



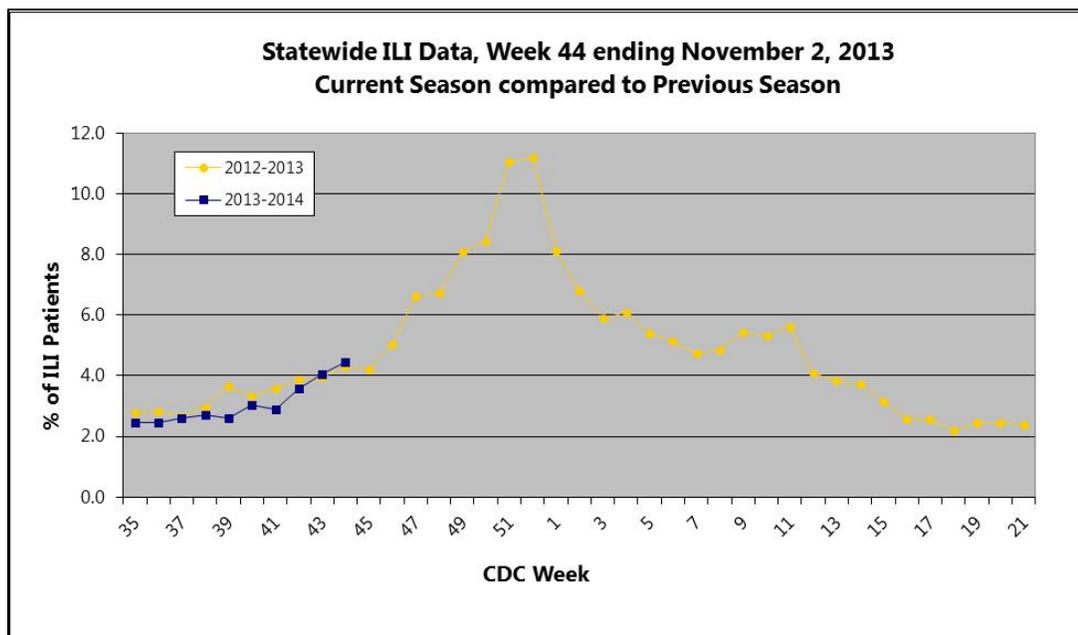
2013-2014 Influenza Report Week 44

October 27 – November 2, 2013

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.**

State ILI Surveillance



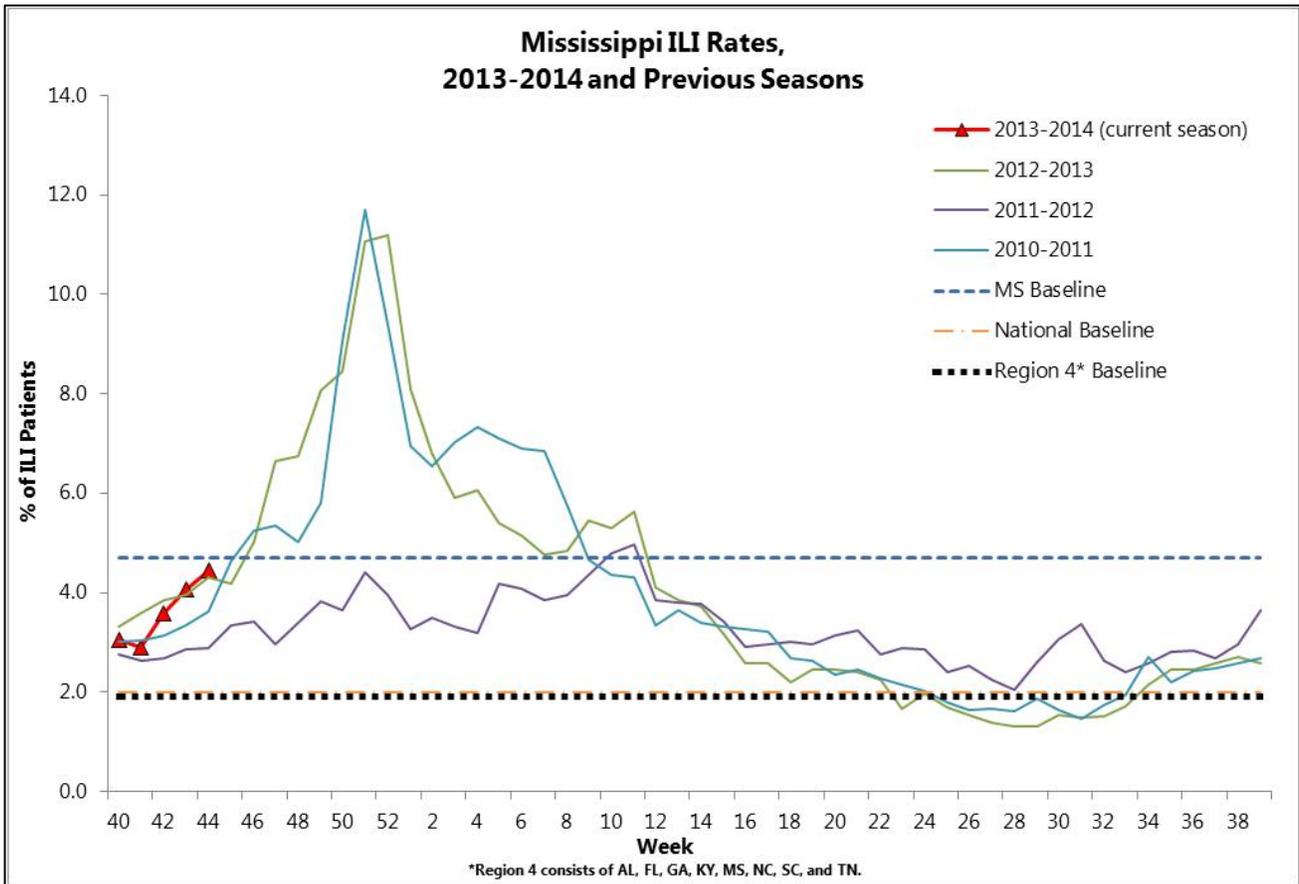
For week **44** (10/27/2013-11/02/2013), the overall state ILI rate (**4.4%**) was **comparable** to last week (**4.1%**) and to this time last year (**4.3%**). |

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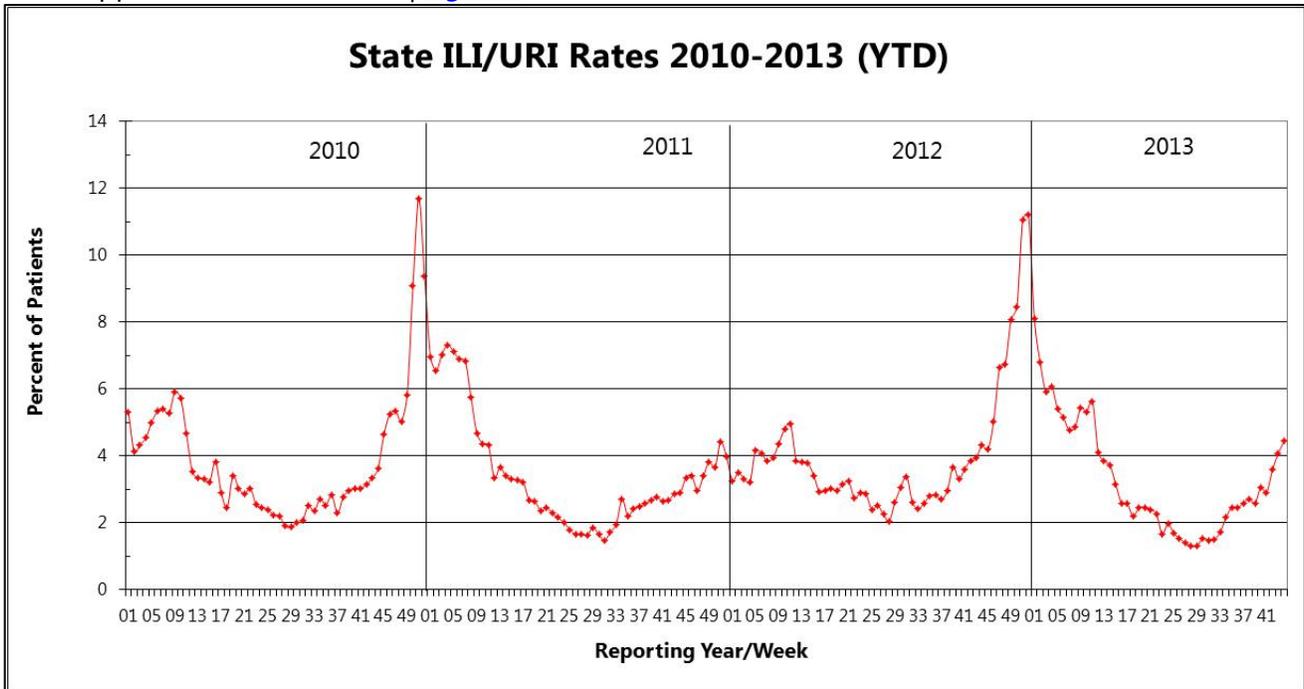
Total number of patients treated by sentinel providers in the last three weeks. | **Table 1**

2013-2014 Influenza Season				
CDC Week	Week Ending	Total patients	ILI symptoms	ILI Rate (%)
44	Nov. 2	14990	666	4.4%
43	Oct. 26	16318	664	4.1%
42	Oct. 19	17246	618	3.6%

The 2013-14 state ILI rate was **above** the national and Region 4 baselines, but was **slightly below** the state baseline for week 44. | [Figure 3](#)



Mississippi ILI Rates 2010-2013 | [Figure 4](#)



Flu Testing Reports

From week **40** (week ending October 5th) through week **44** (week ending November 2nd), **18** positive influenza samples were identified by MSDH. All 18 samples were identified as influenza A (2009 H1N1).

The influenza cases were identified from the following counties: Forrest (1), Harrison (1), Jackson (11), Marion (1), Oktibbeha (2) and Washington (2).

National and Mississippi Pediatric Mortality Surveillance

Two influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported nationally during week **44**. Both occurred during the 2012-2013 influenza season. One was associated with an influenza A (H3) virus and one was associated with an influenza A virus for which no subtyping was performed. These deaths bring the total number of reported pediatric deaths for that season to 169. **No** influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported for the 2013-2014 season.

Mississippi has had **no** influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported during this influenza season.

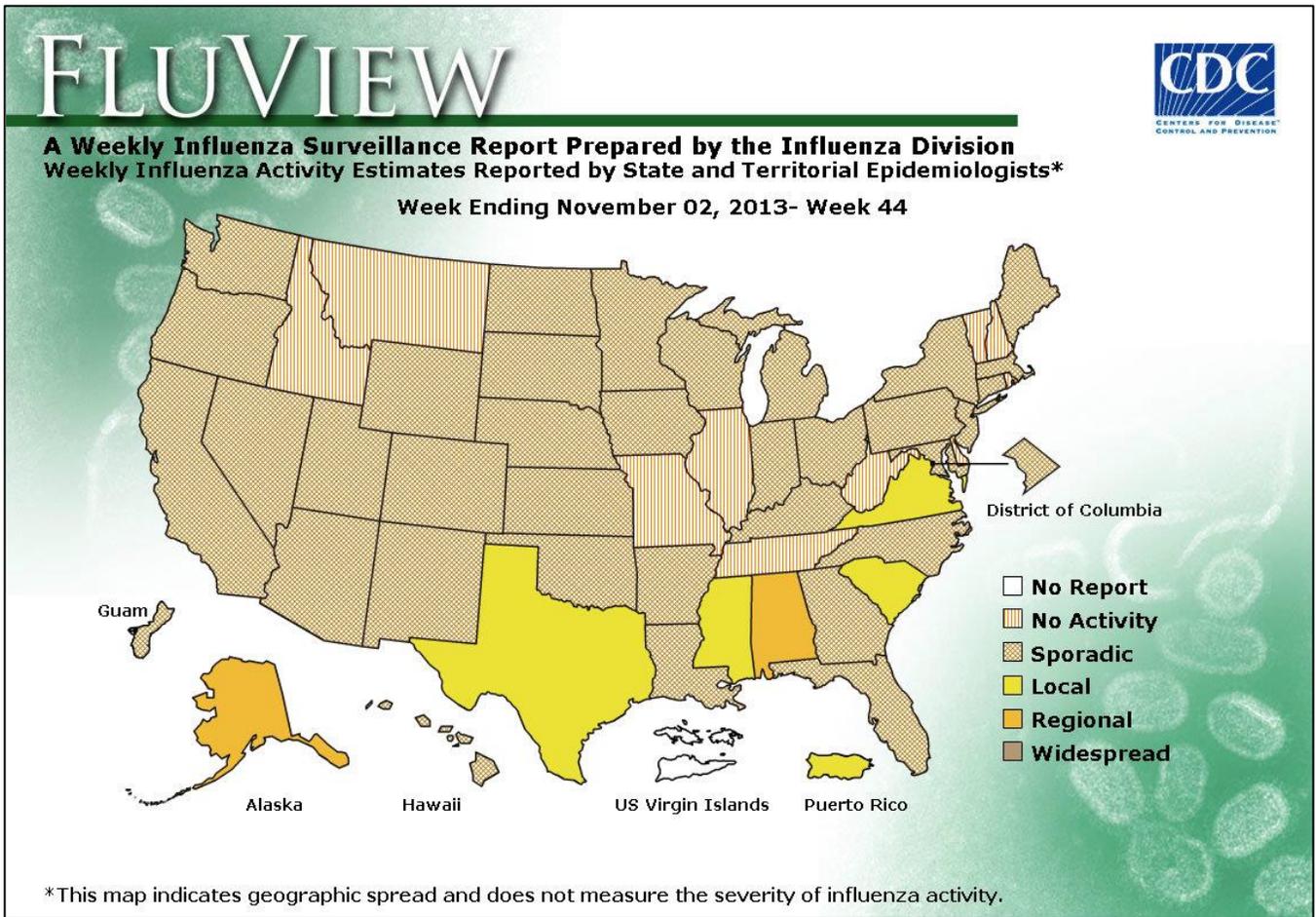
National ILI Surveillance

For week **44**, the MS ILI rate (4.4%) continued to remain **above** the national ILI rate (1.4%).

Mississippi reported "**Local**" flu activity for week **44**. | **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 **44**, influenza activity **remained low** in the United States.¹ | [Figure 5](#)



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/

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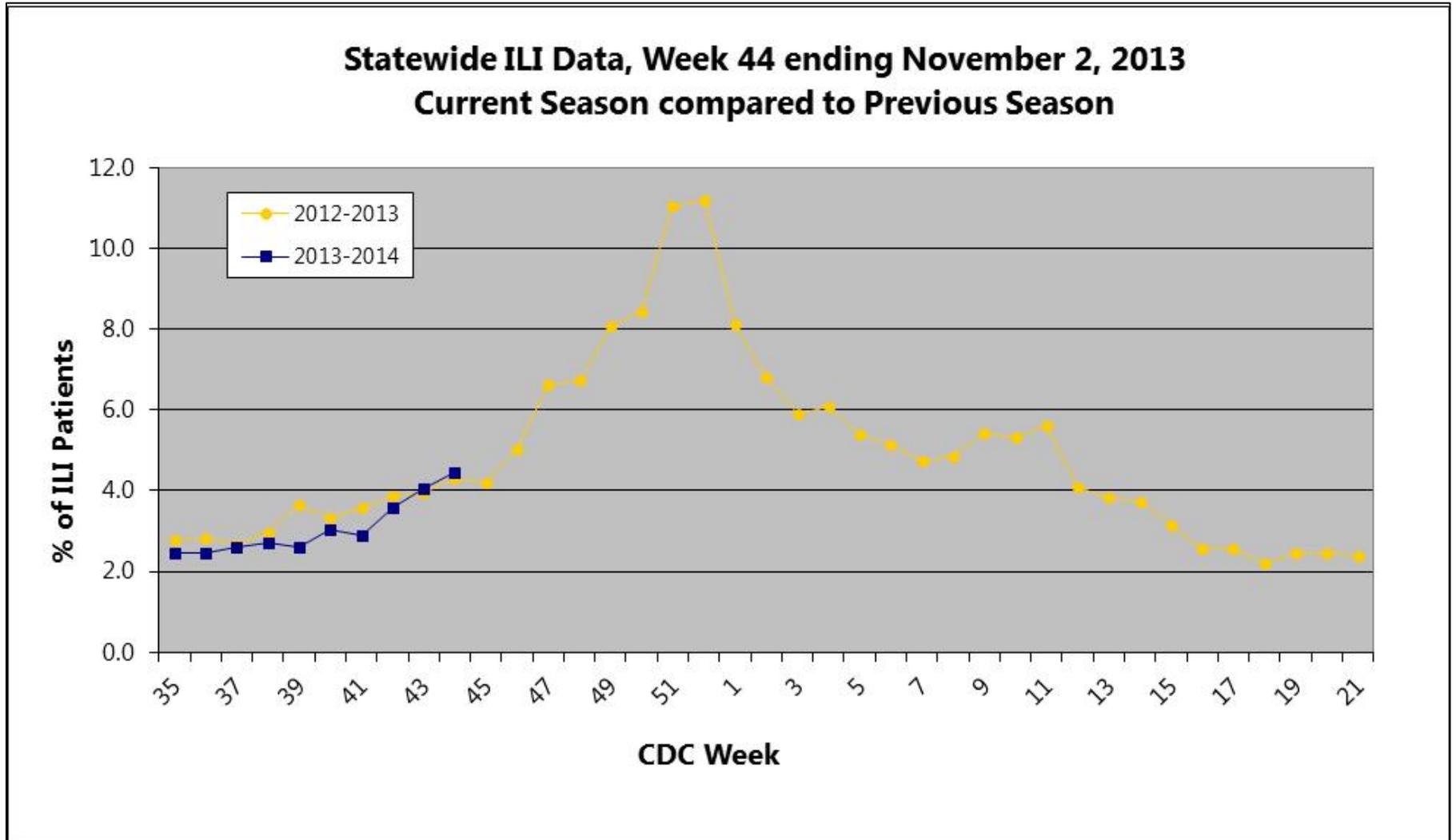


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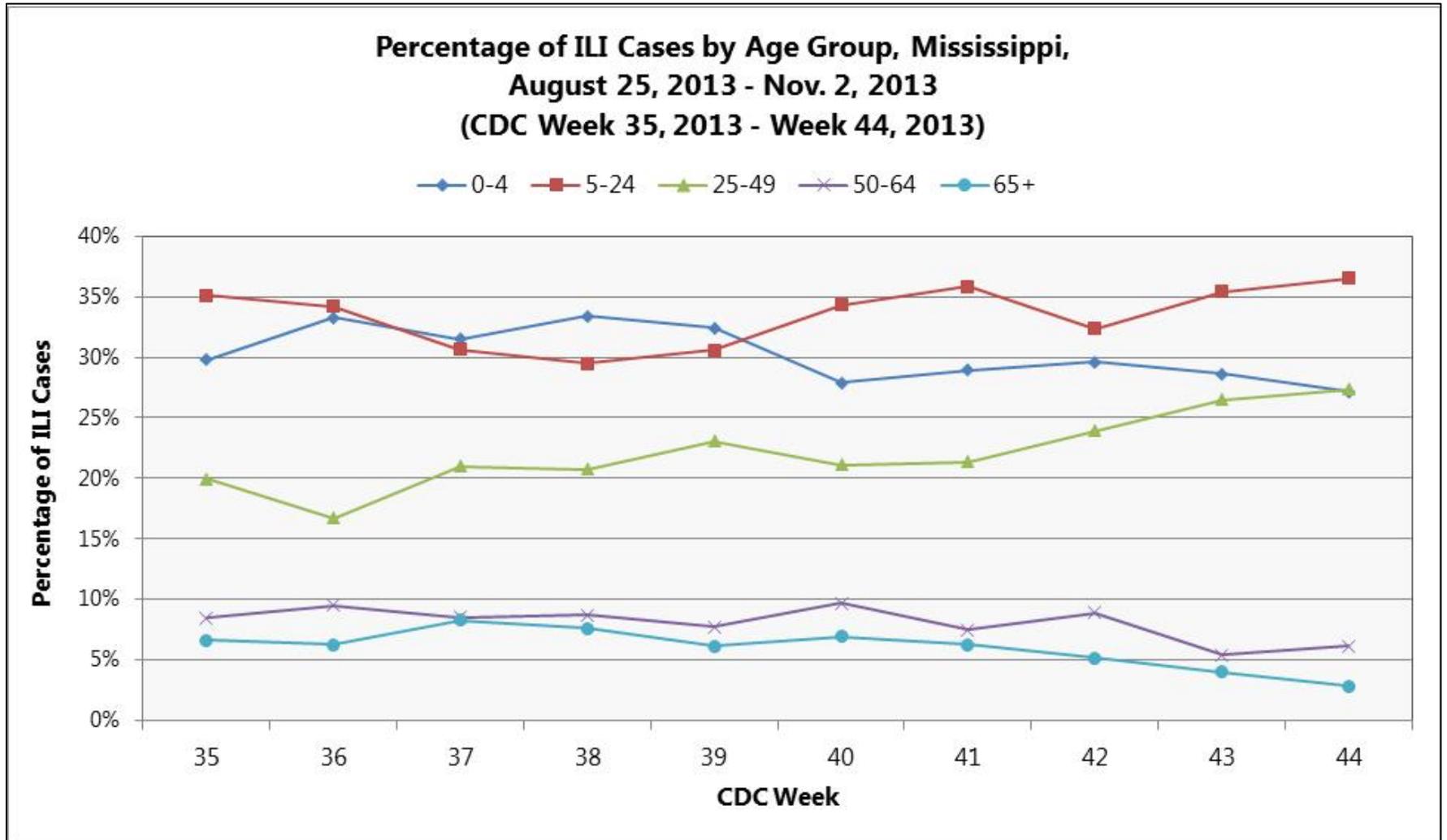


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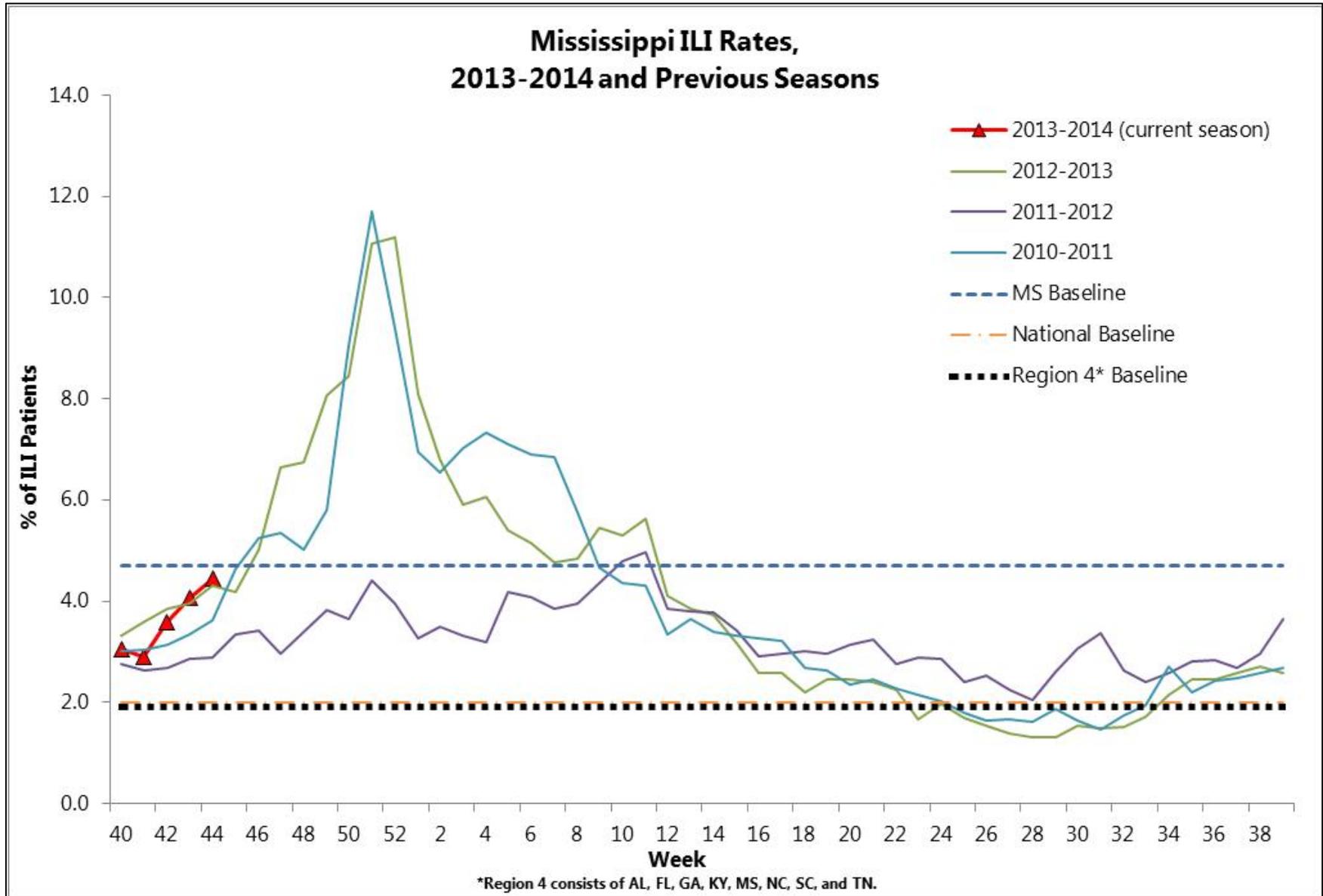


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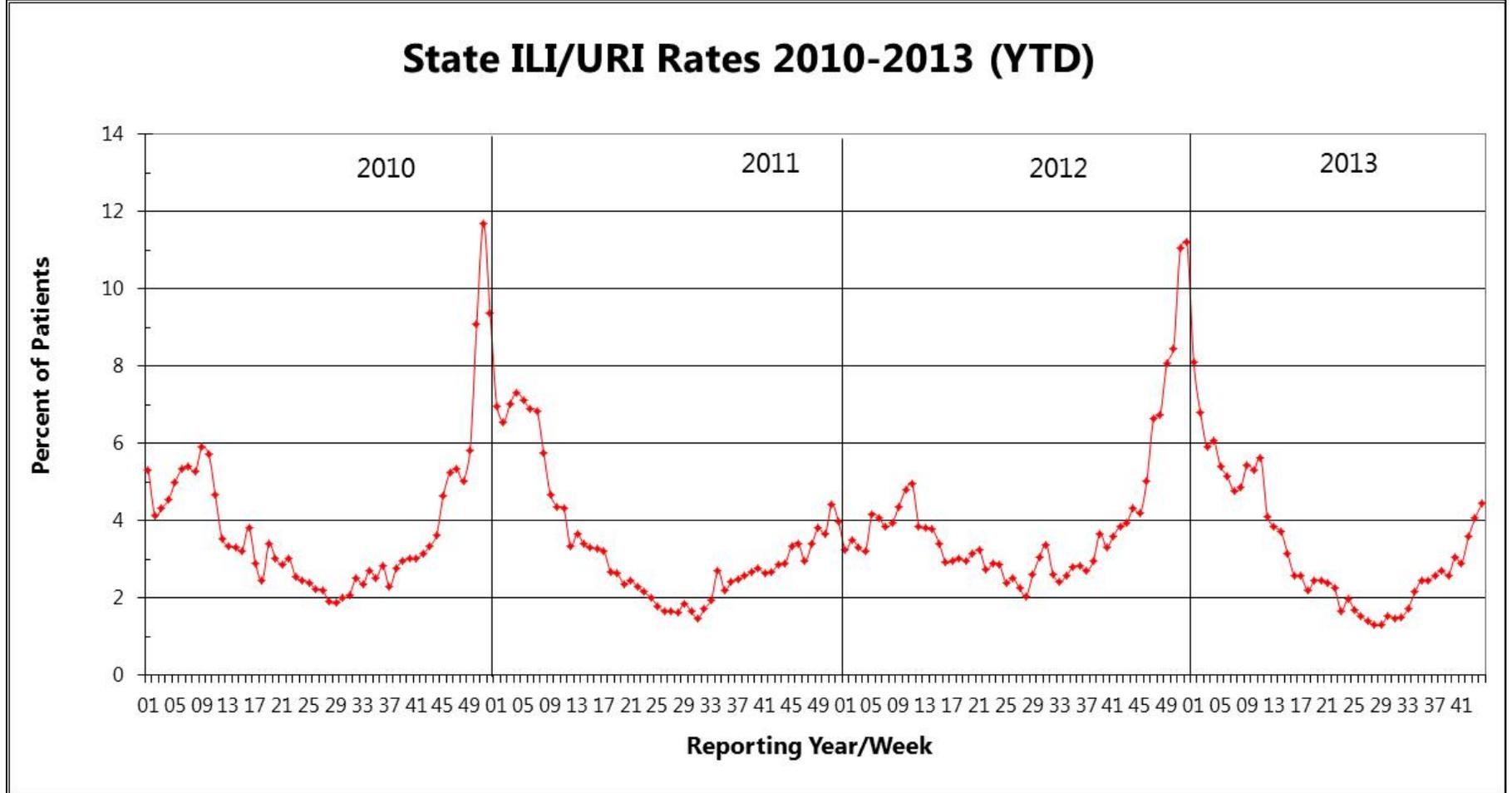


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