A logistic function or logistic curve is a common "S" shape (sigmoid curve), with equation:

$$f(x) = \frac{L}{1 + e^{-k(x-x_0)}}$$

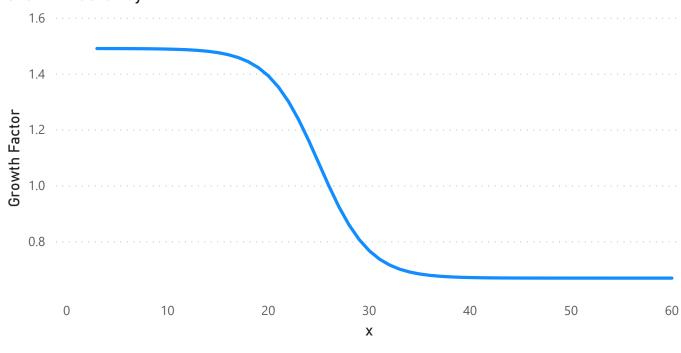
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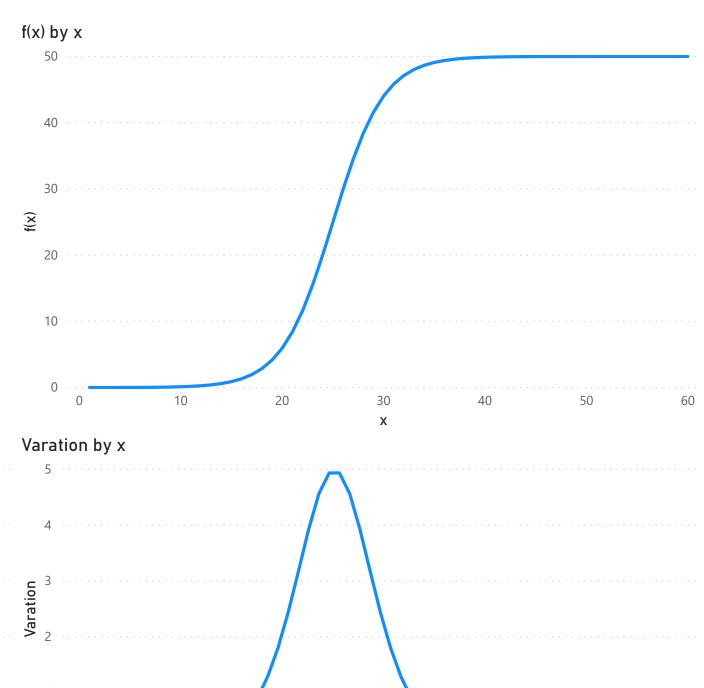
- e = the natural logarithm base (also known as Euler's number),
- x_0 = the x-value of the sigmoid's midpoint,
- ullet L = the curve's maximum value, and
- k = the logistic growth rate or steepness of the curve.^[1]

More information on wikipedia

In this example we are using: L=50, k=0.4, x0=25

Growth Factor by x





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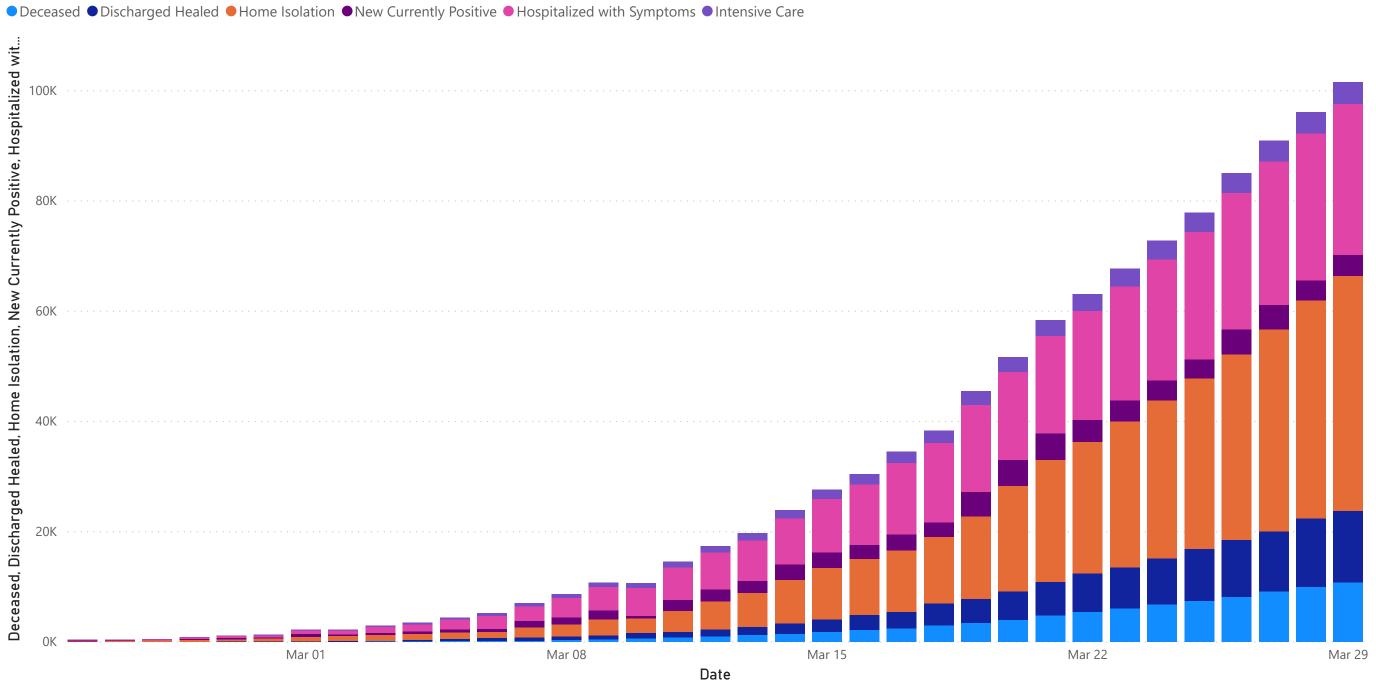
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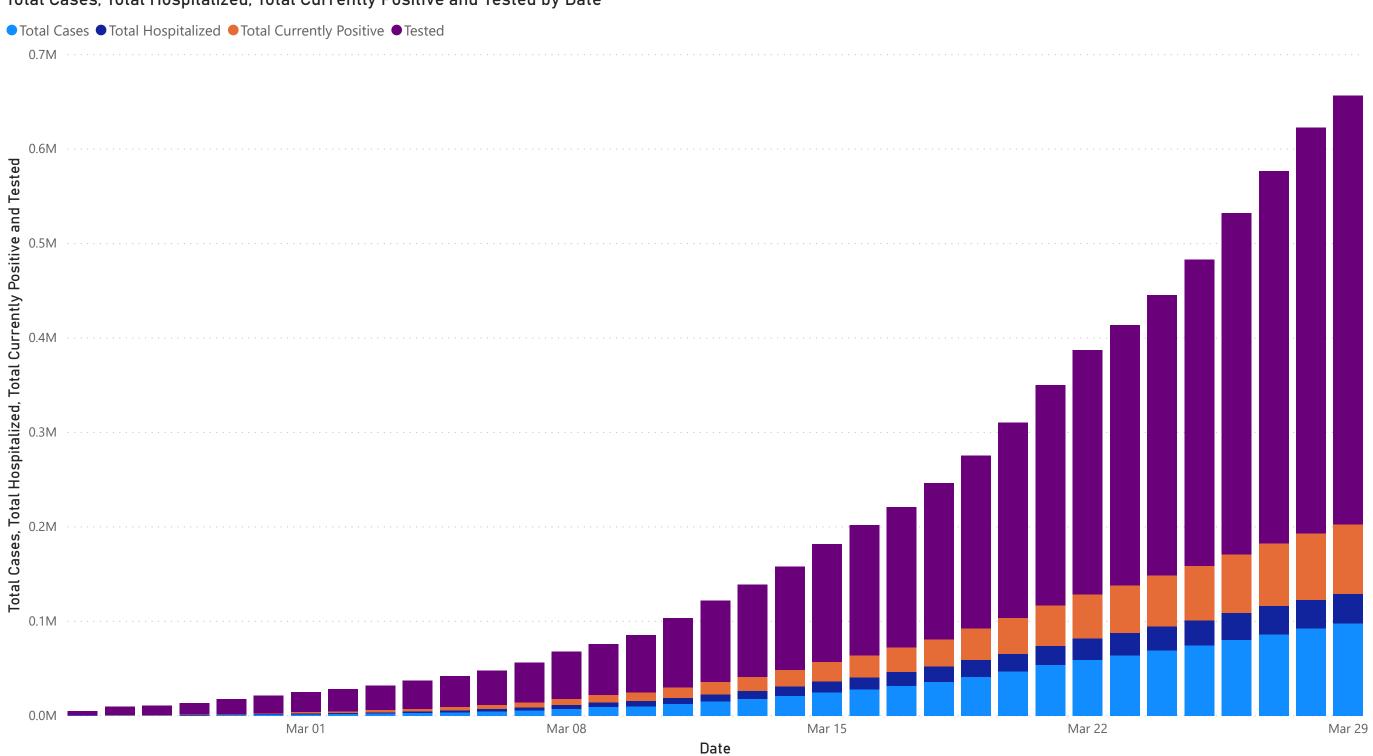
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Deceased, Discharged Healed, Home Isolation, New Currently Positive, Hospitalized with Symptoms and Intensive Care by Date

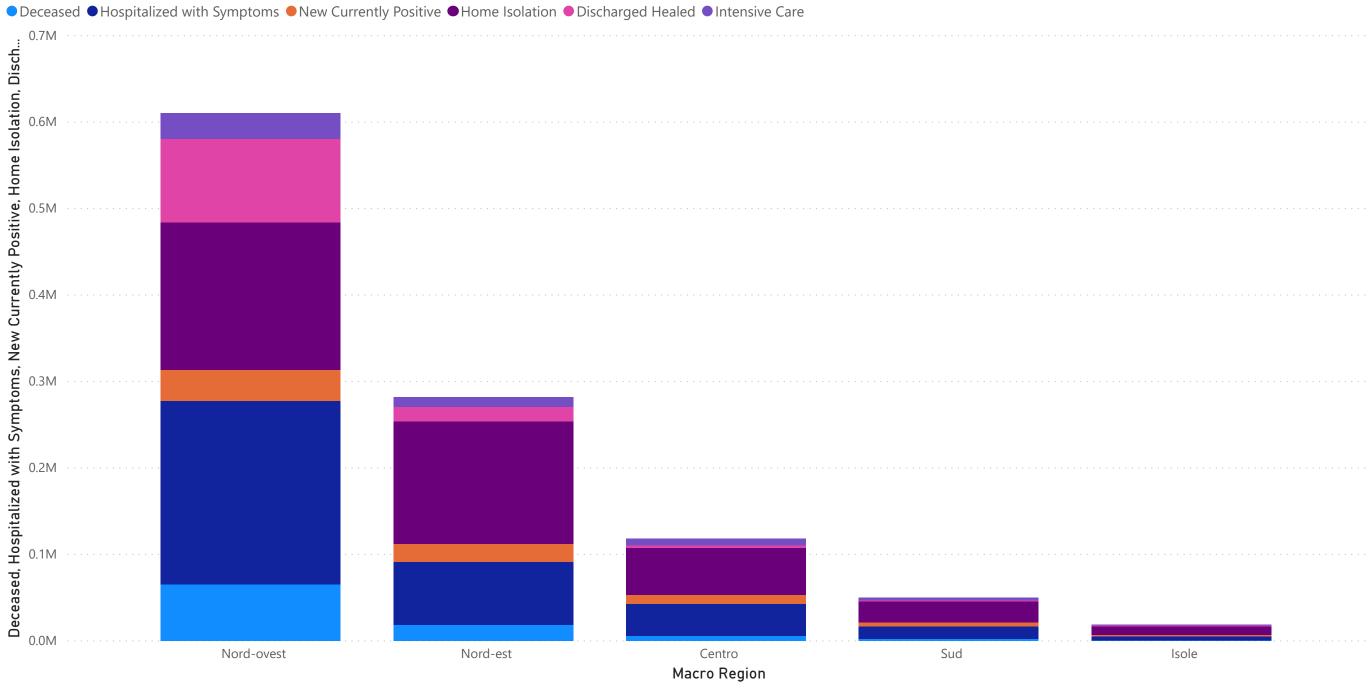


Data from Protezione Civile

Total Cases, Total Hospitalized, Total Currently Positive and Tested by Date

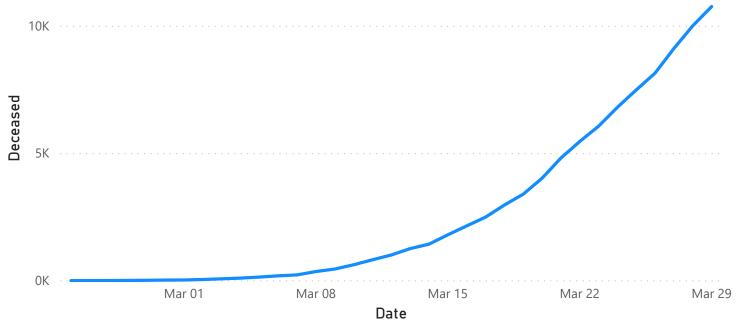


Deceased, Hospitalized with Symptoms, New Currently Positive, Home Isolation, Discharged Healed and Intensive Care by Macro Region



The virus started spreading in North Italia especially in Lombardia

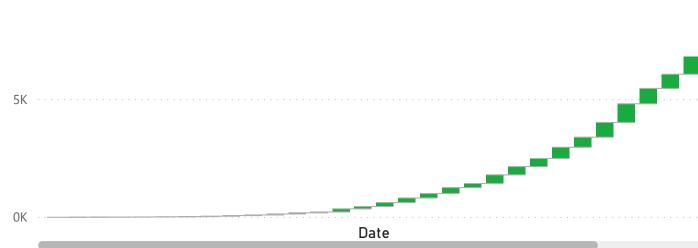
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Total Deceased Var by Date

● Increase ● Decrease ● Total



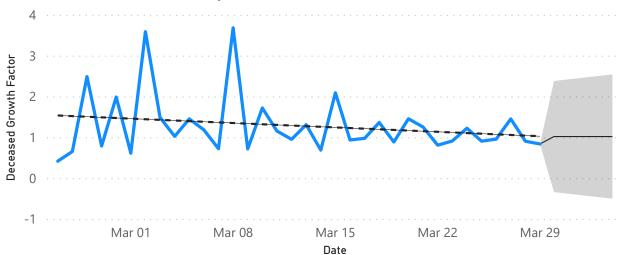


Because it is not possible to test all the population everyday to get the real number of infected people let's consider the number of deaths as starting point for our analysis

How many infected people are needed to get the the deaths we see? Of course to compute this we need to know the death_rate of the disease

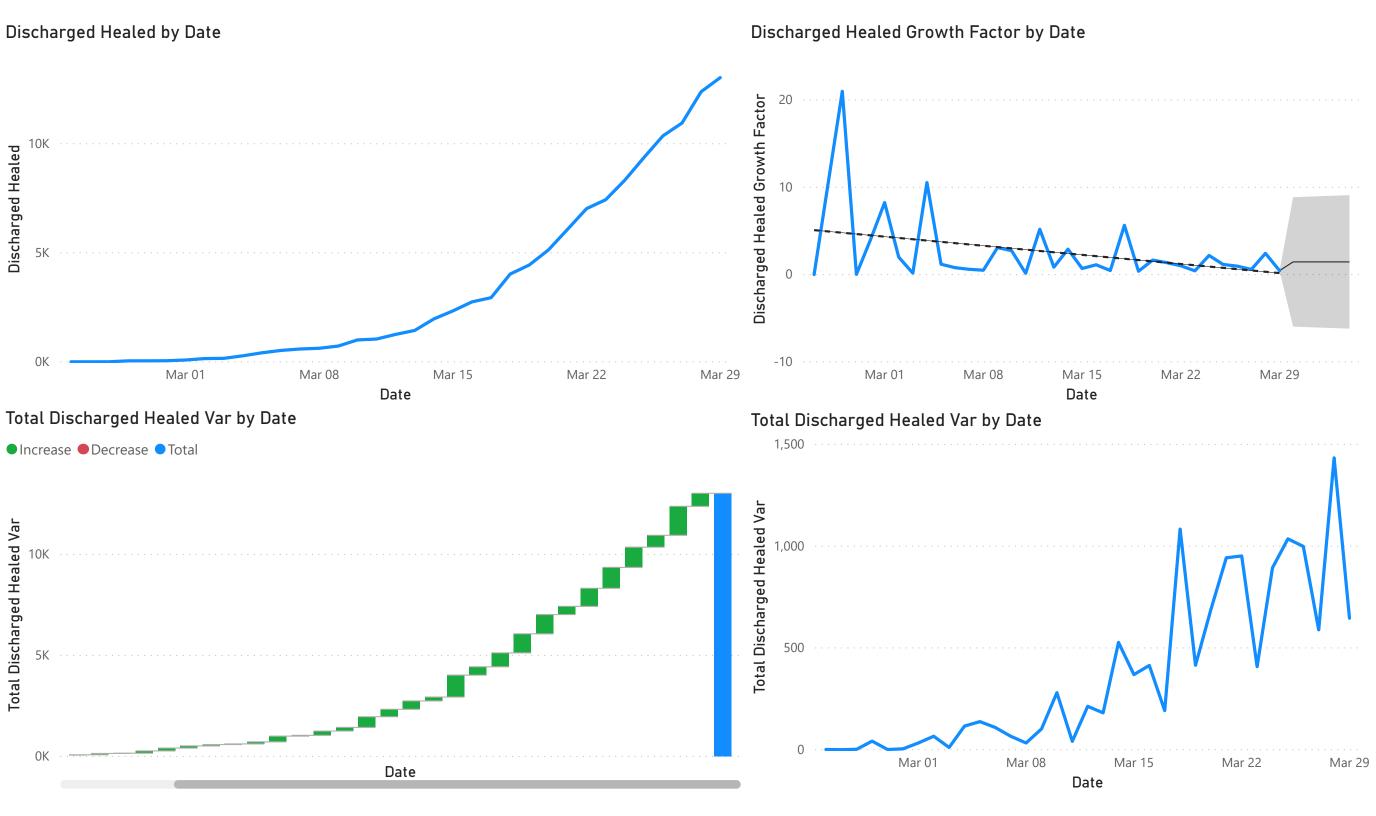
Let's take China as reference country because the disease started there and we can a have a look at the complete evolution of the spreading, in fact their data match pretty well a logistic curve which is the common math model for the spreading of a virus

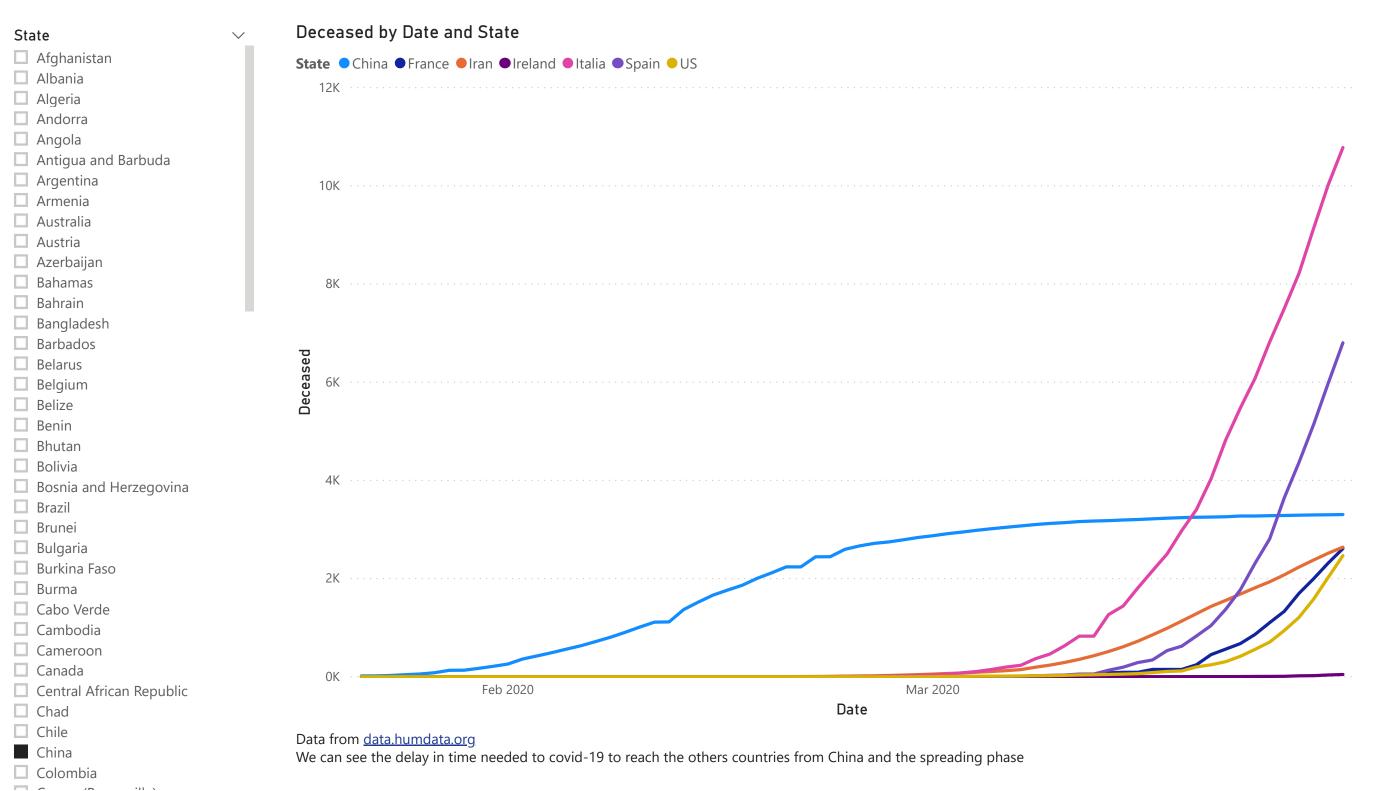
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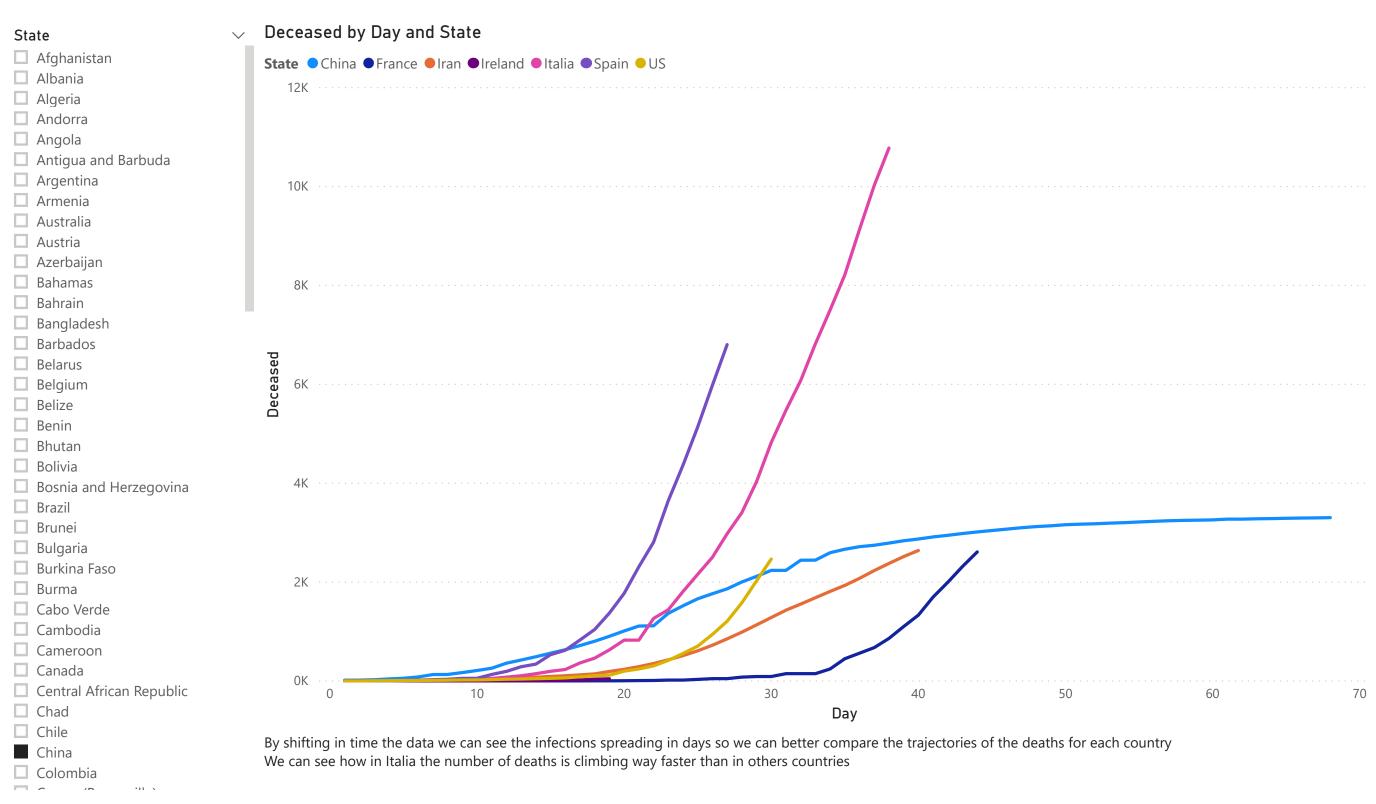


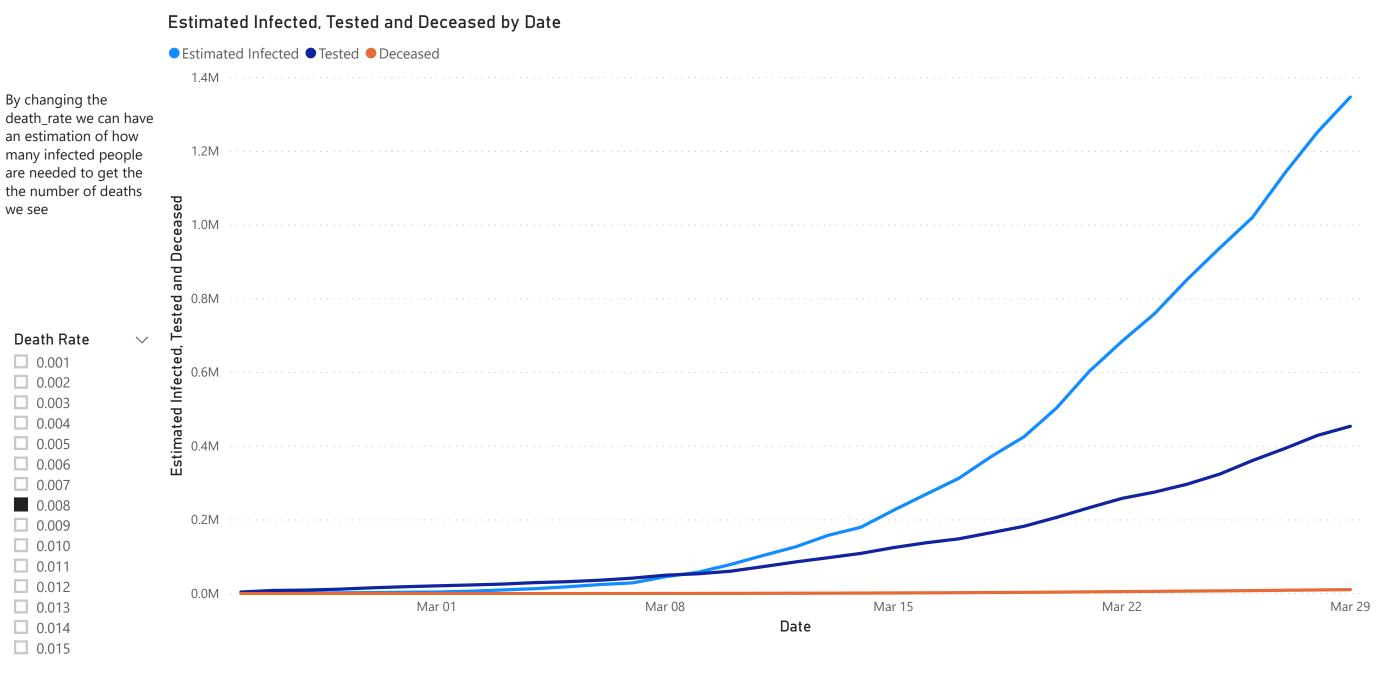
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Death rate in Italia is way higher than in China. This can be caused by a lot of <u>factors</u>: overall age of people, Italy counts every deaths in which covid19 is involved as a death by covid19 even if previous disease were present in the patient (99% of death in Italia happen to people having others diseases. More info about this <u>here</u>)

More information on <u>wikipedia</u>: "As of 20 March 2020, the <u>rate of deaths per number of diagnosed cases</u> is 4.1%; however, it ranges from 0.2% to 15% according to age group and other health problems"