# 2013-2014 Influenza Report

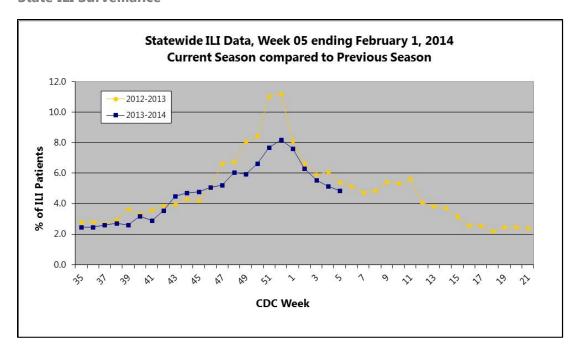
## Week 05

January 26 - February 1, 2014

### 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**



The state ILI rate had been slowly, but steadily increasing since week 41. However, beginning in week 01, the overall state ILI rate began to decrease.

During week **05** 

(01/26/14-02/01/2014), the overall state ILI rate (**4.9%**) was **comparable** to the previous week (**5.1%**), but was lower than this time last year (**5.4%**). | Figure 1

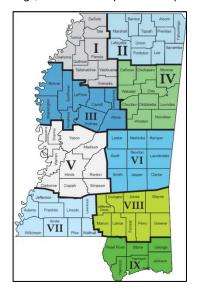
Total number of patients treated by sentinel providers in the last three weeks. | Table 1

#### 2013-2014 Influenza Season

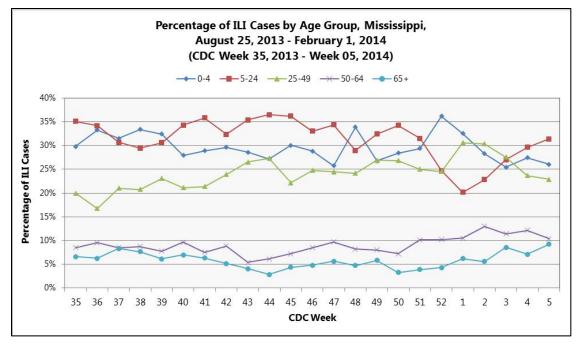
CDC Week	Week Ending	<b>Total patients</b>	ILI symptoms	ILI Rate (%)		
05	Feb. 01	13157	638	4.9%		
04	Jan. 25	16390	843	5.1%		
03	Jan. 18	18396	1019	5.5%		

During week 05, two districts (3 and 8) had an increase in ILI activity, while four districts (2, 5, 6, and

7) had a decrease. **Three** districts (1, 4, and 9) remained about the same. *Information is provisional only and may change depending on additional reporting from sentinel providers.* | **Table 2** 



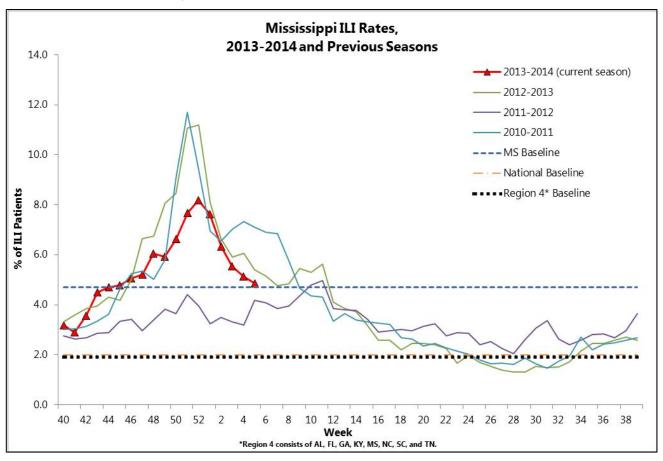
MSDH District ILI Rates (%) 2013-2014					
District	Week 04	Week 05			
State	5.1	4.9			
I	2.3	2.4			
II	9.4	8.1			
III	8.5	10.8			
IV	4.5	4.9			
V	2.9	2.1			
VI	13.2	10.0			
VII	4.5	3.4			
VIII	4.1	5.2			
IX	6.5	6.9			



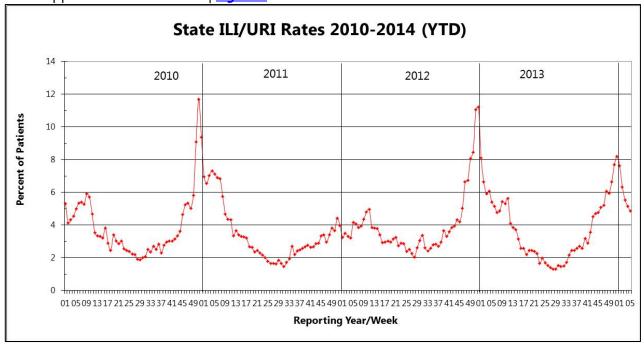
Since week
35, the
percentage of
reported ILI
cases has
been highest
among those
in the 5-24
years of age
group. This
trend
continued

into week 05. | Figure 2

The 2013-14 state ILI rate was **above** the national and Region 4 baselines, but was **comparable** to the state baseline for week **05**. | Figure 3



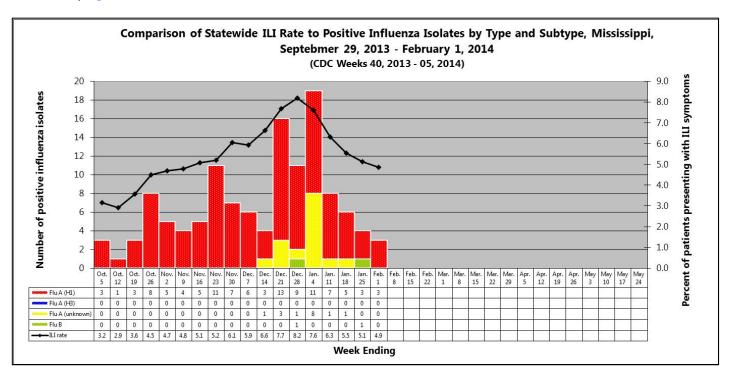
Mississippi ILI Rates 2010-2014 | Figure 4



#### **Flu Testing Reports**

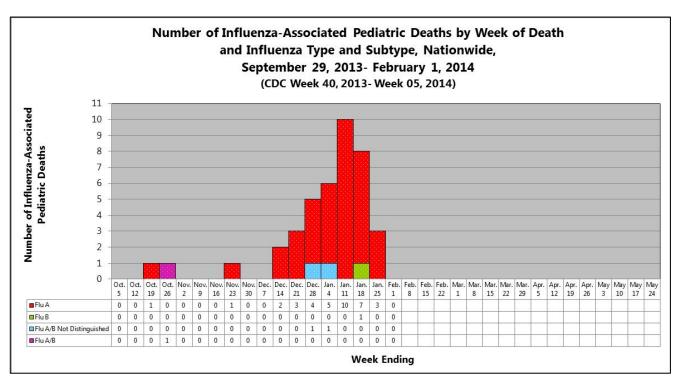
From week **40** (week ending October 5<sup>th</sup>) through week **05** (week ending February 1<sup>st</sup>), **124** positive influenza samples were identified by MSDH. One hundred seven (107) of the samples were identified as influenza A (2009 H1N1). Fifteen samples were identified as influenza A (subtype not performed) and two were identified as influenza B.

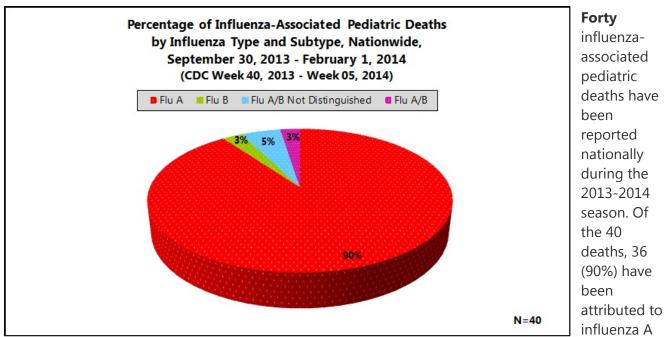
The influenza cases were identified from the following counties: Adams (2), Alcorn (1), Amite (1), Benton (2), Chickasaw (1), Clay (1), Coahoma (5), Copiah (2), Covington (1), Forrest (4), George (2), Grenada (2), Hancock (2), Harrison (17), Hinds (2), Itawamba (1), Jackson (16), Jones (2), Lamar (1), Lauderdale (1), Lawrence (3), Leake (1), Lee (15), Lincoln (1), Marion (1), Marshall (5), Monroe (7), Neshoba (1), Oktibbeha (5), Pearl River (2), Pike (1), Prentiss (1), Stone (1), Tallahatchie (1), Tate (3), Tunica (1), Washington (3), Wayne (1), and Yalobusha (1). The counties of four influenza cases were unknown. | Figure 5



## **National and Mississippi Pediatric Mortality Surveillance**

Nationally, **three** influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week **05**. All three deaths were associated with an influenza A virus for which no subtyping was performed and occurred during weeks 01 (week ending January 4<sup>th</sup>), 03 (week ending January 18<sup>th</sup>) and 04 (week ending January 25<sup>th</sup>). Figure 6



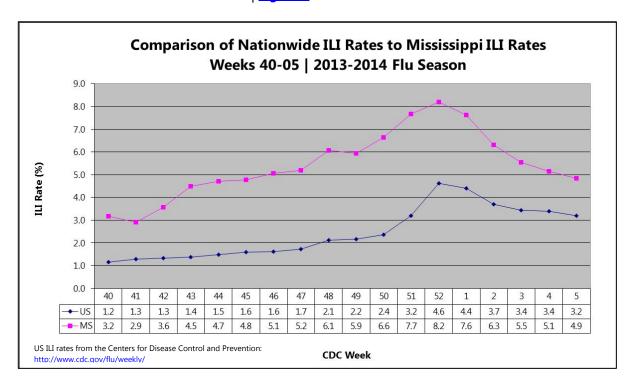


viruses, one (3%) to an influenza B virus, two (5%) to an influenza A/B virus not distinguished, and one (3%) to an influenza virus whose type was not determined. Figure 7

Mississippi has had **one** influenza-associated pediatric death reported during this influenza season.

### **National ILI Surveillance**

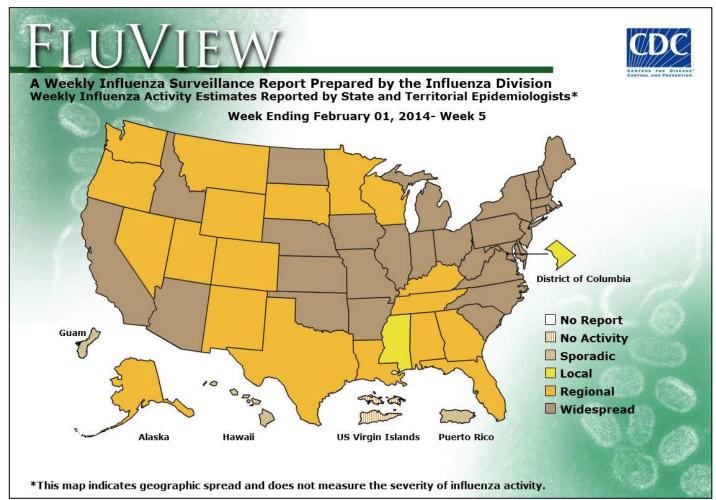
For week **05**, the MS ILI rate (4.9%) continued to remain **above** the national ILI rate (3.2%), but continued to follow national trends. | Figure 8



## Mississippi reported "Local" flu activity for week 05. | 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 <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
Regional	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.
Widespread	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 **05**, influenza activity **remained high** in the United States. | Figure 9



<sup>&</sup>lt;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	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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## **Appendix**

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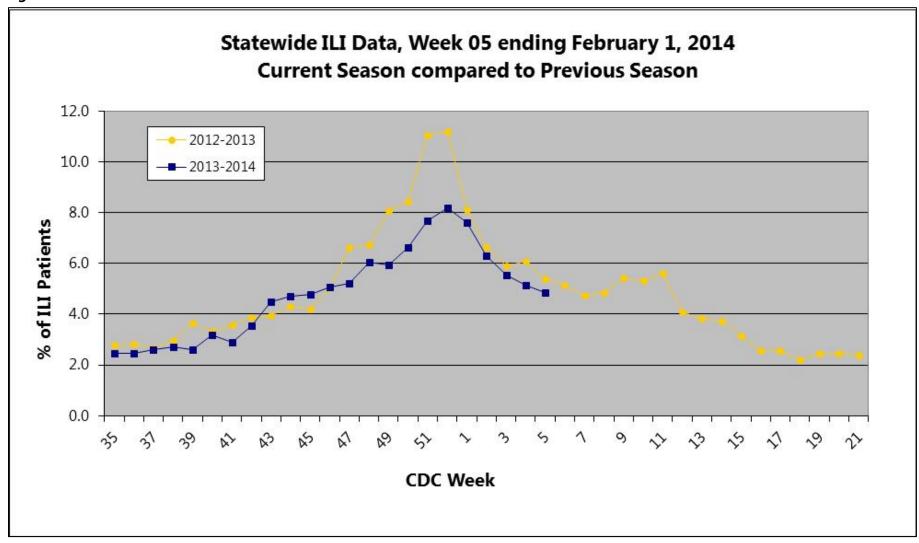


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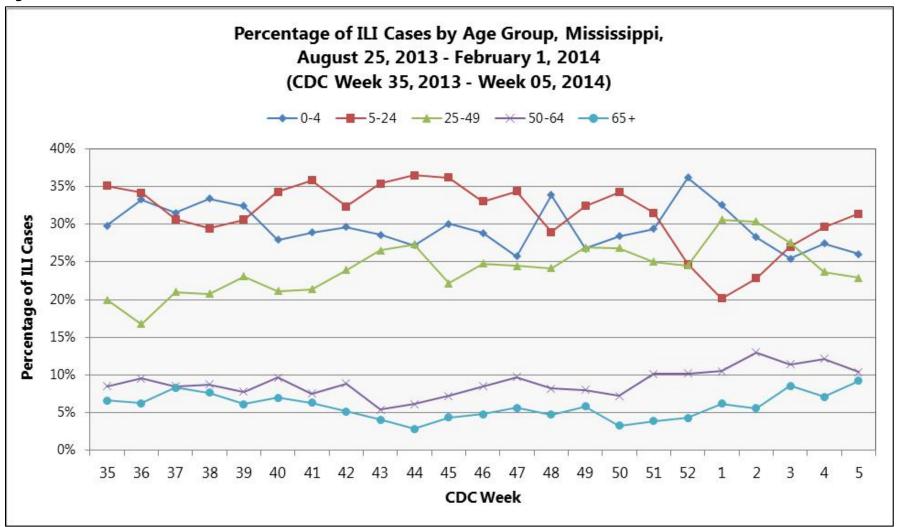


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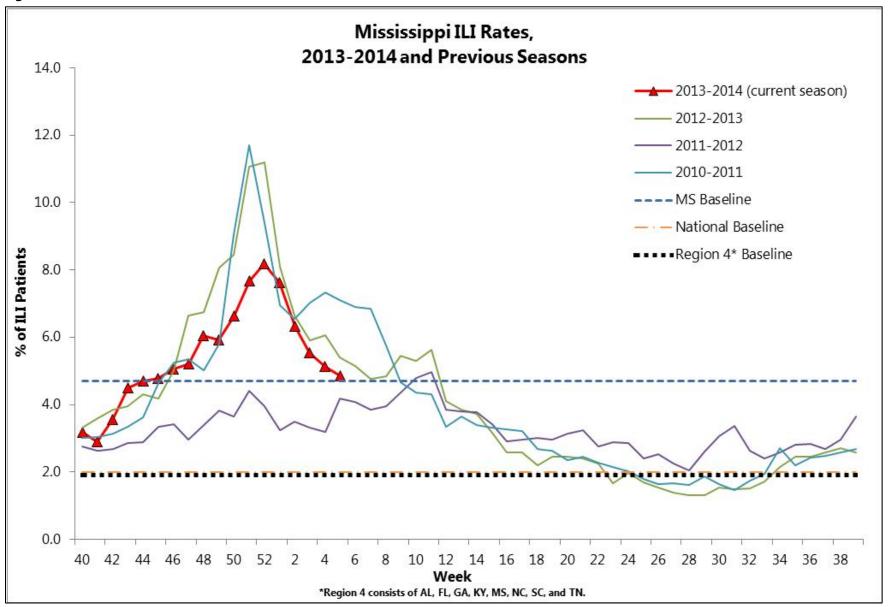


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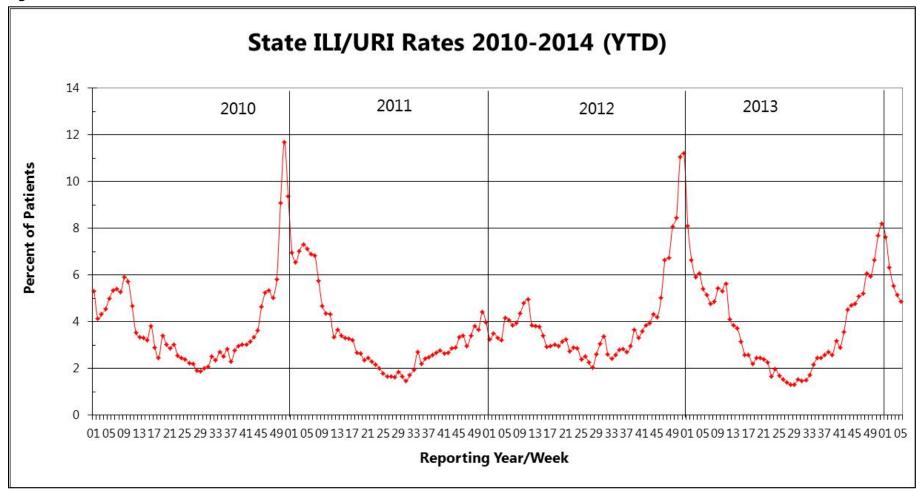


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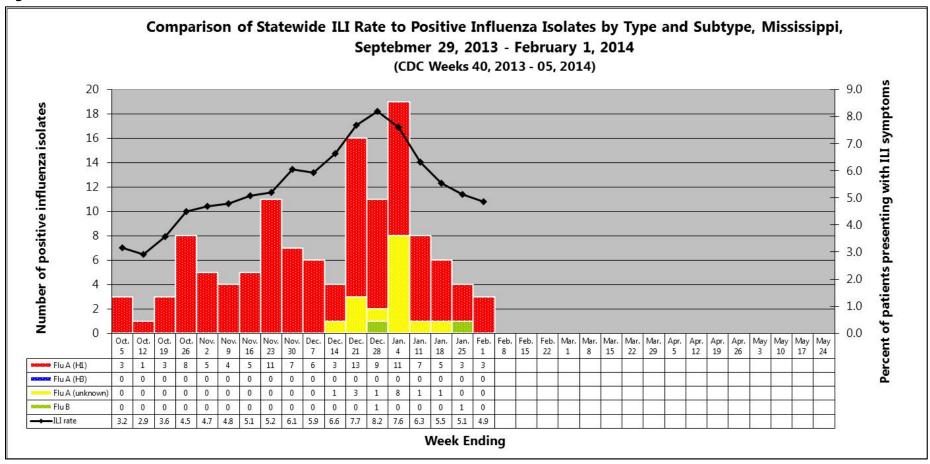


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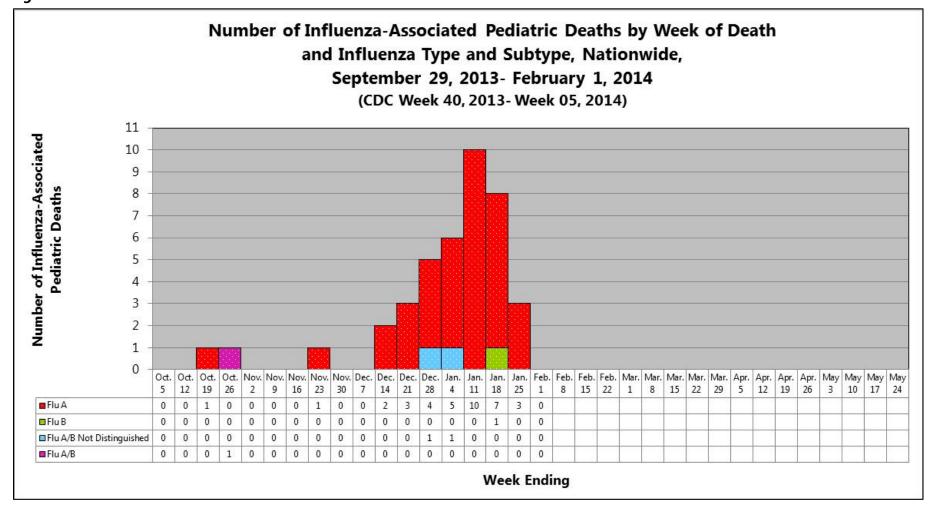


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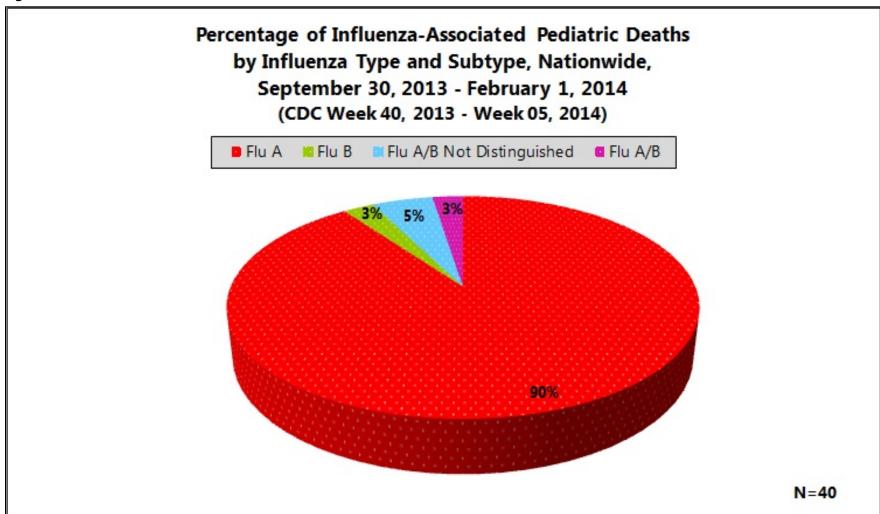


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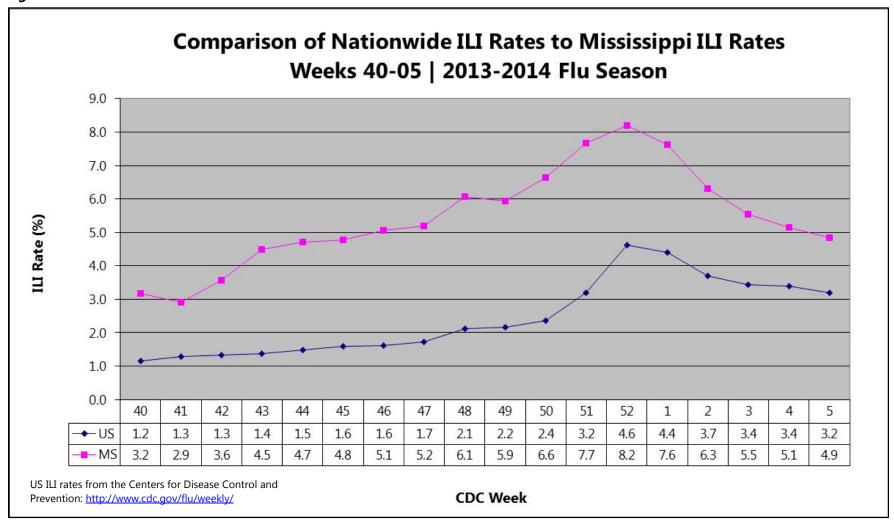


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