

European mortality bulletin, week 30, 2014:

All-cause mortality has been within the normal range for all reporting countries.

Data was received from 15 countries or regions*, of these 13** were included in the pooled analyses. Pooled analyses show that overall all-cause mortality has been around normal levels since end of the winter season 2014 (week 20) and until now. However, in Berlin (Germany) has a slight increase in Z scores over recent weeks been observed; concurrent with heat waves in the area. In the Netherlands a deviation from the baseline of two or more z-scores was observed in the 5-14 year olds and the 15-64 year olds in the recent weeks. The increased number of deaths in these agegroups is most likely due to the recent plane crash over Ukraine.

Excess mortality levels in most recent weeks are difficult to interpret because adjustment for delayed registrations may be imprecise. Further, results of pooled analyses may vary dependent on which countries were included in the weekly analyses.

Pooled analyses were adjusted for variation between the included countries and for differences in the local delay in reporting.

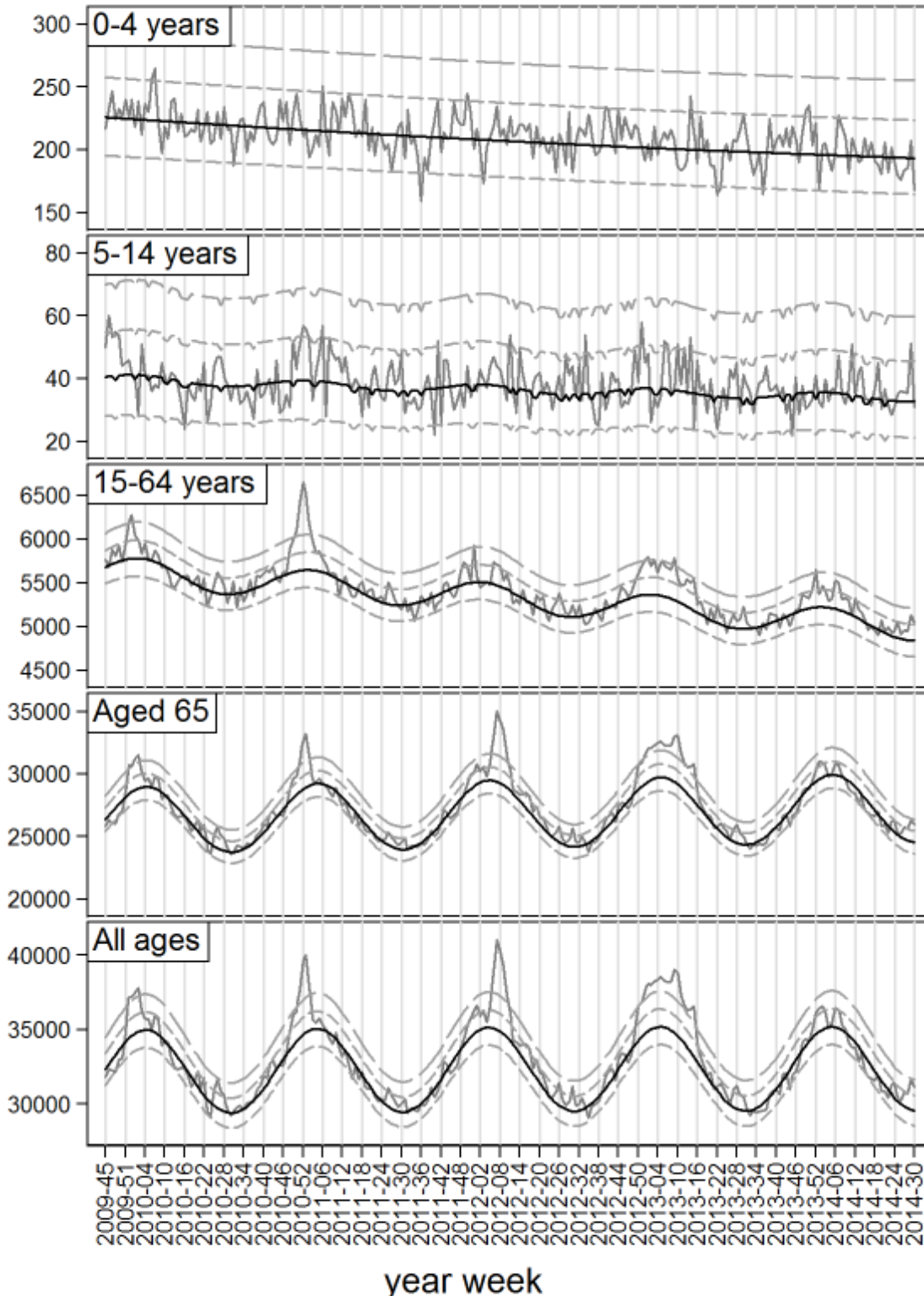
Further details are available on <http://www.euromomo.eu>

* Berlin (Germany), Denmark, England (UK), Finland, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, Northern Ireland (UK), Portugal, Scotland (UK), Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Wales (UK)

** Not included in pooled analysis: Northern Ireland (UK) and Portugal



Pooled number of deaths



Grey line: Observed delay-adjusted. Black line: Stratified baseline.
 Quick dotted: Normal range (2 zscores). Slow dotted: Substantial increase (4 zscores)

