

Attempt to view in perspective the health hazard posed by the COVID-19 pandemic:
Mortality between February and the end of May 2020 in Spain
and January and the end of April in Germany
compared to the general death rate in both countries



3. GERMANY

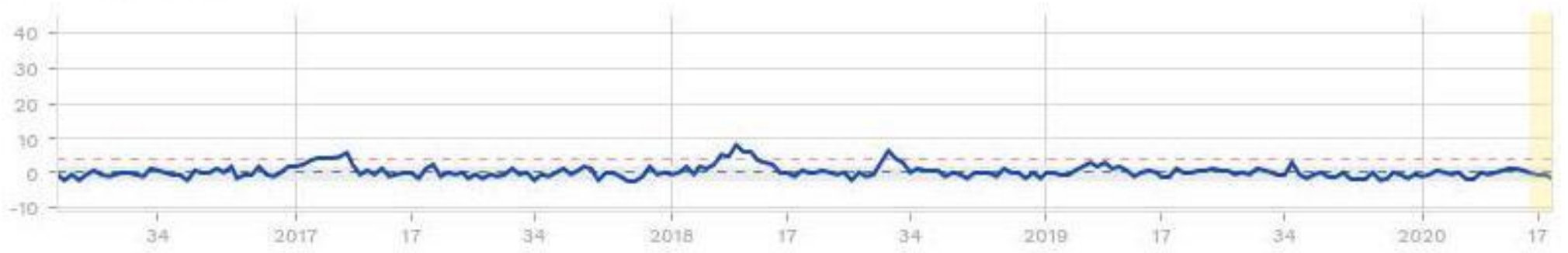
3.1 General mortality pattern

From January 2016 to April 2020, between 69,000 and 107,000 people died in Germany each month, more during the cold season, especially in the flu season, and fewer in the summer, with the exception of extreme heat periods. (15)

3.2. Deaths in Germany between January and the end of April 2020

As can be seen particularly clearly from the European Mortality Monitoring (EuroMoMo) charts (8), mortality was unusually low this flu season, unlike the 2016/17 and 2017/18 flu seasons.

Germany (Berlin)



Germany (Hesse)

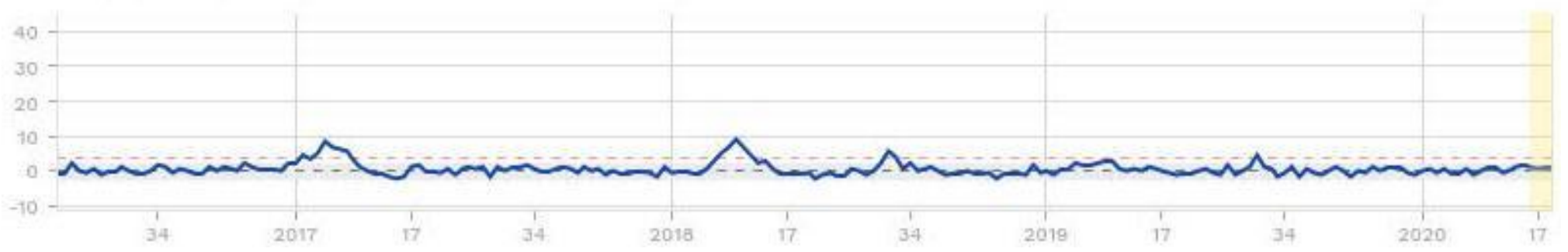


Table 2: Monthly deaths (all causes) in Germany at times of influenza and COVID-19¹⁵

	12/2016	01/2017	02/2017	03/2017	Sum 4 months
Flu 2016-17	84,339	96,033	90,649	82,934	353,955
	12/2017	01/2018	02/2018	03/2018	
Flu 2017/18	81,610	84,973	85,799	107,104	359,486
	01/2020	02/2020	03/2020	04/2020	
COVID-19	85,194	79,646	86,825	82,664	334,329

The death rate in Germany during the period from January to April 2020 is unchanged and is below what happened in previous strong flu epidemics in which no extraordinary measures were taken.

The Federal Statistical Office (Statistisches Bundesamt) states a slight excess mortality from the last week of March to the second week of April. (16)

So far (05/06/2020), the statistics are only available up to 10 May 2020. In the 19th calendar week, the number of deaths was no longer above average. (17)

The nationwide German official statistics are usually published with a time delay of 5 weeks. Corrections - as is constantly the case with the Spanish statistics, which are published at very short notice - and updates are therefore still to be expected.