



# 2017-2018 Influenza Report Week 40 Oct. 1 – Oct. 7, 2017

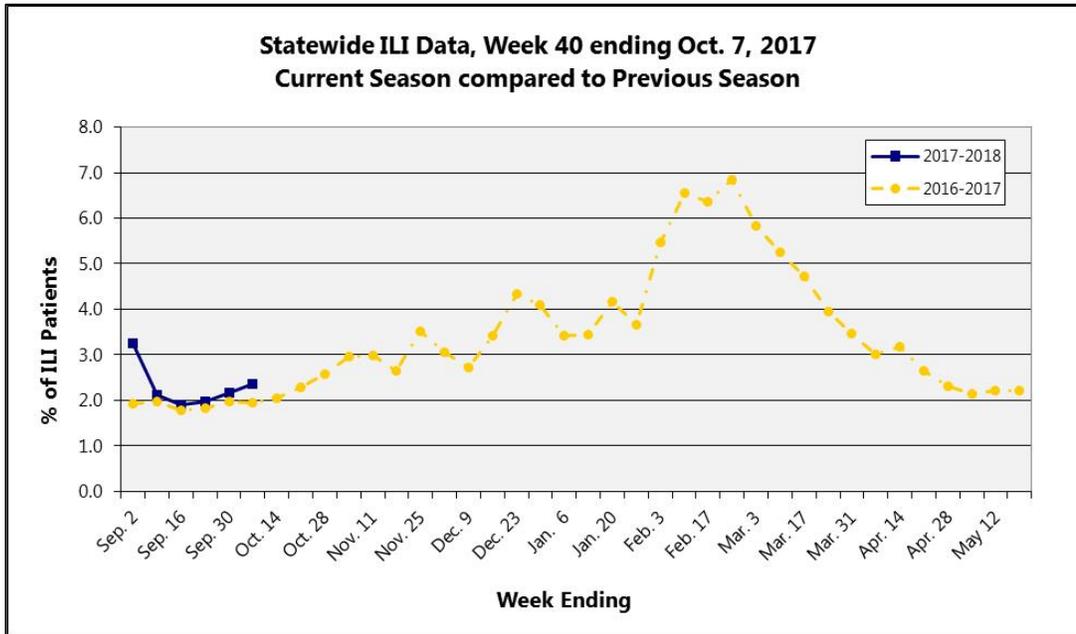
## About our flu activity reporting

MSDH relies upon selected sentinel health practitioners across the state to report the percentage of total patient visits consistent with an influenza-like illness (ILI: fever of 100°F or higher AND cough and/or sore throat). Also, providers are supplied with specimen collection kits. Samples are submitted to the Mississippi Public Health Laboratory for influenza PCR testing. Reports are used to estimate the state's ILI rate and the magnitude of the state's influenza activity. Reports represent only the distribution of flu in the state, not an actual count of all flu cases statewide. **Information is provisional only and may change depending on additional reporting from sentinel providers.**

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**State ILI Surveillance**



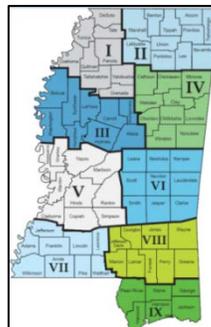
During week **40** (10/01/17-10/07/17), the overall state ILI rate (**2.3%**) was **comparable** to the previous week (**2.2%**), and to this time last year (**1.9%**).

| [Figure 1](#)

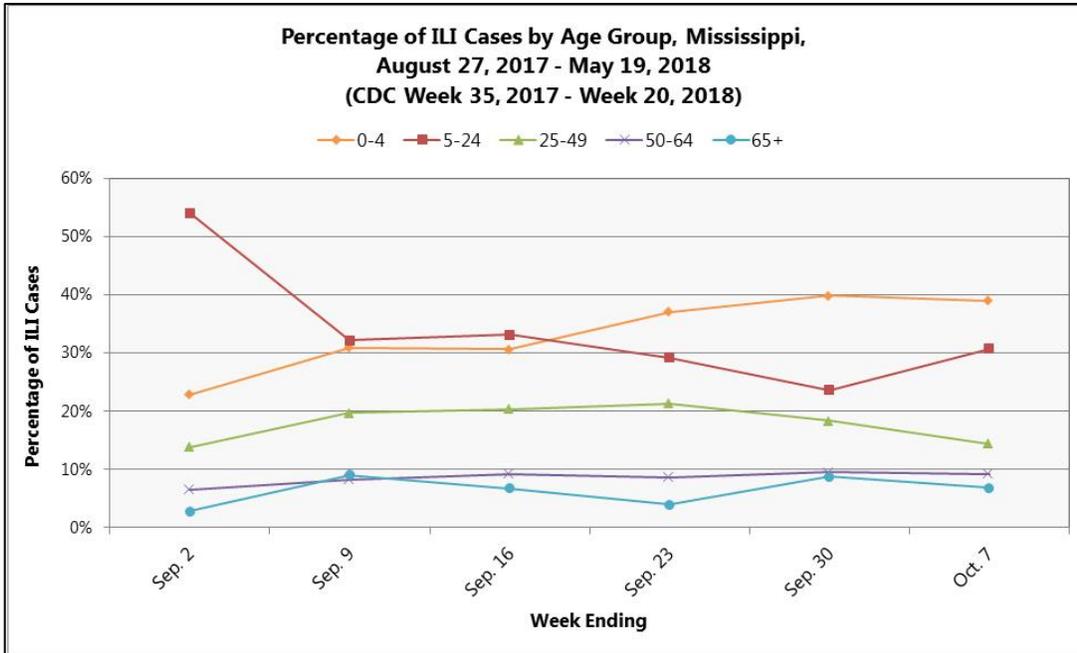
Total number of patients treated by sentinel providers in the last three weeks. | **Table 1**

2017-2018 Influenza Season					
CDC Week	Week Ending	Number of ILI Reports	Total patients	ILI symptoms	ILI Rate (%)
<b>40</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>18053</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
39	Sept. 30	127	18531	399	2.2%
38	Sept. 23	131	19216	381	2.0%

During week **40**, **four** districts (1, 2, 7, and 9) had an increase in ILI activity, while **three** districts (3, 4, and 6) had a slight decrease. **Two** districts (5 and 8) remained about the same. *Information is provisional only and may change depending on additional reporting from sentinel providers.* | **Table 2**



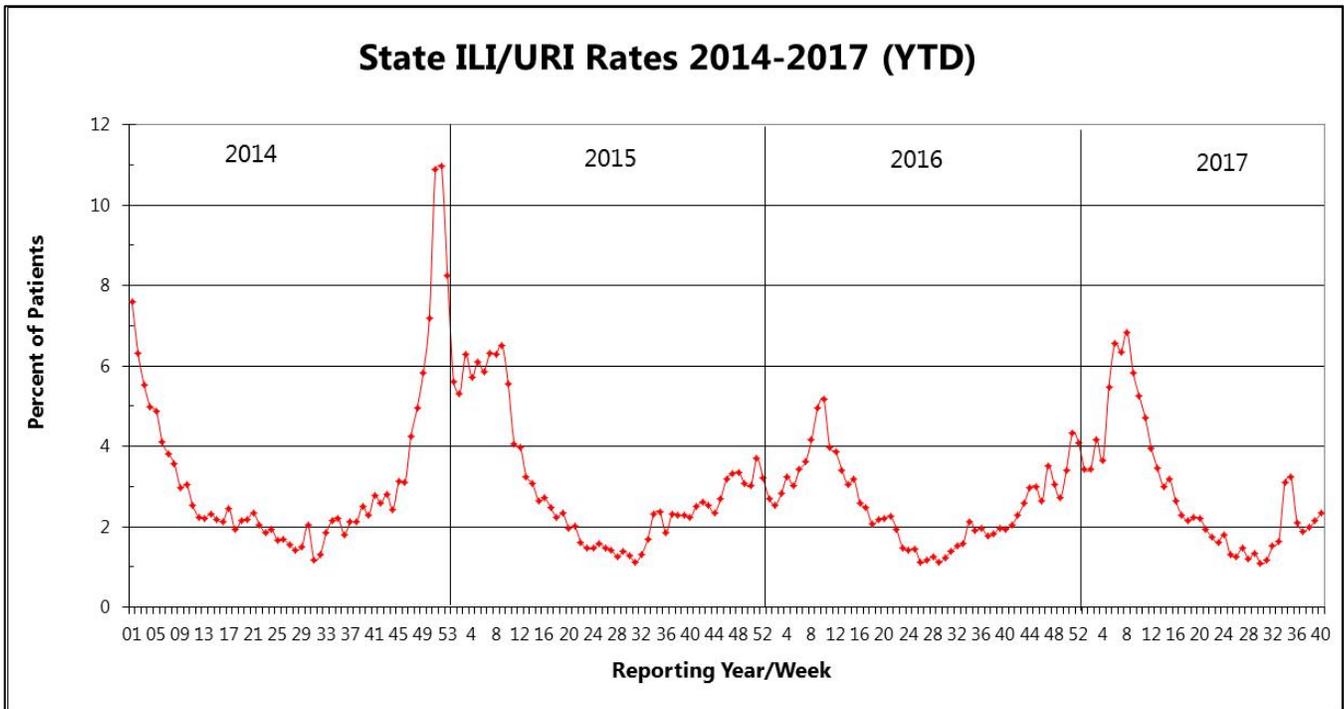
MSDH District ILI Rates (%) 2017-2018		
District	Week 39	Week 40
State	2.2	2.3
I	2.2	3.2
II	1.5	2.0
III	1.9	1.2
IV	1.6	0.9
V	2.4	2.6
VI	4.8	4.2
VII	3.3	4.4
VIII	1.0	0.8
IX	2.0	2.8



Overall, the percentage of reported ILI cases has been highest among those in the **0-4** and **5-24 years** of age groups. During week **40**, however, the percentage of reported ILI

cases was highest among those in the **0-4 years** of age group. | [Figure 2](#)

Mississippi ILI Rates 2014-2017 | [Figure 3](#)



## Flu Testing Reports

During week 40 (week ending October 7<sup>th</sup>), one laboratory confirmed influenza sample was identified by the MSDH Public Health Laboratory. It was identified as an influenza A, 2009H1N1.

## National and Mississippi Pediatric Mortality Surveillance

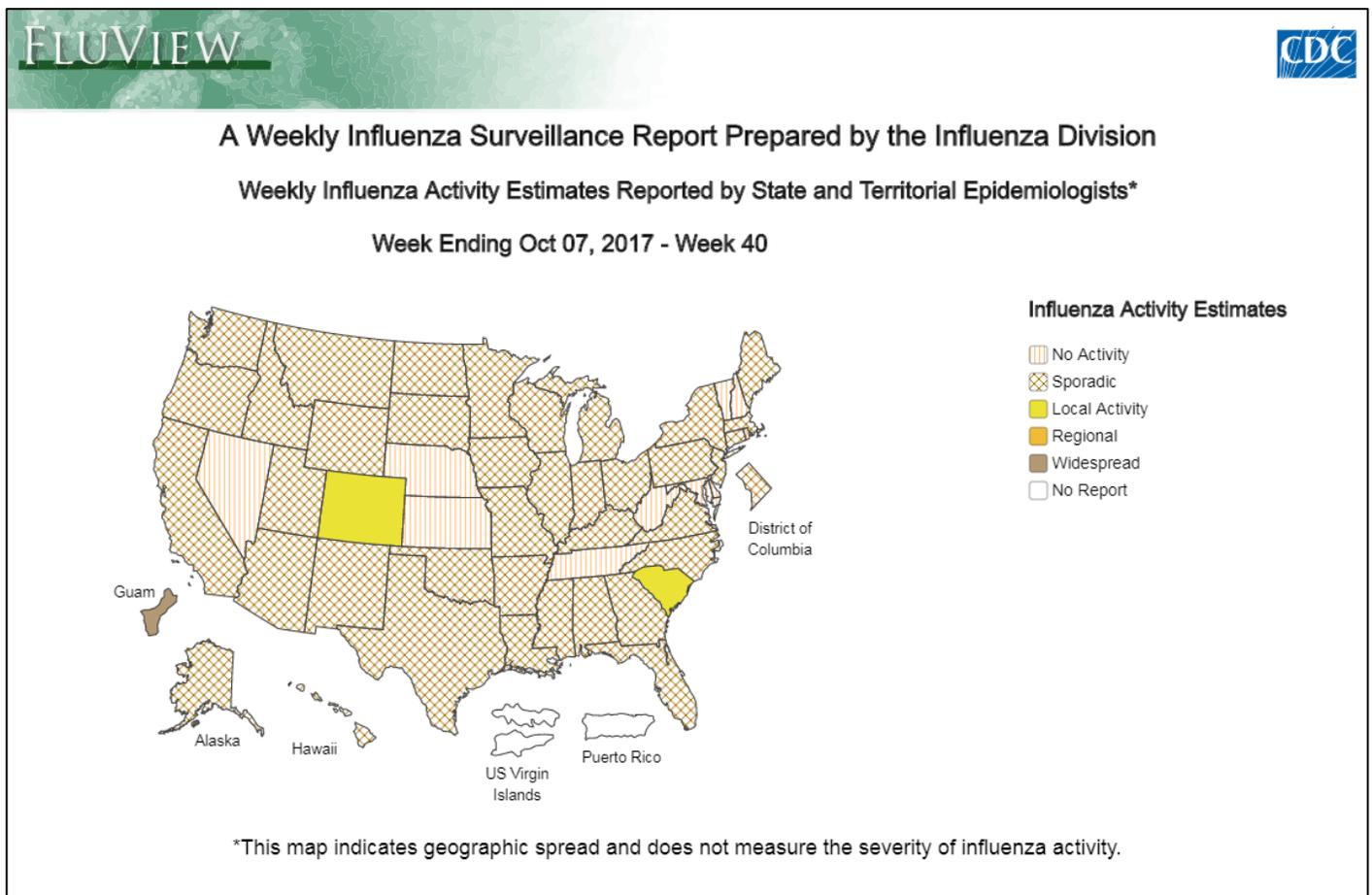
Nationally, no influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week 40.

Mississippi has had no influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported during this influenza season. For additional information on influenza-associated pediatric deaths, please refer to the [CDC's FluView](#).

## National ILI Surveillance

For week **40**, the MS ILI rate (2.3%) was **above** the national ILI rate (1.2%).

During week **40**, influenza activity was low in the United States.<sup>1</sup> | [Figure 4](#)



<sup>1</sup>For up-to-date information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC's website: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>.

Mississippi reported “**Sporadic**” for the influenza activity during week **40**. | **Table 3**

<b>Level of Flu Activity</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>No Activity</b>	Overall clinical activity remains low and there are no lab confirmed cases.
<b>Sporadic</b>	Isolated cases of lab confirmed influenza in the state; ILI activity is not increased <u>OR</u> A lab-confirmed outbreak in a single institution in the state; ILI activity is not increased.
<b>Local</b>	Increased ILI within a single region <b>AND</b> recent (within the past 3 weeks) laboratory evidence of influenza in that region. ILI activity in other regions is not increased <u>OR</u> two of more institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) within a single region <b>AND</b> recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in that region. Other regions do not have increased ILI and virus activity is no greater than sporadic in those regions
<b>Regional</b>	Increased ILI in at least 2 regions but fewer than half of the regions <b>AND</b> recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions <u>OR</u> Institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least 2 regions but fewer than half of the regions <b>AND</b> recent lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions.
<b>Widespread</b>	Increased ILI and/or institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least half of the regions <b>AND</b> recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the state.

**Additional influenza information:**

<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</b>	<a href="http://cdc.gov/flu/">http://cdc.gov/flu/</a>
<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FluView</b>	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>
<b>MSDH Flu and Pneumonia</b>	<a href="http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/14,0,199.html">http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/14,0,199.html</a>
<b>World Health Organization FluNet</b>	<a href="http://www.who.int/influenza/gisrs_laboratory/flunet/en/">http://www.who.int/influenza/gisrs_laboratory/flunet/en/</a>

## Appendix

Figure 1

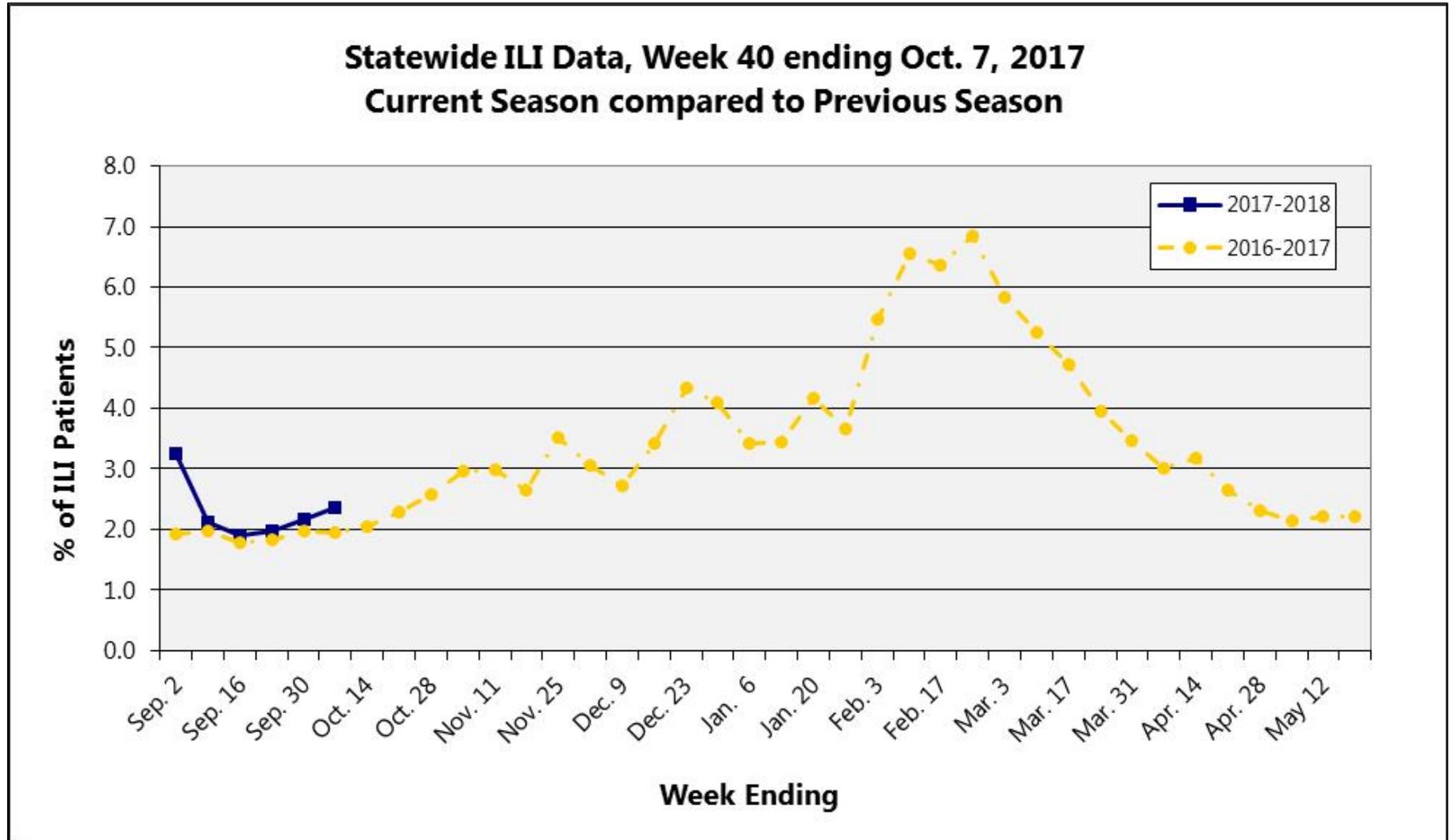
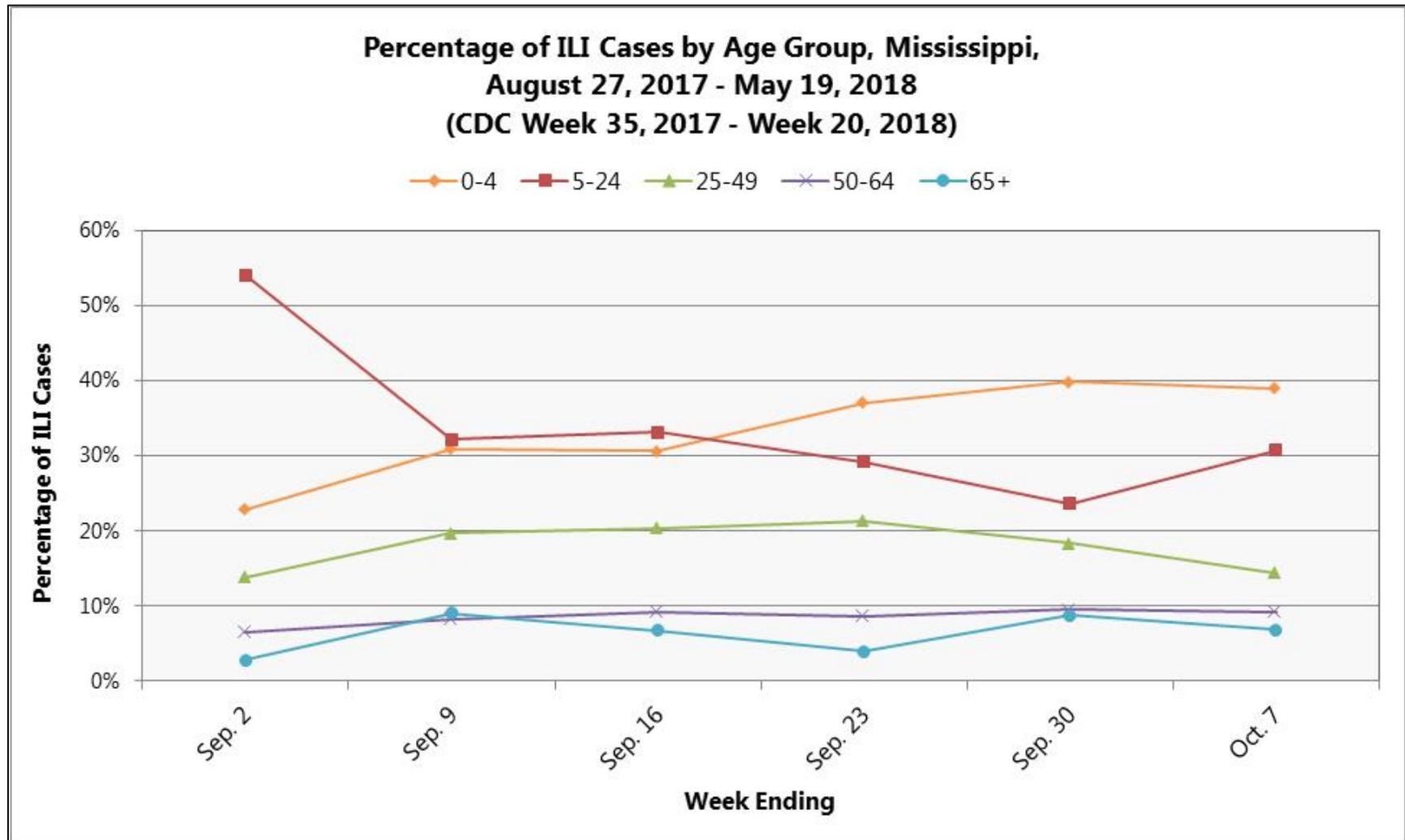


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**Figure 3**

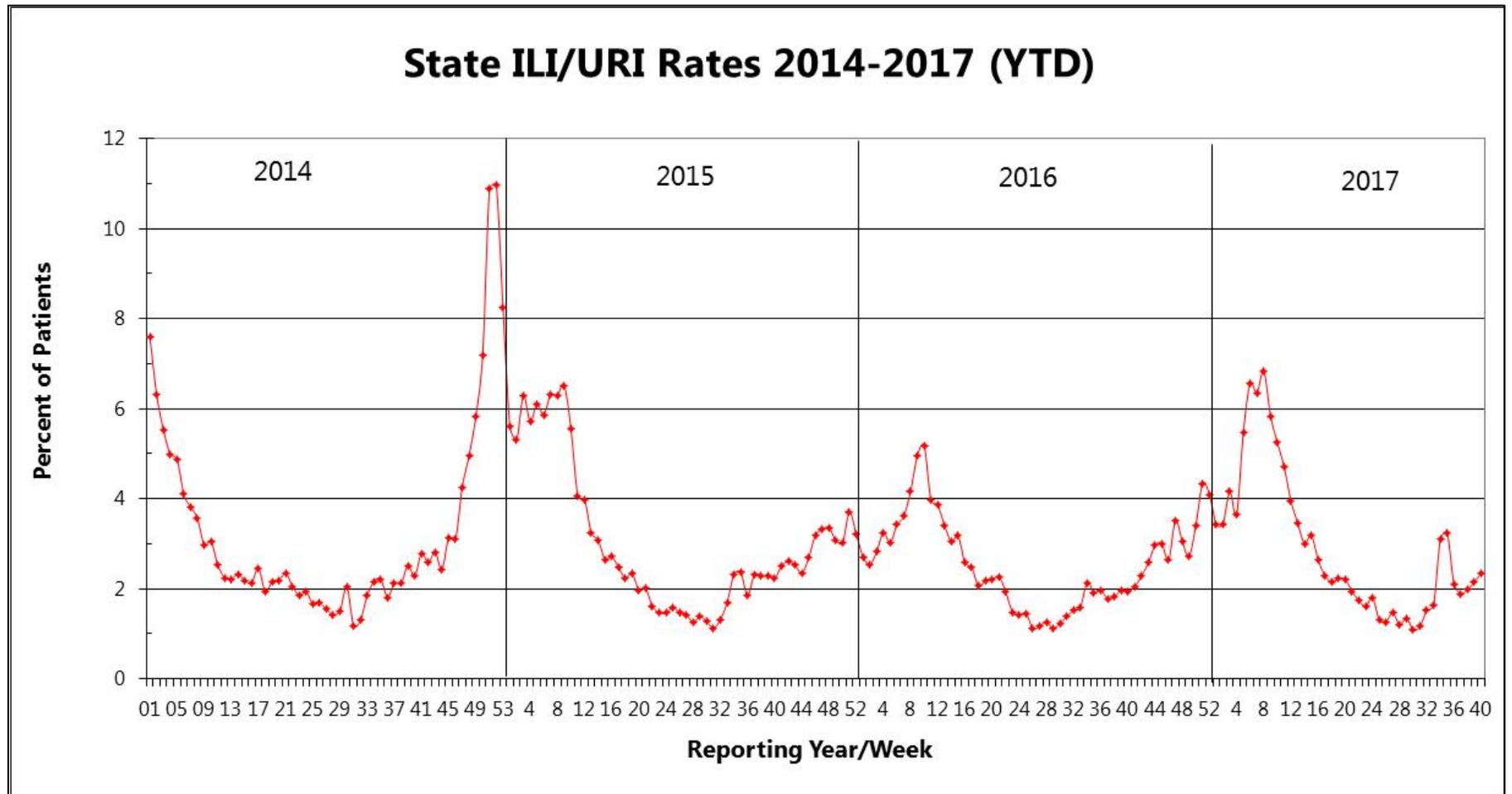


Figure 4

