

Figure 1 is a line graph showing the number of cases of COVID-19 in the United States from March 2020 to March 2021. The y-axis is labeled 'Number of cases' and ranges from 0 to 1,000,000. The x-axis is labeled 'Date' and shows months from March 2020 to March 2021. The graph shows a sharp increase in cases starting in March 2020, peaking in May 2020 at approximately 1,000,000 cases, followed by a decline and then a second, smaller peak in November 2020 at approximately 200,000 cases. The number of cases then declines again, with a small uptick in March 2021.

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