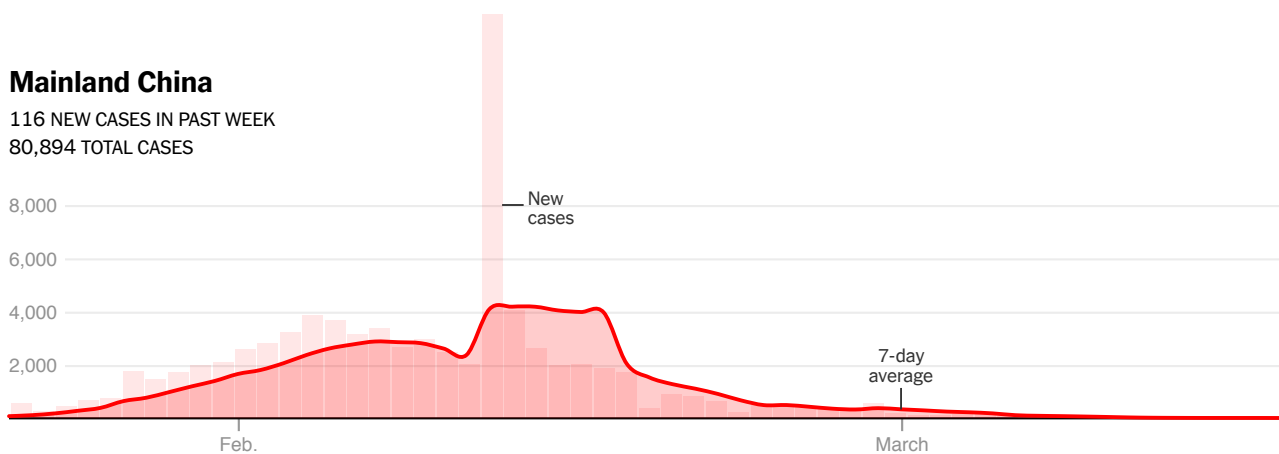


Which Country Has Flattened the Curve for the Coronavirus?

By K.K. Rebecca Lai and Keith Collins March 19, 2020

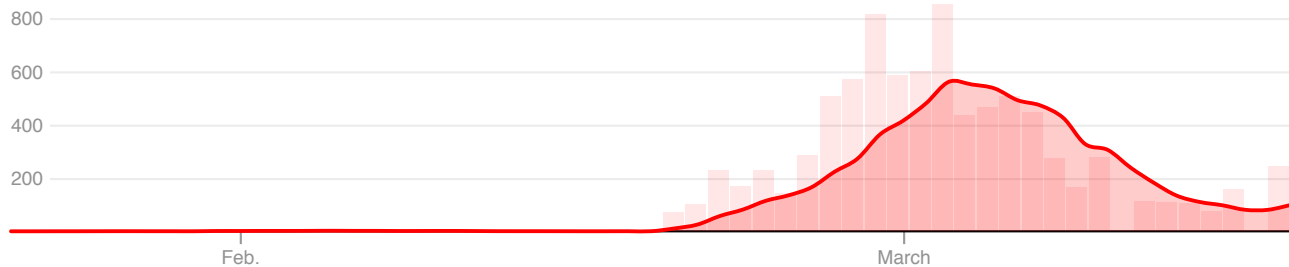
Just a few weeks ago, **China** was overwhelmed by the coronavirus pandemic that began in Wuhan. Since then, it has drastically reduced the number of new cases, what is known as flattening the curve.



South Korea appears to be headed on a similar path.

South Korea

810 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
8,565 TOTAL CASES

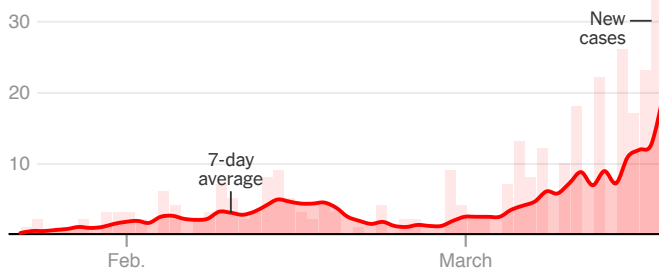


These charts track the number of new confirmed cases each day. Each red line is the seven-day moving average, which smooths out day-to-day anomalies in how the data are reported by authorities. The number of cases in China had a big jump in mid-February because officials changed the way cases were counted.

Despite their close proximity to China, **Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan** have managed to keep the number of cases down with some success, through vigilant monitoring and early intervention.

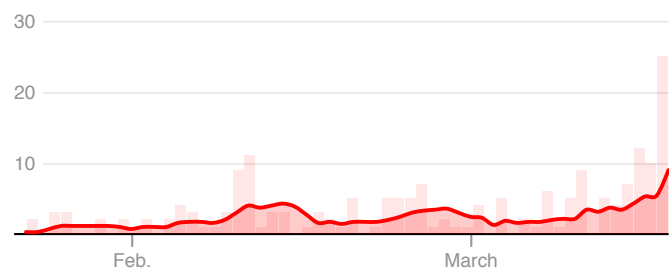
Singapore

153 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
313 TOTAL CASES



Hong Kong

72 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
192 TOTAL CASES



Taiwan

53 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
100 TOTAL CASES



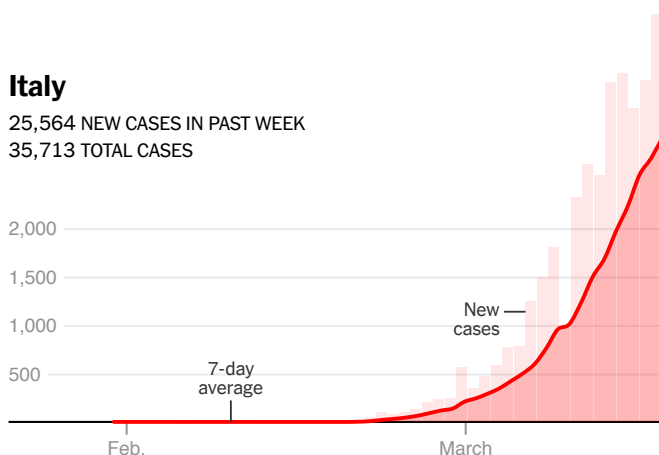
But recent spikes in those places suggest that they are still at risk. For example, 21 of the 23 new cases in Taiwan and at least 13 of the new cases in Hong Kong on Wednesday were people who had recently traveled overseas.

More countries are now implementing travel bans or mandatory quarantine for returning travelers, as the pandemic continues to ravage the world, sickening more than 210,000 people as of Wednesday evening.

In the United States and five other countries, the number of known coronavirus cases is still growing rapidly. They have all reported **more than 4,000 new cases in the past week.**

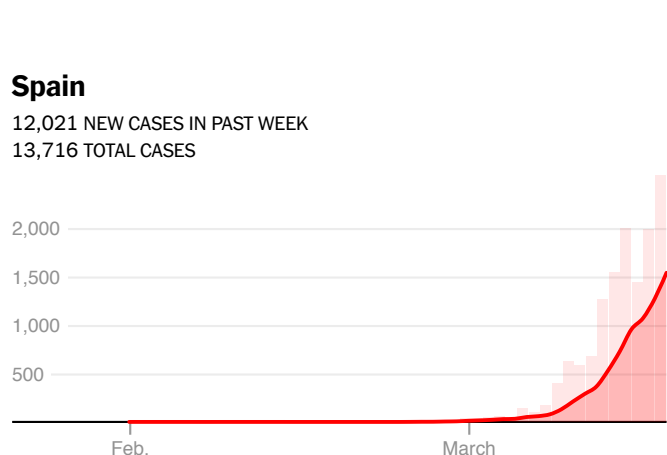
Italy

25,564 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
35,713 TOTAL CASES



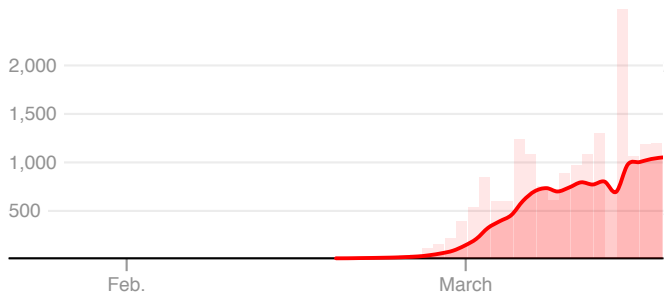
Spain

12,021 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
13,716 TOTAL CASES



Iran

9,319 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
17,361 TOTAL CASES



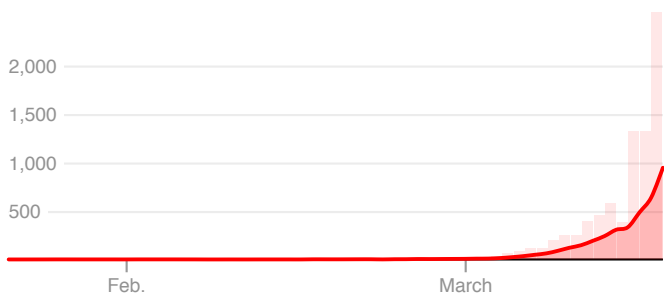
France

7,350 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
9,134 TOTAL CASES



United States

7,273 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
8,277 TOTAL CASES



Germany

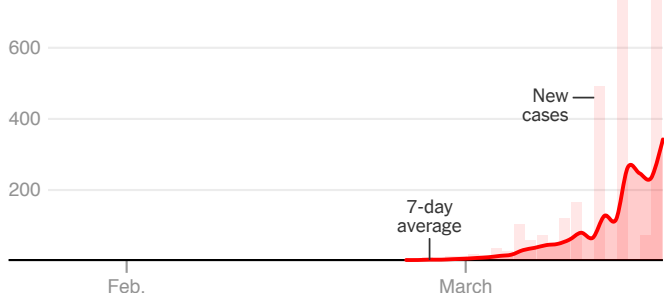
6,633 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
8,198 TOTAL CASES



These five countries have had less severe outbreaks so far but still reported **more than 1,000 new cases each in the past week.**

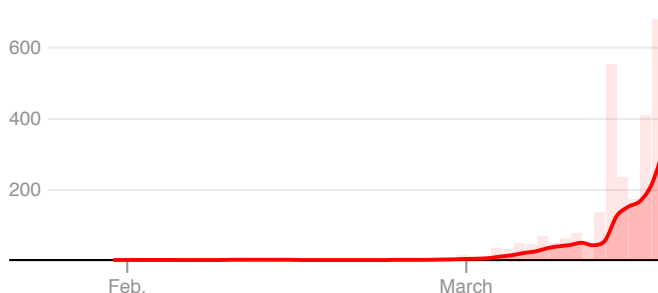
Switzerland

2,537 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
3,028 TOTAL CASES



U.K.

2,244 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
2,626 TOTAL CASES



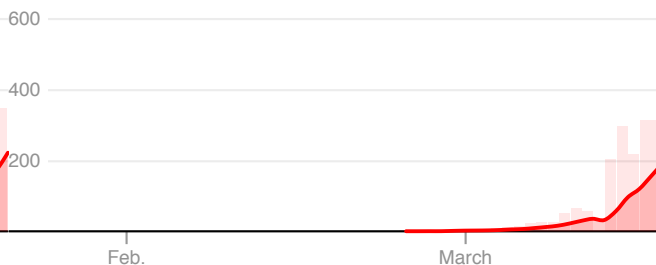
Netherlands

1,669 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
2,051 TOTAL CASES



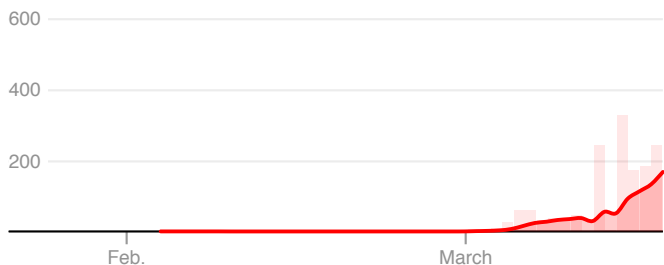
Austria

1,464 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
1,646 TOTAL CASES



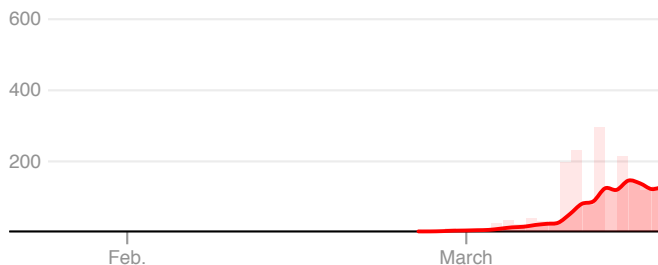
Belgium

1,219 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
1,486 TOTAL CASES



Norway

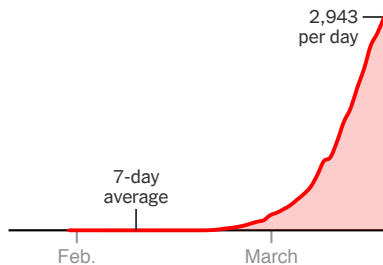
1,191 NEW CASES IN PAST WEEK
1,591 TOTAL CASES



Where Countries Are on the Curve

Here's a look at the trajectories of coronavirus cases in all of the countries that have had **more than 50 confirmed cases so far**. Scales are adjusted in each country to make the curve more readable. The countries are sorted by the number of new cases in the past week.

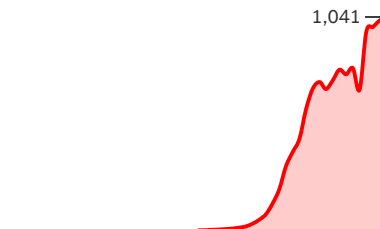
Italy

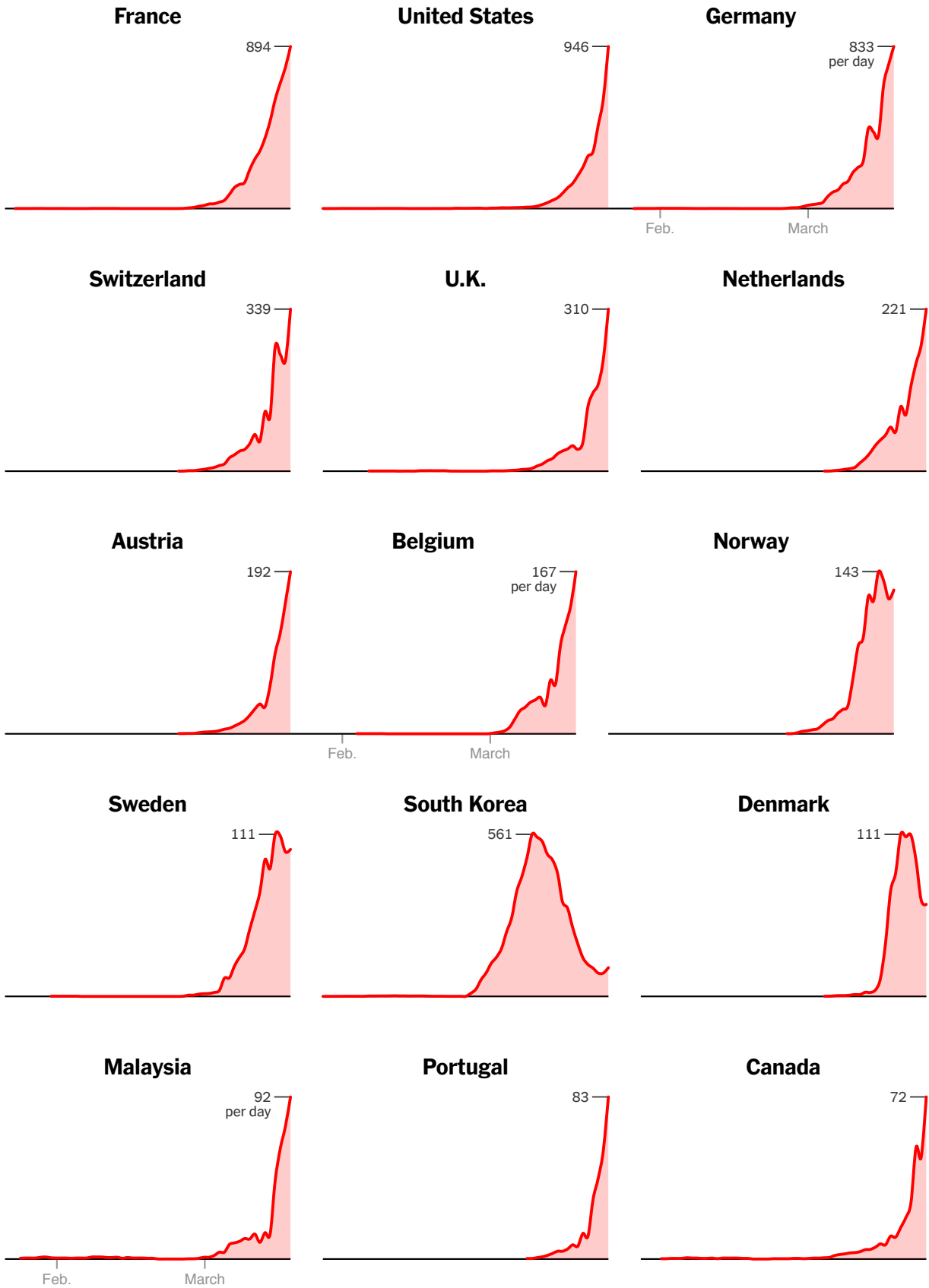


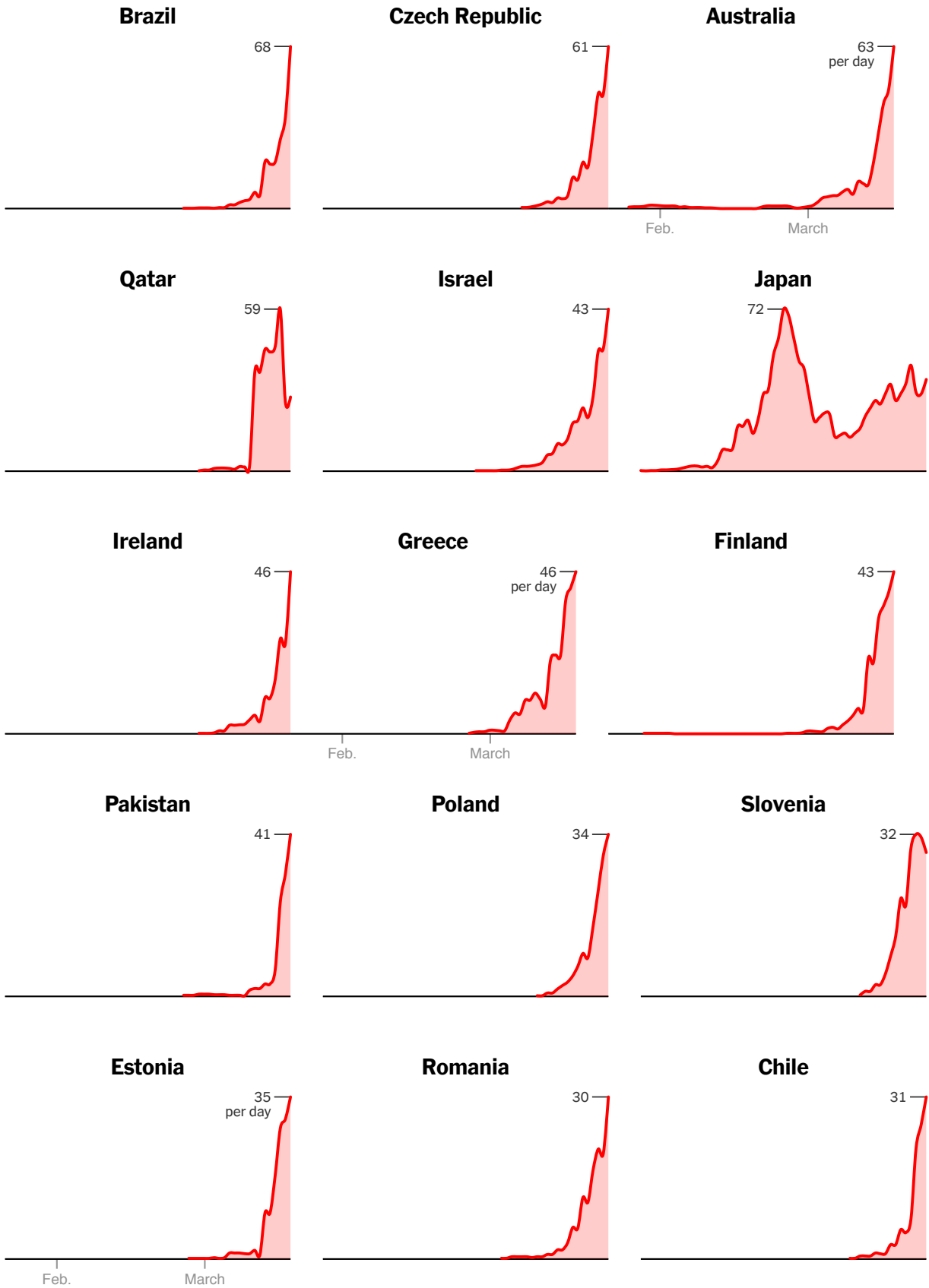
Spain

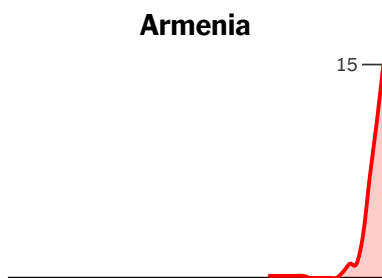
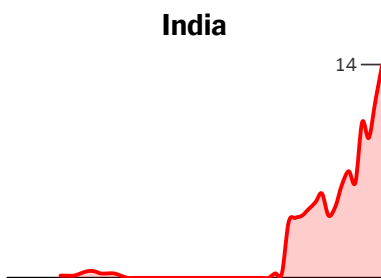
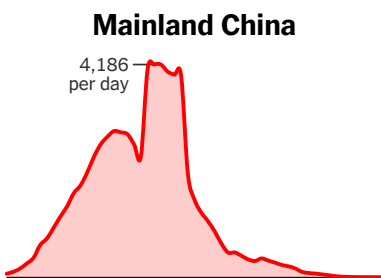
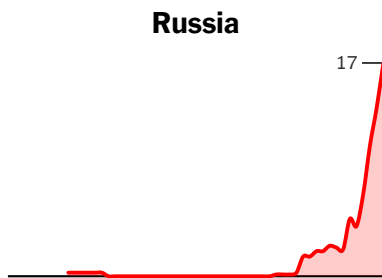
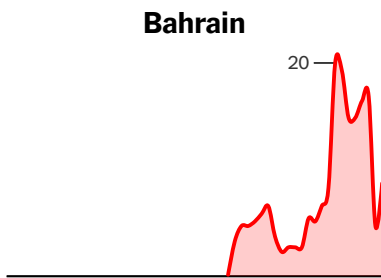
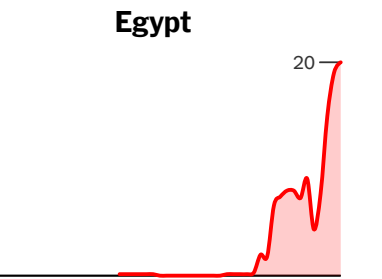
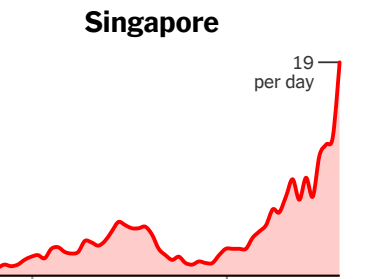
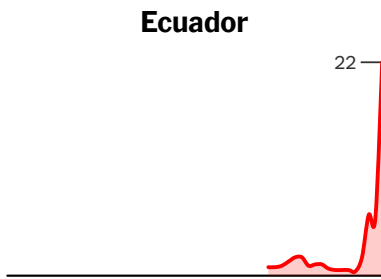
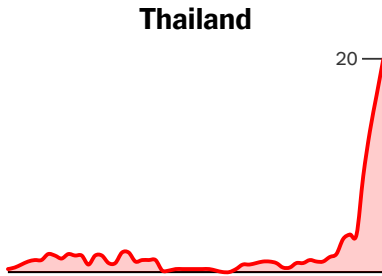
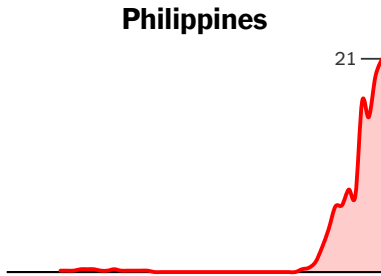
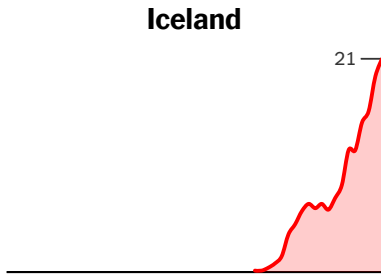
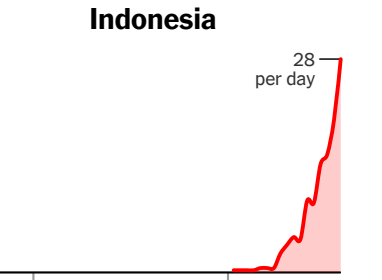
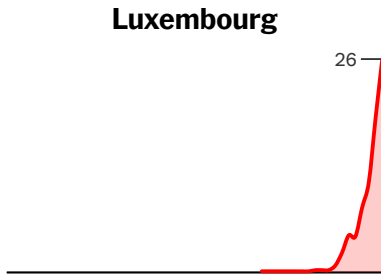
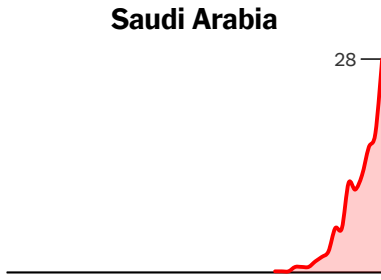


Iran









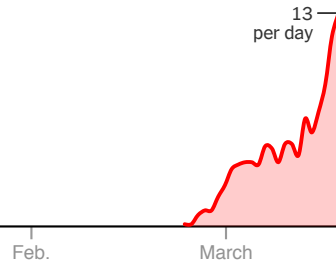
South Africa



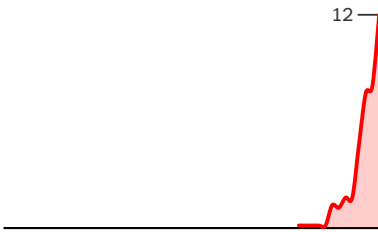
Slovakia



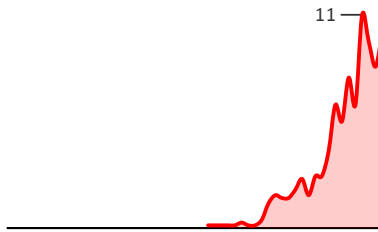
Iraq



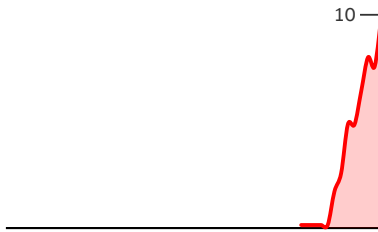
Colombia



Lebanon



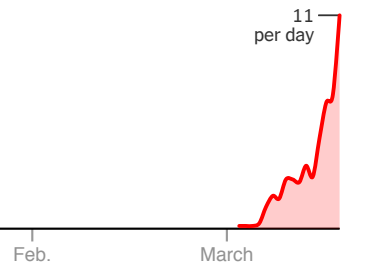
Serbia



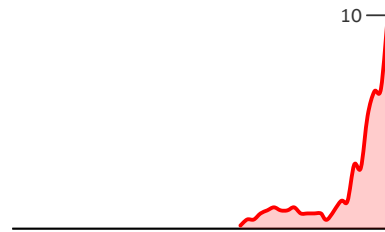
Mexico



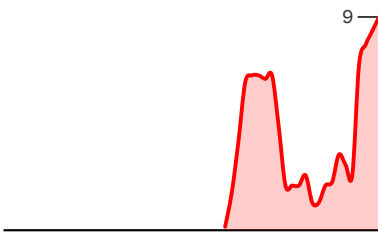
Argentina



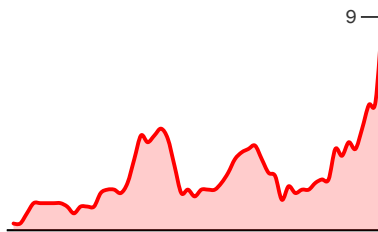
Croatia



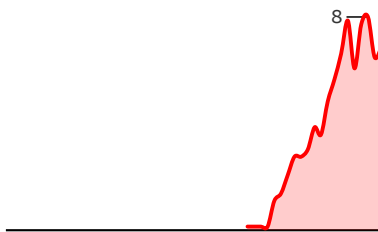
Kuwait



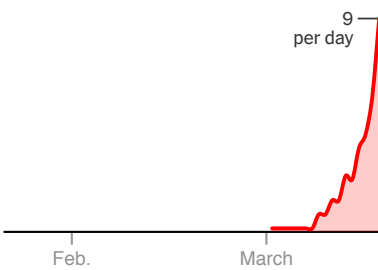
Hong Kong



San Marino



Latvia

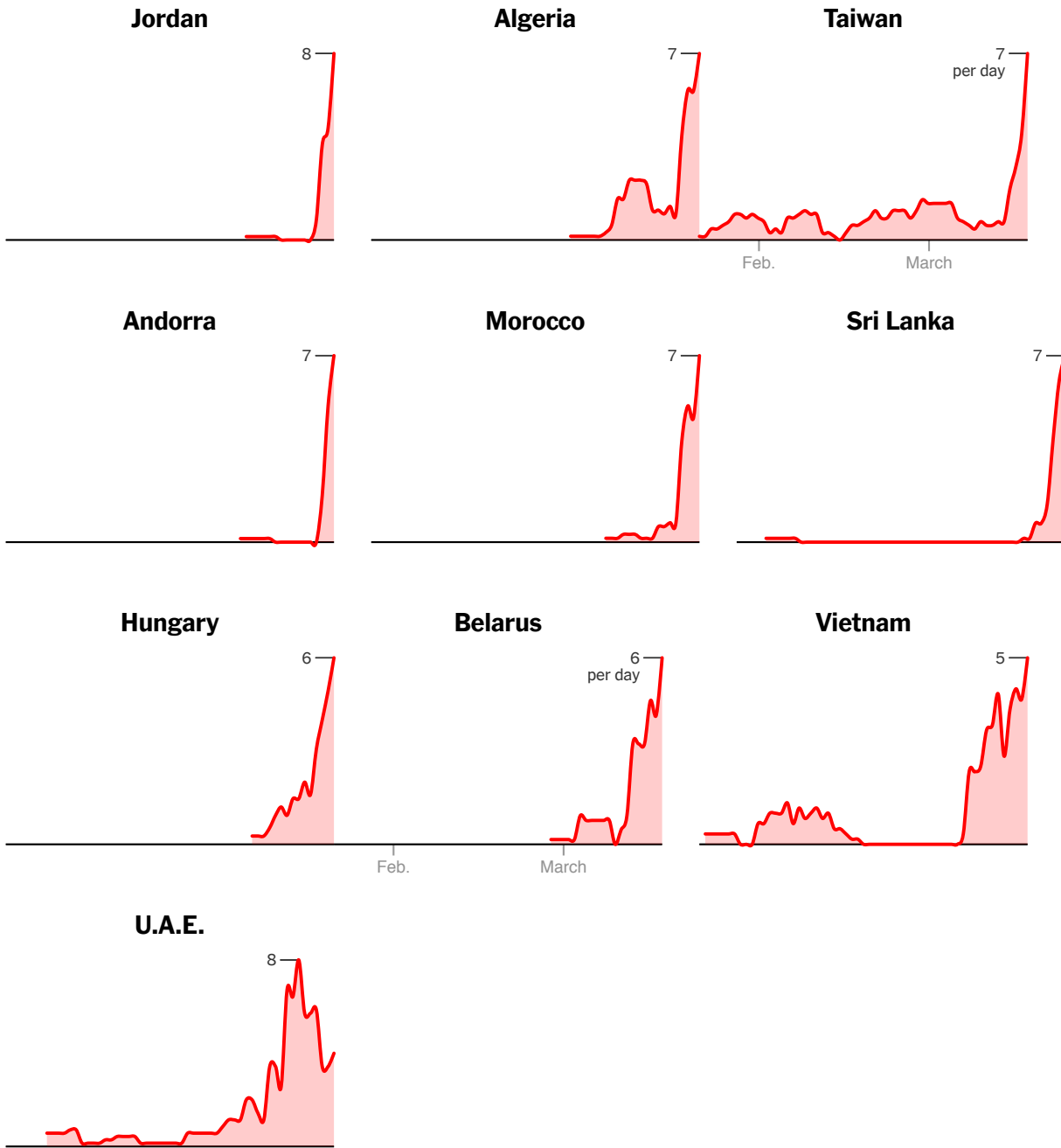


Costa Rica



Faroe Islands





Note: Data is through March 18.

Sources: Local governments; the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University; National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China; World Health Organization

