COVID-19 and tobacco



## WHAT ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN?

### QUIT TOBACCO USE

#### There are many reasons to quit - COVID-19 is one

- It is always a good idea to support people to quit tobacco use, but it may be especially important at this time to reduce the harm caused by COVID-19.
- Quitting tobacco has all the same positive health benefits as the reduction of the risk of cardiovascular disease.
- Quitting may help patients with COVID-19 to experience fewer symptoms and help them to recover faster.

### REDUCE EXPOSURE TO SECOND-HAND SMOKE

#### Protect everyone

- People should be encouraged to protect those most at risk by keeping homes and cars free from tobacco smoke.
- Tobacco use in all public places should be completely banned, with special restrictions for people with COVID-19.

### OFFER QUIT-TOBACCO SERVICES

#### Double the effort

- The chances of quitting are more than double with the right support.

### SPREAD THE WORD

#### Informing is key to making them

- The public should be informed about the potential higher susceptibility to infection and complications with COVID-19 that tobacco users and those around them face.
- It is important to address misconceptions and stories on what the cause of COVID-19 is.

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- Including tobacco cessation advice in public health messages aimed at curbing the spread of the coronavirus.

### At all times, protect tobacco users from the commercial and vested interests of the tobacco industry

- Tobacco industry activities should be monitored closely and reported to ensure transparency and act as a deterrent to unethical marketing and regulation.
- Companies and individuals from the tobacco industry should not be employed at any time, including during the current pandemic, as part of partnership with the industry can create government credibility in protecting public health and delivering anti-tobacco messages.

### Advise the public to follow the recommended basic measures to help prevent the spread of coronavirus and subsequent people's physical and mental health

- Advise people to stay informed and take action for more information visit [www.who.int/emergencies/coronavirus](https://www.who.int/emergencies/coronavirus)

654K

Deaths

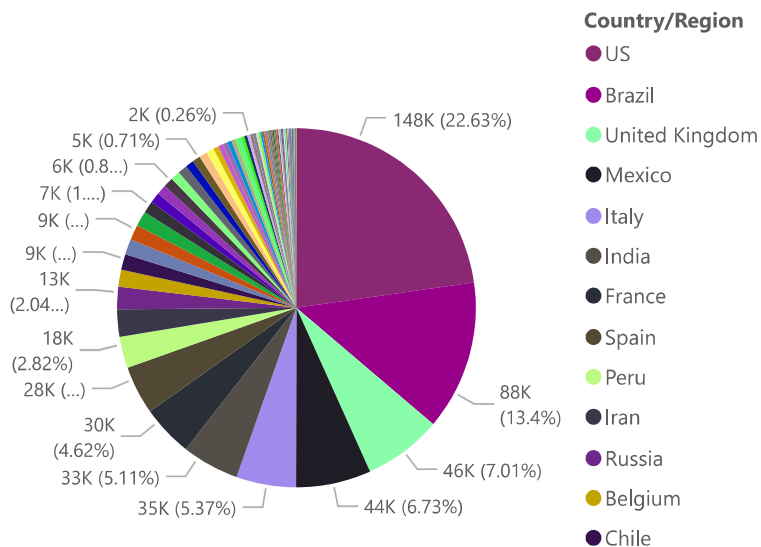
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Deaths / 100 Cases

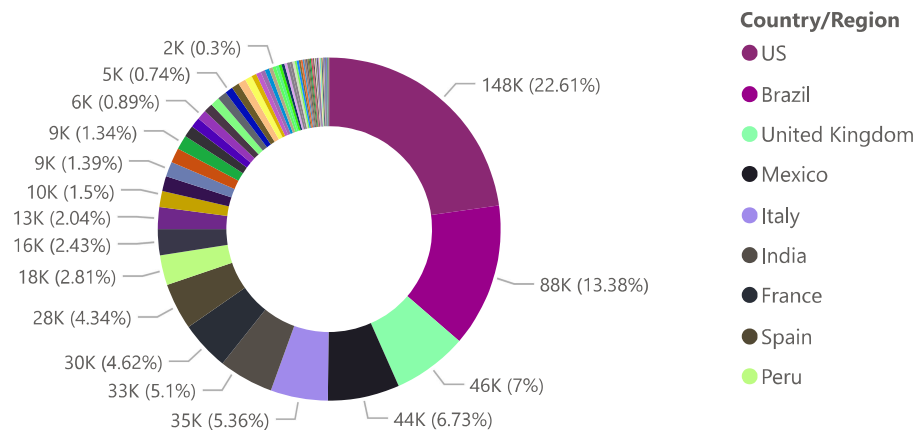
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First Country/Region

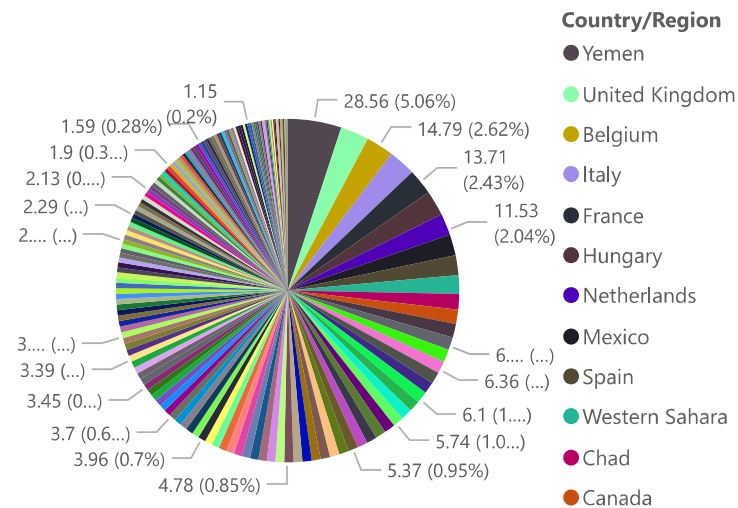
Deaths by Country/Region



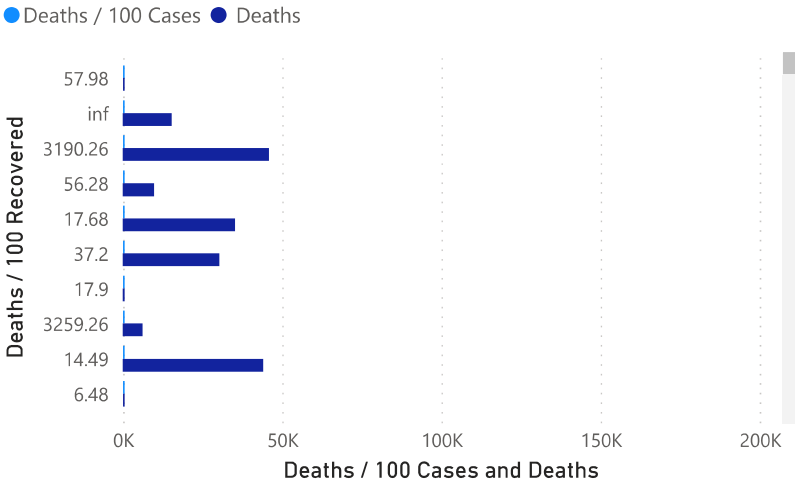
Deaths and Sum of Deaths / 100 Cases by Country/Region



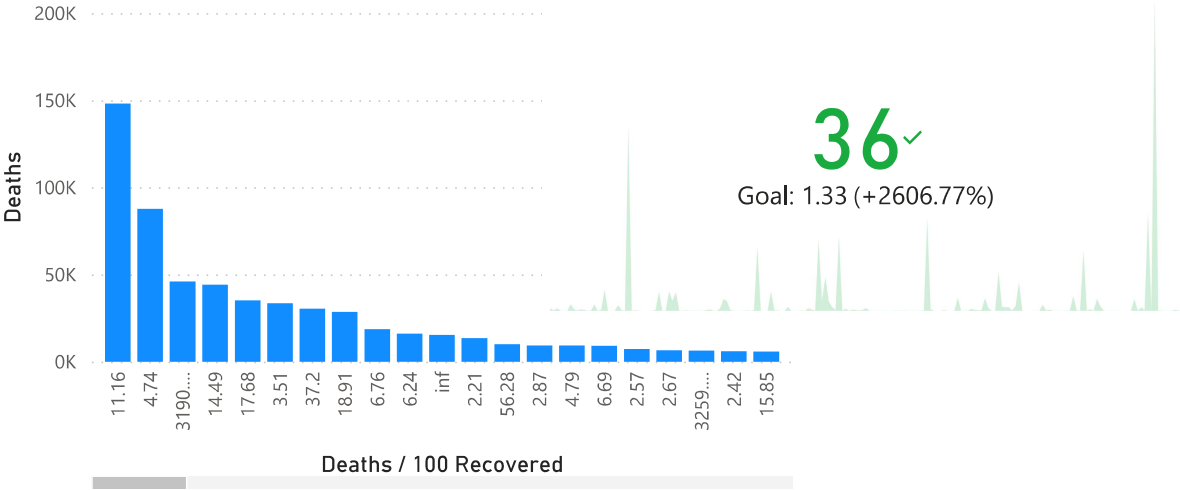
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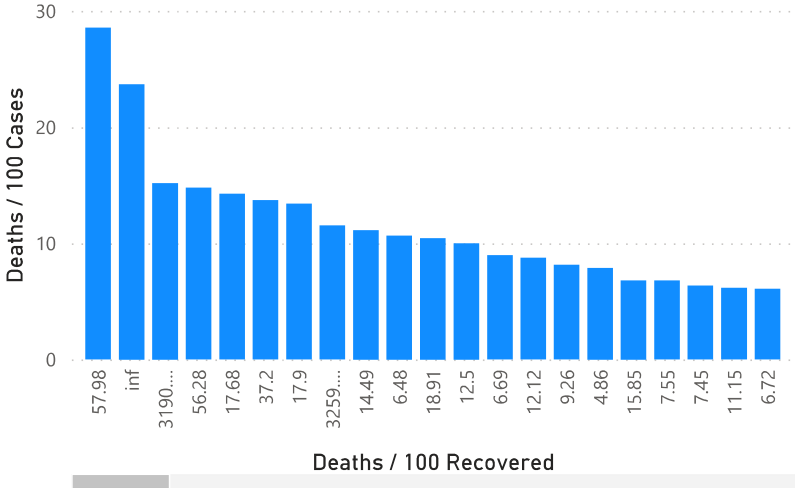
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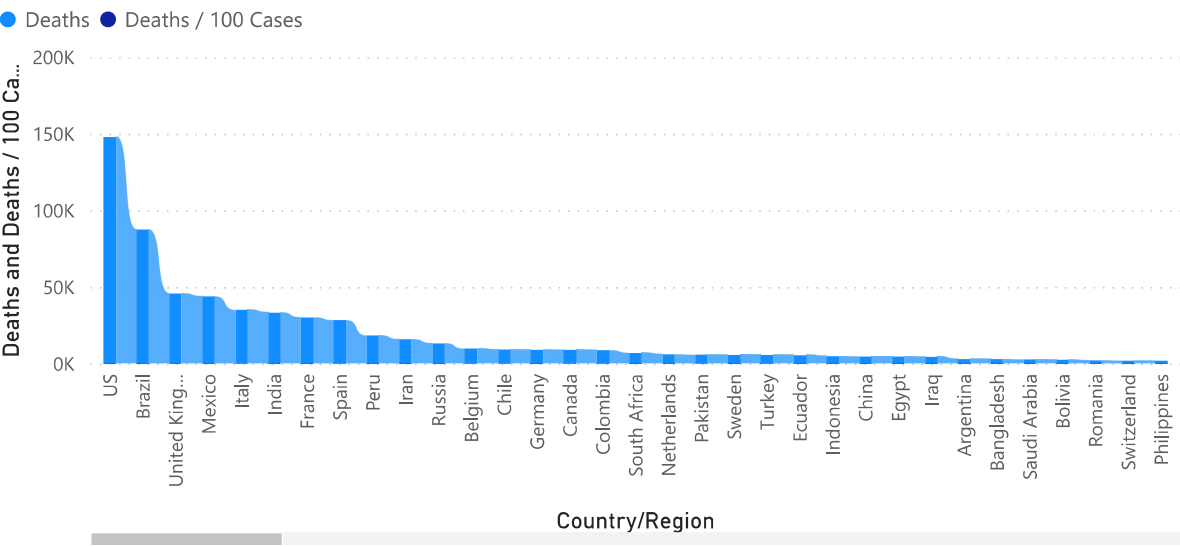
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Deaths / 100 Cases by Deaths / 100 Recovered



Deaths and Deaths / 100 Cases by Country/Region



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Active

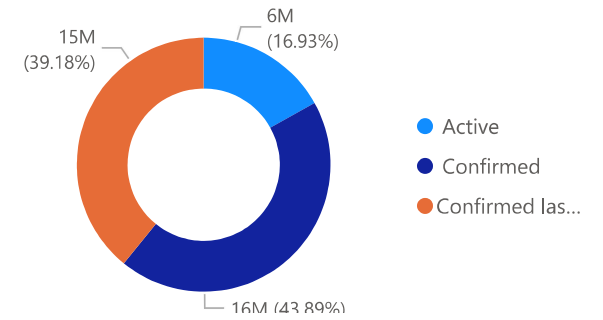
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Confirmed

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Confirmed last week

Active, Confirmed and Confirmed last week



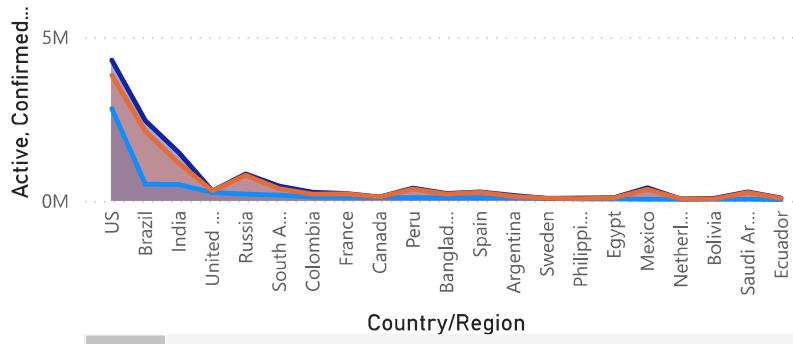
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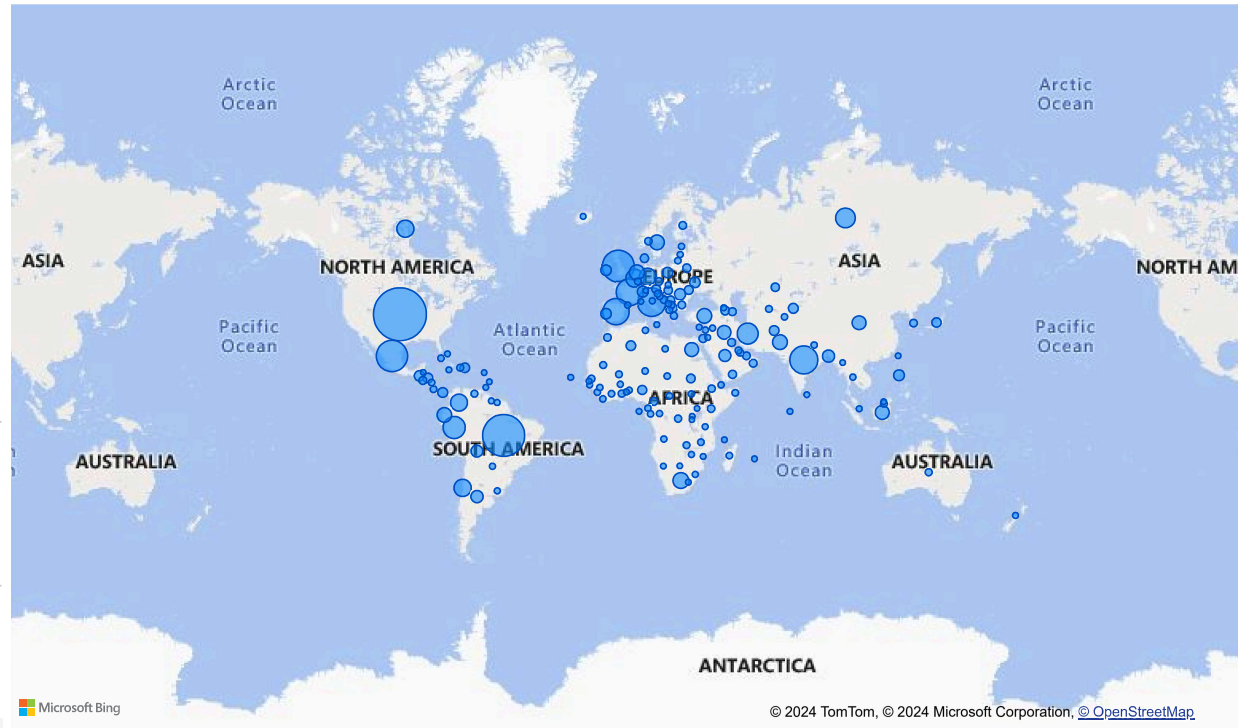
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Active, Confirmed and Confirmed last week by Country/Region

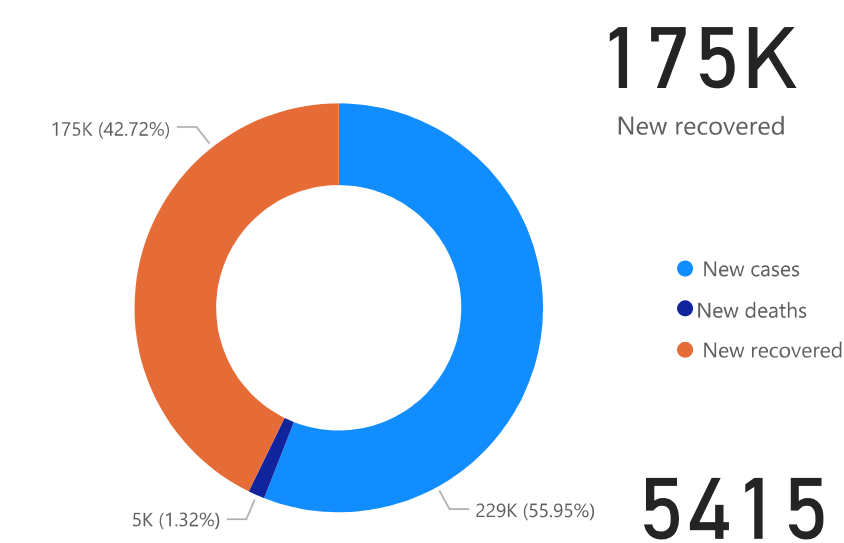
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Deaths and Active by Country/Region



New cases, New deaths and New recovered



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New recovered

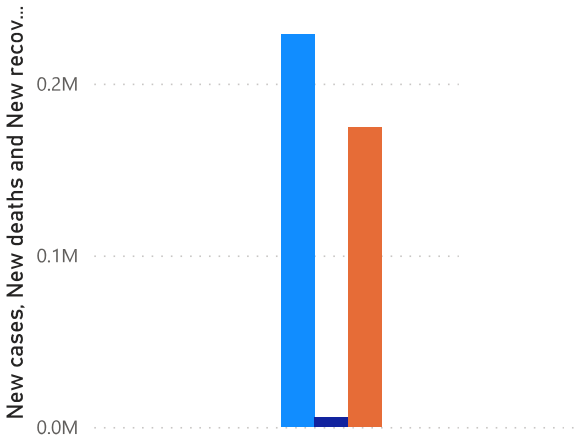
- New cases
- New deaths
- New recovered

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New deaths

New cases, New deaths and New recovered

- New cases
- New deaths
- New recovered



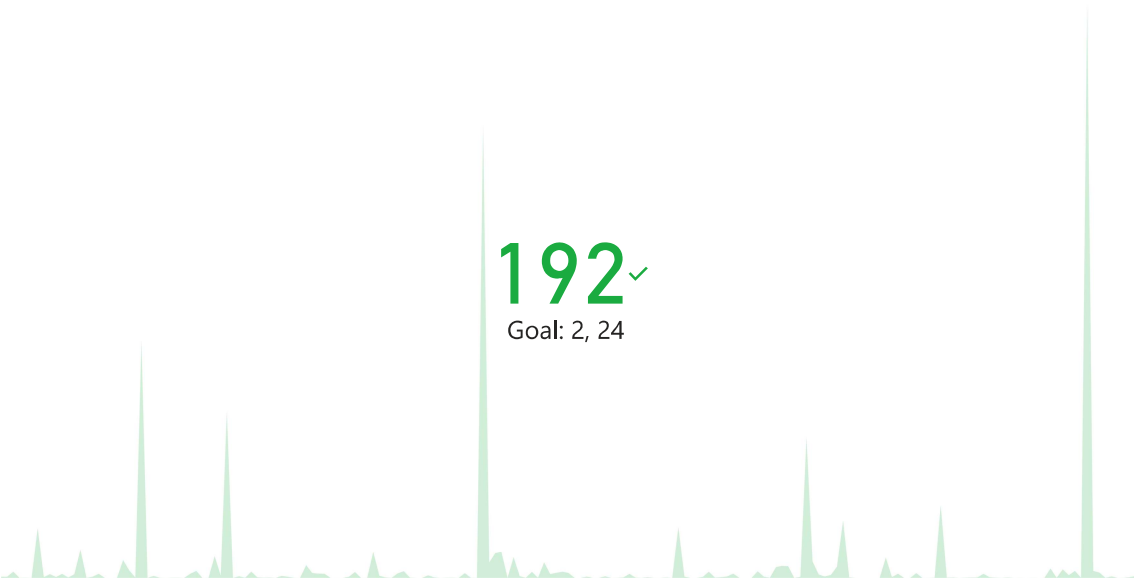
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New cases

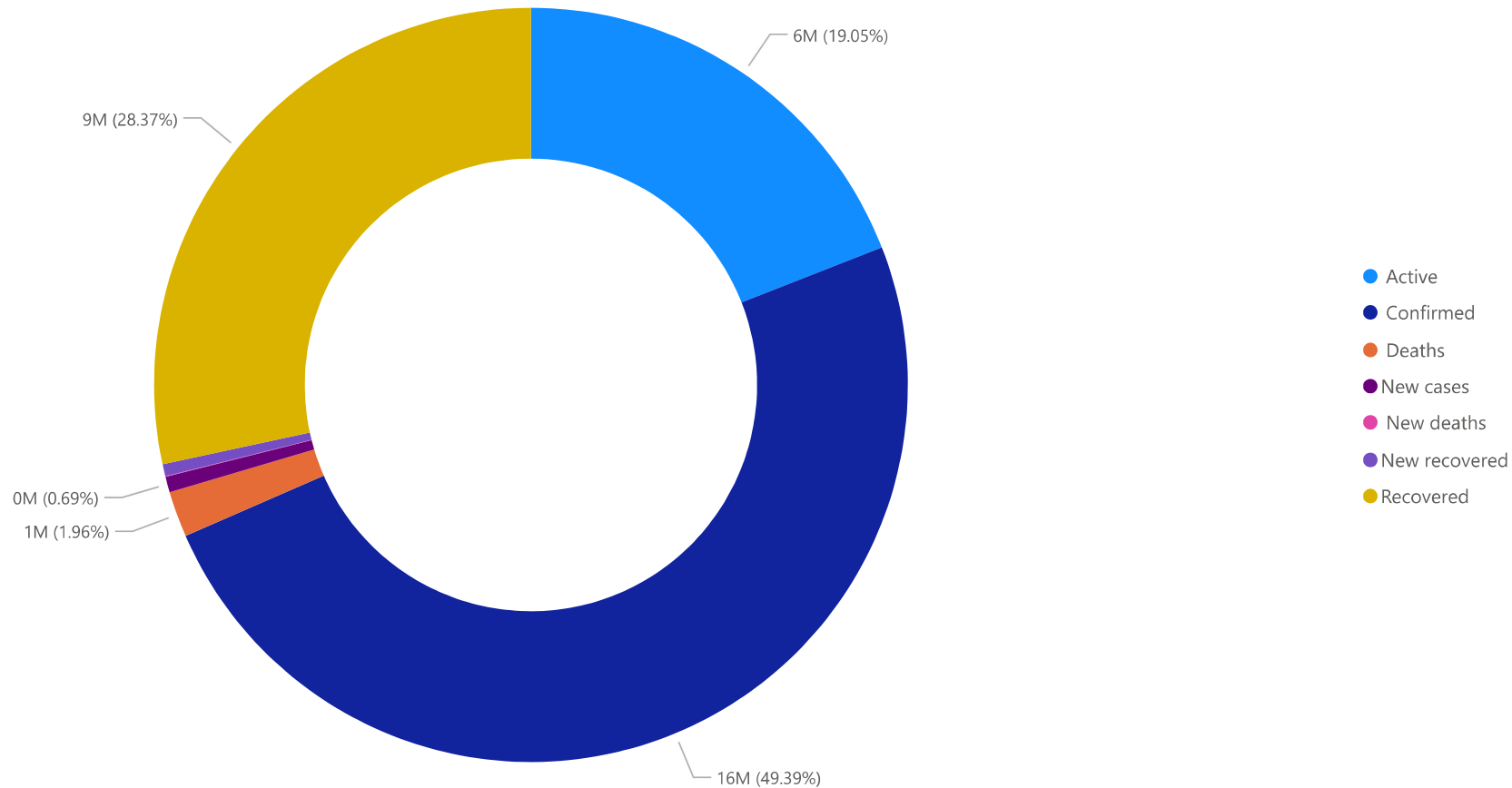
New cases, New deaths and New recovered by Country/Region



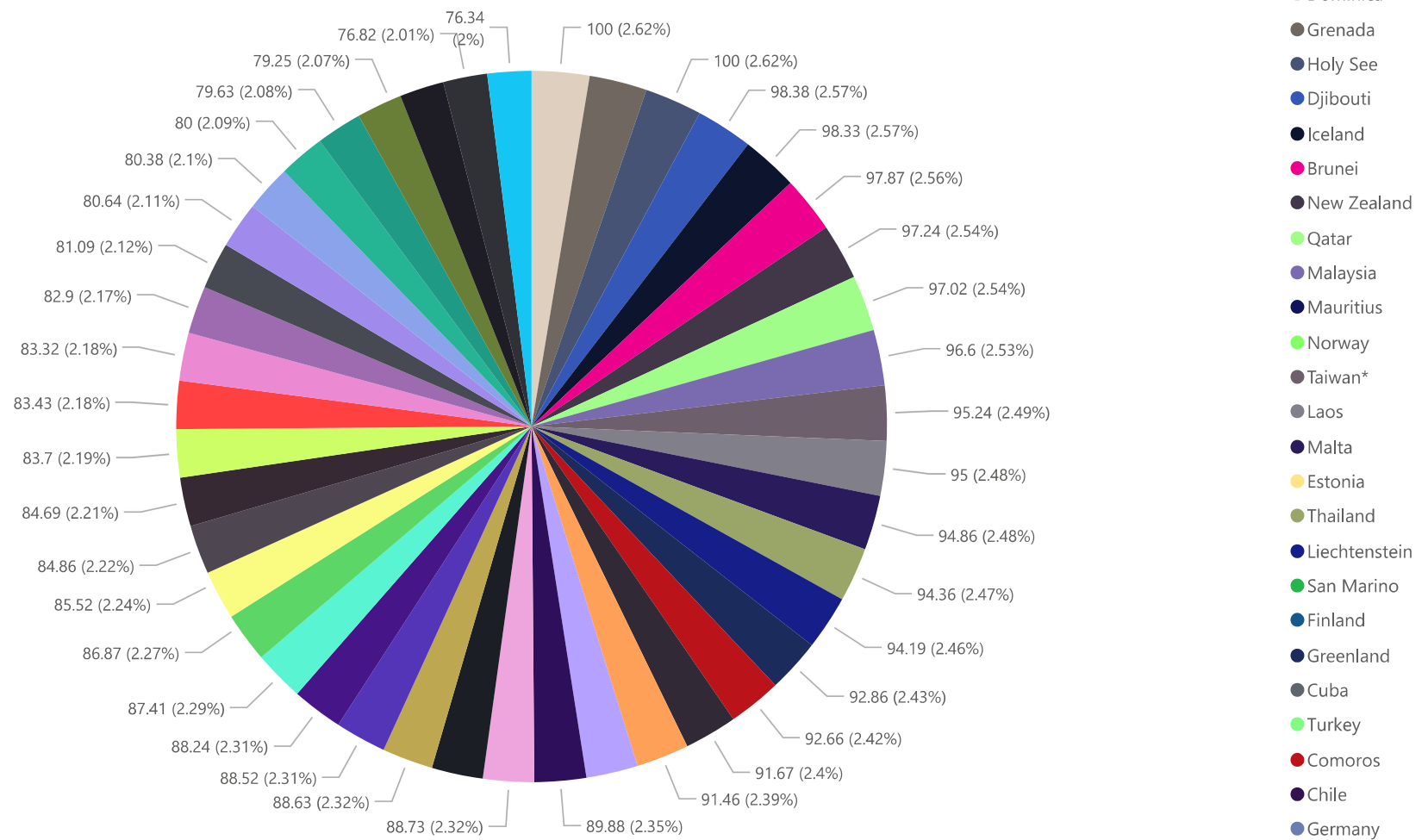
New cases, New deaths and New recovered by Country/Region



Active, Confirmed, Deaths, New cases, New deaths, New recovered and Recovered



Recovered / 100 Cases by Country/Region and Deaths / 100 Recovered

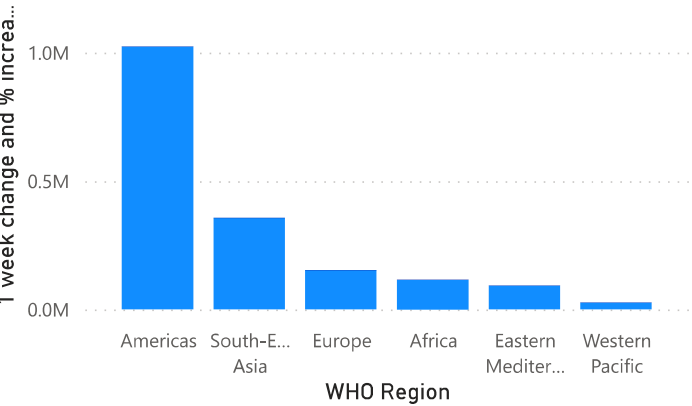




- WHO Region
- Africa
  - Americas
  - Eastern Mediterranean
  - Europe
  - South-East Asia
  - Western Pacific

1 week change and % increase by WHO Region

1 week change    % increase



Deaths / 100 Recovered and WHO Region

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