



2014-2015 Influenza Report Week 53

December 28, 2014 – January 3, 2015

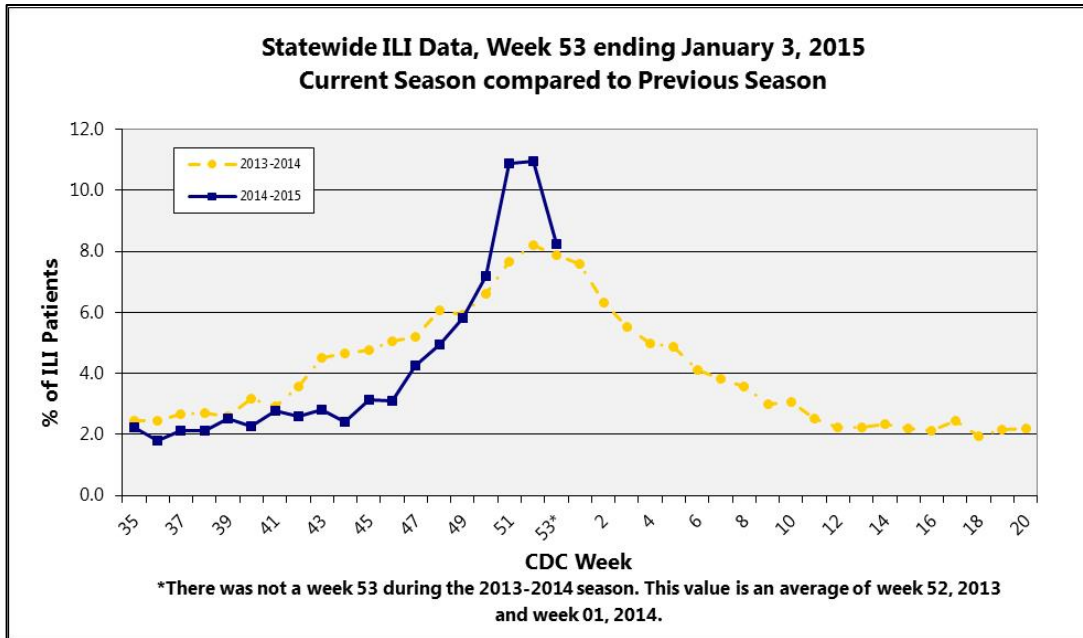
About our flu activity reporting

MSDH relies upon selected sentinel health practitioners across the state to report the percentage of total patient visits consistent with an influenza-like illness (ILI: fever of 100°F or higher AND cough and/or sore throat). Also, providers are supplied with specimen collection kits. Samples are submitted to the Mississippi Public Health Laboratory for influenza PCR testing. Reports are used to estimate the state's ILI rate and the magnitude of the state's influenza activity. Reports represent only the distribution of flu in the state, not an actual count of all flu cases statewide. **Information is provisional only and may change depending on additional reporting from sentinel providers.**

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State ILI Surveillance



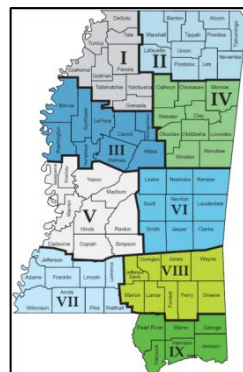
During week **53** (12/28/14-01/03/15), the overall state ILI rate (**8.2%**) **decreased** from the previous week (**11.0%**), but was comparable to this time last year (**7.9%**). |

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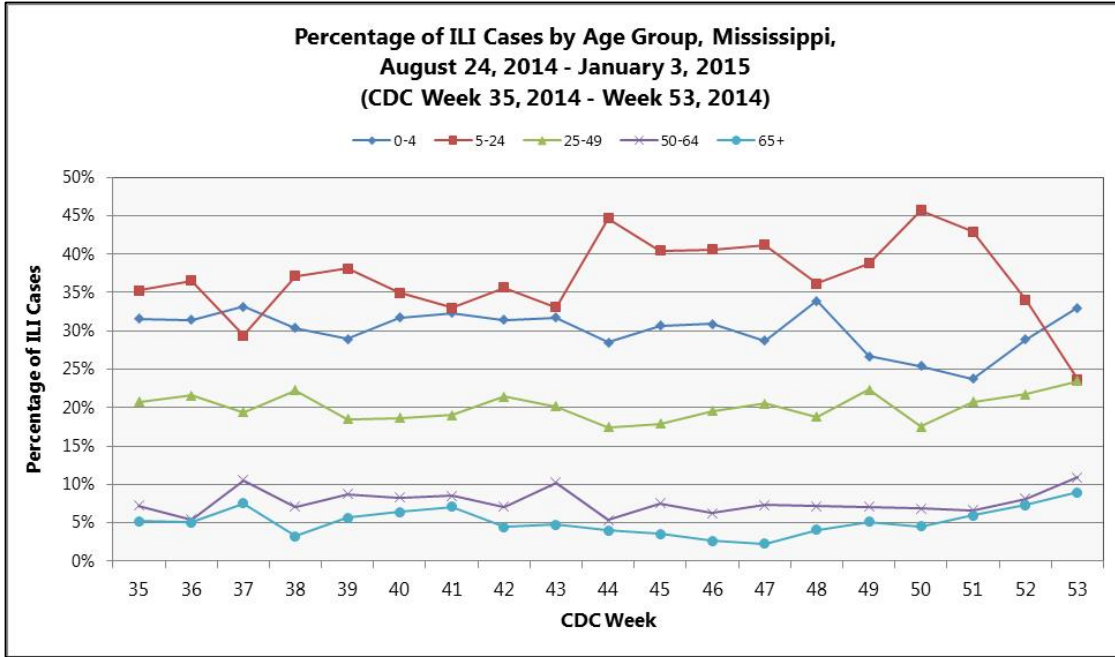
Total number of patients treated by sentinel providers in the last three weeks. | **Table 1**

2014-2015 Influenza Season				
CDC Week	Week Ending	Total patients	ILI symptoms	ILI Rate (%)
53	Jan. 03	20279	1672	8.2%
52	Dec. 27	21783	2390	11.0%
51	Dec. 20	20015	2177	10.9%

During week **53**, **one** district (1) had an increase in ILI activity, while the **eight** remaining districts (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9) had a decrease. *Information is provisional only and may change depending on additional reporting from sentinel providers.* | **Table 2**



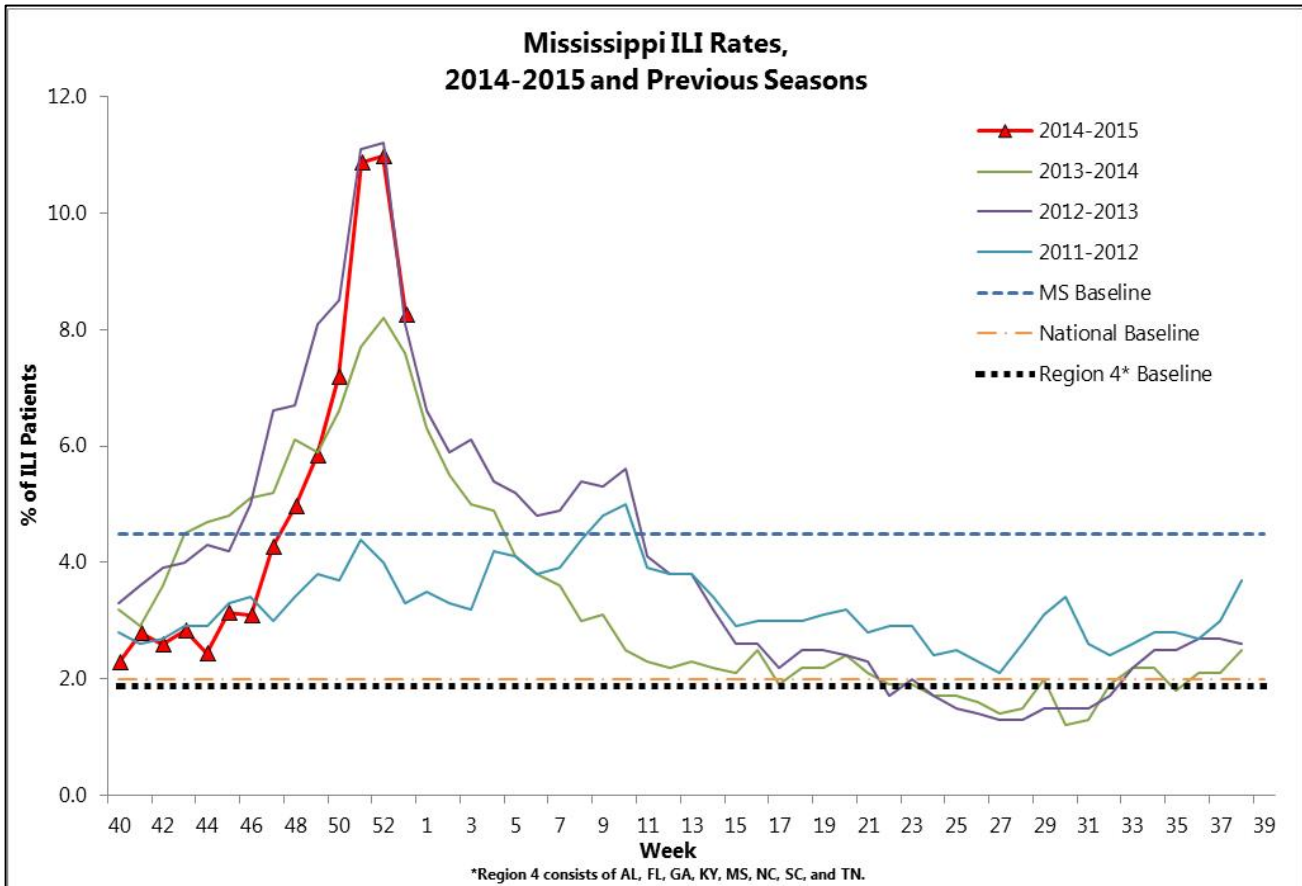
MSDH District ILI Rates (%) 2014-2015		
District	Week 52	Week 53
State	11.0	8.2
I	4.4	6.0
II	14.2	9.6
III	19.4	12.4
IV	16.4	10.0
V	10.4	7.8
VI	13.2	11.1
VII	11.2	9.1
VIII	11.3	7.1
IX	10.8	7.5



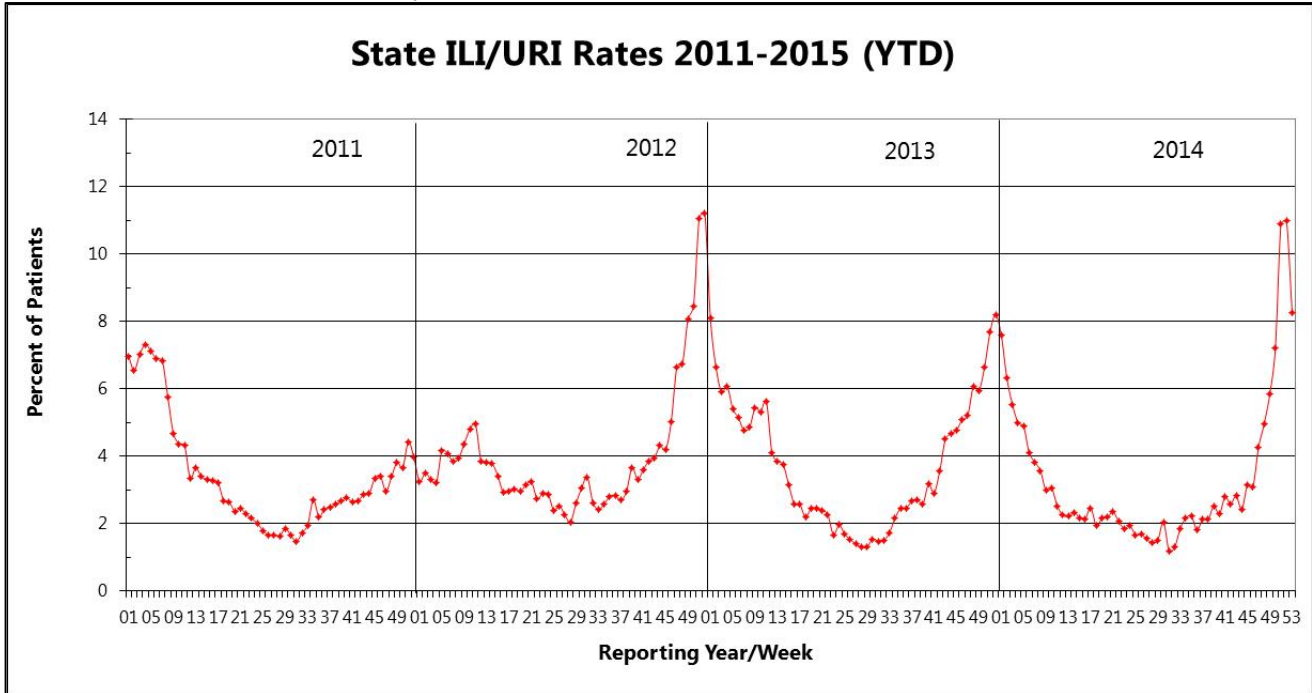
Since week 35, the percentage of reported ILI cases had been highest among those in the **5-24 years** of age group. However, during week

53, the percentage was highest among children **0-4 years** of age. | [Figure 2](#)

The 2014-15 state ILI rate was **above** the national, Region 4, and state baselines for week **53**. | [Figure 3](#)



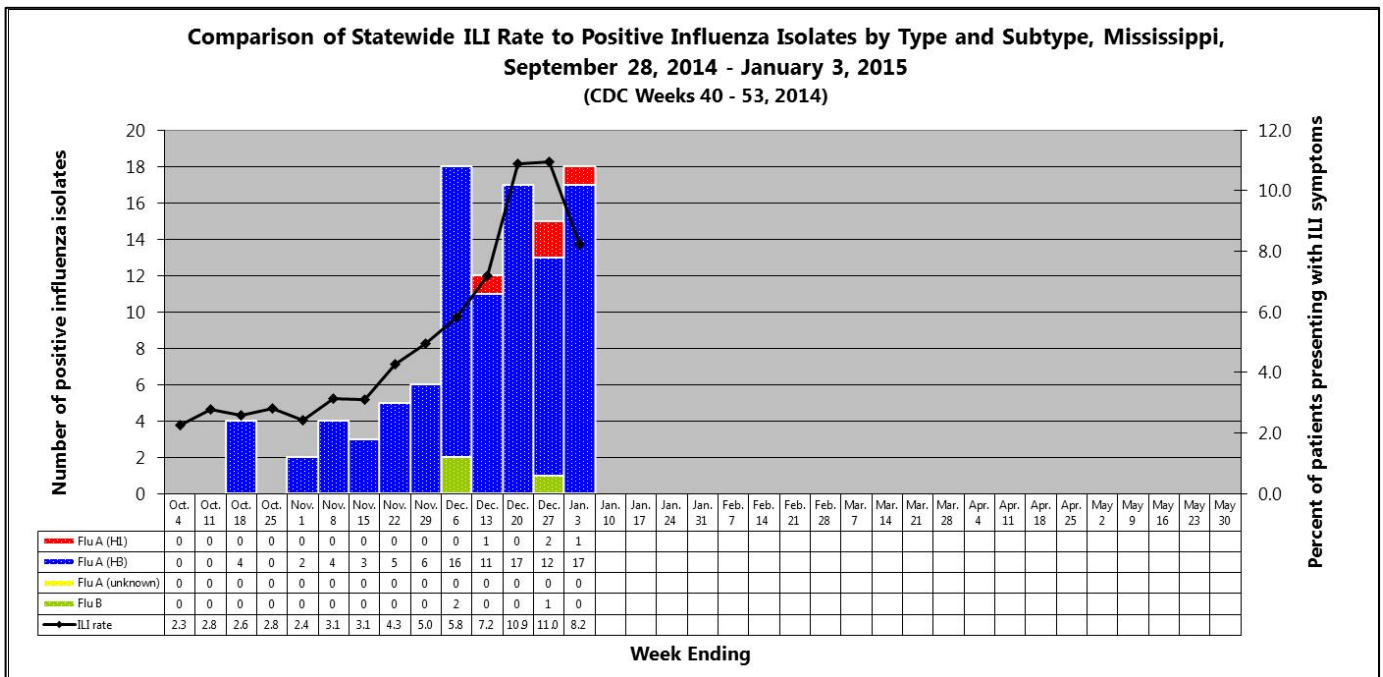
Mississippi ILI Rates 2011-2015 | [Figure 4](#)



Flu Testing Reports

From week **40** (week ending October 4th) through week **53** (week ending January 3rd), 104 positive influenza samples were identified by MSDH. Ninety-seven samples were identified as influenza A (H3), four as influenza A (H1), and three were identified as influenza B.

The influenza cases were identified from the following counties: Alcorn (1), Attala (2), Benton (2), Forrest (1), Franklin (1), Harrison (13), Holmes (2), Itawamba (2), Jackson (1), Jefferson Davis (1), Jones (3), Lauderdale (6), Leake (2), Madison (5), Marion (1), Marshall (10), Monroe (4), Neshoba (3), Oktibbeha (3), Pearl River (1), Pike (2), Pontotoc (1), Prentiss (3), Rankin (4), Simpson (3), Sunflower (1), Tallahatchie (1), Tate (4), Union (1), Washington (7), Webster (4), Wilkinson (3), and Yazoo (4). Two cases were from unidentified counties. | [Figure 5](#)



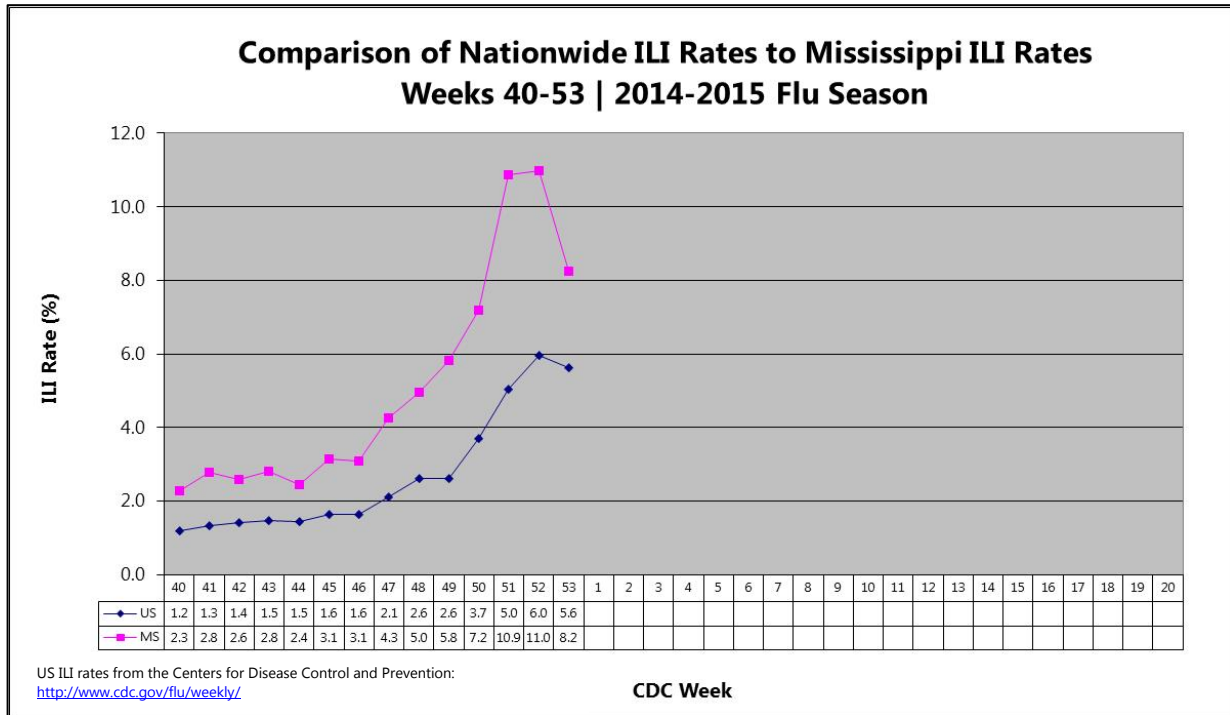
National and Mississippi Pediatric Mortality Surveillance

Nationally, **five** influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week **53**. All five deaths were associated with an influenza A virus for which no subtyping was performed and occurred during weeks 50, 51, 52, and 53 (weeks ending December 13th, December 20th, December 27th, and January 3rd, respectively). To date, **twenty-six** influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported nationally during the 2014-2015 influenza season.

Mississippi has had **no** influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported during this influenza season. For additional information on influenza-associated pediatric deaths, please refer to the [CDC's FluView](#).

National ILI Surveillance

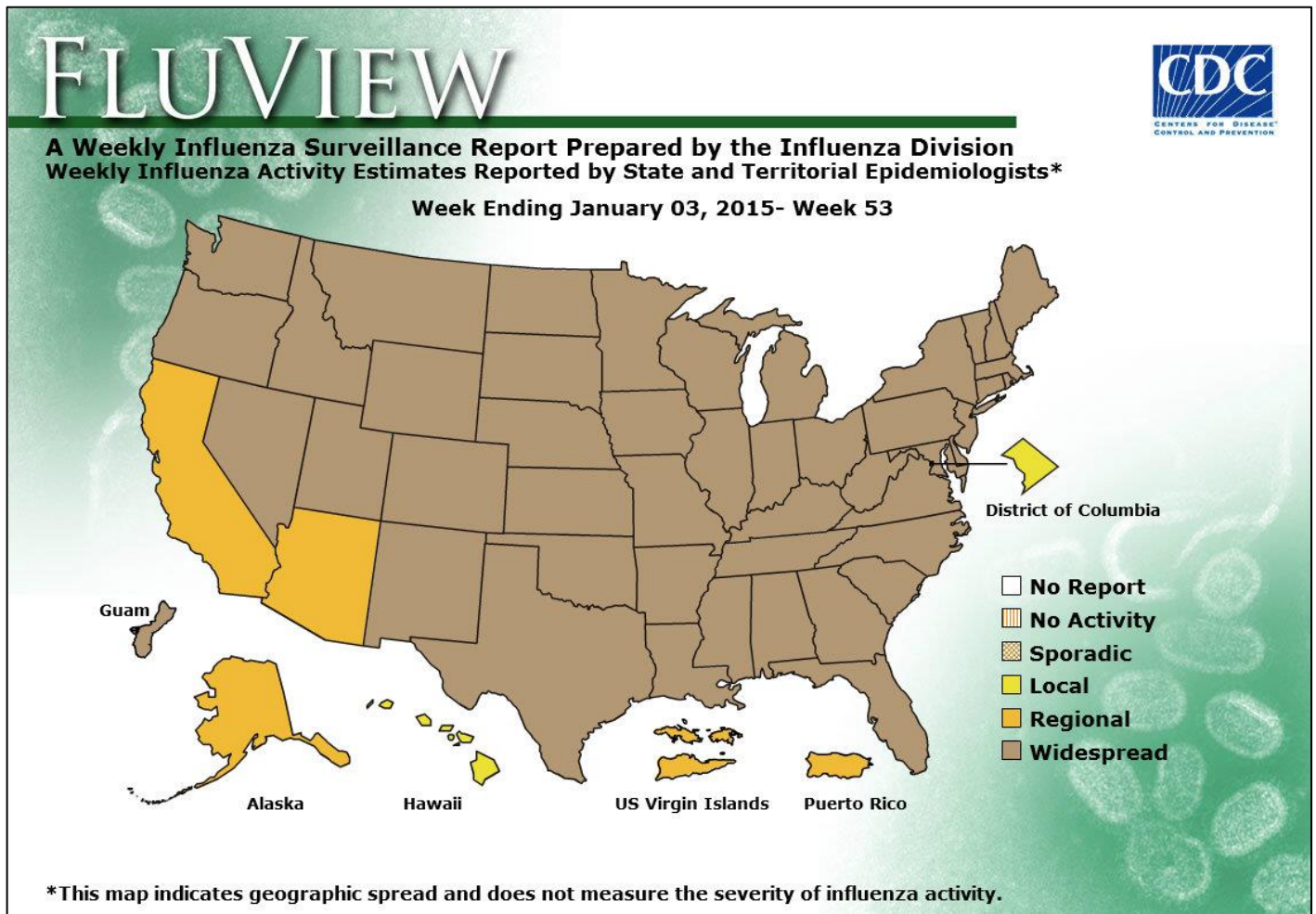
For week **53**, the MS ILI rate (8.2%) remained **above** the national ILI rate (5.6%). | [Figure 6](#)



Mississippi reported **“Widespread”** flu activity for week **53**. | [Table 3](#)

Level of Flu Activity	Definition
No Activity	Overall clinical activity remains low and there are no lab confirmed cases.
Sporadic	Isolated cases of lab confirmed influenza in the state; ILI activity is not increased <u>OR</u> A lab-confirmed outbreak in a single institution in the state; ILI activity is not increased.
Local	Increased ILI within a single region AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) laboratory evidence of influenza in that region. ILI activity in other regions is not increased <u>OR</u> two of more institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) within a single region AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in that region. Other regions do not have increased ILI and virus activity is no greater than sporadic in those regions
Regional	Increased ILI in at least 2 regions but fewer than half of the regions AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions <u>OR</u> Institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least 2 regions but fewer than half of the regions AND recent lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions.
Widespread	Increased ILI and/or institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least half of the regions AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the state.

During week **53**, influenza activity **continued at elevated levels** in the United States.¹ | [Figure 7](#)



For up-to-date information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC’s website:
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>.

Additional information:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	http://cdc.gov/flu/
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FluView	http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/
Flu.gov	http://www.flu.gov/
MSDH Flu and Pneumonia	http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/14,0,199.html
Google Flu Trends	http://www.google.org/flutrends/
World Health Organization FluNet	http://www.who.int/influenza/gisrs_laboratory/flunet/en/

Appendix

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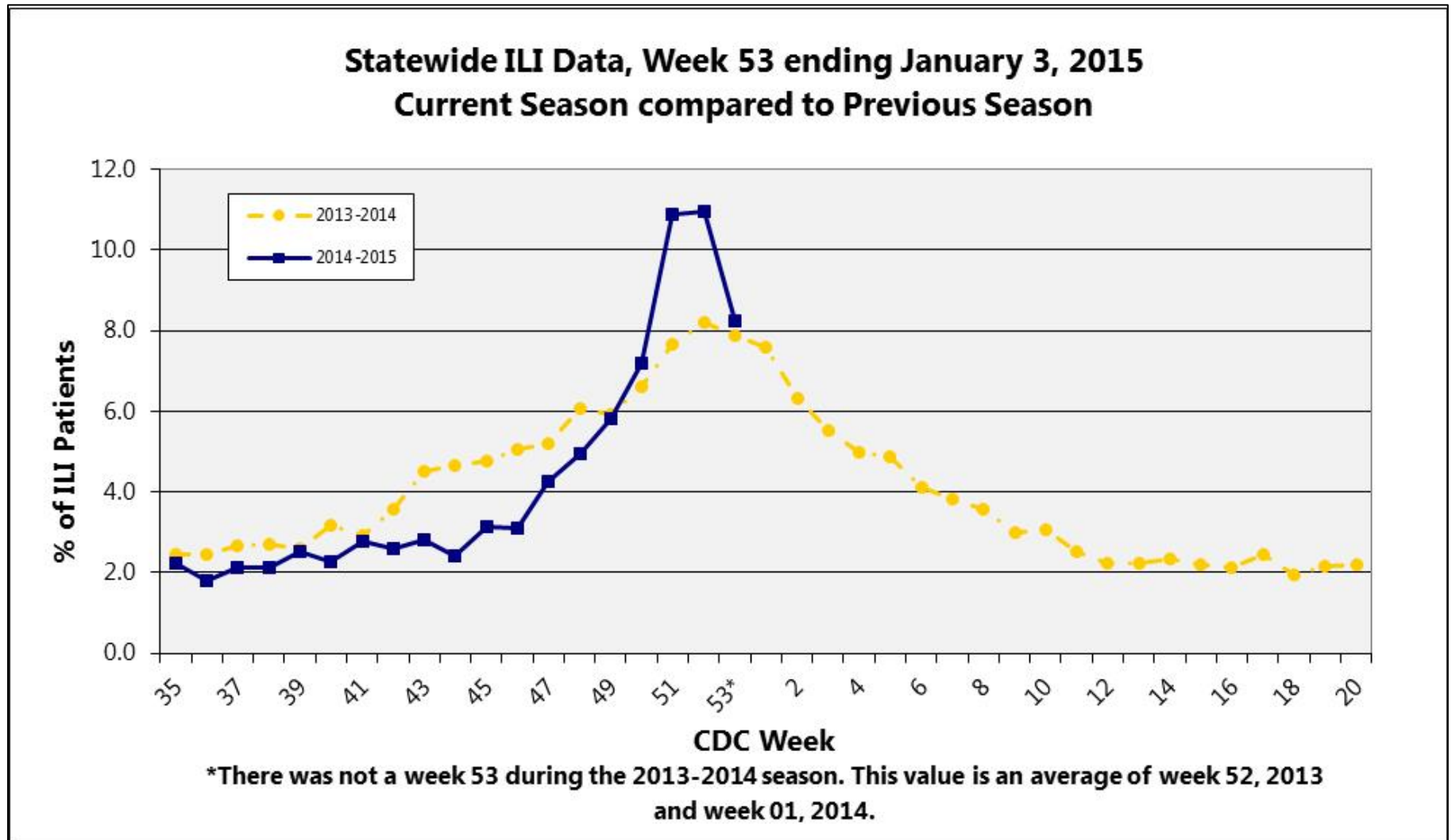


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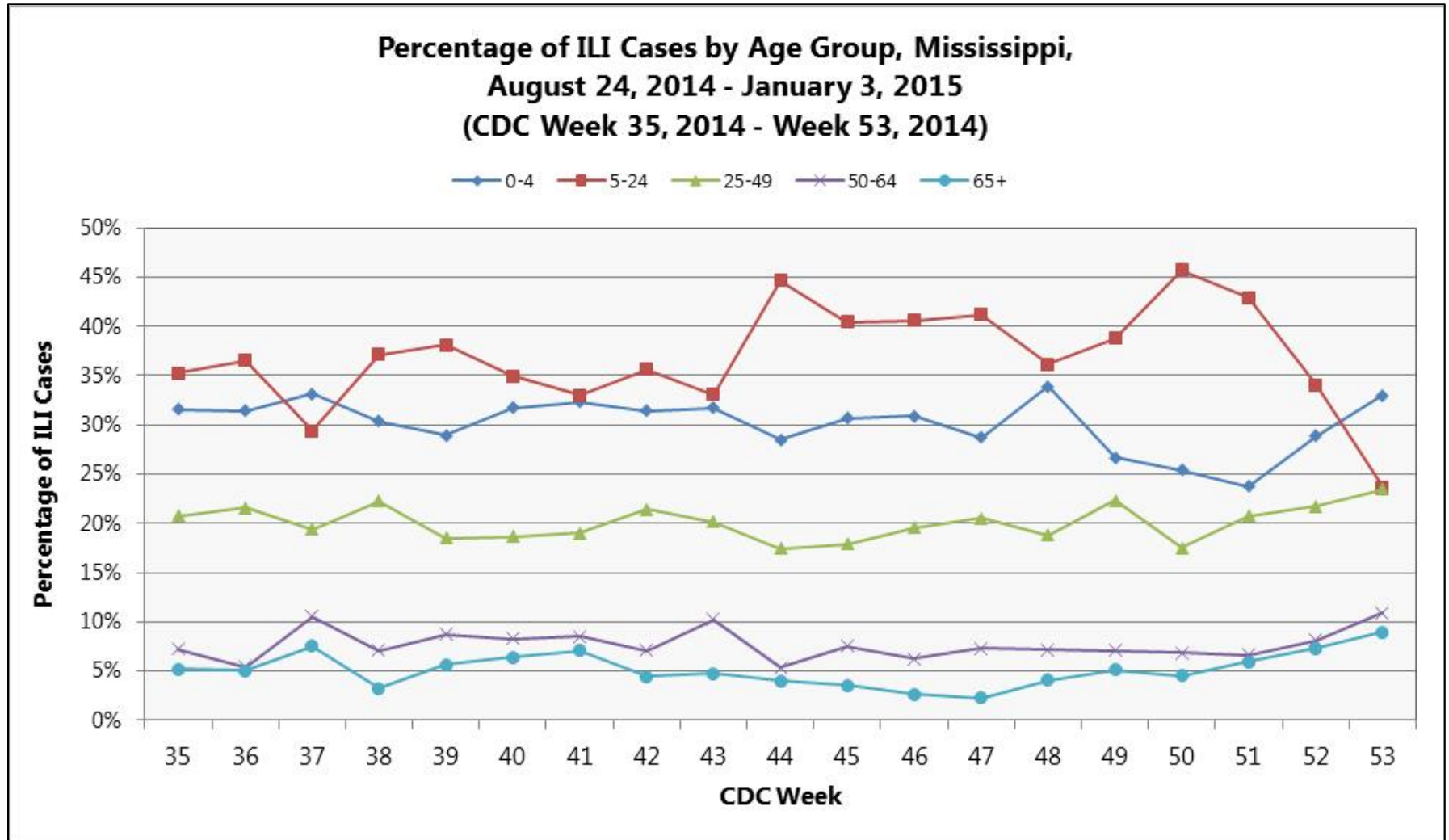


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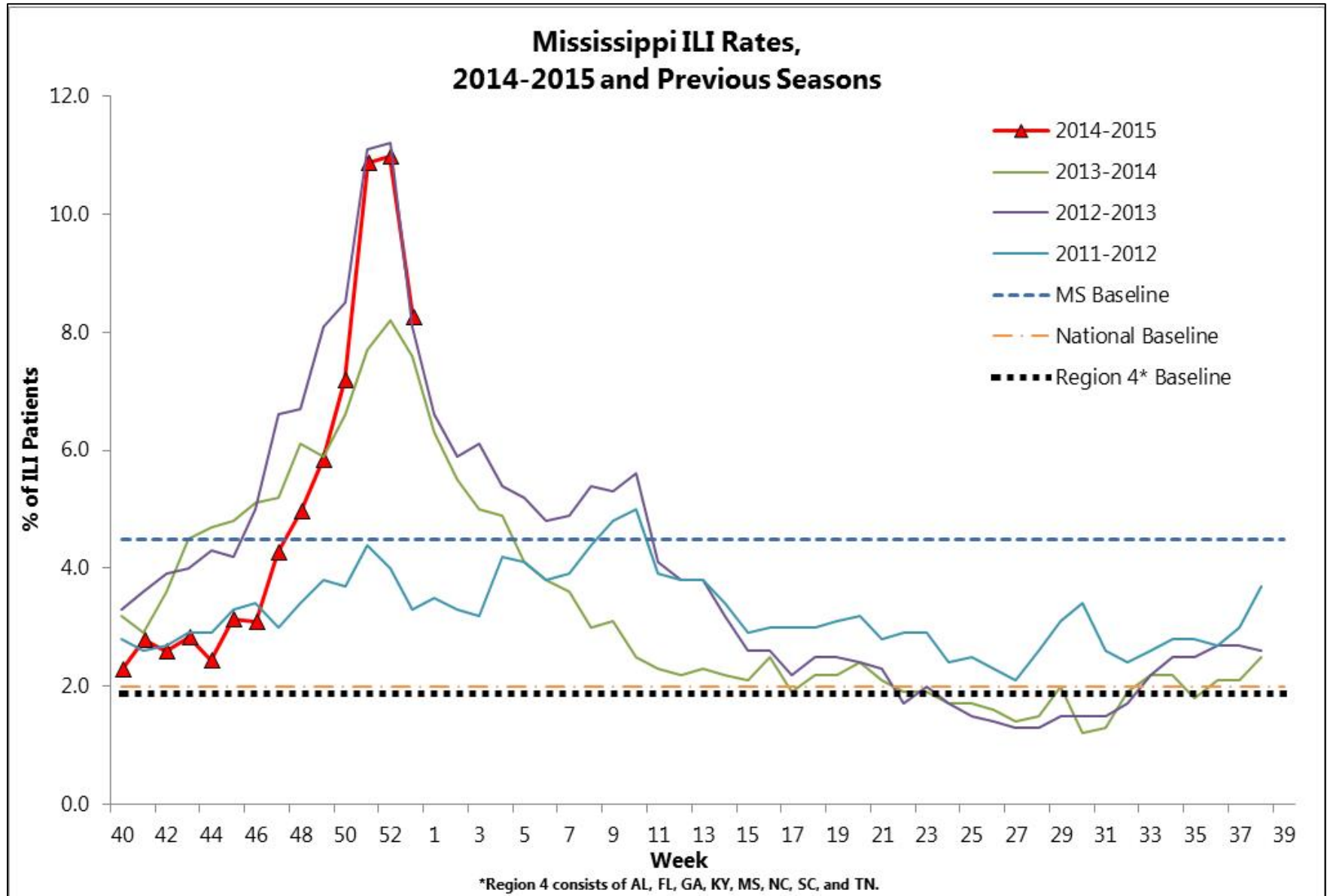


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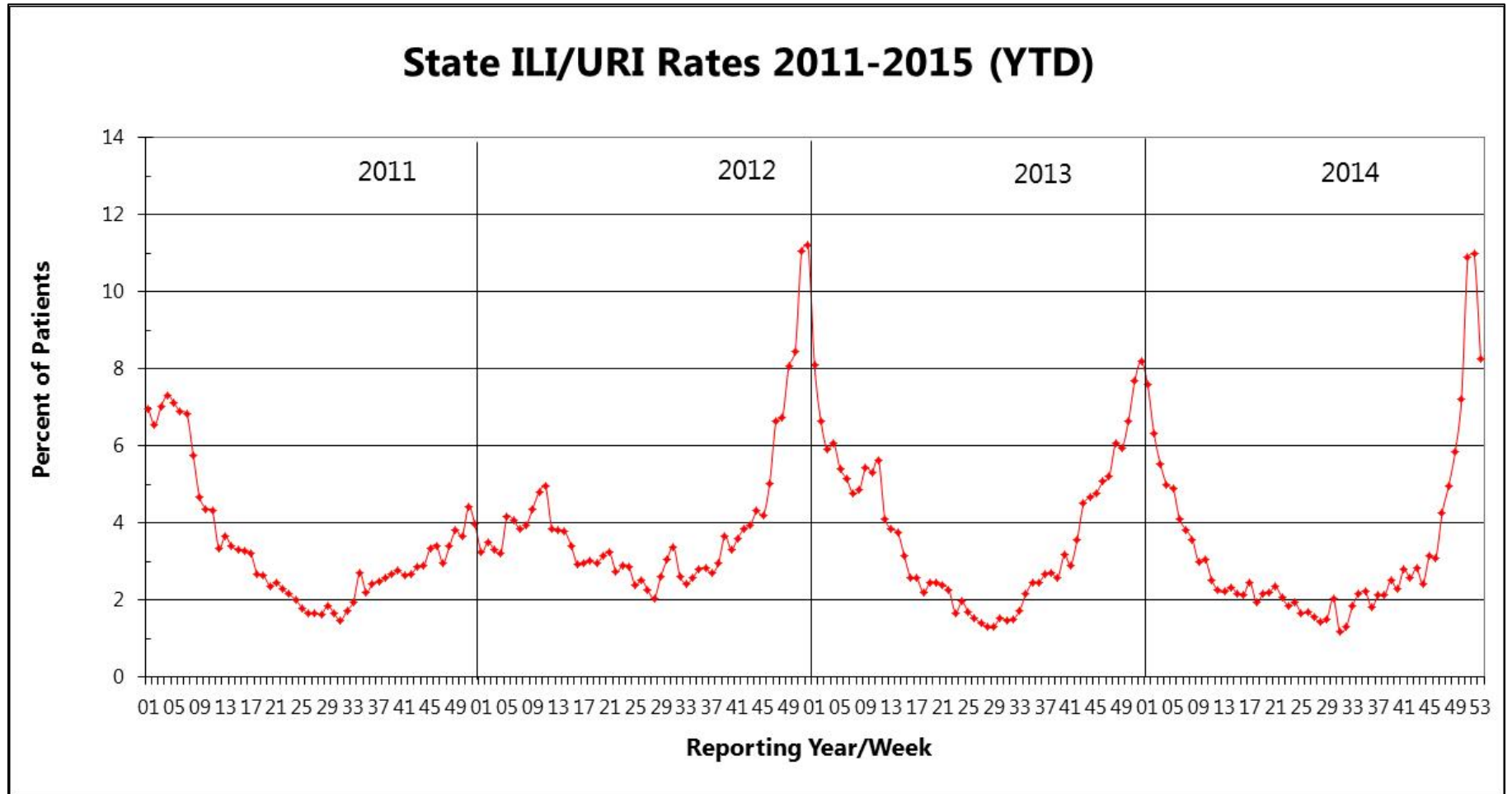


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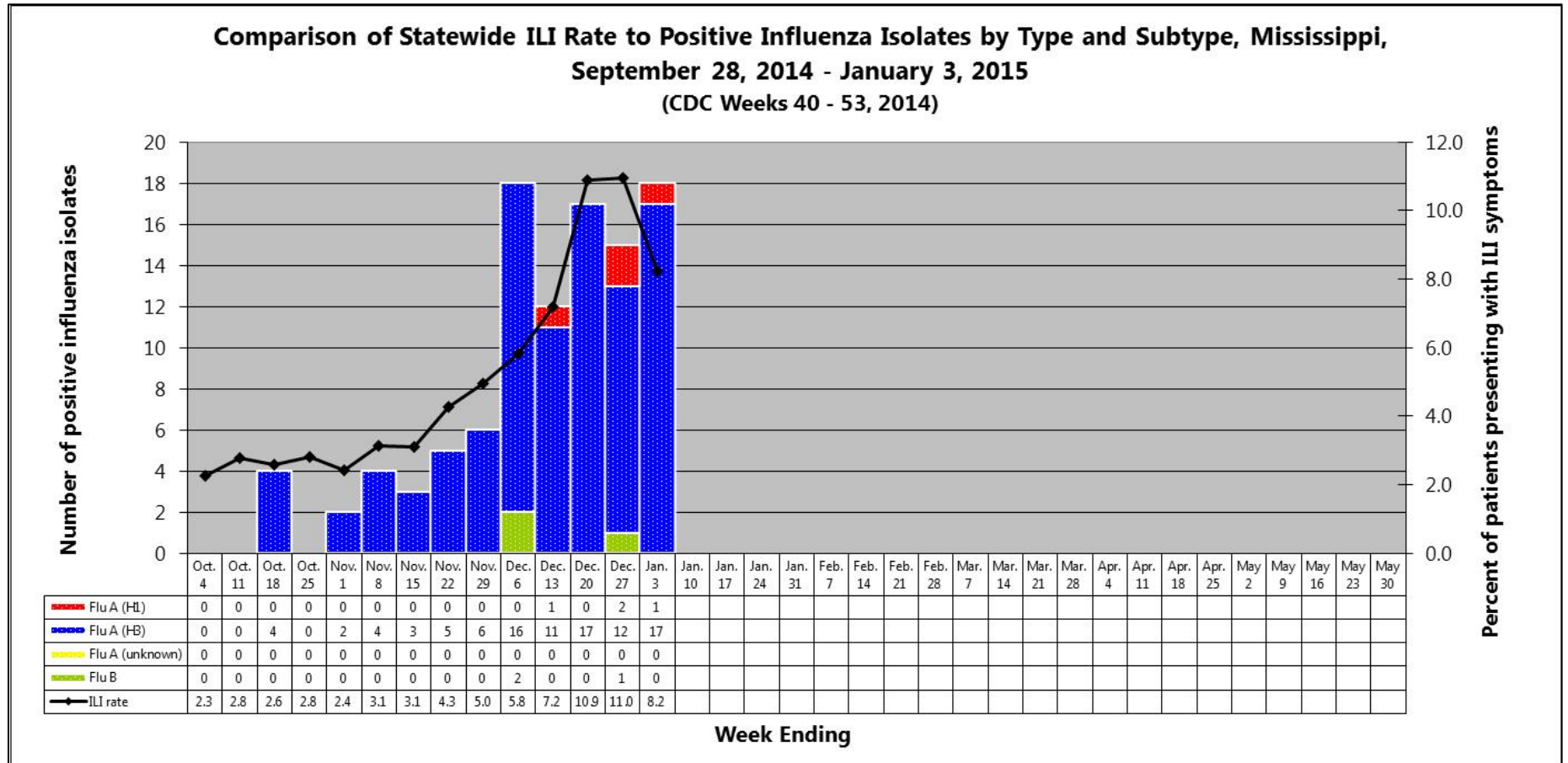


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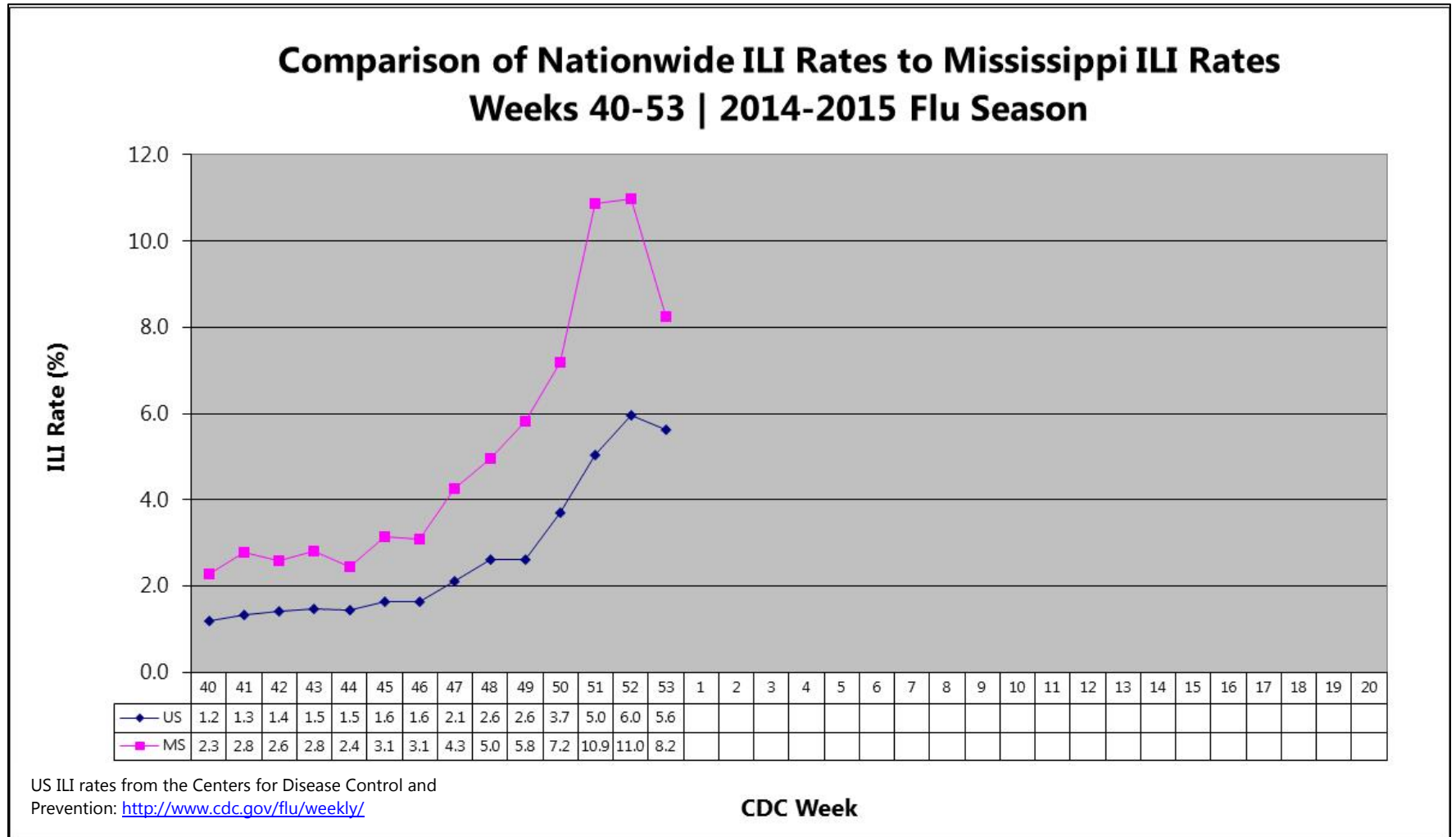


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