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Key points

Week 8/2021 (22 - 28 Feb 2021)

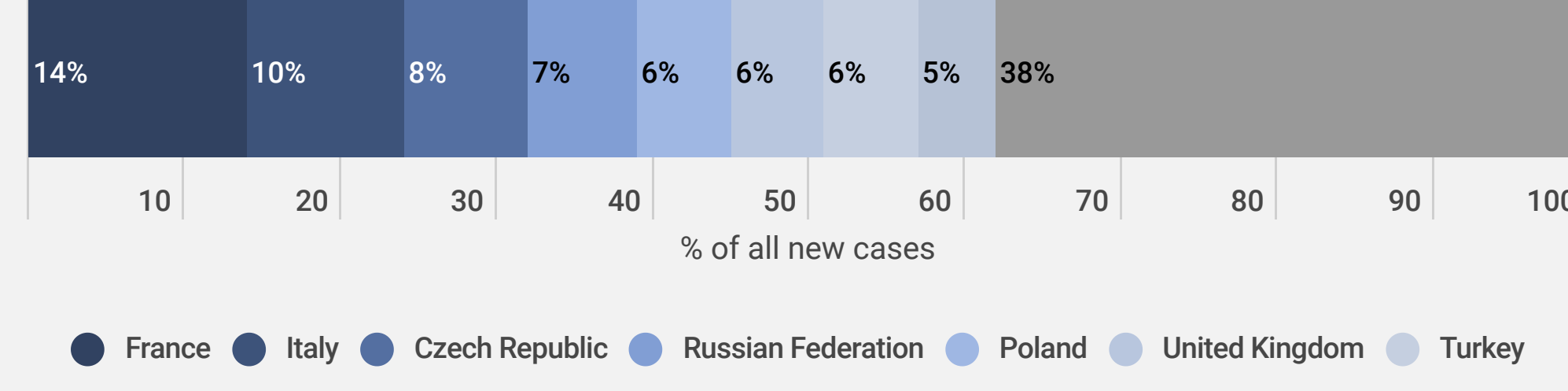
- The number of cases reported in the Region increased by 11.6% to 1 089 717 in week 8/2021 (from 976 433 in week 7/2021)
- 62% (678 790) of the cases reported in week 8/2021 were reported from eight countries: France (14%; 152 882), Italy (10%; 112 105), Czech Republic (8%; 82 321), Russian Federation (7%; 81 353), Poland (6%; 68 219), United Kingdom (6%; 64 845), Turkey (6%; 61 288) and Germany (5%; 55 777). The remaining cases (38%; 410 927) were reported by 49 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported in week 8/2021
- The crude incidence continues to vary across the region with a range from 0.7 per 100,000 population in Uzbekistan to 770 per 100,000 population in Czech Republic in week 8/2021
- A total of six countries had a crude incidence of ≥ 300 per 100 000 population in week 8/2021. Four countries had a crude incidence of ≥ 500 per 100 000 population in week 8/2021: Czech Republic (770), San Marino (720), Montenegro (618) and Estonia (602) (Figure 2A).
- The 15-day cumulative incidence increased by $\geq 10\%$ in week 8/2021 in twenty seven countries and territories in the Region; an increase of $\geq 50\%$ was observed in six of these countries and territories: Isle of Man, Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Bulgaria and Poland (see [EURO COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for recent trends)
- In week 08/2021, of countries that reported data on genetically characterized SARS-CoV-2 viruses, specific variants were observed in Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden and the United Kingdom (19 "VOC 202012/01" in Belgium; 65 "VOC 202012/01", 40 "S gene deletions" and 3 "501V2" in Estonia; 10 "VOC 202012/01" in Finland; 7 "VOC 202012/01" and 6 "501V2" in France; 58 "VOC 202012/01" and 10 "501V2" in Greece; 83 "VOC 202012/01" and 5 "501V2" in Hungary; 9 "VOC 202012/01" in Iceland; 20 "S gene deletions" and 16 "VOC 202012/01" in Latvia; 38 "S gene deletions" and 37 "VOC 202012/01" in Lithuania; 36 "VOC 202012/01" in Romania; 1 "VOC 202012/01" in Slovenia; 8 "501V2" in Sweden; and 74 "VOC 202012/01" in the United Kingdom).
- Community-transmission was reported by 37 countries and territories, 17 countries and territories reported cluster transmission, while 4 countries and territories reported sporadic transmission in week 8/2021
- The percentage of cases in persons aged ≥ 65 years was 15.1% in week 8/2021 (Figure 3)
- The number of deaths in the Region in week 8/2021 decreased by 13% to 21 863 (from 25 121 in week 7/2021) (Figure 1). The proportion of reported cases that died was 2.0% in week 8/2021
- 65% (14 304) of the deaths reported in week 8/2021 were reported by Russian Federation (13%; 2 829), United Kingdom (11%; 2 340), Germany (10%; 2 204), France (10%; 2 185), Italy (9%; 2 023), Poland (7%; 1 598) and Czech Republic (5%; 1 125). The remaining deaths (35%; 7 559) were reported from 45 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total deaths reported in week 8/2021
- The percentage of fatal cases aged ≥ 65 years was 86.7% in week 8/2021 (Figure 3)
- The latest weekly EuroMOMO pooled estimates indicate that excess all-cause mortality is decreasing after a period with high levels of excess mortality among the 27 participating European countries. However, a few countries still have elevated mortality.
- In week 8/2021, 22 countries reported a total of 1 320 tests and 146 detections (11.1%) of SARS-CoV-2 in persons with influenza-like illness (ILI) in primary care sentinel surveillance (Figure 4)
- Overall, there were 779 884 COVID-19 cases among the total of 16 765 290 tests (4.7%) reported to have been performed in 31 countries in week 8/2021 (Figure 5)
- For an interactive sub-national view of the recent COVID-19 situation in the WHO-EURO Region see [WHO-EURO COVID-19 Subnational Explorer](#)

Summary overview

- The cumulative cases across the Region increased 2.7% to 38 702 356 cases in week 8/2021 (from 37 674 710 cases in week 7/2021).
- As of week 8/2021, 60% (23 318 659) of cases were reported from the Russian Federation (11%; 4 246 979), United Kingdom (11%; 4 170 519), France (10%; 3 736 016), Spain (8%; 3 122 720), Italy (8%; 2 907 825), Turkey (7%; 2 693 164) and Germany (6%; 2 442 336). The remaining cases (40%; 15 383 697) were reported by 54 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported until week 8/2021
- Twenty four countries and territories in the Region had an effective reproductive number significantly over 1: Hungary, Cyprus, Azerbaijan, Serbia, Kosovo, Finland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Estonia, Armenia, Poland, Ukraine, North Macedonia, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Turkey, Italy, Greece, Sweden, Czech Republic, Romania, Denmark, Netherlands and Austria (See [EpiForecasts](#) and the CMMID COVID working group COVID-19 Global Summary for latest estimates)
- Seven countries in the Region each reported a cumulative incidence of ≥ 9000 cases per 100,000 population: Andorra (14 062), Gibraltar (12 567), Montenegro (12 148), Czech Republic (11 558), San Marino (10 973), Slovenia (9 122) and Israel (9 067) (Figure 2B)
- The cumulative deaths across the Region increased by 2.7% to 21 863 deaths in week 8/2021 (from 21 121 in week 7/2021).
- As of week 8/2021, 67% of cumulative deaths (14 727) were reported from the United Kingdom (14%; 122 705), Italy (11%; 97 507), France (10%; 86 332), Russian Federation (10%; 86 122), Germany (8%; 70 045), Spain (8%; 69 647) and Poland (5%; 43 769). The remaining deaths (33%; 287 204) were reported by 52 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported until week 8/2021

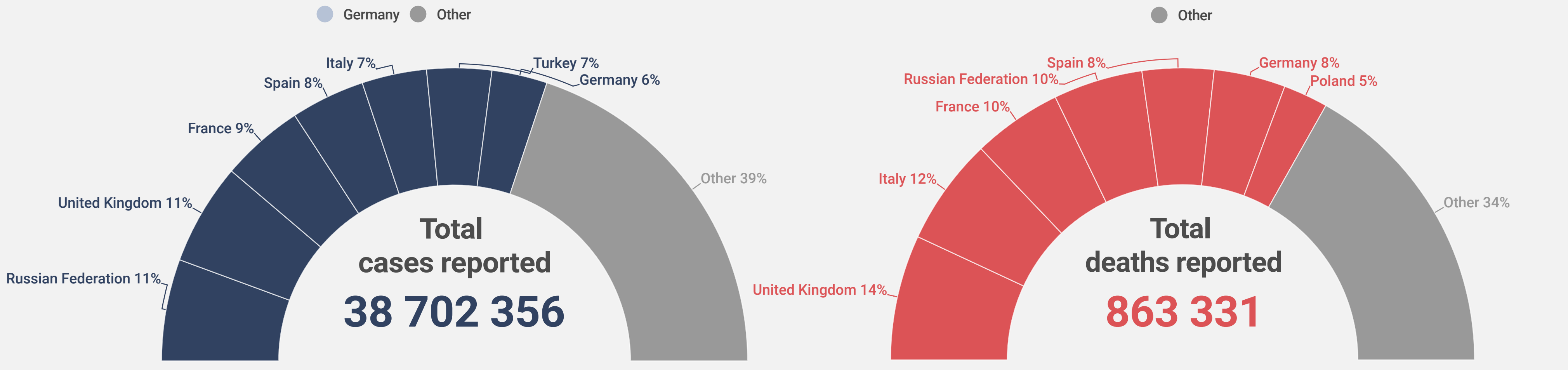
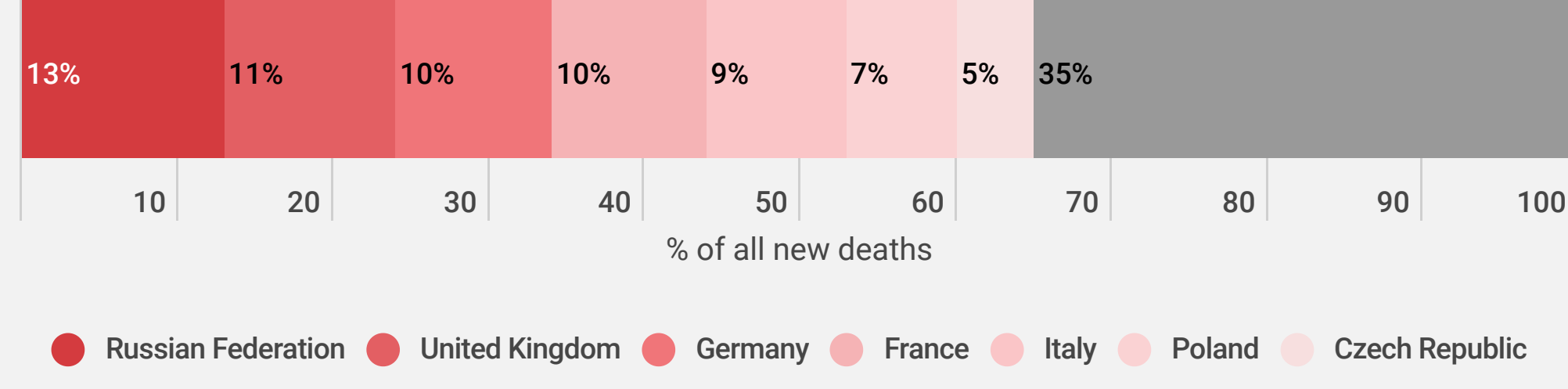
New cases (week 8/2021)

1 089 717



New deaths (week 8/2021)

21 863



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Figure 1: Number of COVID-19 cases (N=38 702 356) and deaths (N=863 331) by reporting week

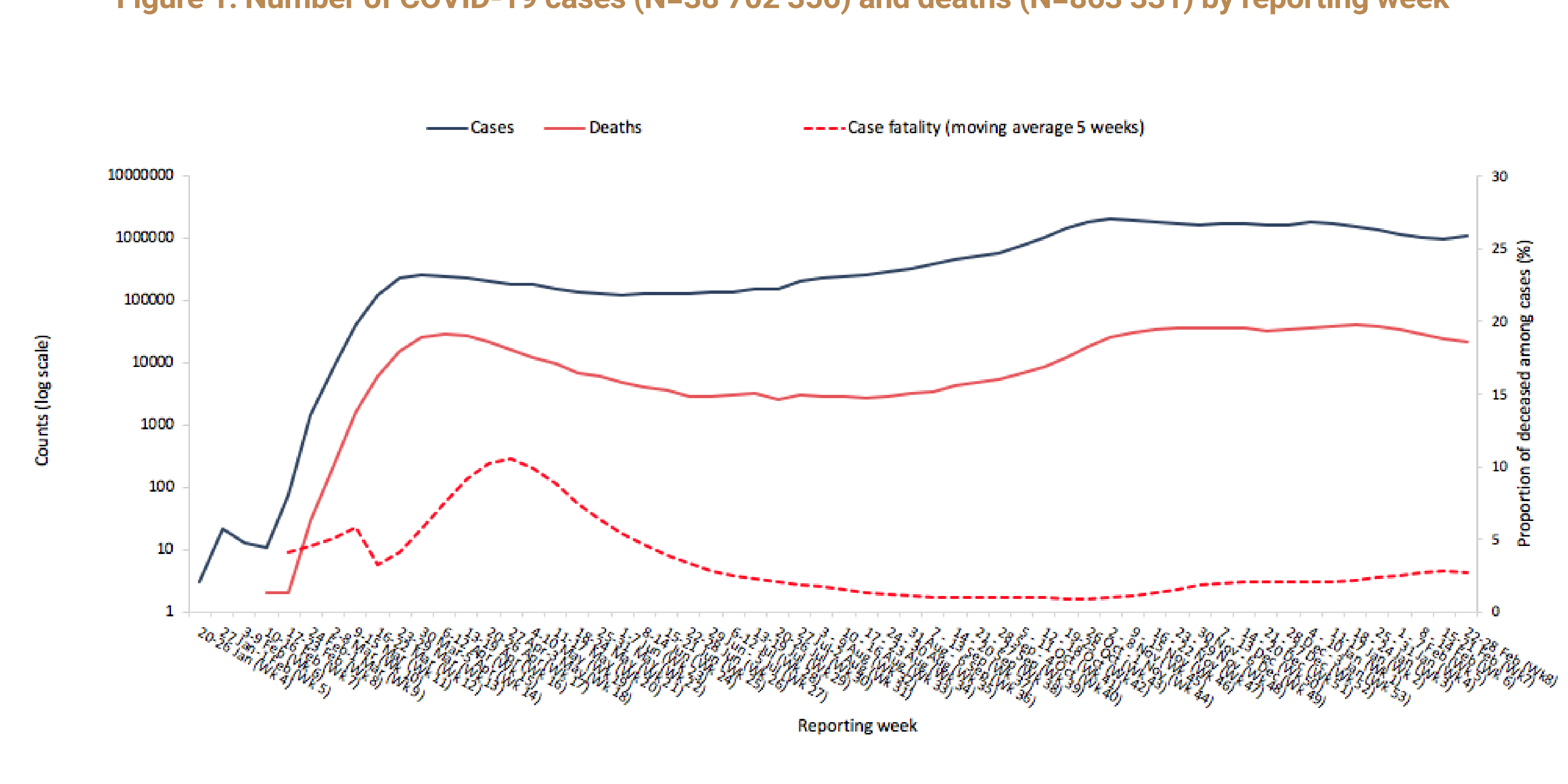


Figure 2A. COVID-19 incidence per 100,000 population and number of deaths by country for week 8/2021

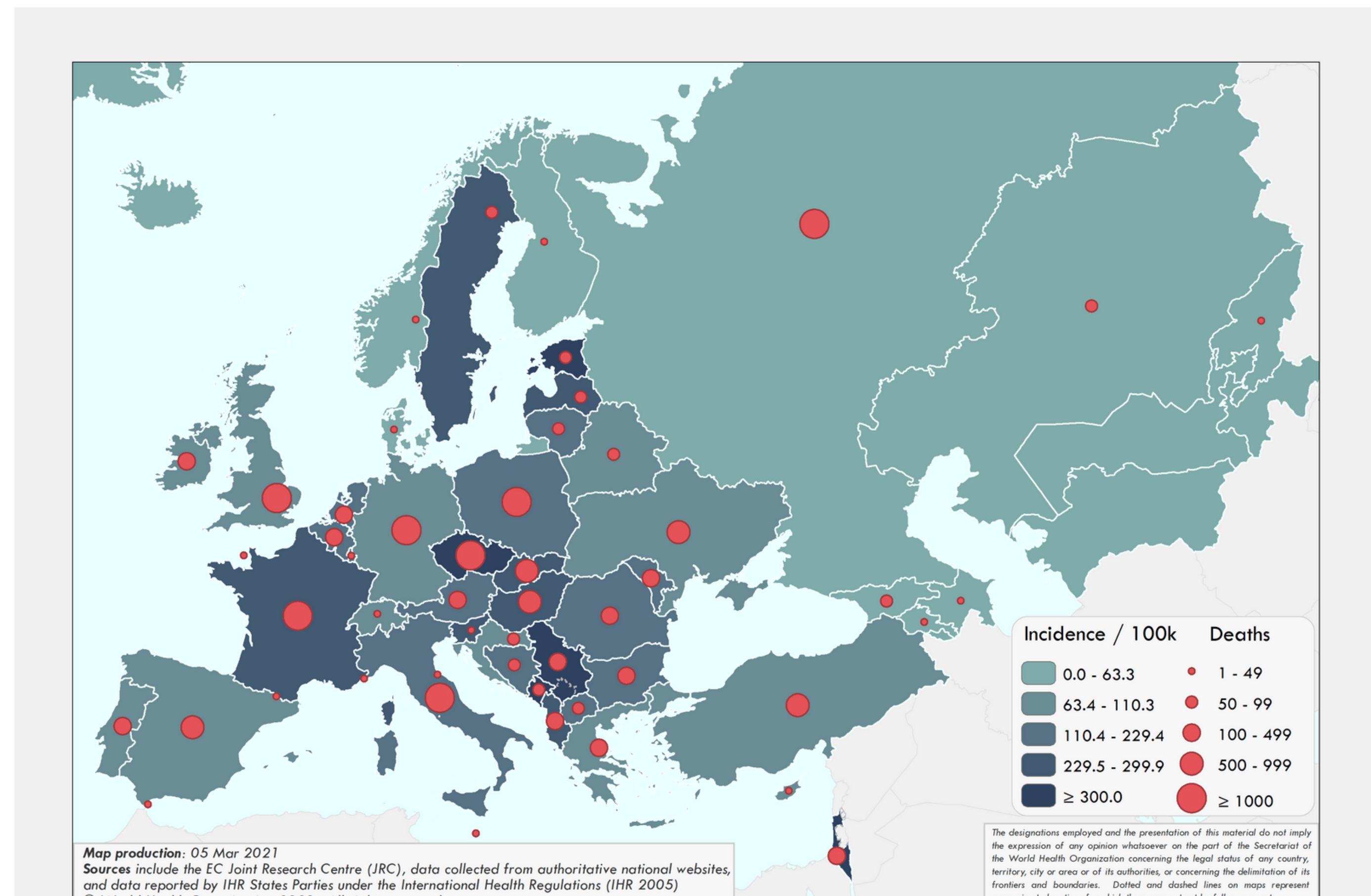


Figure 2B. COVID-19 cumulative incidence per 100,000 population and number of deaths by country

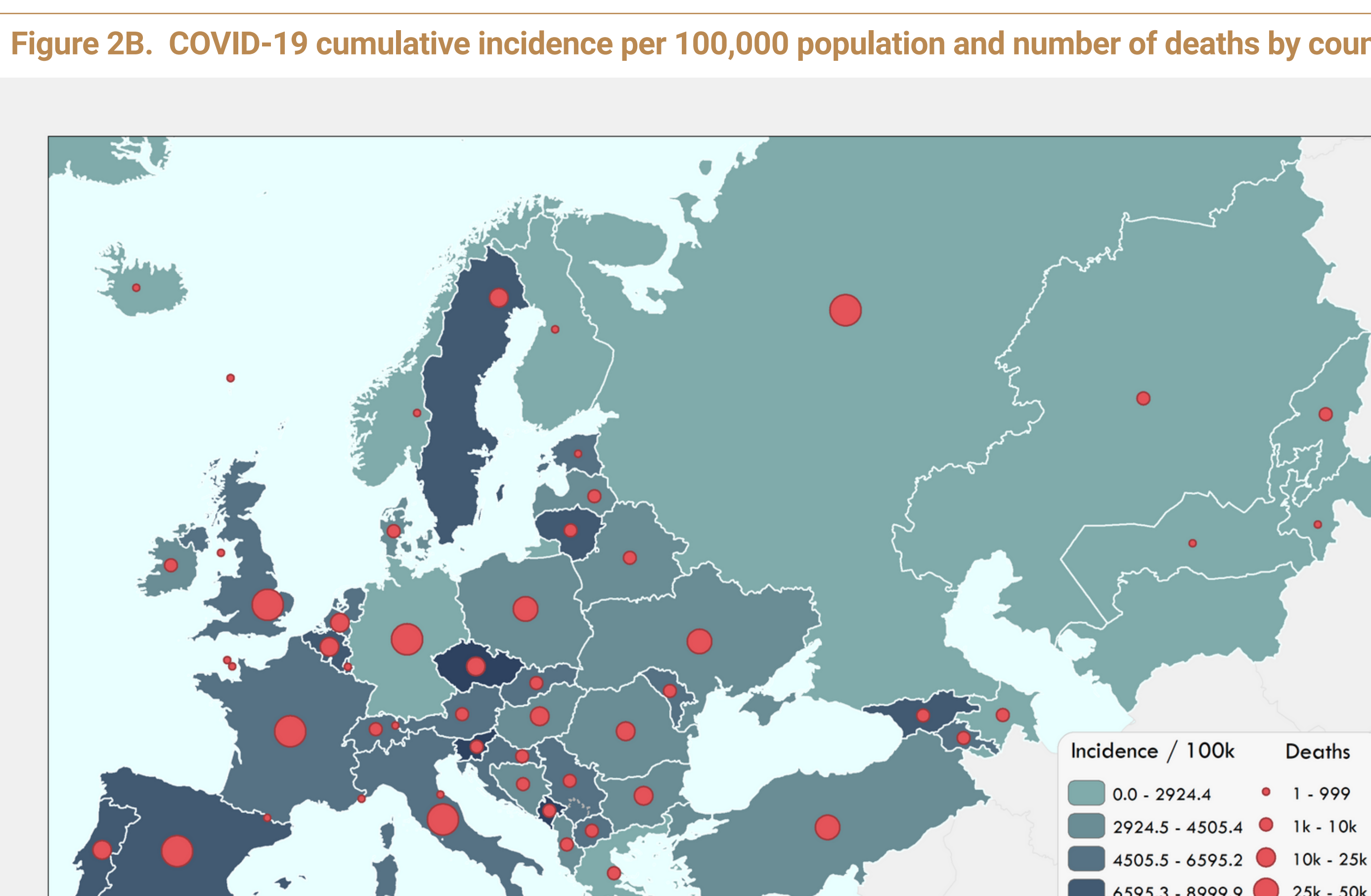


Figure 3. TESSy: Number of COVID-19 cases (N=23,646,242) and deaths (N=523,777) by age group and reporting week

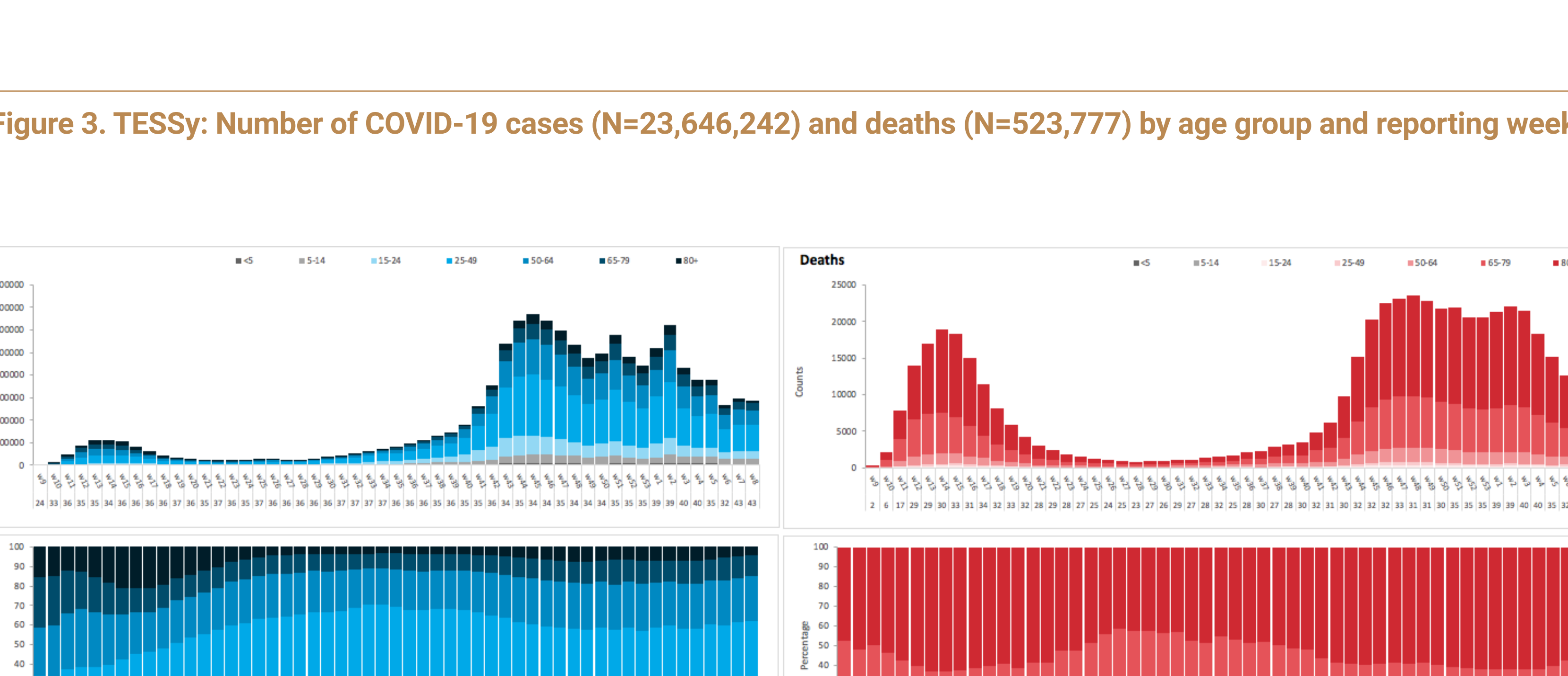


Figure 4. Percentage positive for COVID-19 in the ILI/ARI sentinel surveillance by reporting week

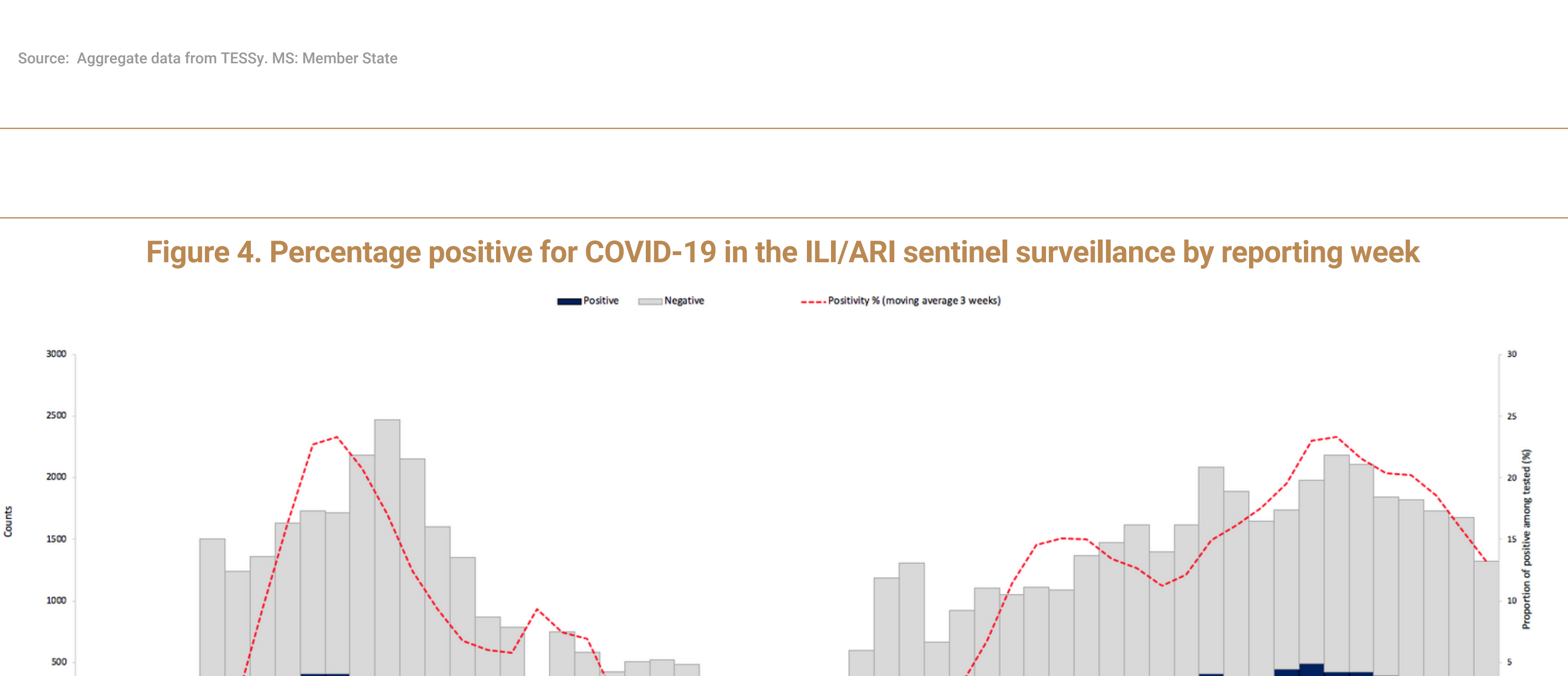


Figure 5. Percentage positive for COVID-19 among all tested by reporting week

