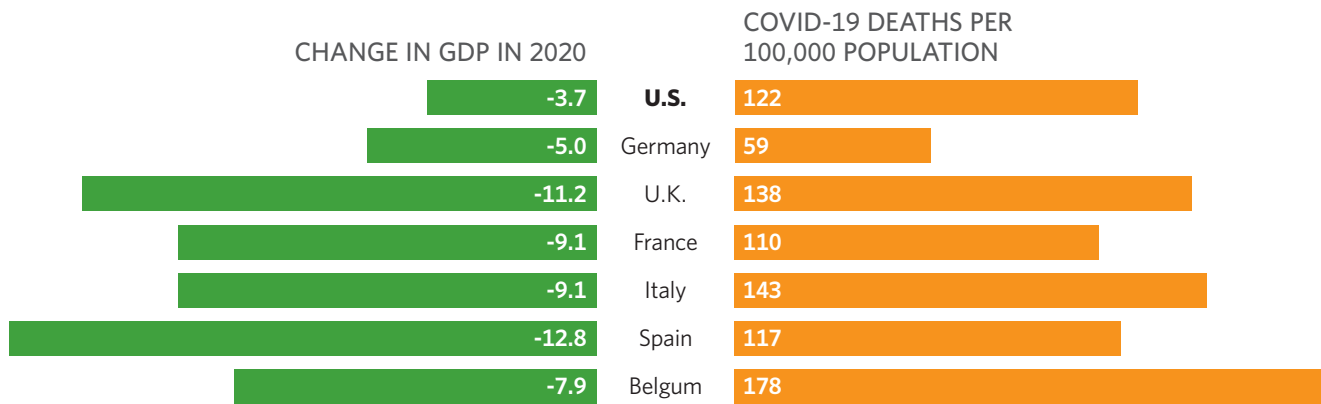


# How the U.S. Has Fared During the Pandemic

The media have portrayed the U.S. as performing poorly combating the coronavirus compared to European nations. However, in two key metrics — deaths and economic growth — the U.S. has fared relatively well. Listed below are six European nations with a combined population equal to the U.S. (333 million). The total number of COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. is only 8 percent higher than that six-nation total (403,952 vs. 373,632). And while the pandemic has caused significant economic damage worldwide, the U.S. economy contracted far less than any of these European nations in 2020.

## Dealing with the Virus: U.S. vs. EU

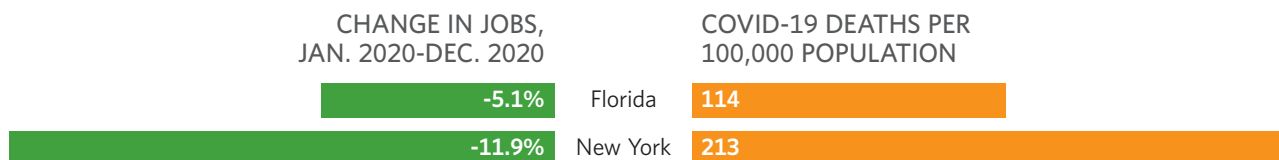


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A similar comparison can be made in the U.S. between the two largest East Coast states. Florida is the clear winner here — both its fatality rate *and* job losses were about half those of New York. Despite having 2.1 million more people, Florida has had 16,878 fewer COVID-19 deaths (24,578 vs. 41,456).

## Dealing with the Virus: Florida vs. New York



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