



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Updated January 5, 2021

Mississippi COVID-19 Hotline (7 days a week, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.): **877-978-6453**

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Home isolation is mandatory if you have tested positive for COVID-19 by [order of the State Health Officer](#). (If you are awaiting results of routine testing *not* related to exposure, you may [return to work](#) and follow the safety guidance of your employer.)

Quarantine is mandatory for household members of someone who has COVID-19. Home quarantine permits working under certain circumstances.

[More about isolation and quarantine »](#)

New Cases and Deaths as of January 4

NEW CASES

1,767

New COVID-19 positive test results reported to MSDH as of 6 p.m. yesterday.

NEW DEATHS

91

New COVID-19 related deaths reported to MSDH as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Seventy-six deaths occurred between December 30, 2020 and January 4, 2021 in the counties below.

County	Total
Adams	2
Alcorn	2
Attala	1
Bolivar	1
Calhoun	1
Claiborne	1
Copiah	2
Desoto	2
Forrest	1
Greene	1
Grenada	1
Hancock	1
Harrison	4
Hinds	7
Issaquena	1
Jackson	5
Jasper	4
Jefferson	2
Lafayette	1
Lamar	1
Leake	1
Lowndes	3
Madison	5
Neshoba	1
Newton	1
Oktibbeha	2
Pearl River	2

County	Total
Pike	1
Pontotoc	2
Prentiss	2
Rankin	4
Simpson	1
Union	2
Walthall	1
Warren	1
Washington	1
Winston	5

15 COVID-19 related deaths occurred between December 10 and December 30, identified from death certificate reports.

County	Total
Alcorn	1
Desoto	2
Hinds	1
Lee	1
Lincoln	1
Lowndes	1
Madison	1
Marion	1
Monroe	1
Newton	1
Prentiss	1
Washington	1
Webster	2

LTC OUTBREAKS

227

Current outbreaks in long-term care facilities only. (See [LTC facility outbreak definition](#).)

About our case counts: We currently update our case totals each day based on test results from the previous day. Outside laboratories also report positive test results to us, which are included in our totals. Multiple positive tests for the same individual are counted only once. County case numbers and deaths may change as investigation finds new or additional information.

County COVID-19 Data

Race and Ethnicity

- ▶ [Total COVID-19 cases and deaths by county, race and ethnicity](#) PDF
Current and past data tables, updated daily

Data Snapshots for Individual Counties

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High Cases and Incidence

- ▶ [Map of Mississippi counties by 7-day incidence](#)
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Cumulative Cases and Deaths by County

Totals of all reported COVID-19 cases for 2020, including those in long-term care (LTC) facilities.

The numbers in this table are provisional. County case numbers and deaths may change as investigation finds new or additional information. The data provided below is the most current available.

County	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total LTC Facility Cases	Total LTC Facility Deaths
Adams	1846	62	72	15
Alcorn	2310	44	121	18
Amite	897	23	54	7
Attala	1810	52	167	32
Benton	715	21	45	10
Bolivar	3569	96	223	30
Calhoun	1224	18	25	4
Carroll	959	18	46	9
Chickasaw	1669	37	51	15
Choctaw	543	11	1	0
Claiborne	740	21	44	9
Clarke	1239	59	108	29
Clay	1410	30	20	3
Coahoma	2026	52	127	11
Copiah	2245	47	74	9
Covington	1932	68	134	39
De Soto	15363	145	108	20
Forrest	5439	105	216	46
Franklin	618	9	40	1
Total	225,444	4,975	9,452	1,742

County	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total LTC Facility Cases	Total LTC Facility Deaths
George	1773	37	48	7
Greene	1009	27	52	6
Grenada	2023	65	153	32
Hancock	2167	56	70	14
Harrison	11344	164	473	58
Hinds	14467	290	720	108
Holmes	1618	67	103	20
Humphreys	752	22	33	8
Issaquena	152	5	0	0
Itawamba	2408	51	123	22
Jackson	9057	164	215	27
Jasper	1520	30	35	2
Jefferson	472	16	22	4
Jefferson Davis	793	24	8	1
Jones	5455	98	208	39
Kemper	681	19	44	9
Lafayette	4401	86	186	51
Lamar	4335	61	48	13
Lauderdale	5169	171	379	88
Lawrence	936	16	27	2
Leake	2128	59	81	12
Lee	8075	123	210	40
Leflore	2752	102	226	49
Lincoln	2698	80	169	36
Lowndes	4673	97	209	43
Madison	7447	145	341	63
Marion	1813	66	155	22
Marshall	3027	63	62	15
Monroe	3184	91	179	53
Montgomery	1015	31	54	9
Neshoba	3087	144	191	55
Newton	1677	40	83	14
Noxubee	999	20	32	4
Total	225,444	4,975	9,452	1,742

County	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total LTC Facility Cases	Total LTC Facility Deaths
Oktibbeha	3565	78	207	34
Panola	3318	71	103	13
Pearl River	2773	85	156	31
Perry	919	31	21	7
Pike	2318	72	118	32
Pontotoc	3294	44	21	3
Prentiss	2229	45	99	15
Quitman	617	7	0	0
Rankin	9228	175	329	48
Scott	2199	41	37	4
Sharkey	403	17	43	8
Simpson	2132	66	152	19
Smith	1079	20	55	8
Stone	1252	18	78	9
Sunflower	2513	62	102	15
Tallahatchie	1265	33	43	7
Tate	2469	56	80	19
Tippah	2075	41	80	5
Tishomingo	1629	53	101	27
Tunica	780	19	15	2
Union	3033	46	105	17
Walthall	1029	35	67	13
Warren	2914	80	164	37
Washington	4504	119	187	39
Wayne	1765	27	69	11
Webster	821	21	57	11
Wilkinson	541	24	24	5
Winston	1889	58	105	31
Yalobusha	1046	33	81	22
Yazoo	2184	50	138	17
Total	225,444	4,975	9,452	1,742

Case Classifications

Mississippi investigates and reports both probable and confirmed cases and deaths according to the [CSTE case definition](#).

	Confirmed	Probable	Total
Cases	151,895	73,549	225,444
Deaths	3,902	1,073	4,975

Confirmed cases and deaths are generally determined by positive PCR tests, which detect the presence of ongoing coronavirus infection.

Probable cases are those who test positive by other testing methods such as antibody or antigen, and have recent symptoms consistent with COVID-19, indicating a recent infection.

Probable deaths are those individuals with a designation of COVID-19 as a cause of death on the death certificate, but where no confirmatory testing was performed.

Deaths from COVID-19 and Other Causes

This table of death counts compares COVID-19 deaths in Mississippi by week with deaths from other major causes, including contributing and underlying causes.

- ▶ [Mississippi Provisional Death Counts by Week](#)
Updated weekly

K-12 School Report

Mississippi K-12 schools make weekly reports of cases among students, teachers and staff, number of outbreaks, and teachers and students under quarantine as a result of COVID-19 exposure. An outbreak in a school setting is defined as 3 or more individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 in the same group within a 14-day period.

Note: These cases have been directly reported to MSDH by each school, and may not yet have appeared in our state and county totals of cases reported by laboratories.

- ▶ [K-12 reports of COVID-19 school cases, outbreaks and exposure](#)
Updated weekly

Long-Term Care Facility Cases and Outbreaks

Long-term care (LTC) facilities like nursing homes are considered high risk locations because their residents are older or in poor health. A single confirmed COVID-19 infection in an LTC facility resident, or more than one infection in employees or staff in a 14-day period constitutes an outbreak. Residential care facilities also represent group living facilities where COVID-19 can be easily spread. We investigate residents, staff and close contacts of infected individuals for possible exposure.

These outbreak figures are reported directly to MSDH by the facility. Many of the cases and deaths reported by facilities may not yet be included in our totals of lab-reported cases.

- ▶ [Mississippi COVID-19 cases and deaths in long-term care facilities](#) PDF
Long-term care facilities include nursing homes, personal care homes, assisted living homes, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disability (ICF-IID)
- ▶ [Mississippi COVID-19 cases and deaths in residential care facilities](#) PDF
Residential care facilities include psychiatric or chemical dependency residential treatment centers and long-term acute care facilities.

Ongoing Outbreaks in Nursing Homes

Data such as illness in residents and staff, deaths in residents, as well as a number of other data elements are now publicly available on the website of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). MSDH is providing the following links to view this data, which is reported directly by nursing homes and is updated daily.

Note: Cases and deaths listed on the CMS website may not have appeared yet in our county totals, which are based on reports from testing laboratories.

- ▶ [Search for nursing home COVID-19 data](#)
- ▶ [About the CMS COVID-19 dataset](#)
- ▶ [CMS state and national COVID-19 nursing home data](#)

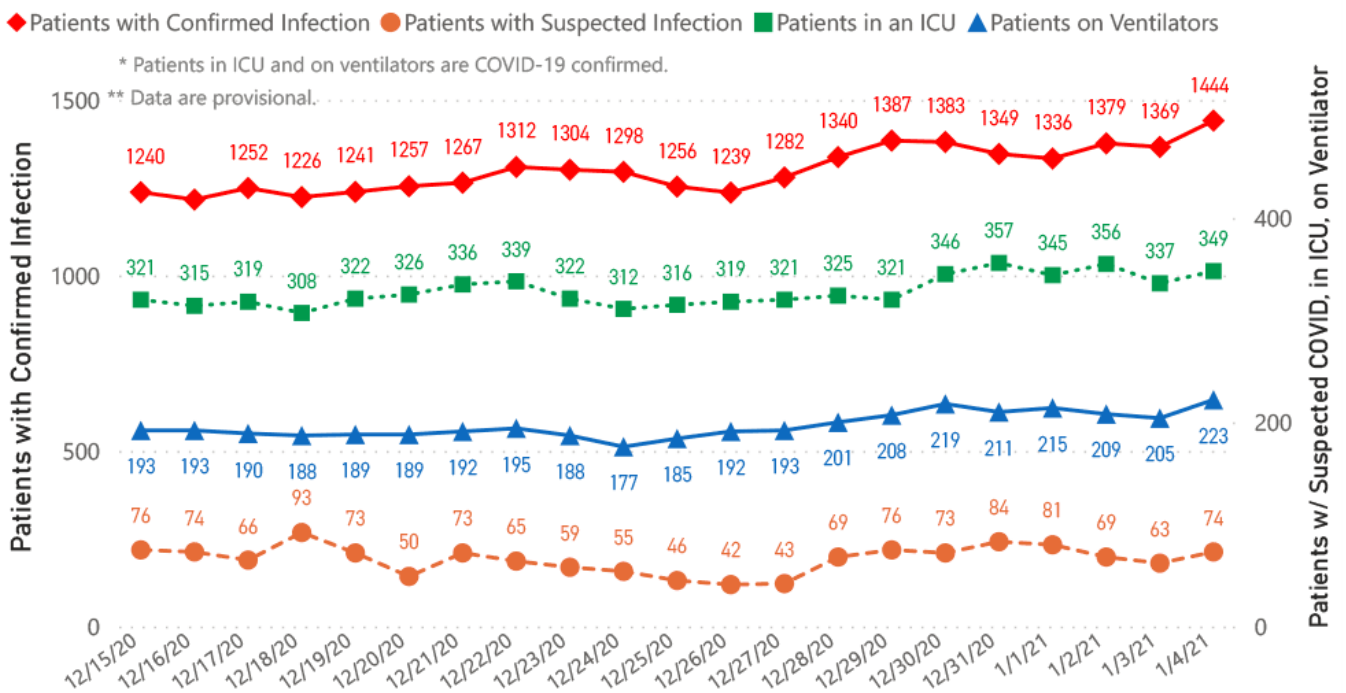
Mississippi COVID-19 Data Charts and Maps

All data reports below are updated as they become available.

Hospitalizations and Bed Availability

- ▶ [View interactive hospitalization charts](#)

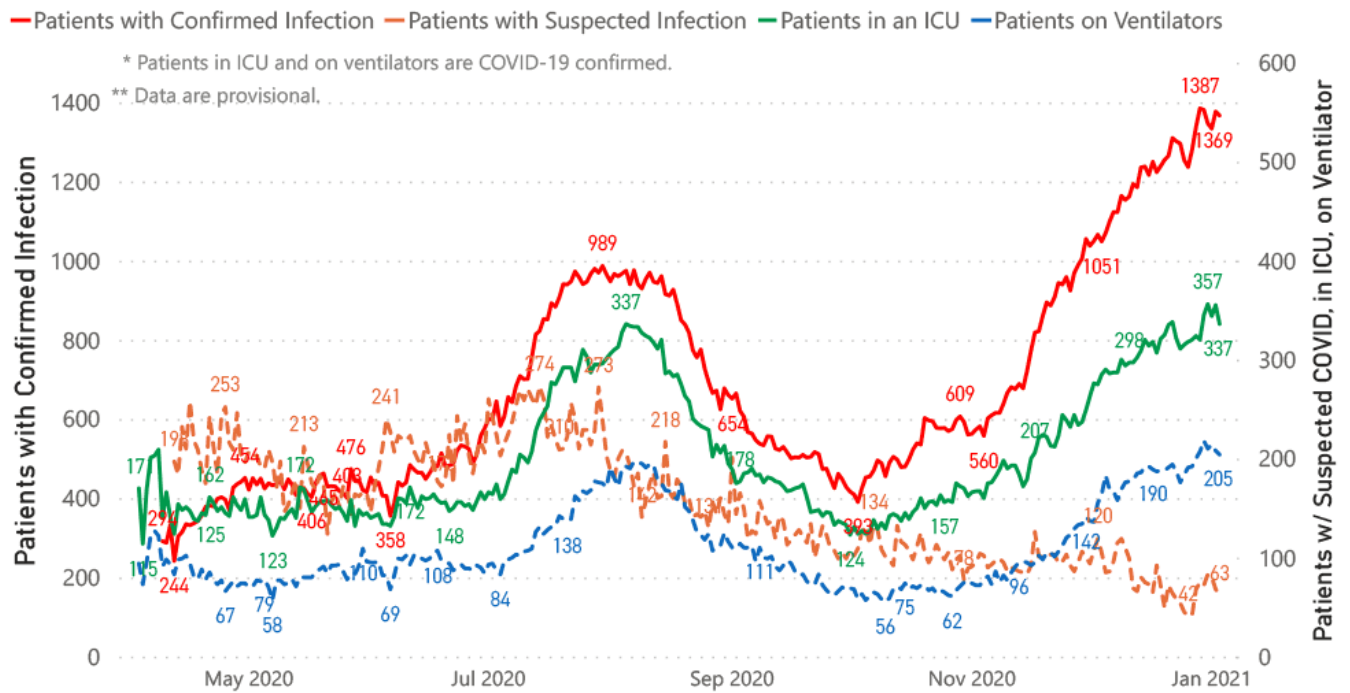
COVID-19 Hospitalizations Reported by MS Hospitals, 12/15/20 - 1/4/21 **, **



Hospitalization and ICU Use to Date

Updated weekly

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Trends, Reported by MS Hospitals as of 1/3/21 *,**



Daily Case Maps

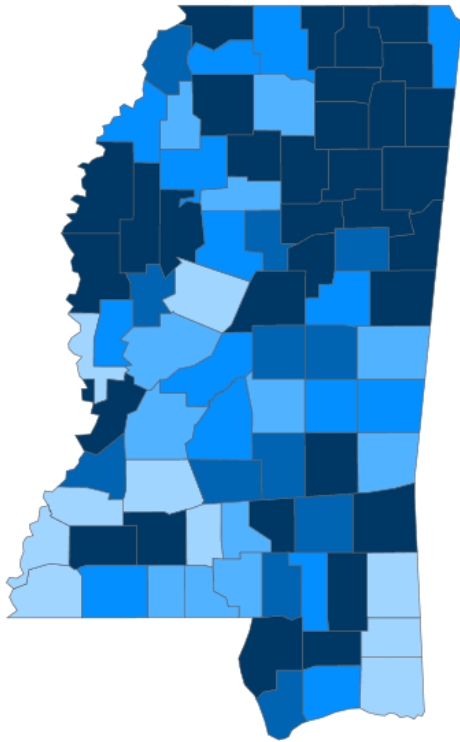
▶ [View all interactive maps](#)

Recent COVID-19 Activity

The chart below shows counties according to COVID-19 incidence (cases by population) over the last 7 days.

▶ [See also: Weekly county incidence tables](#)

Mississippi COVID-19 Cases Incidence Rate * as of January 4, 2021



● <50.0 ● 50.0 to 60.0 ● 60.0 to 70.0 ● 70.0 to 80.0 ● >80.0

* Based on average daily new cases of past 7 days per 100,000 population.

7 Day Average
New Cases

2,201.7

Cumulative Cases

225,444

7 Day Average
Incidence Rate *

76.2

2019 Estimated Population

2,976,149

County	Incidence Rate	New Cases (7-Day Avg)	2019 Est. Population	Mask Mandate Status	Mask Mandate Started	Mask Mandate Ended
Union	163.1	47.0	28,815	Active	11/24/20	
Webster	150.4	14.6	9,689	None		
Jasper	139.5	22.9	16,383	None		
Bolivar	121.3	37.1	30,628	Active	11/24/20	
Noxubee	117.9	12.3	10,417	None		
Monroe	115.5	40.7	35,252	None		
Itawamba	114.2	26.7	23,390	Active	11/16/20	
Lowndes	111.7	65.4	58,595	Active	11/24/20	
Prentiss	106.9	26.9	25,126	Active	11/24/20	
Covington	105.0	19.6	18,636	Active	11/11/20	

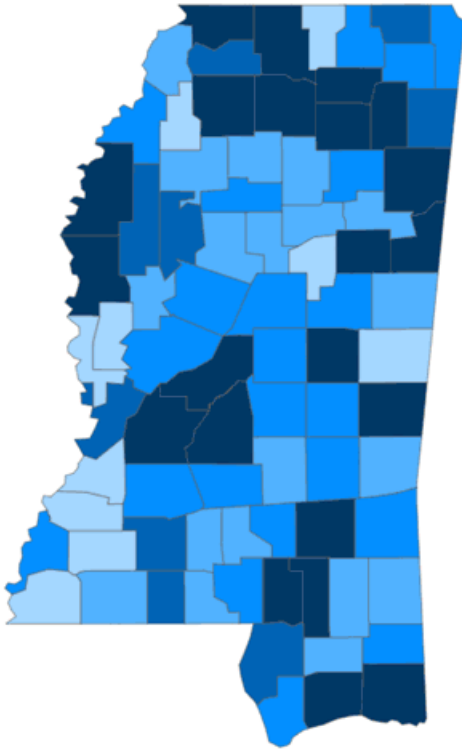
Cumulative COVID-19 Cases

Total cases and deaths by county since the start of the pandemic.

▶ [See also: Weekly estimate of recoveries](#)

Mississippi COVID-19
Cases and Deaths by Race with Ethnicity
as of 6 pm CT, January 4, 2021

Total Cases
225,444



	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	White	Other	Unknown
Non Hispanic	884	687	60,841	82,310	2,234	1,452
Hispanic	40	26	267	1,532	2,706	420
Unknown Ethnicity	870	262	14,886	21,836	6,231	27,960

Total Deaths
4,975

	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	White	Other	Unknown
Non Hispanic	73	8	1,786	2,186	26	10
Hispanic	1	0	7	26	16	1
Unknown Ethnicity	21	7	264	385	42	116

● 1 to 750 ● 751 to 1500 ● 1501 to 2250 ● 2251 to 3000 ● >3000

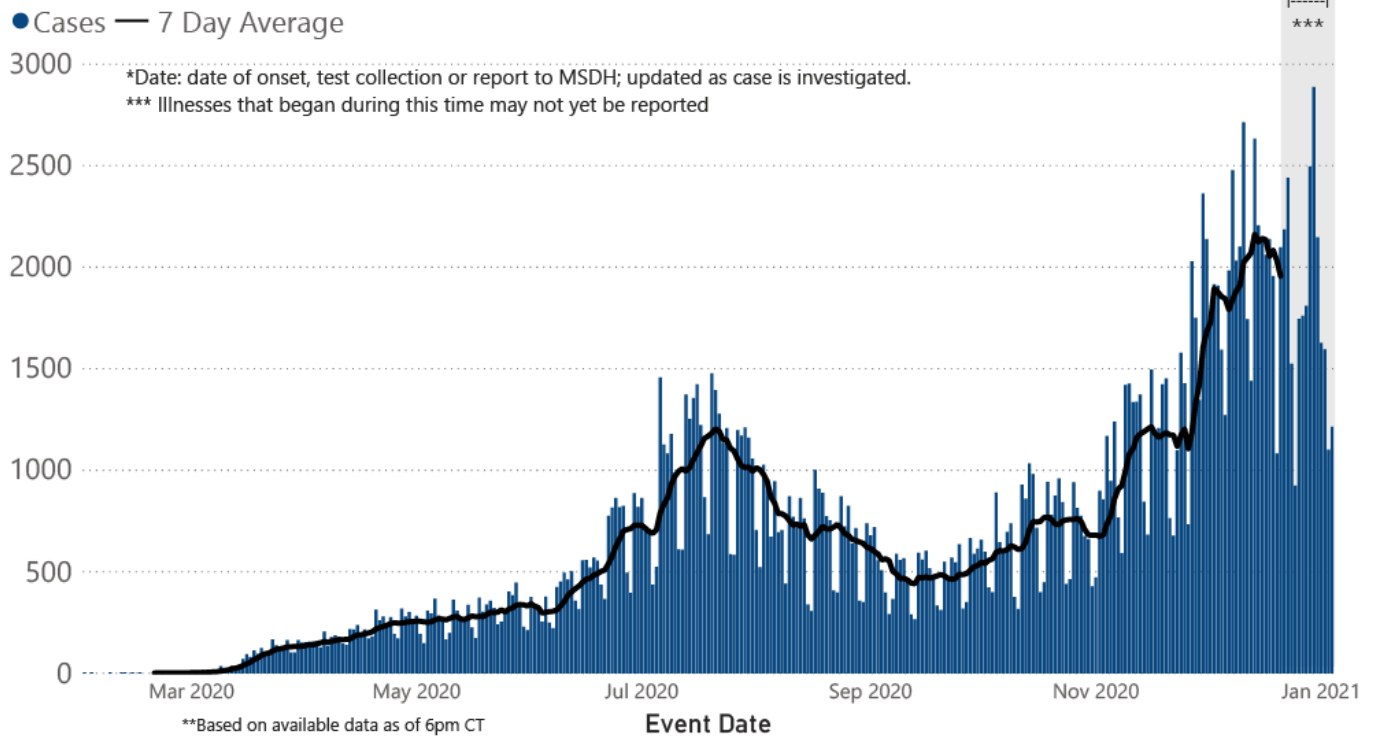
Daily Statewide Data Charts

Our state case map and other data charts are also available in interactive form.

▶ [View interactive epidemiological and surveillance charts](#)

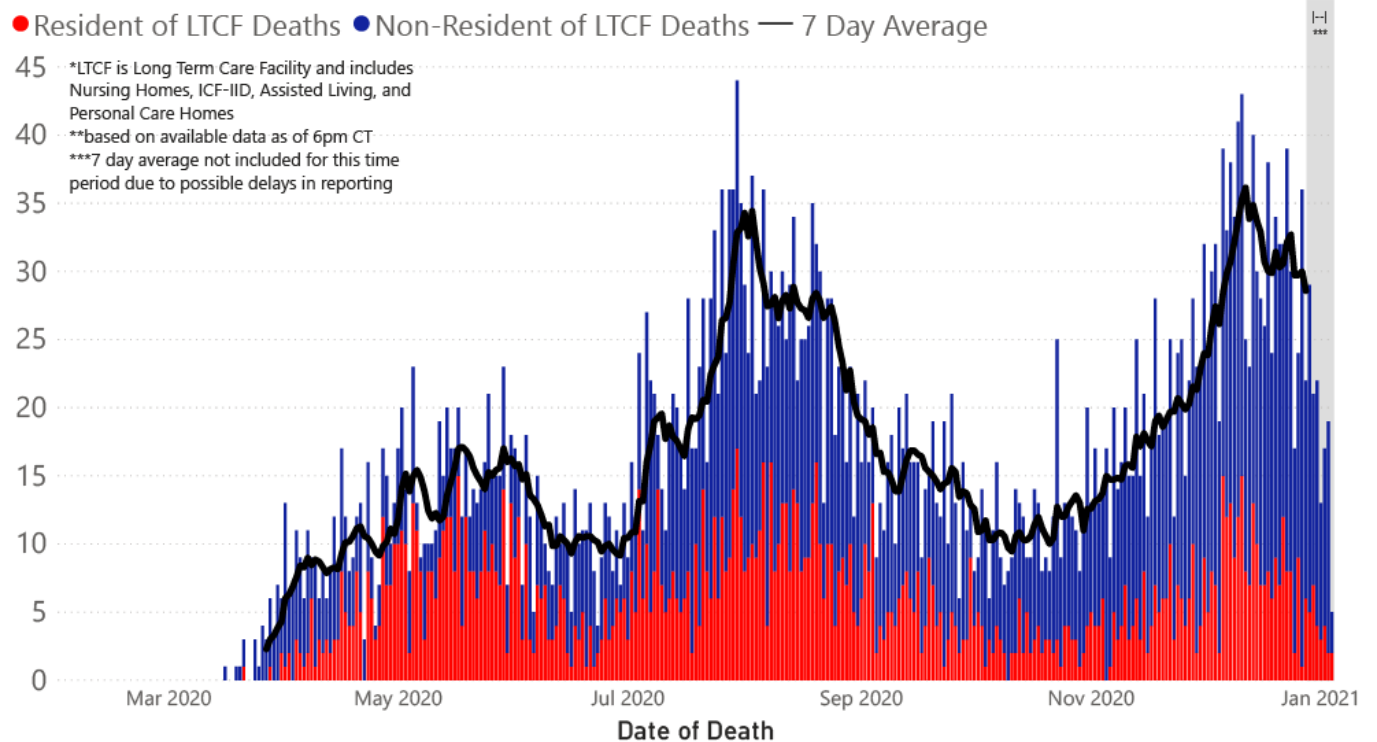
The charts below are based on available data at the time of publication. Charts do **not** include cases where insufficient details of the case are known.

COVID-19 Cases by Date* through January 4, 2021**, Mississippi



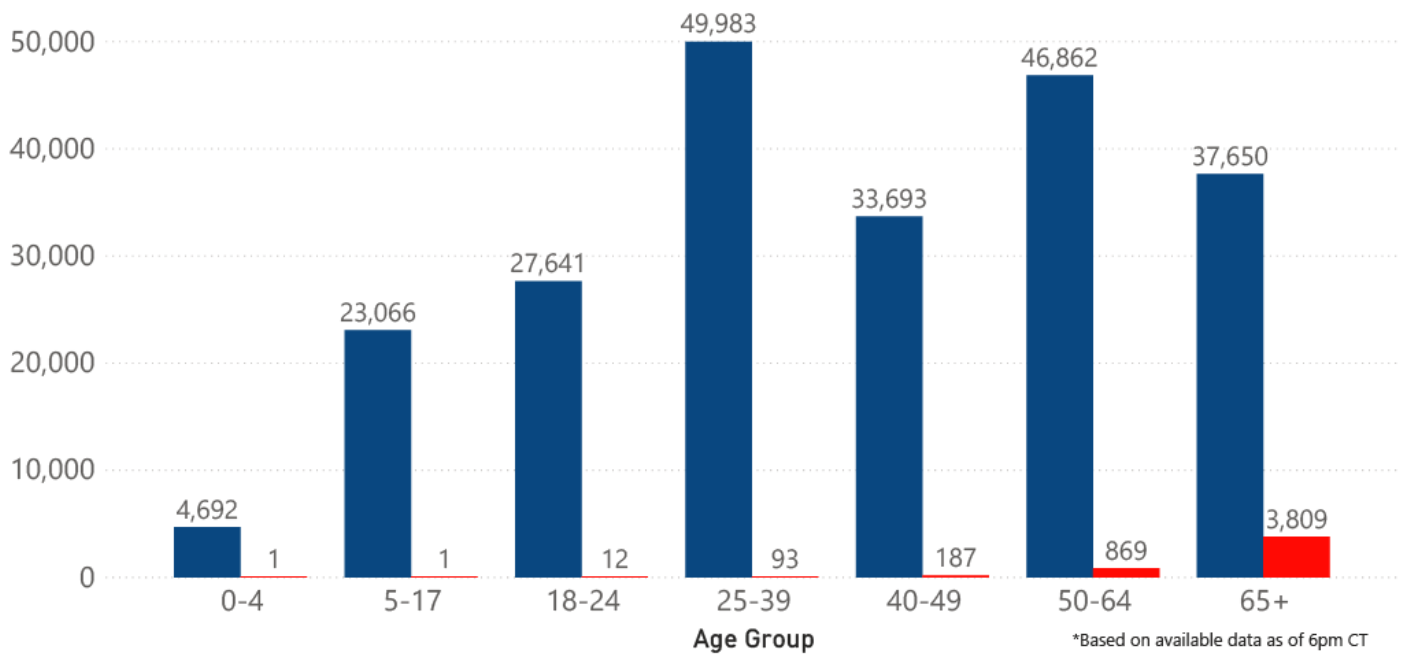
Note: Values up to two weeks in the past on the chart of Cases by Date above can change as we update it with new information from disease investigation.

COVID-19 LTCF* and Non-LTCF Deaths by Date of Death through January 4, 2021**, Mississippi



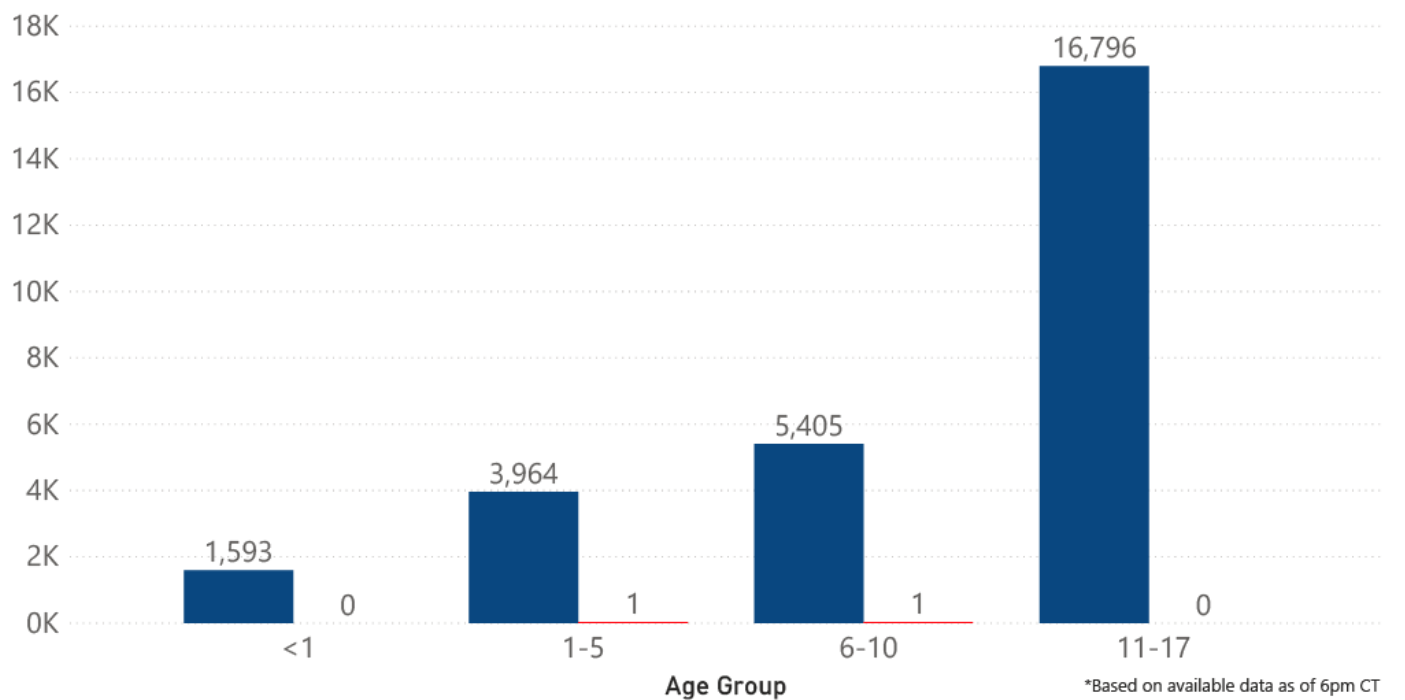
COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Age Group through January 4, 2021*, Mississippi

● Cases ● Deaths

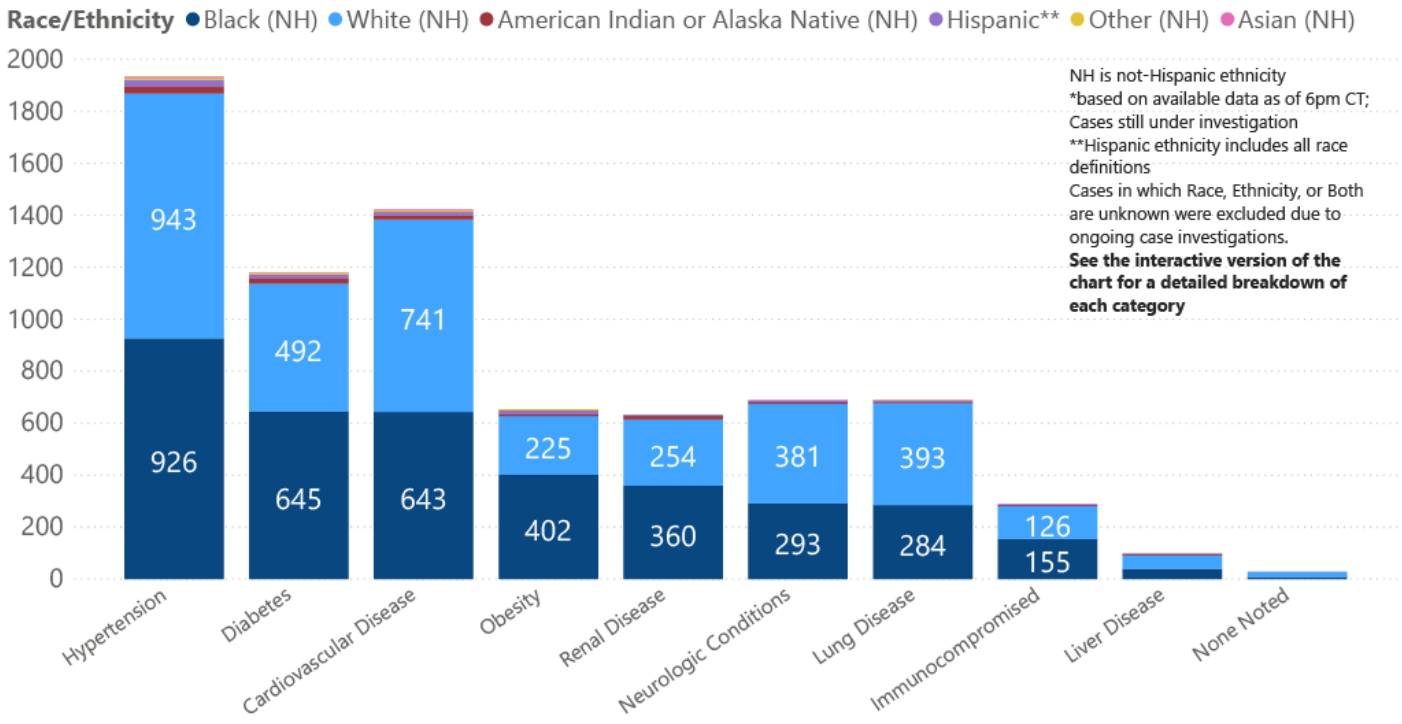


COVID-19 Pediatric Cases and Deaths by Age Group through January 4, 2021*, Mississippi

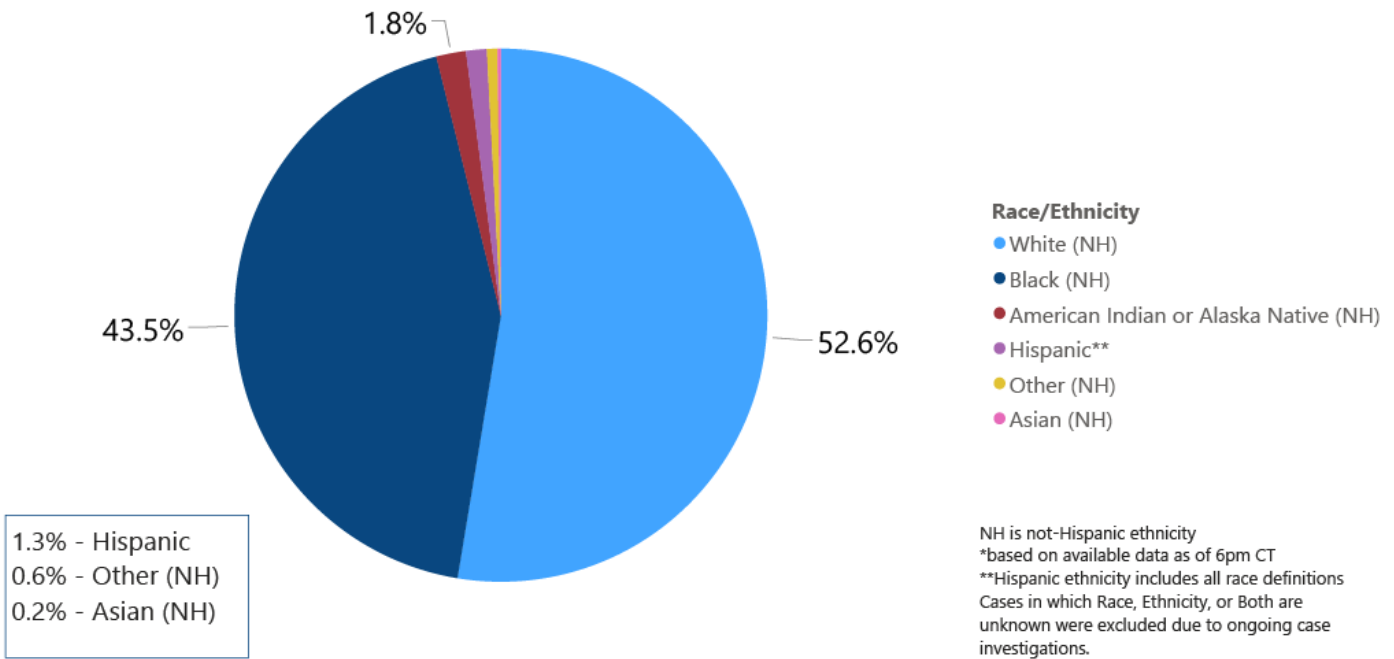
● Cases ● Deaths



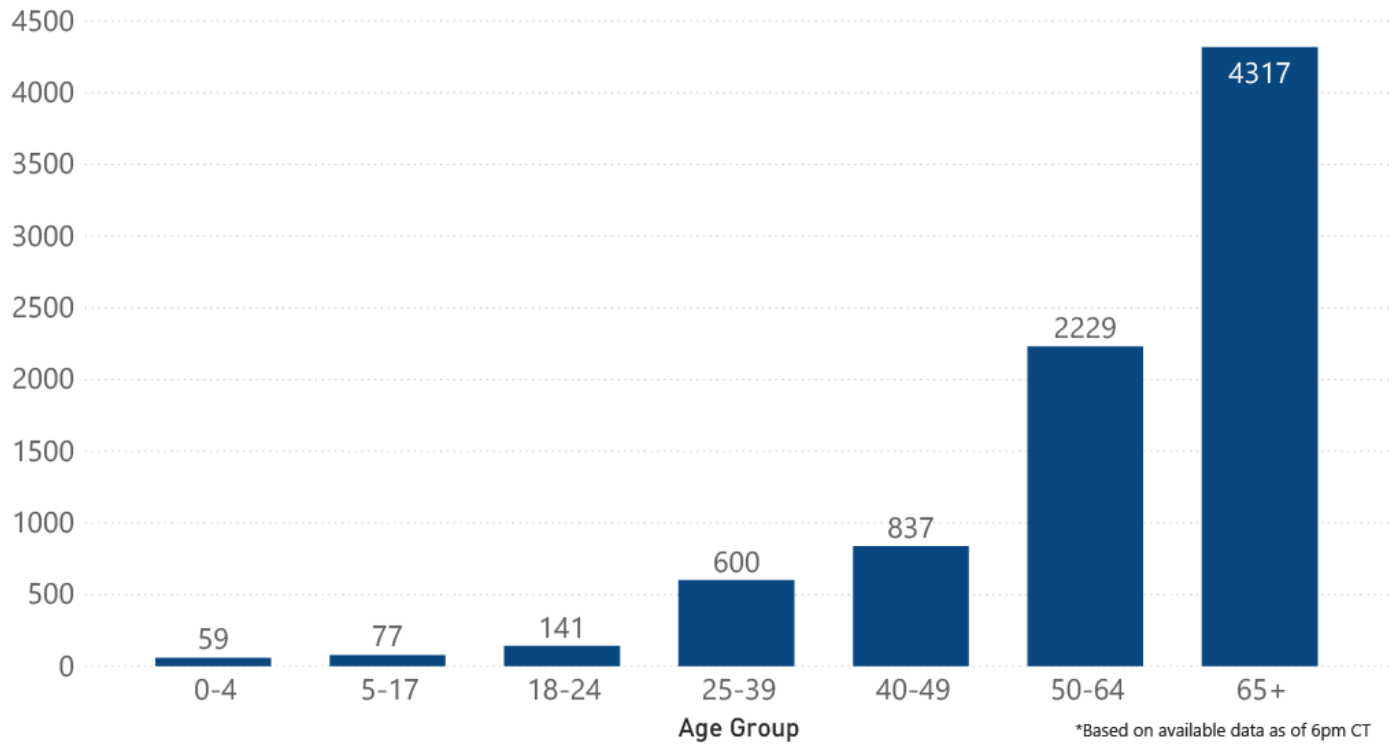
COVID-19 Underlying Conditions in Deaths by Race/Ethnicity through January 3, 2021*, Mississippi



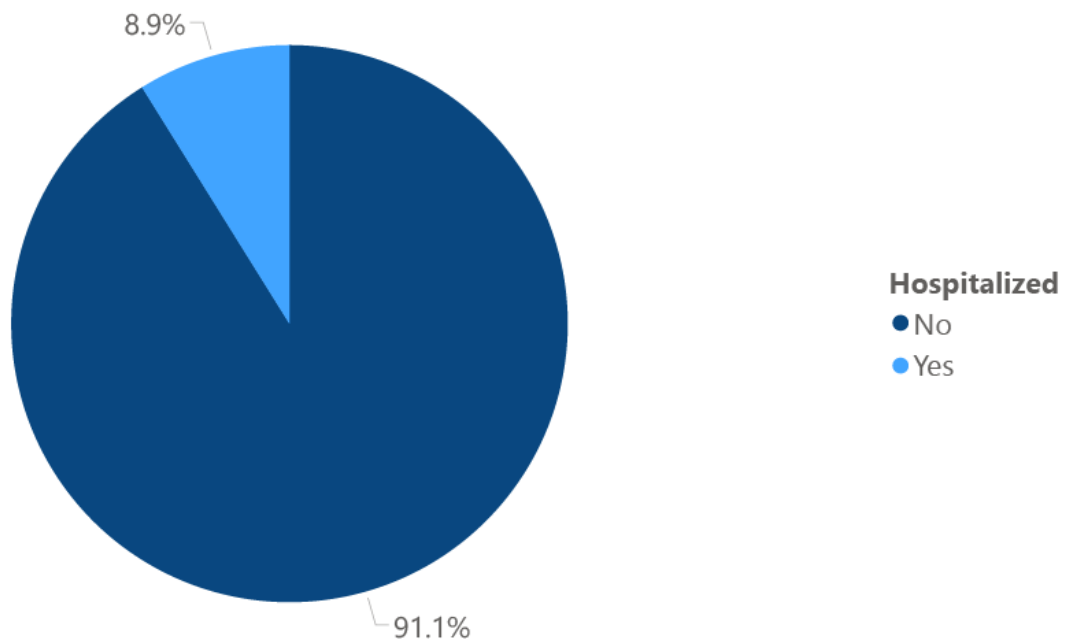
COVID-19 Deaths by Race/Ethnicity through January 3, 2021*, Mississippi



COVID-19 Hospitalized Cases by Age through January 3, 2021*, Mississippi



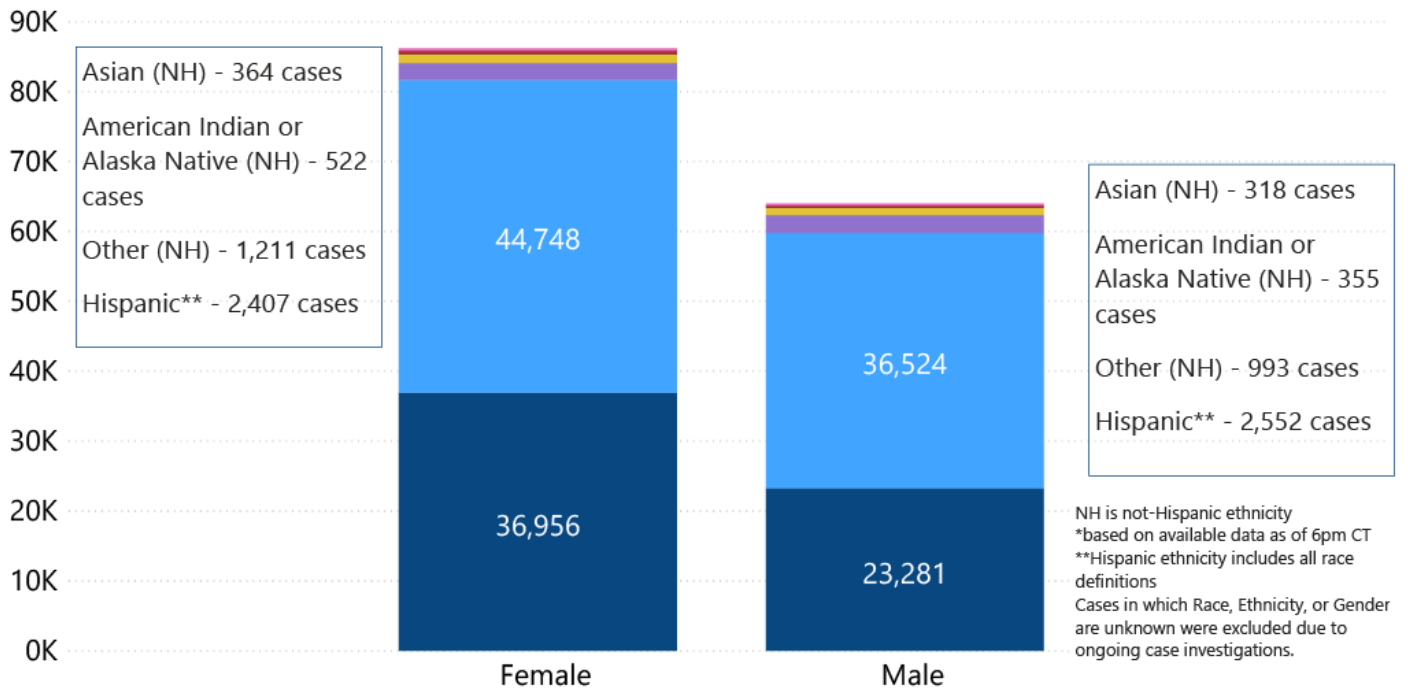
COVID-19 Cumulative Hospitalizations- Investigated Cases January 3, 2021 *



* Cases in which hospitalization is unknown were excluded due to ongoing case investigations; based on available data as of 6 pm CT

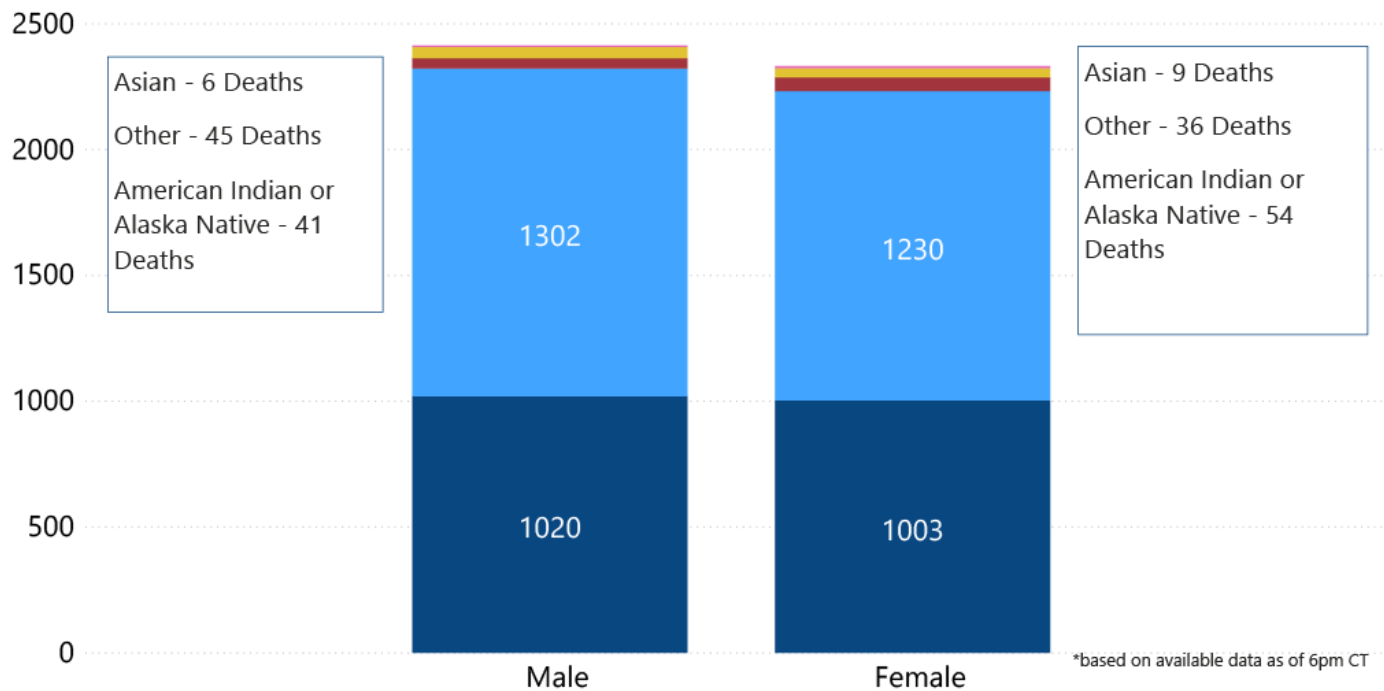
COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity and Gender through January 3, 2021*, Mississippi

Race/Ethnicity ● Black (NH) ● White (NH) ● Hispanic** ● Other (NH) ● American Indian or Alaska Native (NH) ● Asian (NH)

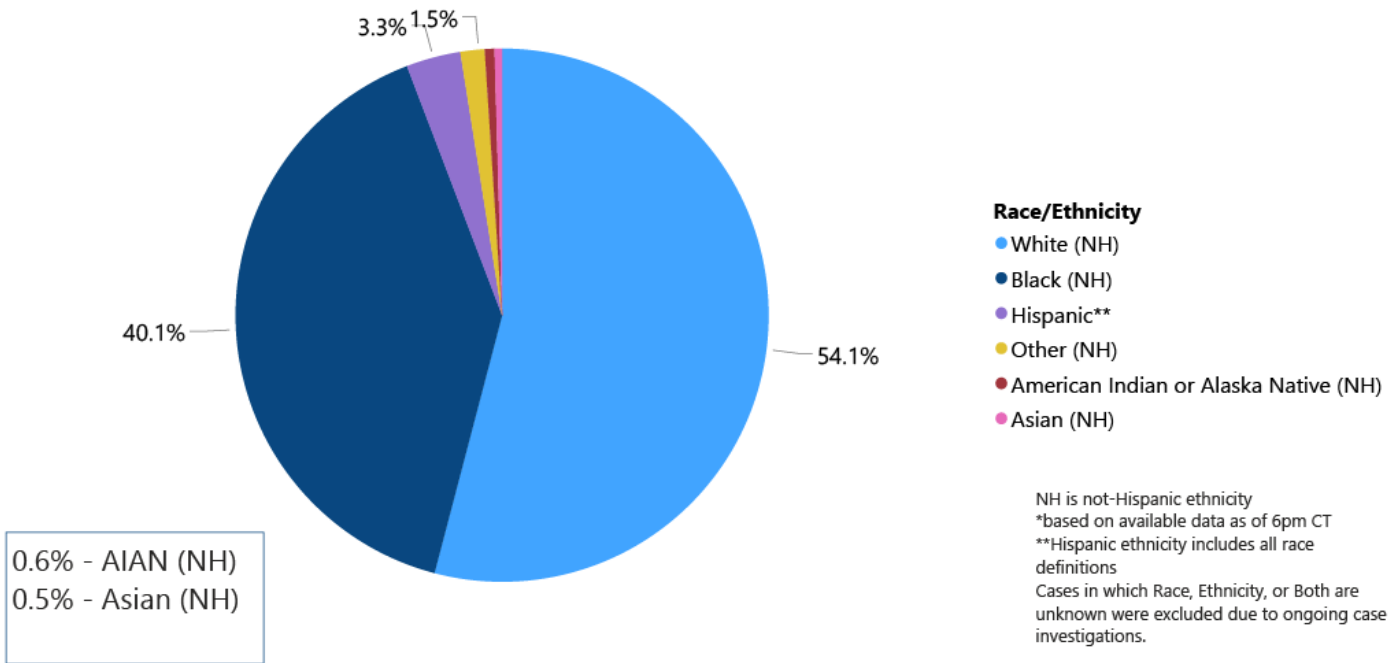


COVID-19 Deaths by Race and Gender through January 3, 2021*, Mississippi

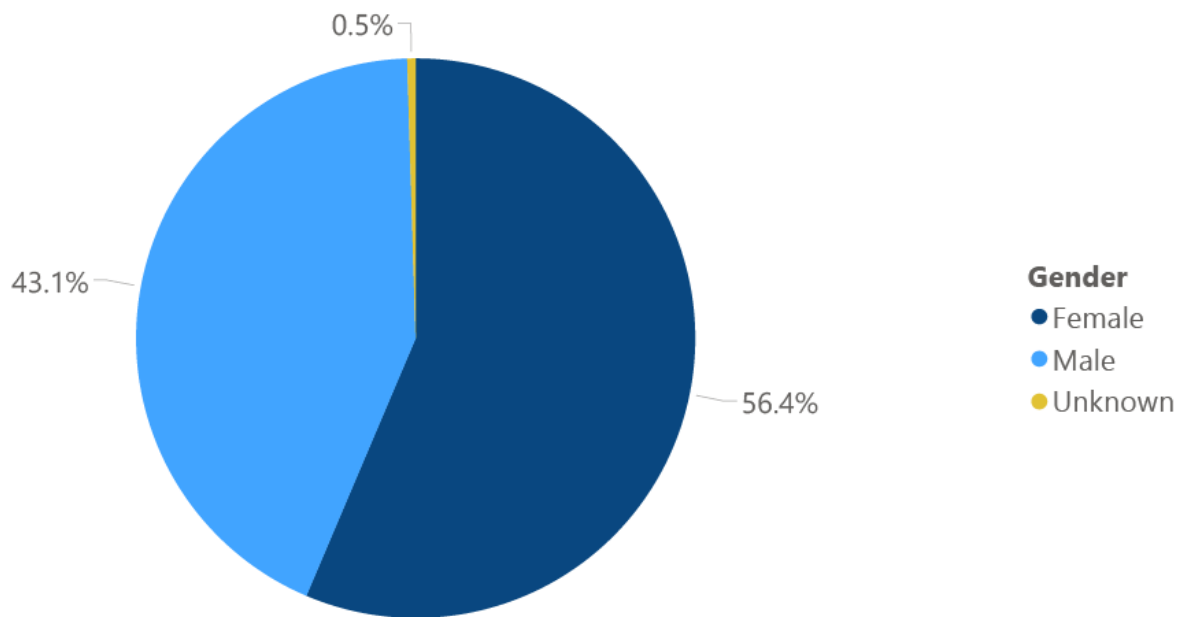
Race ● Black ● White ● American Indian or Alaska Native ● Other ● Asian



COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity through January 3, 2021*, Mississippi



COVID-19 Cases by Gender through January 3, 2021*, Mississippi



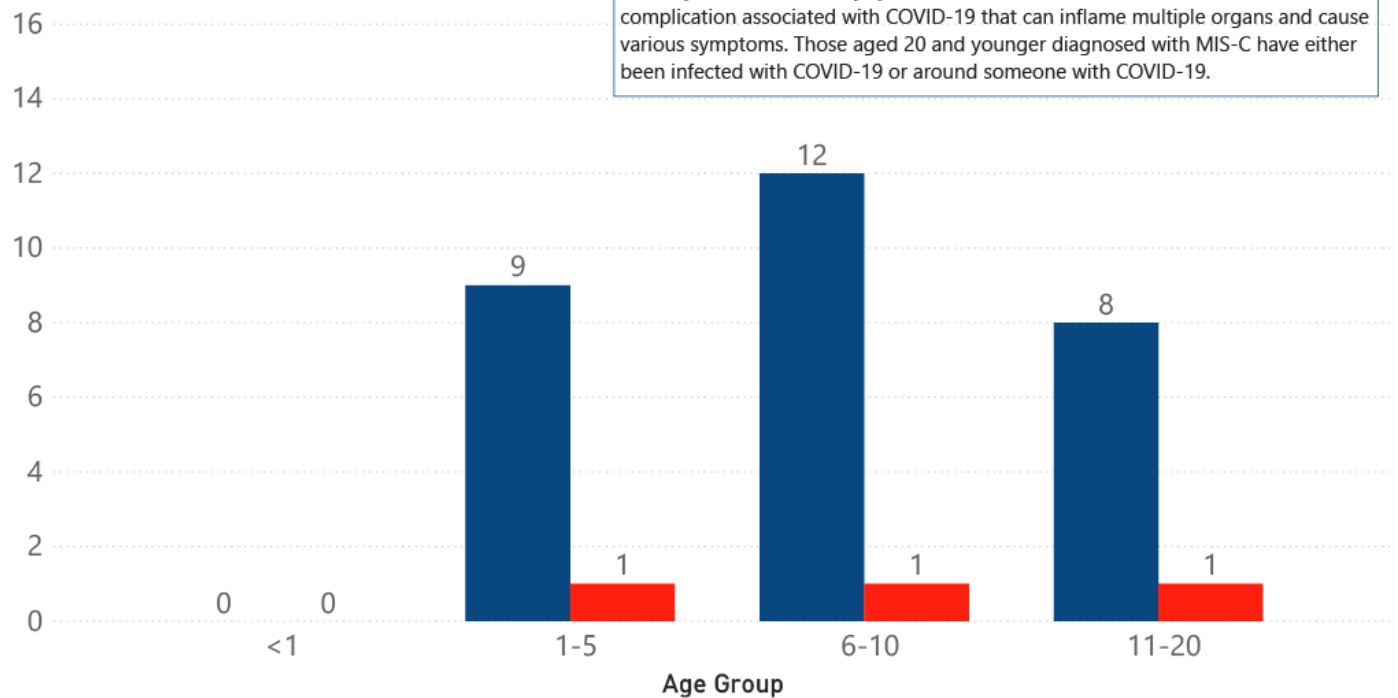
*Based on available data as of 6pm CT

Weekly Pediatric MIS-C Cases and Deaths

[Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children \(MIS-C\)](#) is a rare but serious condition associated with COVID-19 that causes inflammation in many body parts, including the heart and other vital organs.

MIS-C* Cases and Deaths by Age Group through January 3, 2021, Mississippi

● MIS-C Cases ● MIS-C Deaths



Weekly High Case and High Incidence Counties

Tracking counties with recent high numbers of COVID-19 cases, adjusted for population, provides insight on where local outbreaks are most serious, and where protective measures should be increased. For more accurate reporting, these weekly charts include sample collection dates only up to seven days in the past to allow for case investigation and delays in lab test reports.

Cases counts in these charts is based on the date of illness onset. If the date of illness is not known, the date the test sample was taken, or the date of test result reporting is used instead. Counts are adjusted as cases are investigated.

Counties are ranked by highest weekly case counts, and by weekly incidence (cases proportional to population). A separate table ranking all counties is also available. **All tables updated weekly.**

► [Full tables of counties ranked by weekly incidence and cases](#) PDF

COVID-19 High Incidence MS Counties Over 2 Week Period (December 14-27, 2020*)

County	Cases (December 14-27)	Cases per 100,000 (December 14-27)	Cases to Date (through December 27)	Cases per 100,000 Total	Percent Change
JASPER	280	1709.1	1378	8411.2	26%
UNION	453	1572.1	2704	9384.0	20%
PONTOTOC	498	1547.8	3090	9604.0	19%
LOWNDES	893	1524.0	4236	7229.3	27%
BOLIVAR	454	1482.3	3312	10813.6	16%
CHICKASAW	247	1444.2	1558	9109.5	19%
ITAWAMBA	337	1440.8	2202	9414.3	18%
CALHOUN	204	1420.5	1136	7910.3	22%
LEAKE	323	1417.5	1994	8751.0	19%
WINSTON	248	1381.2	1812	10091.9	16%
TIPPAH	290	1317.3	1938	8803.1	18%
ATTALA	227	1249.0	1683	9260.5	16%

*based on available data as of 6pm CT
 Cases based on test date. Cases without test date excluded due to ongoing investigations.
 Table will be updated weekly. A one week lag is used for reporting.

COVID-19 High Case MS Counties Over 2 Week Period (December 14-27, 2020*)

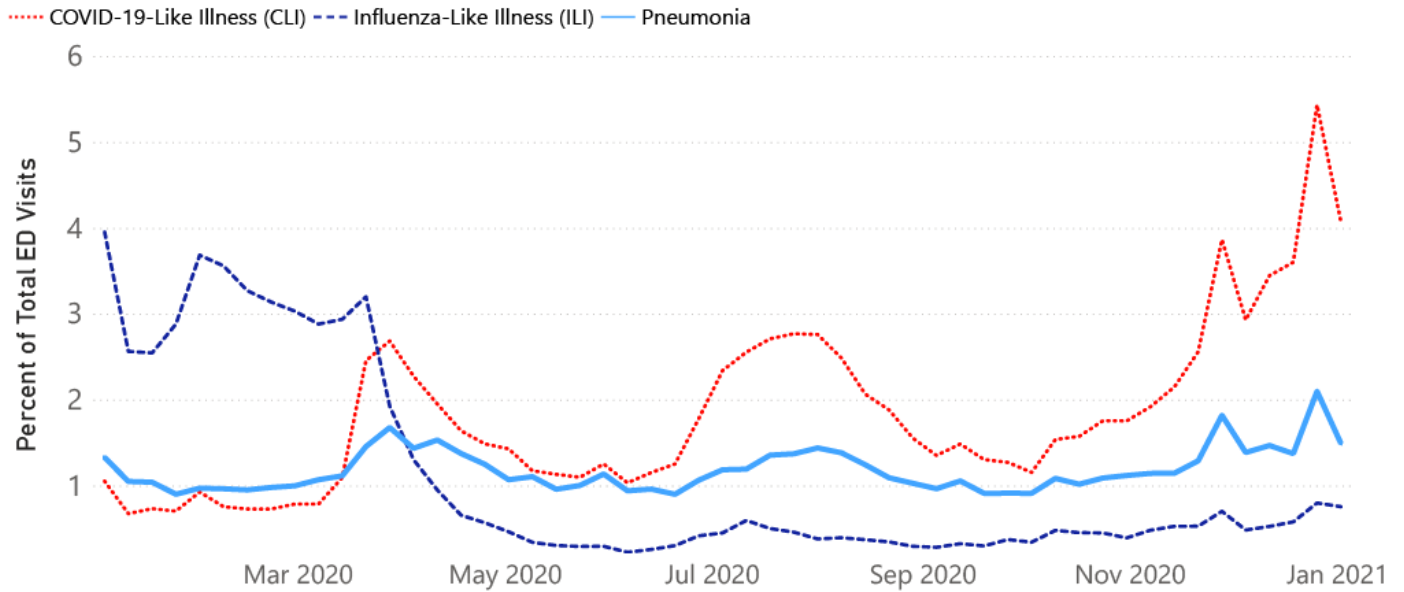
County	Cases (December 14-27)	Cases per 100,000 (December 14-27)	Cases to Date (through December 27)	Cases per 100,000 Total	Percent Change
DESOTO	2058	1112.8	14317	7741.2	17%
HINDS	1595	688.0	13668	5895.4	13%
HARRISON	1491	716.6	10435	5014.9	17%
RANKIN	1163	749.0	8539	5499.4	16%
JACKSON	1061	738.8	8585	5977.7	14%
LEE	1042	1219.6	7445	8714.1	16%
MADISON	991	932.5	6990	6577.5	17%
LOWNDES	893	1524.0	4236	7229.3	27%
JONES	637	935.4	5081	7461.3	14%
LAUDERDALE	553	746.0	4828	6513.3	13%
FORREST	529	706.3	5110	6822.7	12%
WASHINGTON	514	1170.6	4199	9563.0	14%

*based on available data as of 6pm CT
 Cases based on test date. Cases without test date excluded due to ongoing investigations.
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Syndromic Surveillance

Emergency department visits by those with symptoms characteristic of COVID-19, influenza and pneumonia, updated weekly.

Percentage of Emergency Department and Clinic visits for CLI, ILI, and Pneumonia Cases Weekly Statewide Summary, January 4, 2020 - January 2, 2021



*The graph represents syndromic surveillance data from emergency department visits, reported electronically by hospitals throughout the state, that are consistent with COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI), Influenza-Like Illness (ILI), and Pneumonia. Based on available data as of 6pm CT. Graph will be updated weekly.

Estimated Recoveries

Presumed COVID-19 cases recovered, estimated weekly (does not include cases still under investigation).

COVID-19 Presumed Recovered Cases through January 3, 2021, Mississippi

182,103
Presumed Recovered*

*Reflects Provisional Estimates. Presumed Recovered if:

- 1) It has been 14 days or more since the case tested positive, if they were not hospitalized
- 2) It has been 21 days or more since the case tested positive, if they were hospitalized or hospitalization was unknown.

All deaths excluded. Presumed recovered counts will be updated weekly.

- ▶ [COVID-19 cases in the United States \(CDC\)](#)
- ▶ [U.S. COVID-19 Tracker \(CDC\)](#)
- ▶ [COVID-19 Global Case Map \(Johns Hopkins University\)](#)

COVID-19 Testing

Statewide Combined Testing as of January 2

COVID-19 testing providers around the state include commercial laboratories as well as hospital labs. Combined with testing done by the MSDH Public Health Laboratory, the figures provide a complete picture of all Mississippi testing. (Updated weekly)

PCR testing detects current, active COVID-19 infection in an individual.

Antibody (serology) testing identifies individuals with past COVID-19 infection based on antibodies they develop one to three weeks after infection.

Antigen testing is another way to identify current COVID-19 infection.

	Total tests	PCR	Antibody	Antigen
MSDH Public Health Laboratory	148,300	147,057	1,243	0
Other testing providers	1,738,236	1,188,416	63,078	486,742
Total tests for COVID-19 statewide	1,886,536	1,335,473	64,321	486,742

MSDH Individuals Tested as of January 4

MSDH Public Health Laboratory (MPHL) testing totals as of 3 p.m. These totals are for tests performed at the MPHL only.

- Total individuals tested by the MPHL: **99,335**
- Total positive individuals from MPHL tests: **11,920**

Getting Tested for COVID-19

The MSDH Public Health Laboratory, its partners, and private providers are testing statewide for COVID-19.

Anyone with symptoms of fever, severe cough or severe chest pains – especially those who are older or in poor health – should make arrangements for testing with their doctor or one of the many healthcare providers now performing testing. Always call ahead to the testing provider for instructions on safely being examined before you visit for your test.

Free testing: Free drive-through testing sites are offered at county health departments on a weekly schedule by appointment.

- ▶ [Find a COVID-19 testing provider near you](#)
- ▶ [Free COVID-19 rapid testing schedule](#)

Prevention and Guidance for Individuals and the Community

- ▶ [Preventive steps to take, recommendations, guidance and general information on COVID-19](#)

Related resources

- ▶ [IT IS REAL: COVID-19 as Told by Survivors](#)
- ▶ [Free COVID-19 Testing and Local Testing Providers](#)
- ▶ [COVID-19 Guidance and Prevention for Individuals and the Community](#)

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Vaccinations are now ongoing for high-risk healthcare workers and long-term care facilities.

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