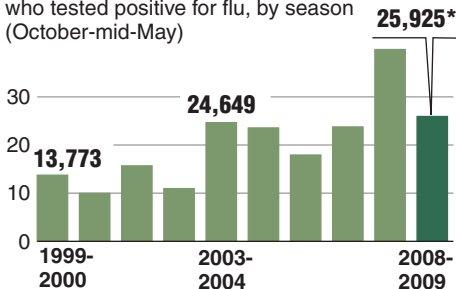


# Flu counts

*U.S. health officials do not know how many people catch influenza or die from it each year since many who become ill are not tested for flu.*

## Confirmed cases

Number of people, in thousands, who tested positive for flu, by season (October-mid-May)



\*As of April 18

## Estimated deaths

- **CDC estimates** that about 36,000 deaths each year are related to flu
- **Number exceeds** the number of confirmed cases since most victims are not tested
- **Includes those** who developed pneumonia or who had chronic conditions, such as congestive heart failure