



# 2014-2015 Influenza Report Week 12

March 22, 2015 – March 28, 2015

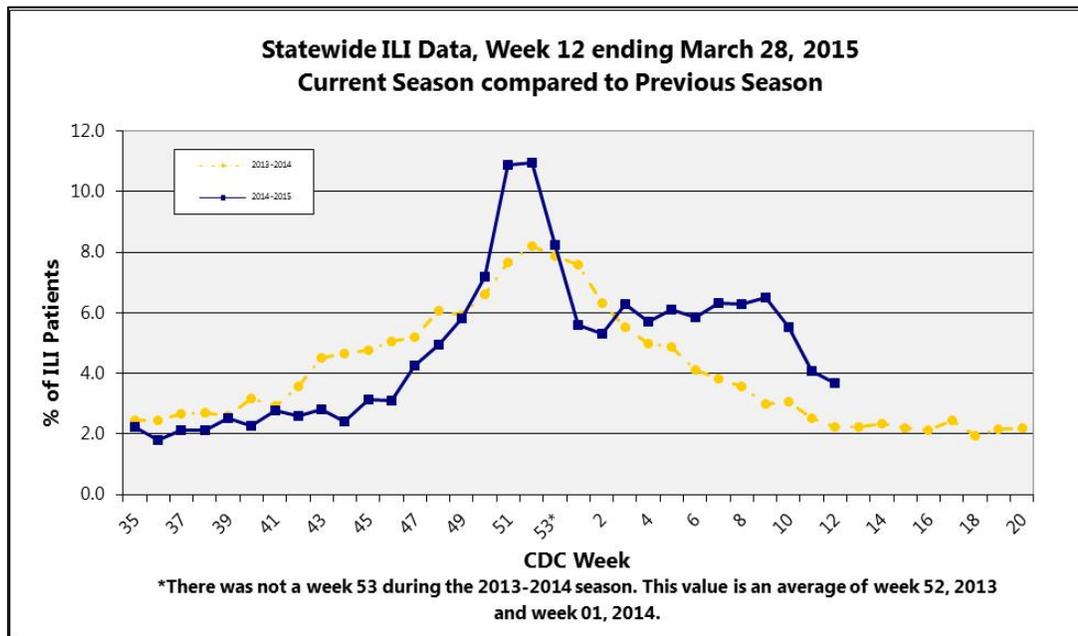
## About our flu activity reporting

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**



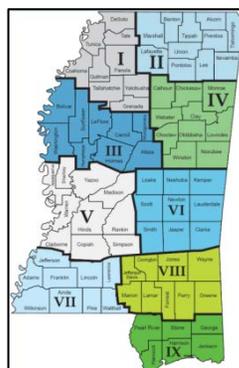
During week **12** (03/22/15-03/28/15), the overall state ILI rate (**3.7%**) was **comparable** to the previous week (**4.1%**), but was higher than this time last year (**2.3%**).

| [Figure 1](#)

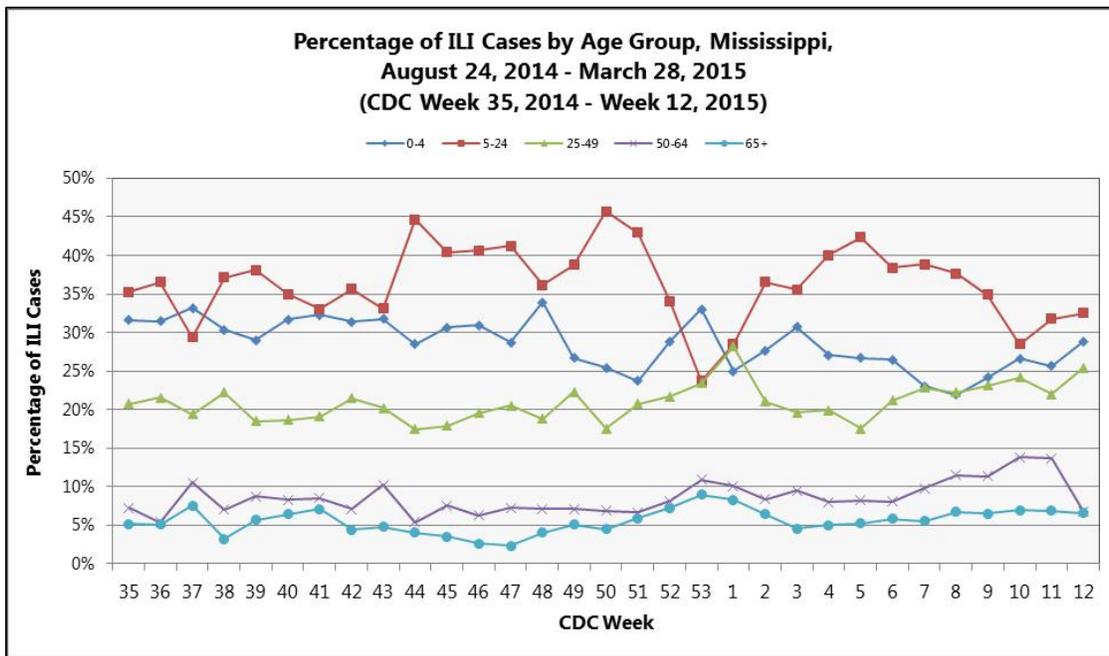
Total number of patients treated by sentinel providers in the last three weeks. | **Table 1**

2014-2015 Influenza Season					
CDC Week	Week Ending	Number of ILI Reports	Total patients	ILI symptoms	ILI Rate (%)
<b>12</b>	<b>Mar. 28</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>18329</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
11	Mar. 21	152	19639	799	4.1%
10	Mar. 14	147	17683	980	5.5%

During week **12**, **three** districts (1, 3, and 5) had an increase in ILI activity, while **four** districts (2, 4, 6, and 8) had a decrease. **Two** districts (7 and 9) remained about the same. *Information is provisional only and may change depending on additional reporting from sentinel providers.* | **Table 2**



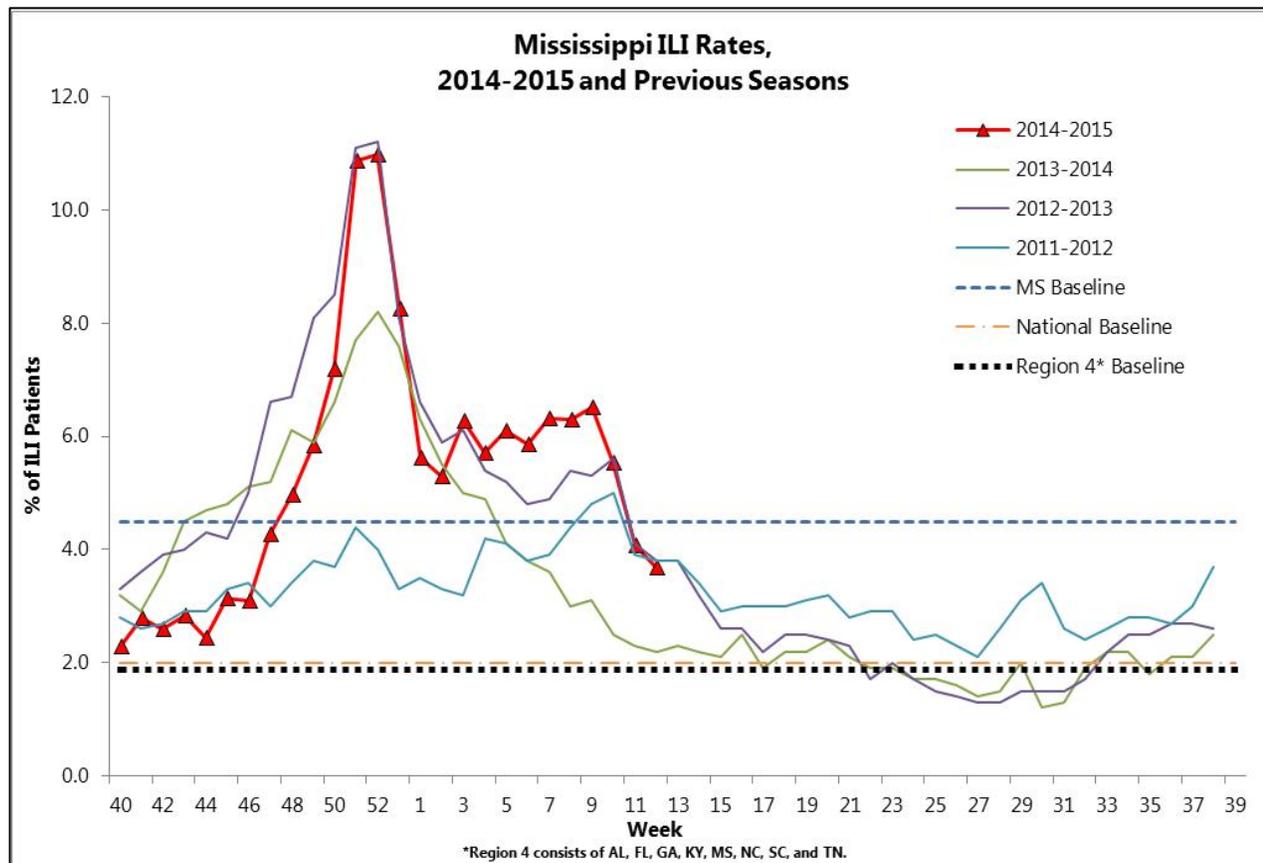
MSDH District ILI Rates (%) 2014-2015		
District	Week 11	Week 12
State	4.1	3.7
I	2.0	2.6
II	5.2	2.3
III	4.0	9.3
IV	4.3	3.7
V	2.7	3.4
VI	9.6	7.5
VII	3.2	3.5
VIII	3.8	2.4
IX	4.7	4.4



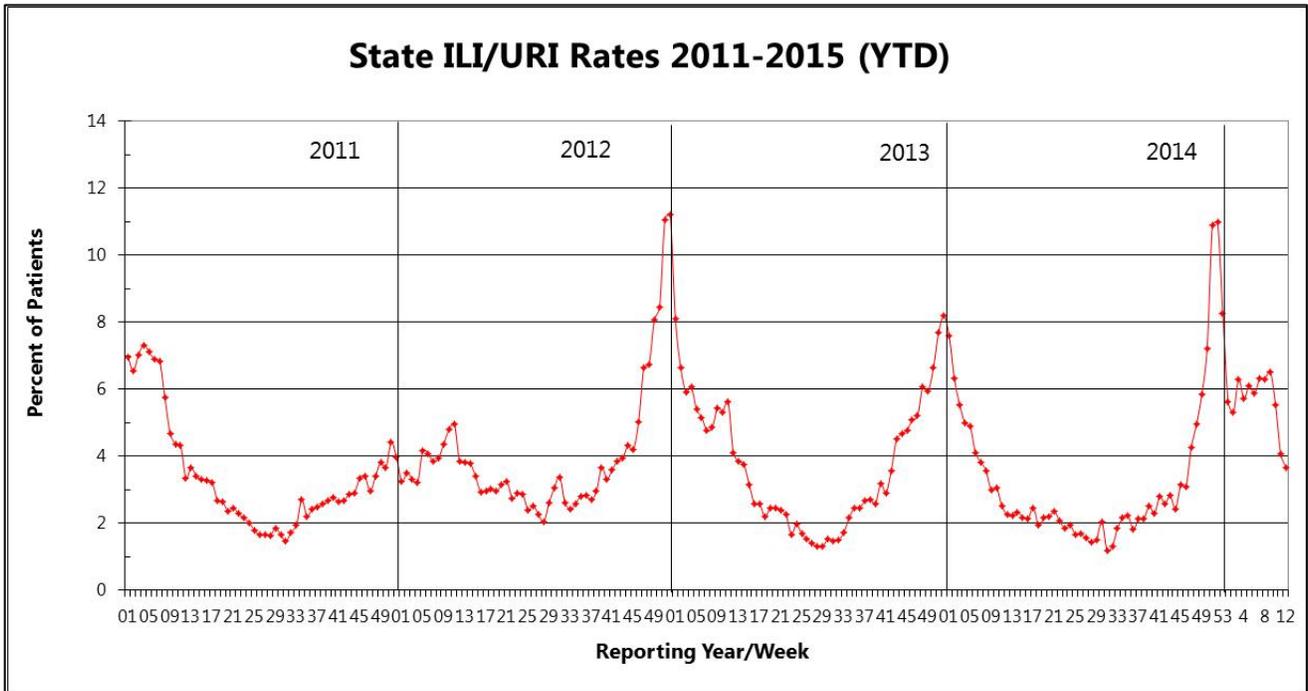
Since week 35, the percentage of reported ILI cases has been highest among those in the **5-24 years** of age group. This trend continued

into week **12**. | [Figure 2](#)

The 2014-15 state ILI rate was **above** the national and Region 4 baselines, but was **below** the state baseline, during week **12**. | [Figure 3](#)



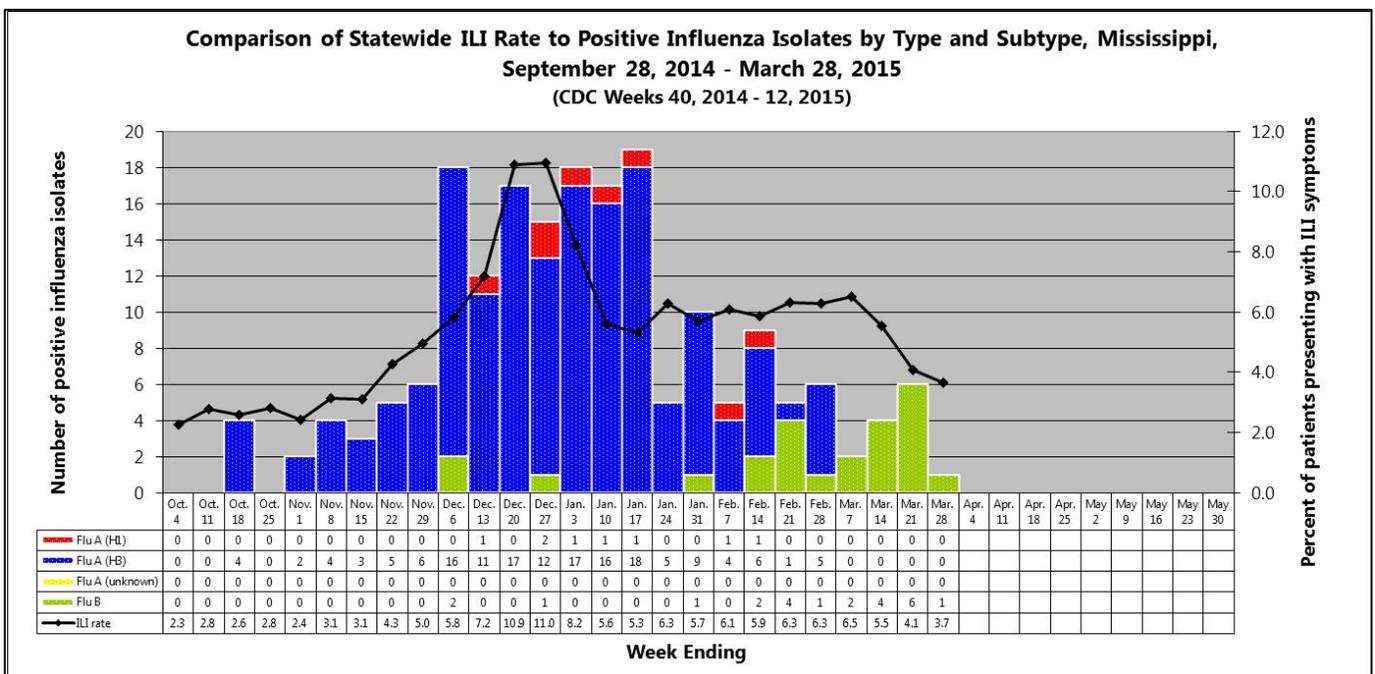
Mississippi ILI Rates 2011-2015 | [Figure 4](#)



### Flu Testing Reports

From week **40** (week ending October 4<sup>th</sup>) through week **12** (week ending March 28<sup>th</sup>), 193 positive influenza samples were identified by MSDH. One hundred sixty-one (83%) samples were identified as influenza A (H3), eight (4%) as influenza A (H1), and twenty-four (12%) were identified as influenza B.

The influenza cases were identified from the following counties: Alcorn (1), Attala (4), Benton (5), Bolivar (3), Choctaw (1), Coahoma (1), Copiah (3), Covington (2), DeSoto (2), Forrest (1), Franklin (3), Harrison (14), Hinds (3), Holmes (2), Humphreys (1), Itawamba (3), Jackson (1), Jefferson (2), Jefferson Davis (1), Jones (5), Kemper (3), Lafayette (3), Lauderdale (6), Leake (2), Lee (3), Leflore (1), Lowndes (5), Madison (9), Marion (5), Marshall (10), Monroe (5), Neshoba (5), Noxubee (3), Oktibbeha (3), Pearl River (5), Pike (2), Pontotoc (1), Prentiss (5), Rankin (9), Simpson (8), Sunflower (2), Tallahatchie (3), Tate (4), Tishomingo (2), Union (1), Walthall (1), Warren (2), Washington (7), Webster (9), Wilkinson (3), and Yazoo (6). Two cases were from unidentified counties. | [Figure 5](#)



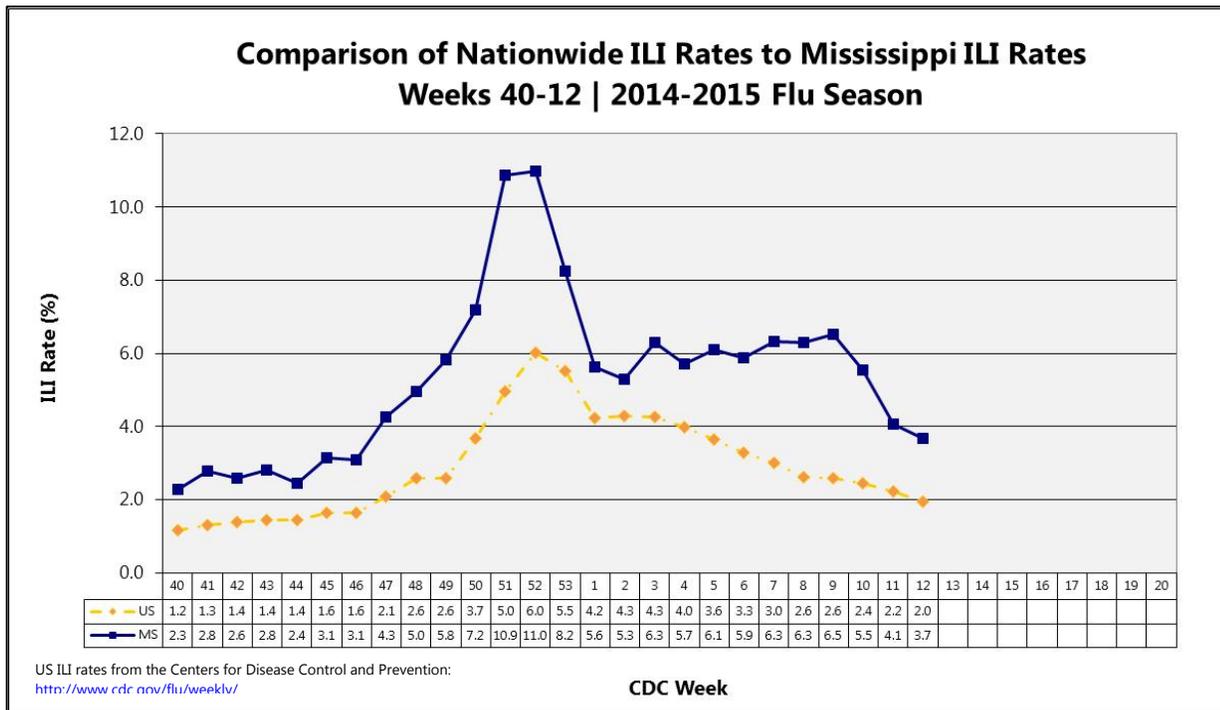
### National and Mississippi Pediatric Mortality Surveillance

Nationally, **seven** influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week **12**. Four deaths were associated with an influenza A (H3) virus and occurred during weeks 1, 4, 5, and 11 (weeks ending January 10<sup>th</sup>, January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, and March 21<sup>st</sup>, respectively). One death was associated with an influenza A virus for which no subtyping was performed and occurred during week 51 (week ending December 20<sup>th</sup>). Two deaths were associated with an influenza B virus and occurred during weeks 6 and 11 (weeks ending February 14<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>, respectively). To date, **123** influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported nationally during the 2014-2015 influenza season.

Mississippi has had **one** influenza-associated pediatric death reported during this influenza season. The death occurred during week 10 (week ending March 14<sup>th</sup>). For additional information on influenza-associated pediatric deaths, please refer to the [CDC’s FluView](#).

**National ILI Surveillance**

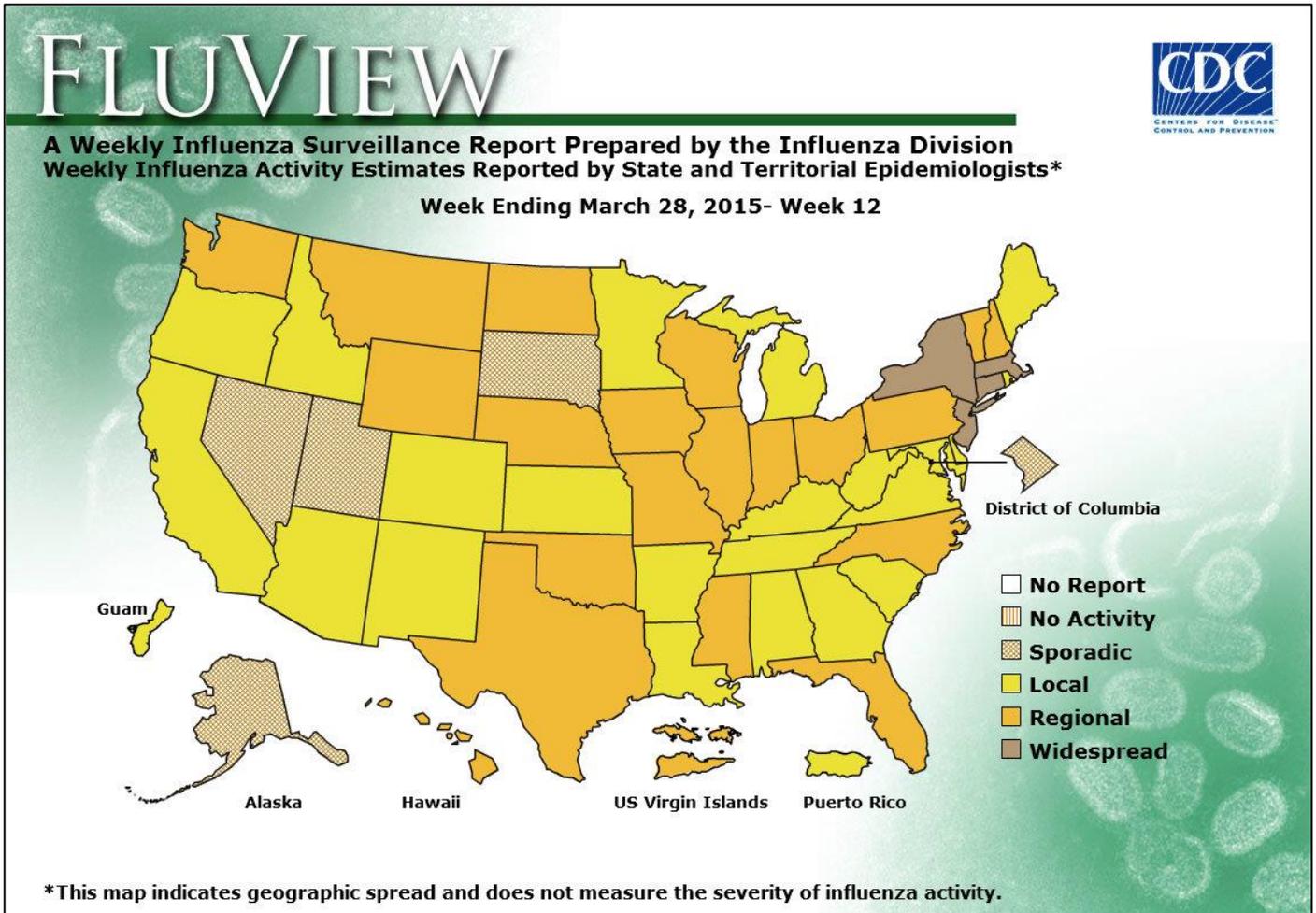
For week **12**, the MS ILI rate (3.7%) remained **above** the national ILI rate (2.0%). | [Figure 6](#)



Mississippi reported **“Regional”** flu activity for week **12**. | [Table 3](#)

Level of Flu Activity	Definition
<b>No Activity</b>	Overall clinical activity remains low and there are no lab confirmed cases.
<b>Sporadic</b>	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.
<b>Local</b>	Increased ILI within a single region <b>AND</b> 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 <b>AND</b> 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
<b>Regional</b>	Increased ILI in at least 2 regions but fewer than half of the regions <b>AND</b> 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 <b>AND</b> recent lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions.
<b>Widespread</b>	Increased ILI and/or institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least half of the regions <b>AND</b> recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the state.

During week **12**, influenza activity **continued to decrease**, but **remained elevated** in the United States.<sup>1</sup> | [Figure 7](#)



<sup>1</sup>For up-to-date information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC's website: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>.

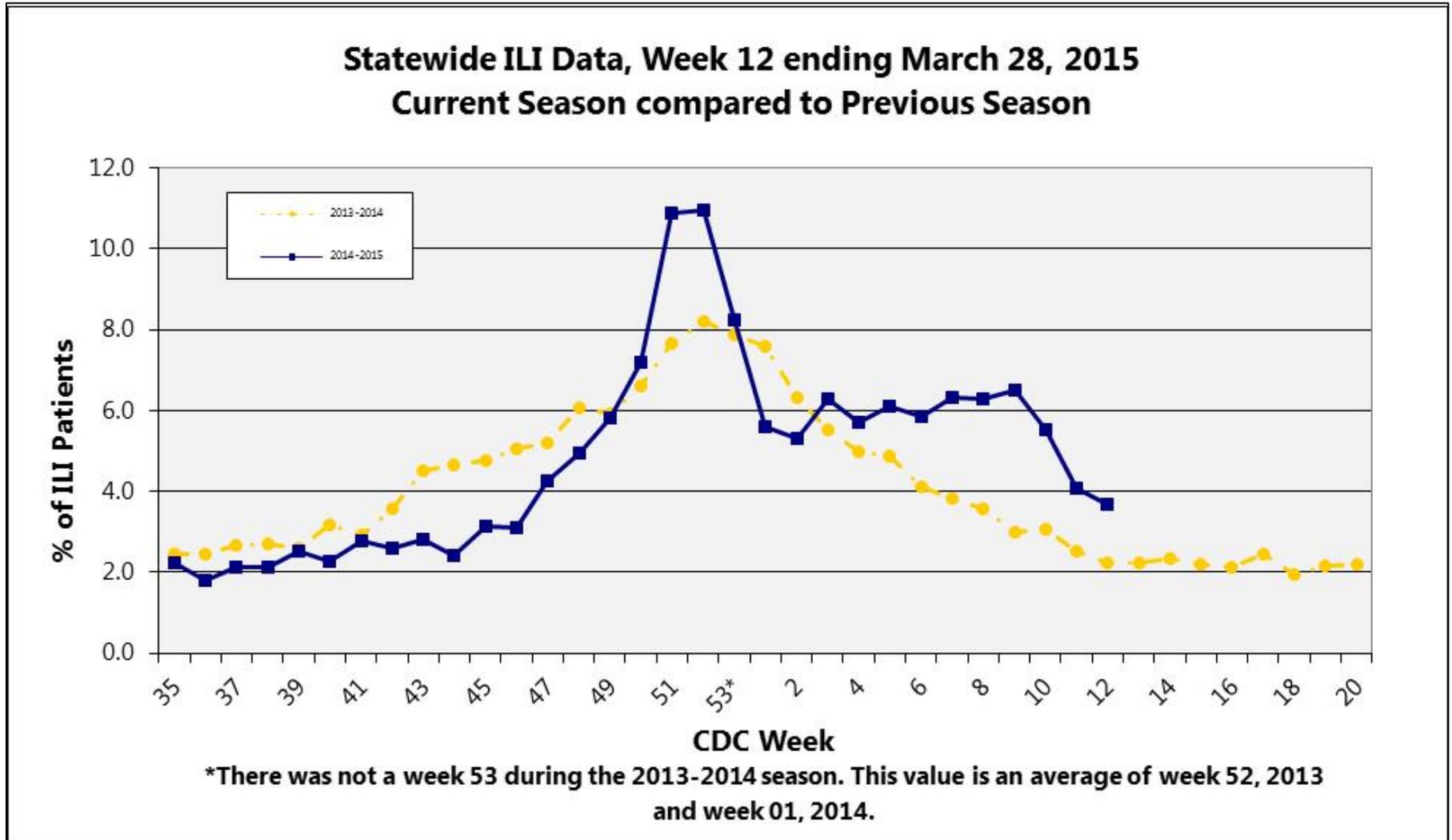
**Additional information:**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	<a href="http://cdc.gov/flu/">http://cdc.gov/flu/</a>
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Flu.gov	<a href="http://www.flu.gov/">http://www.flu.gov/</a>
MSDH Flu and Pneumonia	<a href="http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/14,0,199.html">http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/14,0,199.html</a>
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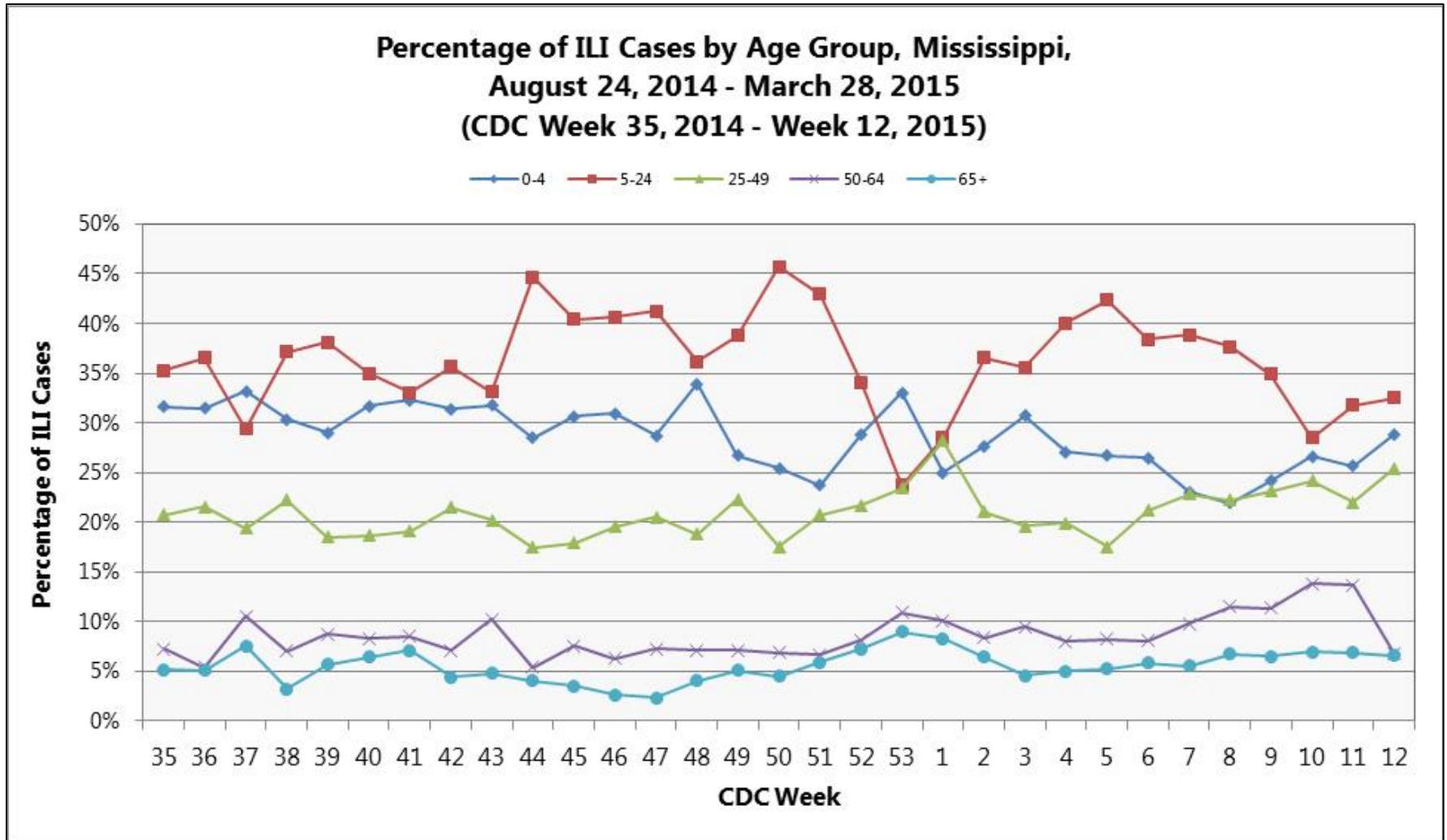
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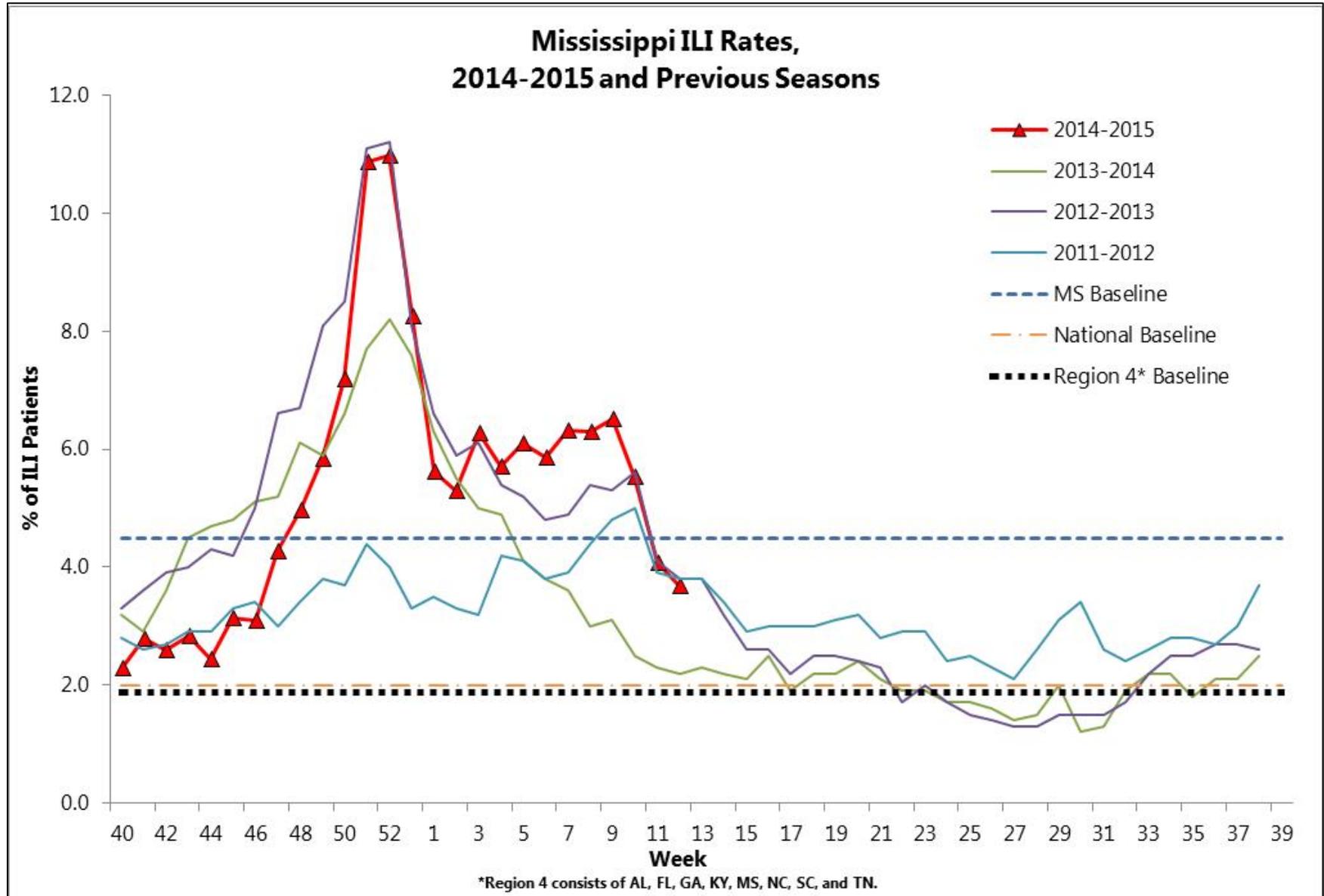


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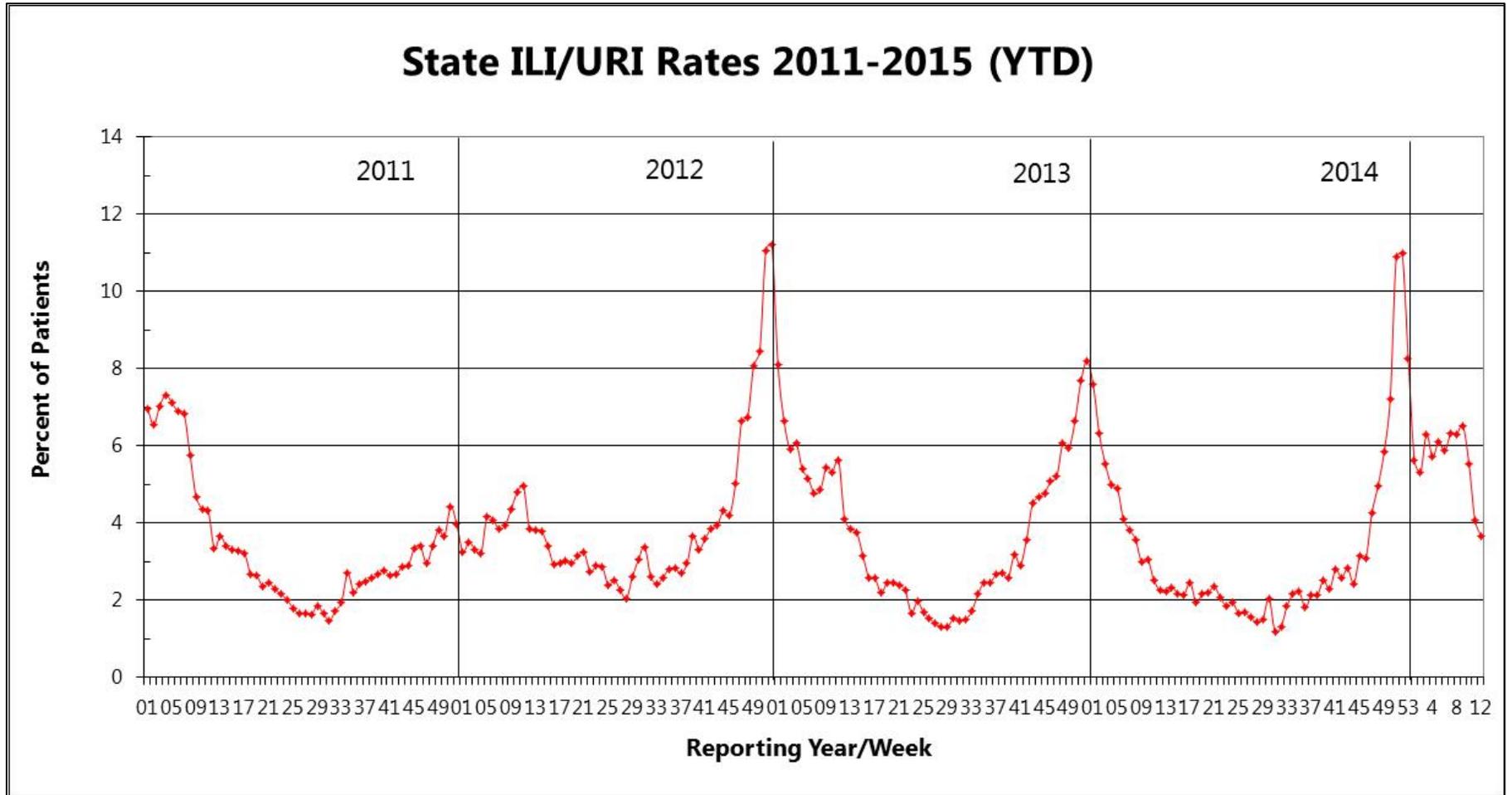
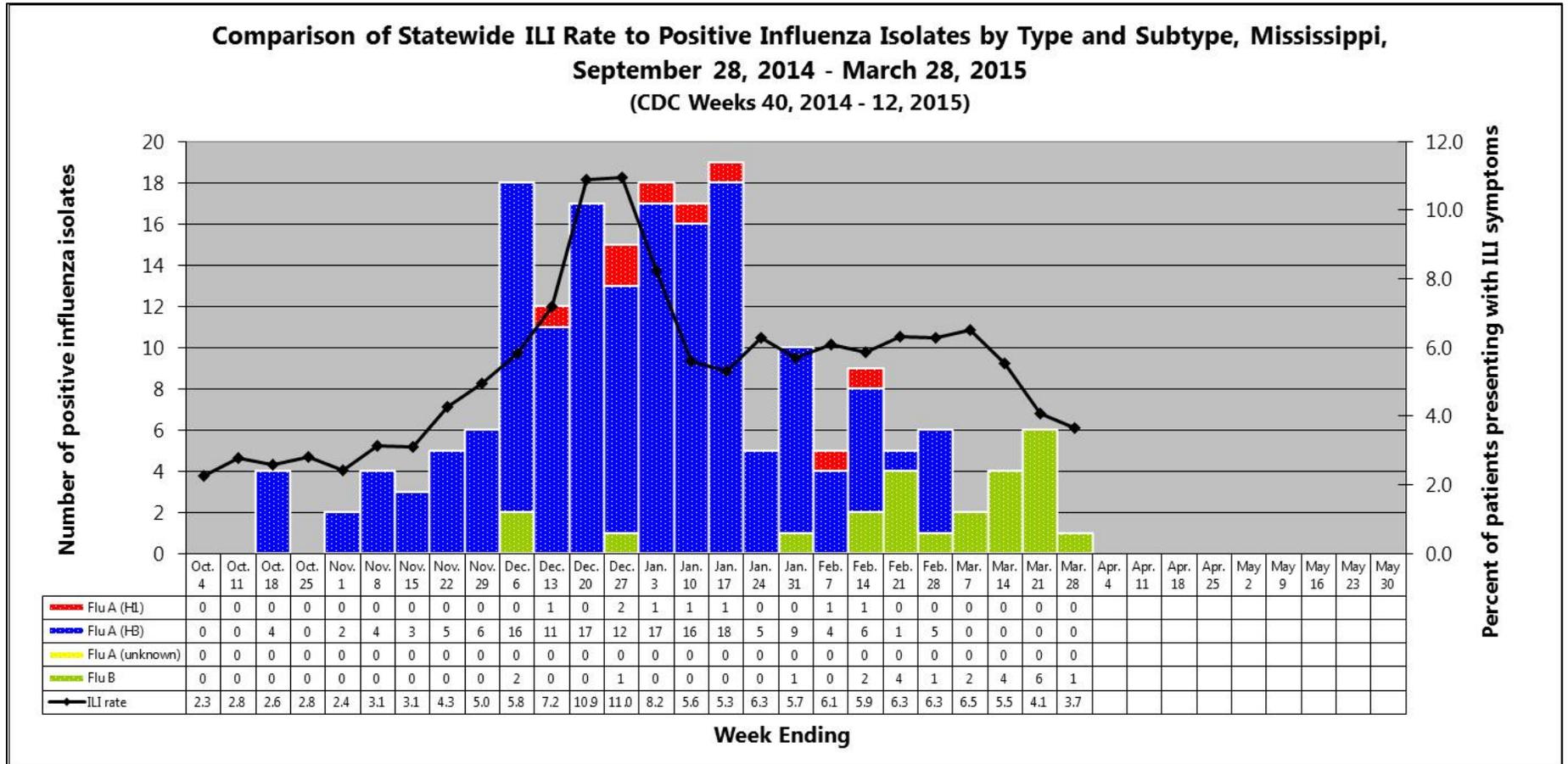


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**Figure 6**

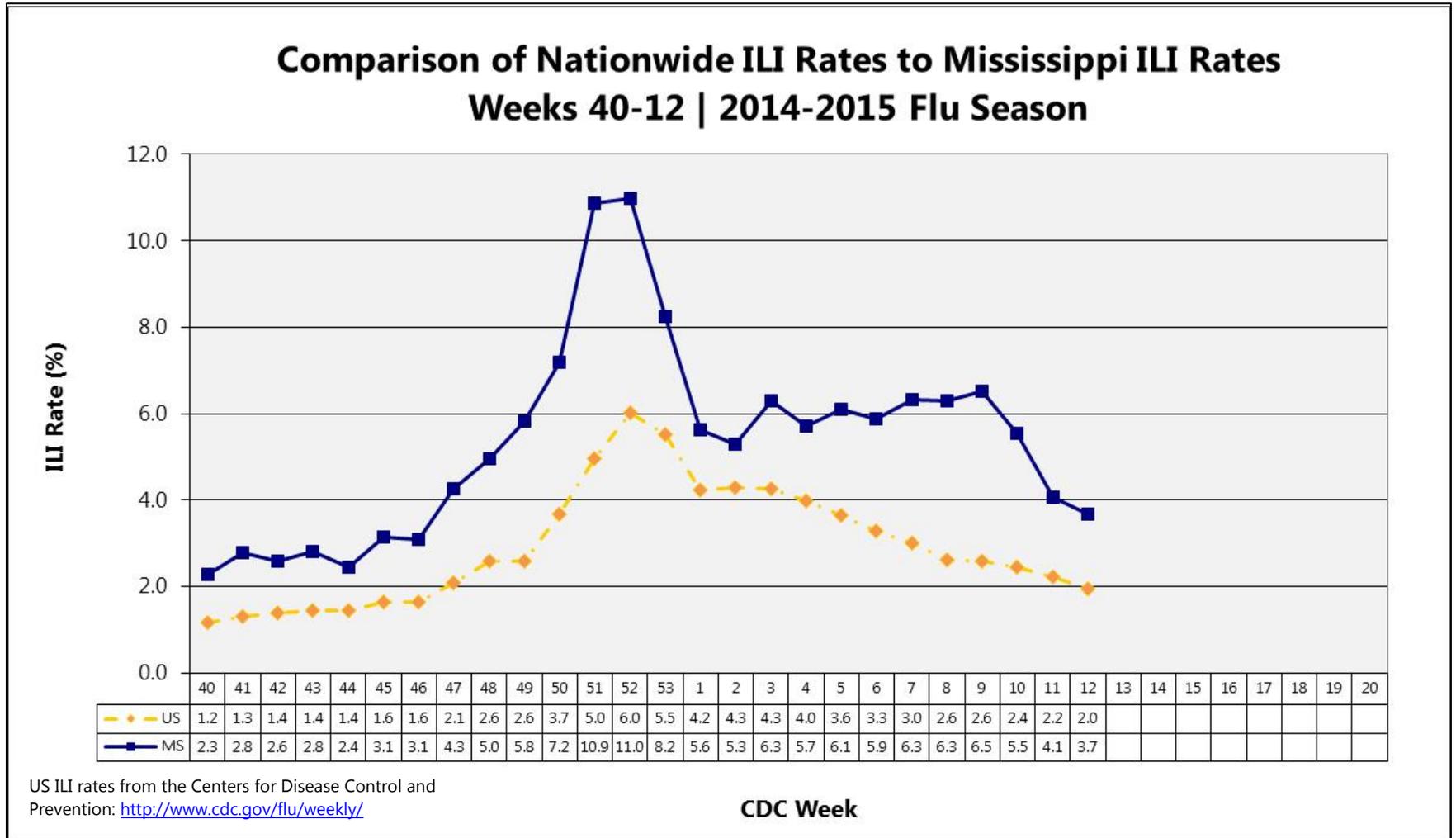


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