

Wear a mask? Yes, always wear a mask.

Wear a mask whenever you are in public to help curb the spread of COVID-19, and encourage others to do the same. Widespread mask use may temper or even help prevent a second wave of the pandemic.



We considered more than 20 studies and ran a meta-analysis. The results show that masks work, but survey data reveal that mask use varies.



Globally, mask use has increased since April 26, 2020, but some countries still lag.



Mask use in the US has increased since April 26, 2020, but rates vary by state and region.

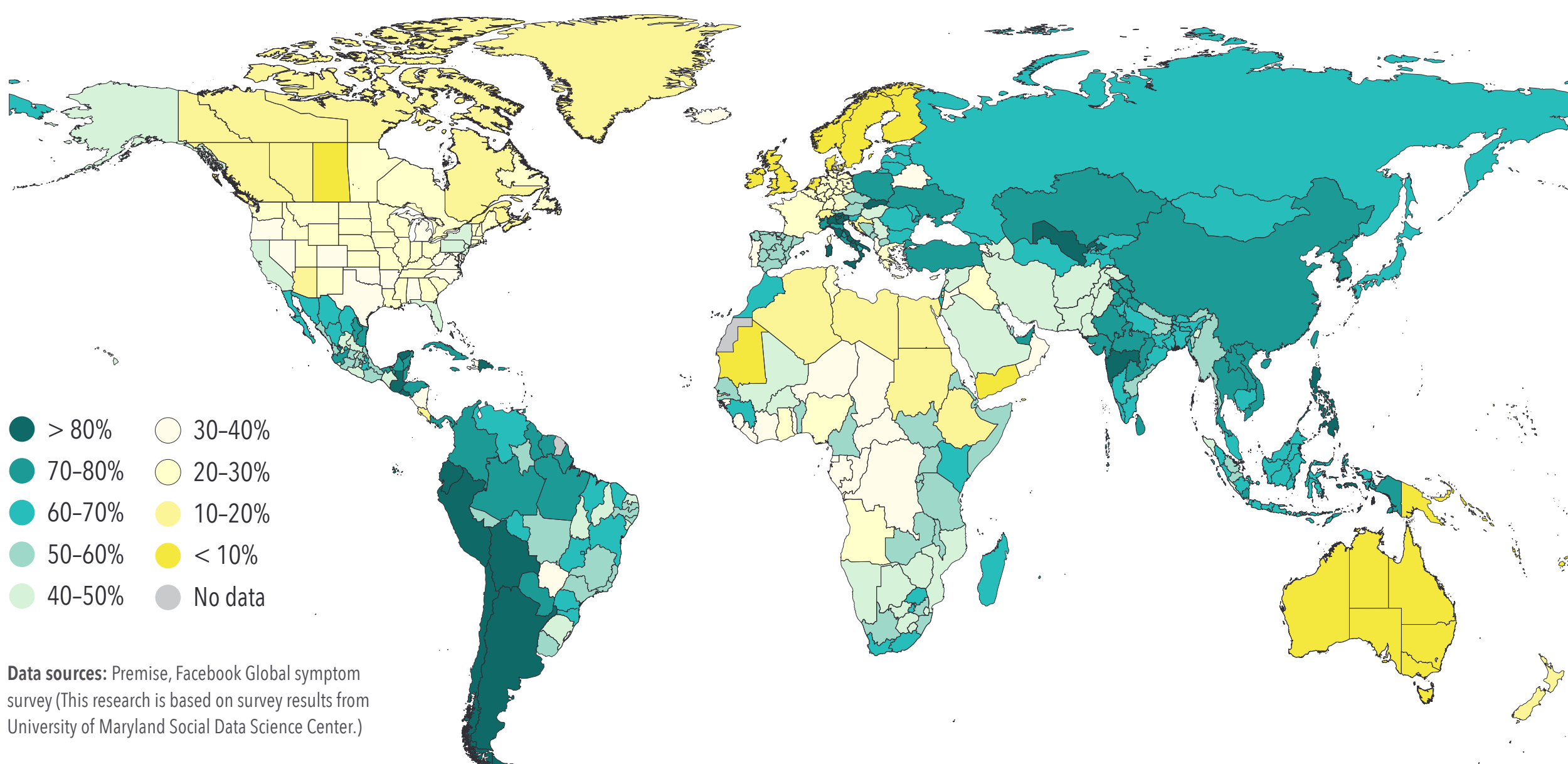


Whether cloth or medical-grade, masks can **reduce the risk** of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 by

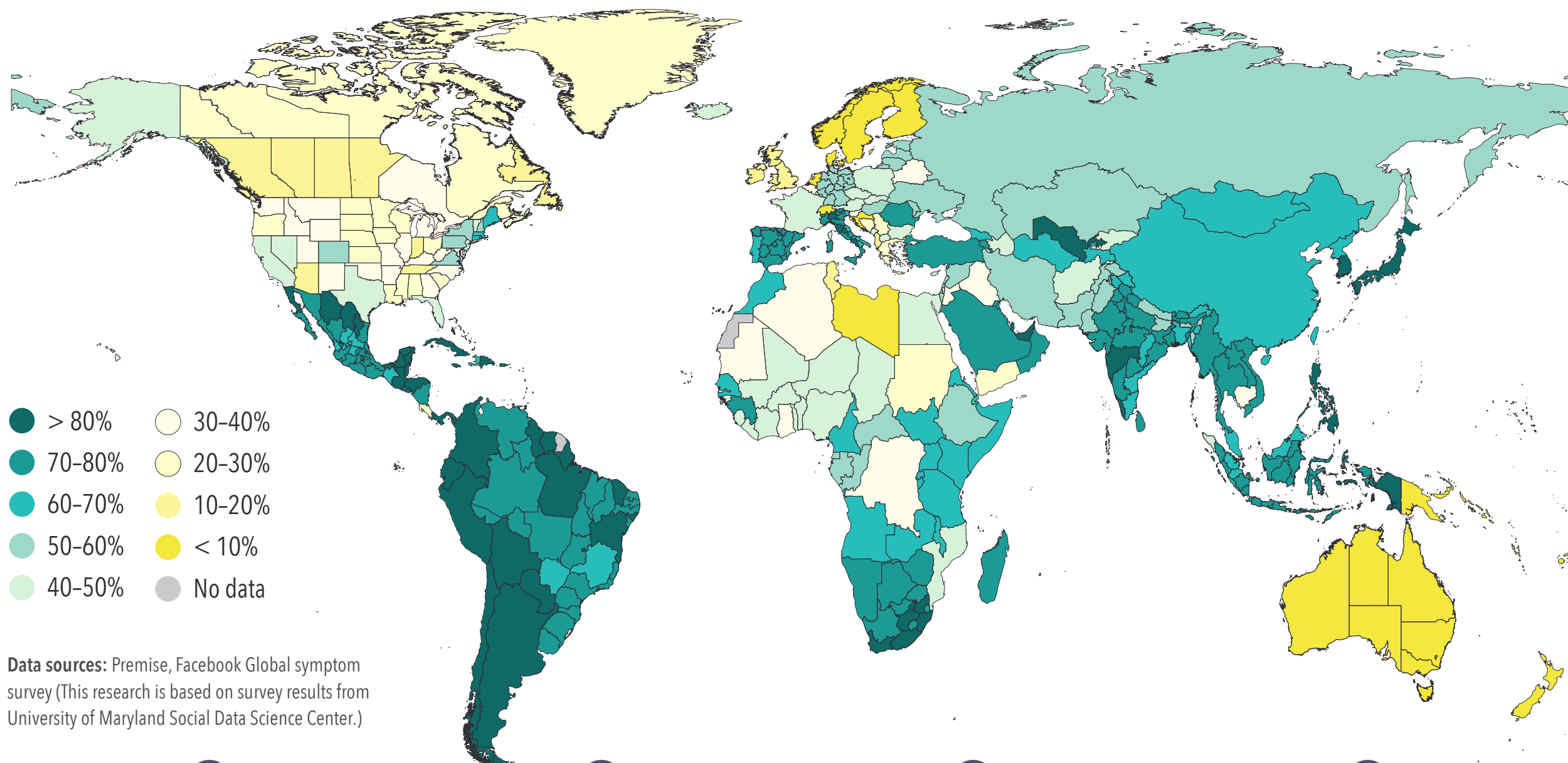
1/3 or more

Mask use around the world, April 26 and June 13

Percent of people who say they always wear a mask when going out, April 26



Percent of people who say they always wear a mask when going out, June 13



Despite having been hit hard by COVID-19, the **UK and Sweden** have markedly low reported mask usage compared to other European countries.



US states and Canada stand out for their low levels of mask usage compared to many countries in **Asia and South America**.



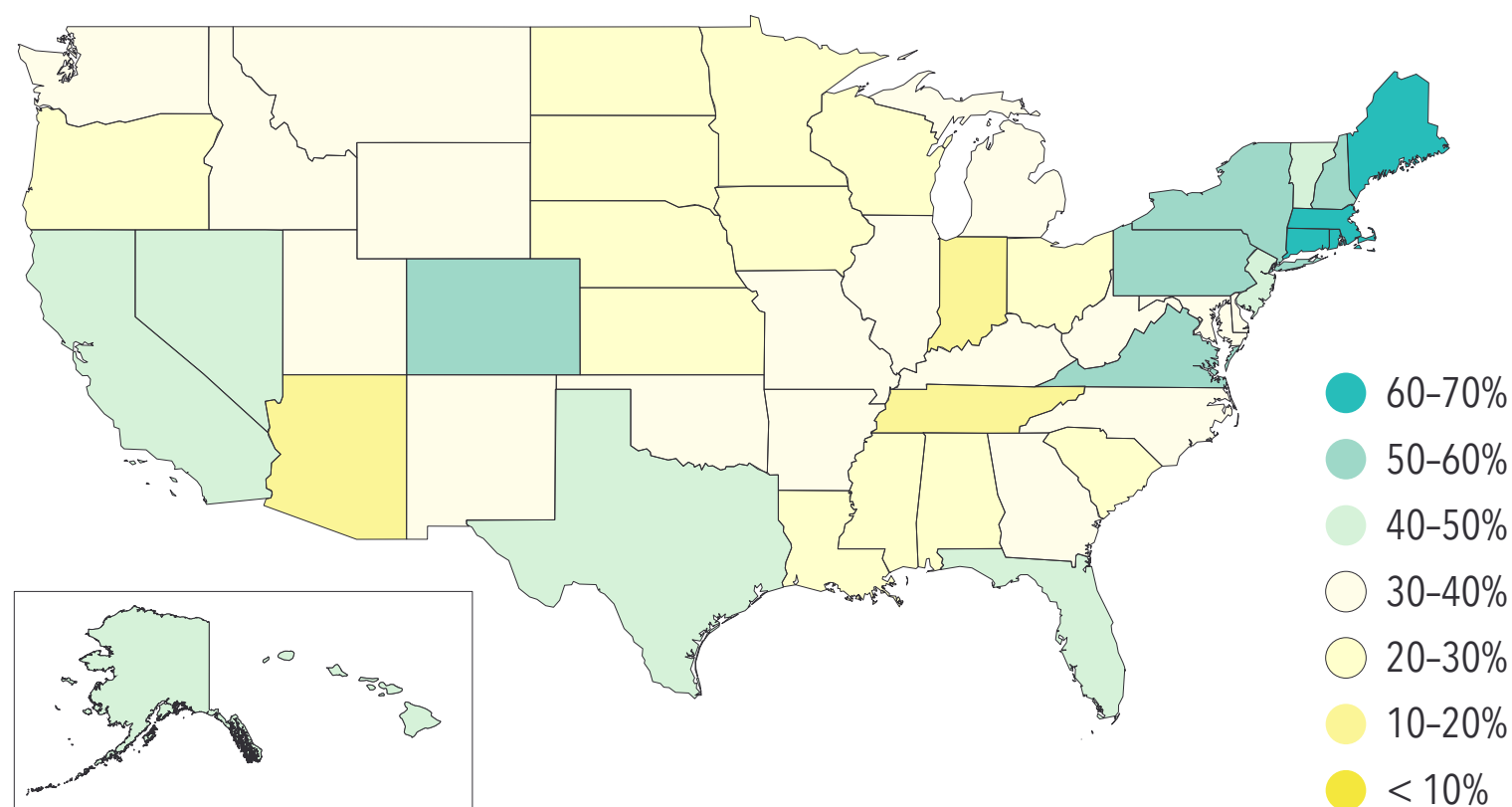
Mask use has increased in **Mexico, Brazil, and African countries**, while in **Scandinavia**, rates are low and flat.



The COVID-19 pandemic is waning in **Spain and South Korea**, yet mask use is on the rise. However, in recent days, mask use has **decreased** in several countries. **This is a worrisome trend.**

Mask use in the US, June 13

Percent of people who say they always wear a mask when going out, June 13



79%

report **sometimes** or **always** wearing a mask

21%

say they **never** wear a mask



The **Northeast region** has high rates of reported mask use.



Blocks of states in the **Southeast** (South Carolina, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi), **Midwest** (Wisconsin, Indiana, and Ohio), and **West** (Oregon, Arizona) have low rates of mask use.



Mask use increased in **Nevada, Texas, Colorado, and Virginia**.