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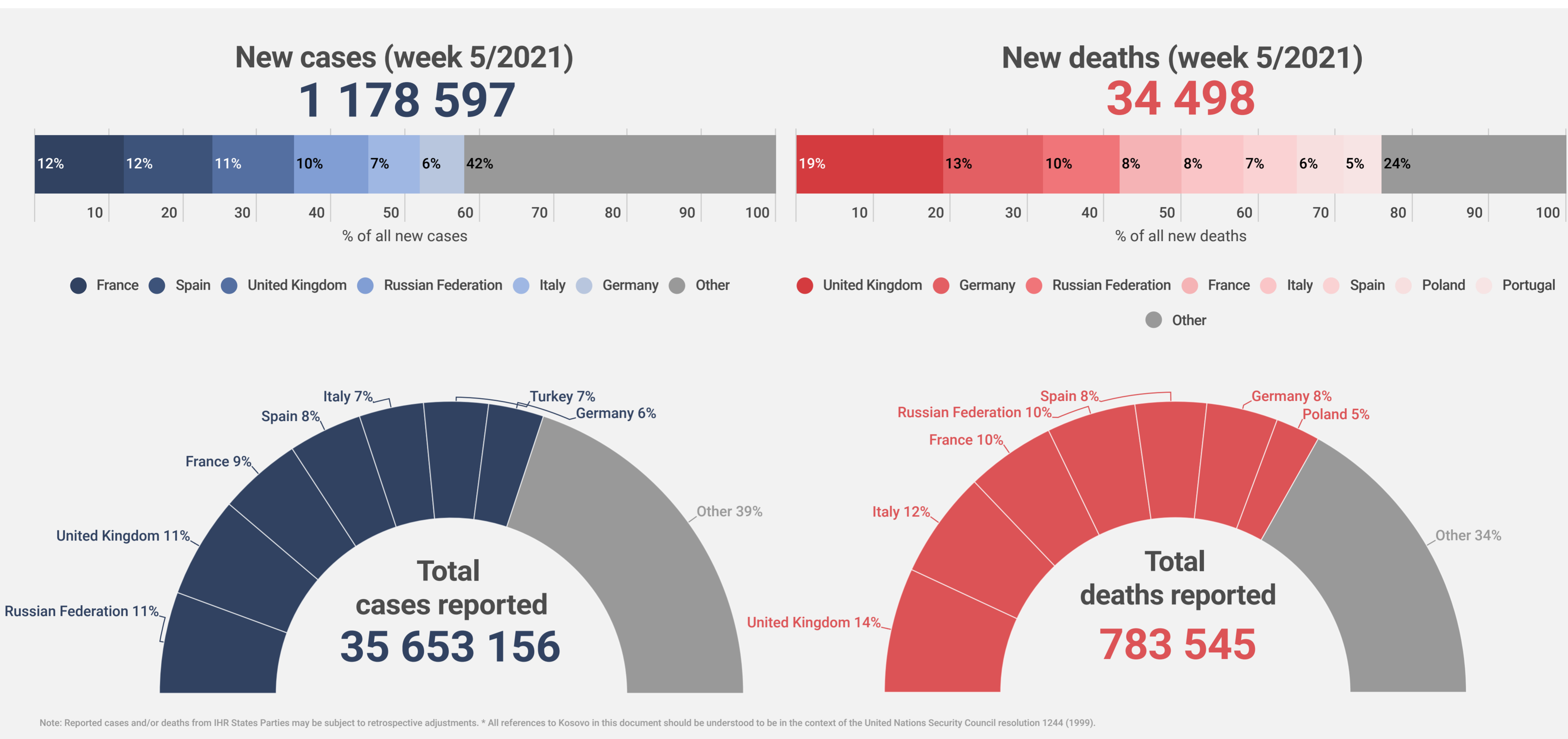
Key points

Week 5/2021 (1 - 7 Feb 2021)

- The number of cases reported in the Region decreased by 13.6% to 1 178 597 in week 5/2021 (from 1 363 817 in week 4/2021)
- 58% (679 475) of the cases reported in week 5/2021 were reported from six countries: France (12%; 139 457), Spain (12%; 138 452), United Kingdom (11%; 133 749), Russian Federation (10%; 116 844), Italy (7%; 83 318) and Germany (6%; 67 655). The remaining cases (42%; 499 122) were reported by 51 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported in week 5/2021
- The crude incidence continues to vary across the region with a range from 1.2 per 100,000 population in Uzbekistan to 583 per 100,000 population in Montenegro in week 5/2021
- Two countries and territories had a crude incidence of ≥ 500 per 100 000 population in week 5/2021: Montenegro (583) and Israel (540) (Figure 2A). A total of 16 countries had a crude incidence of ≥ 200 per 100 000 population in week 5/2021
- The 14-day cumulative incidence increased by $\geq 10\%$ in week 5/2021 in ten countries and territories in the Region; an increase of $\geq 50\%$ was observed in three of these countries and territories: Guernsey, Greece and Albania (see [EURO COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for recent trends)
- In week 5/2021, of countries that reported data on genetically characterized SARS-CoV-2 viruses, specific variants were observed in Belgium, Estonia, Greece, Luxembourg, North Macedonia, Norway, Romania and Sweden (19 "501V2", 4 "S gene deletions" and 50 "VOC 202012/01" in Belgium; 10 "S gene deletions" and 20 "VOC 202012/01" in Estonia; 9 "VOC 202012/01" in Greece; 21 "VOC 202012/01" in Luxembourg; 11 "S gene deletions" and 62 "VOC 202012/01" in North Macedonia; 1 "501V2" and 48 "VOC 202012/01" in Norway; 36 "VOC 202012/01" in Romania; and 1 "VOC 202012/01" in Sweden).
- The number of deaths in the Region in week 5/2021 decreased 11% to 34 498 (from 38 720 in week 4/2021) (Figure 1). The proportion of reported cases that died was 4.6% in week 5/2021
- 76% (26 237) of the deaths reported in week 5/2021 were reported by United Kingdom (19%; 6 521), Germany (13%; 4 572), Russian Federation (10%; 3 479), France (8%; 2 932), Italy (8%; 2 724), Spain (7%; 2327), Poland (6%; 1 907) and Portugal (5%; 1 775). The remaining deaths (24%; 8 261) were reported from 44 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total deaths reported in week 5/2021
- 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 4/2021
- For an interactive sub-national view of the recent COVID-19 situation in the WHO-EURO Region see the [WHO-EURO COVID-19 Subnational Explorer](#)

Summary overview

- The cumulative cases across the Region increased 3.4% to 35 653 156 cases in week 5/2021 (from 34 474 559 cases in week 4/2021) and cumulative deaths increased by 4.6% to 783 545 deaths in week 4/2021 (from 749 047 in week 4/2021)
- As of week 5/2021, 61% (21 631 732) of cases were reported from the Russian Federation (11%; 3 967 281), United Kingdom (11%; 3 929 835), France (9%; 3 317 333), Spain (8%; 2 983 389), Italy (7%; 2 625 098), Turkey (7%; 2 524 786) and Germany (6%; 2 284 010). The remaining cases (39%; 14 021 424) were reported by 39 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported until week 5/2021
- Seven countries and territories in the Region had an effective reproductive number significantly over 1: Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Guernsey, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Turkey (See [EpiForecasts](#) and the CMMID COVID working group COVID-19 Global Summary for latest estimates)
- Five countries in the Region each reported a cumulative incidence of ≥ 8500 cases per 100,000 population: Andorra (13 230), Gibraltar (12 372), Montenegro (10 456), Czech Republic (9 682) and San Marino (9 261) (Figure 2B)
- As of week 5/2021, 67% of cumulative deaths (521 723) were reported from the United Kingdom (14%; 112 092), Italy (12%; 91 003), France (10%; 78 794), Russian Federation (10%; 76 661), Spain (8%; 62 569), Germany (8%; 61 517) and Poland (5%; 39 087). The remaining deaths (34%; 261 822) were reported by 52 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported until week 5/2021
- 17.5% of cases were in persons aged ≥ 65 years in week 5/2021, while the percentage of fatal cases aged ≥ 65 years was 89.9% in week 5/2021 (Figure 3)
- The latest weekly pooled EuroMOMO estimates show a substantial increased excess all-cause mortality overall for the participating European countries, coinciding with a reported increase in COVID-19 cases in several countries. This excess mortality is driven by a very substantial excess mortality in some countries, while other countries see normal mortality levels. The increased excess all-cause mortality is primarily seen among persons aged 45 years and older.
- In week 5/2021, 19 countries reported a total of 1080 tests and 238 detections (22% of SARS-CoV-2 in persons with influenza-like illness (ILI) in primary care sentinel surveillance (Figure 4)
- Overall, there were 800 308 COVID-19 cases among the total of 16 151 065 tests (5%) reported to have been performed in 32 countries in week 5/2021 (Figure 5)



For more detailed information see: [WHO Global situation reports](#) [WHO Global situation dashboard](#)

Figure 1: Number of COVID-19 cases (N=35 653 156) and deaths (N=783 545) by reporting week

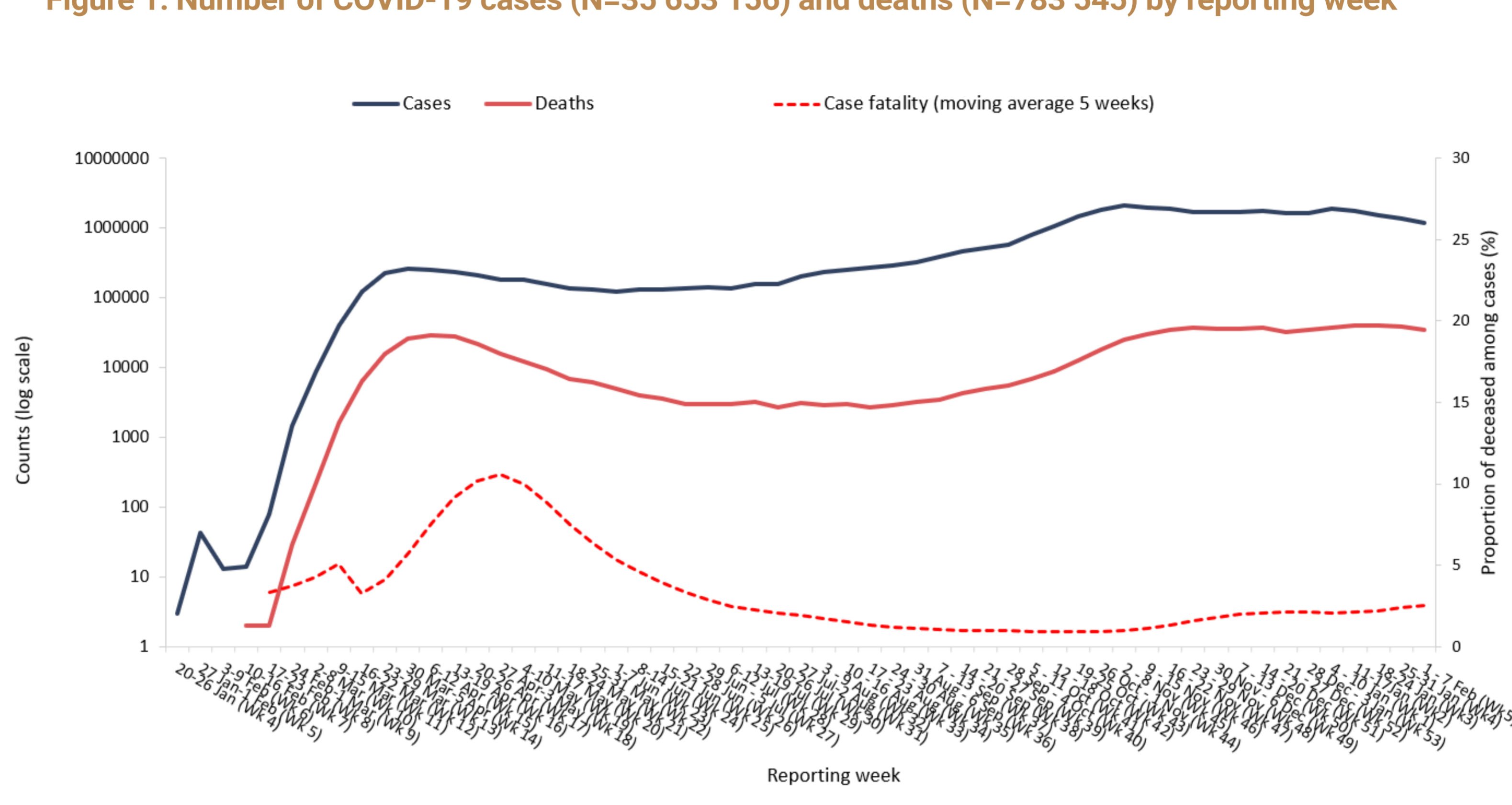


Figure 2A. COVID-19 incidence per 100,000 population and number of deaths by country for week 5/2021

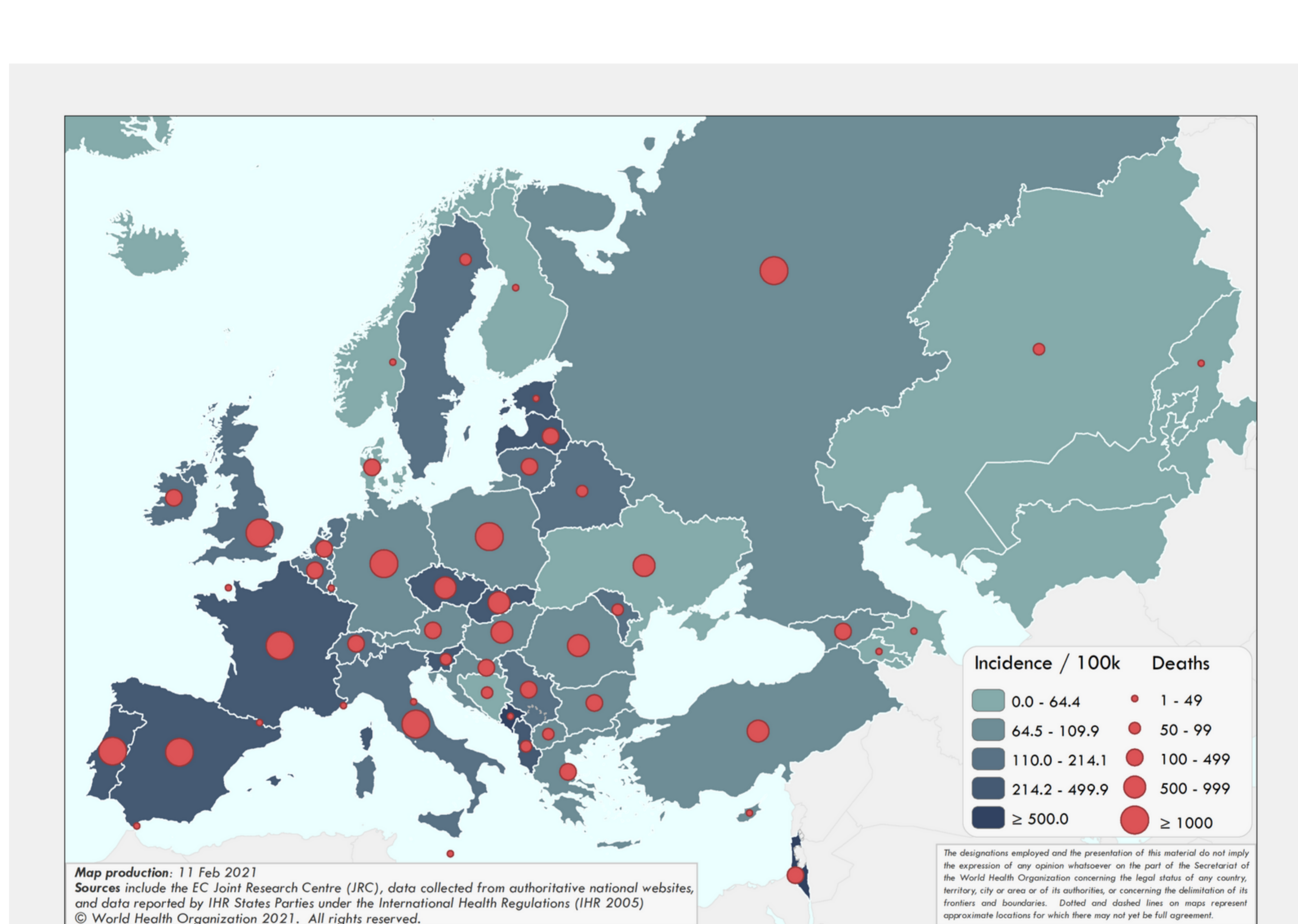


Figure 2B. COVID-19 cumulative incidence per 100,000 population and number of deaths by country

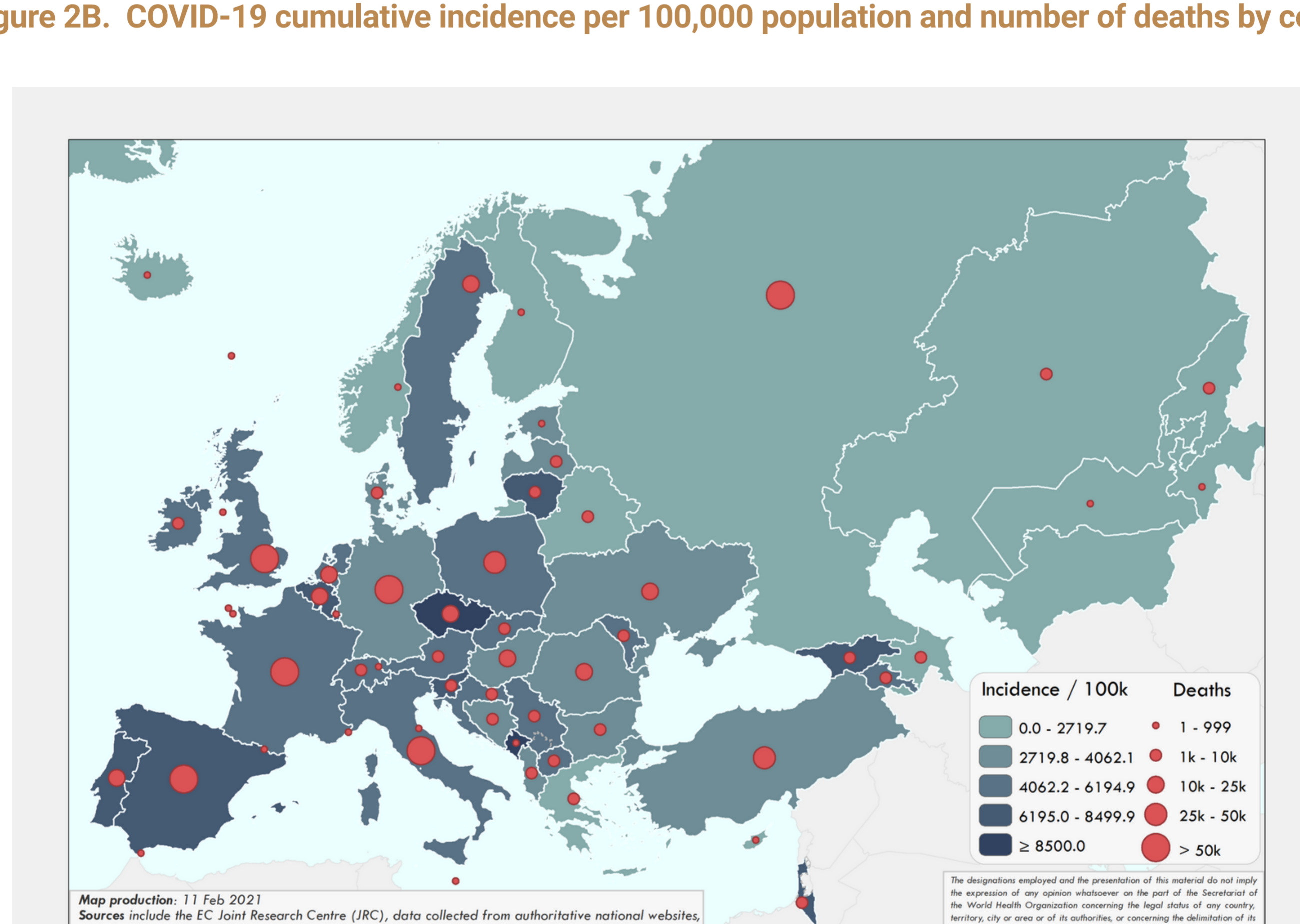


Figure 3. COVID-19 cases (N=3 556 105) and deaths (N=414 624) by age group and reporting week

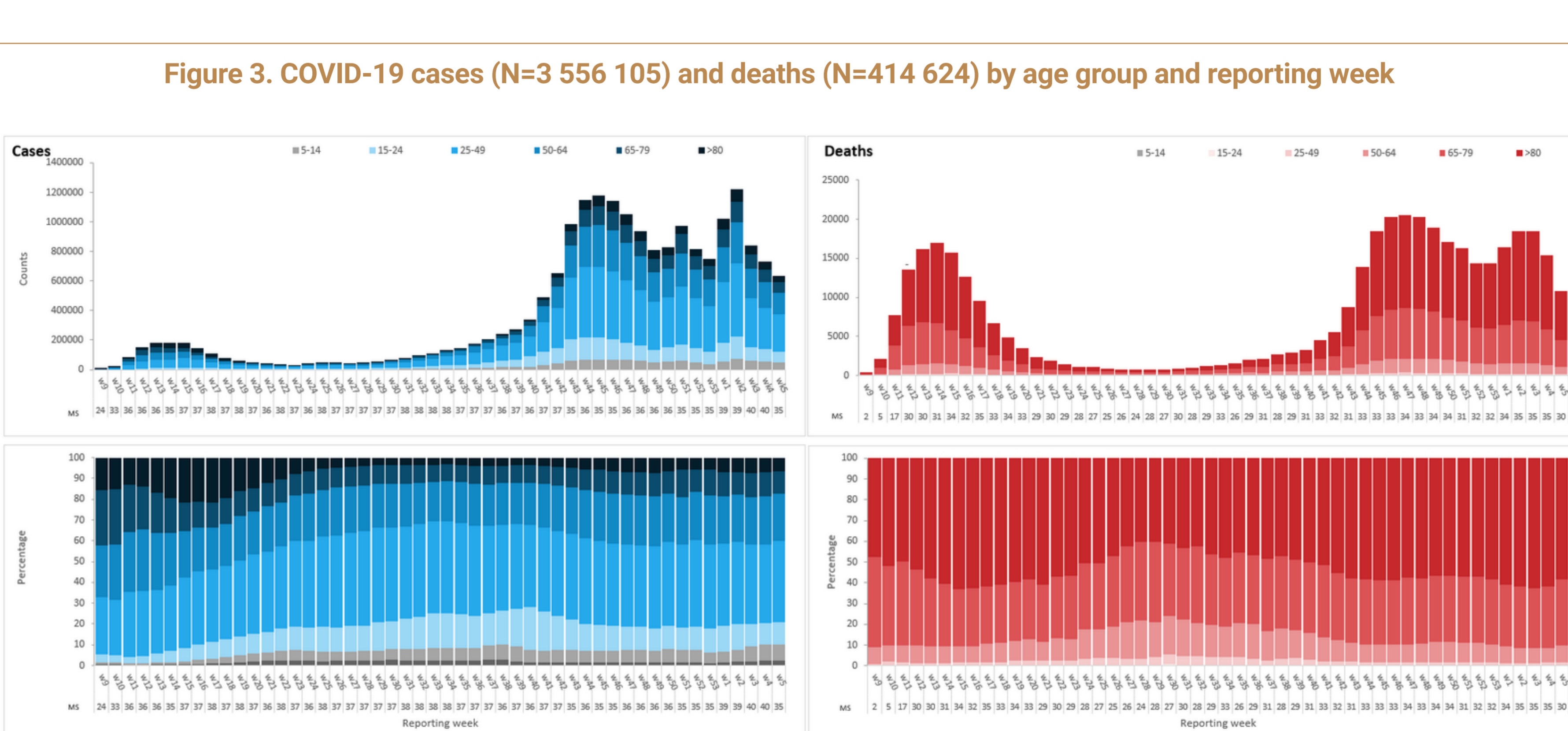


Figure 4. Percentage positive for COVID-19 in the ILI/ARI sentinel surveillance by reporting week

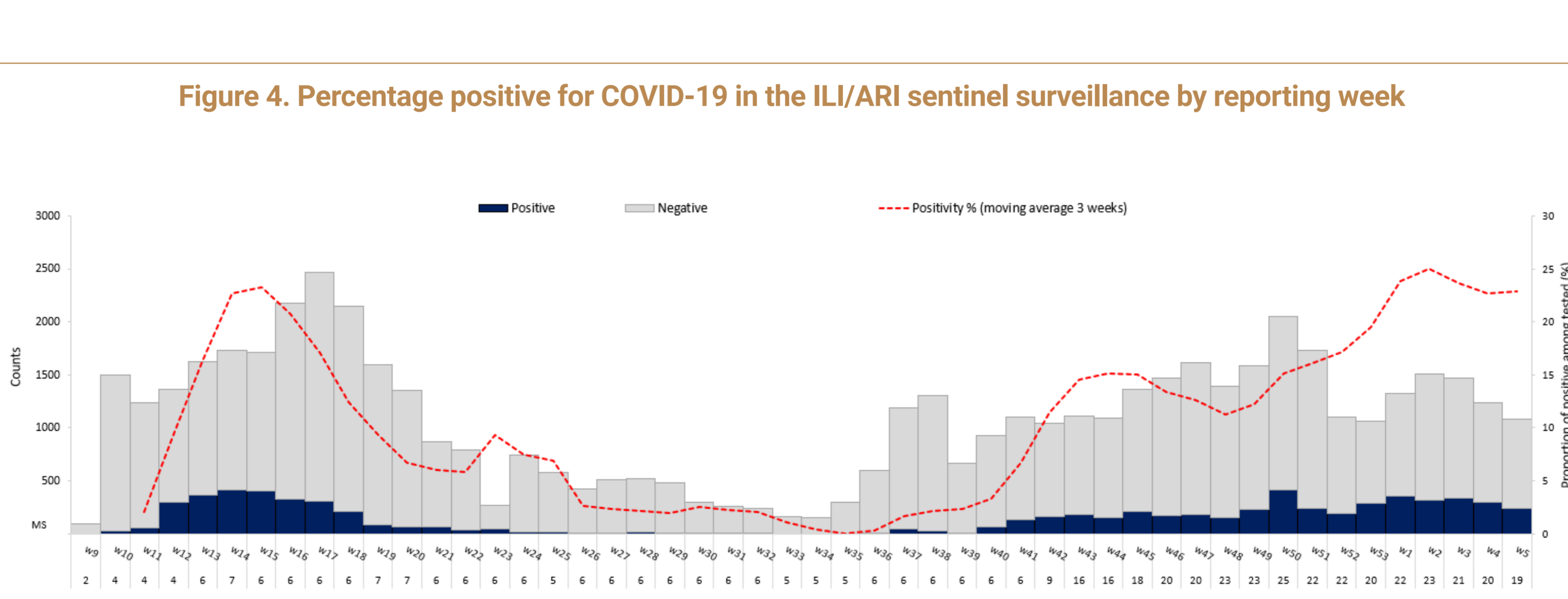


Figure 5. Percentage positive for COVID-19 among all tests tested by reporting week

