



2023-2024 Influenza Surveillance Report

Week 42

Oct. 15 – Oct. 21, 2023

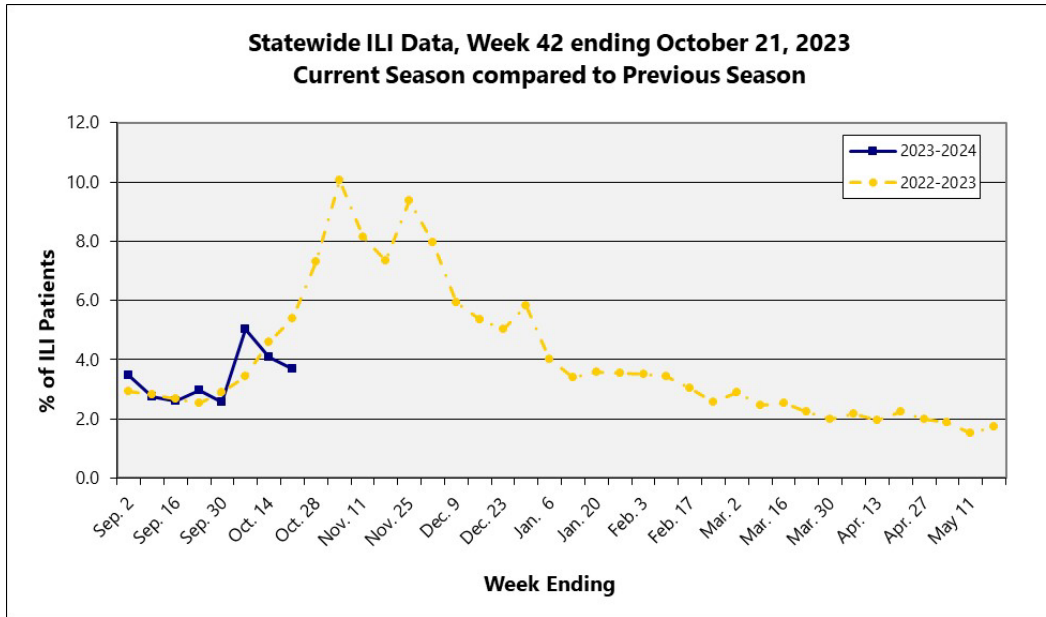
About our flu activity reporting

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

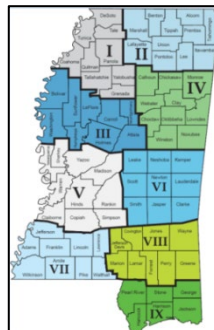


During week **42** (10/15/23-10/21/23), the overall state ILI rate (**3.7%**) **decreased** from the previous week (**4.1%**) and was lower than this time last year (**5.4%**). | [Figure 1](#)

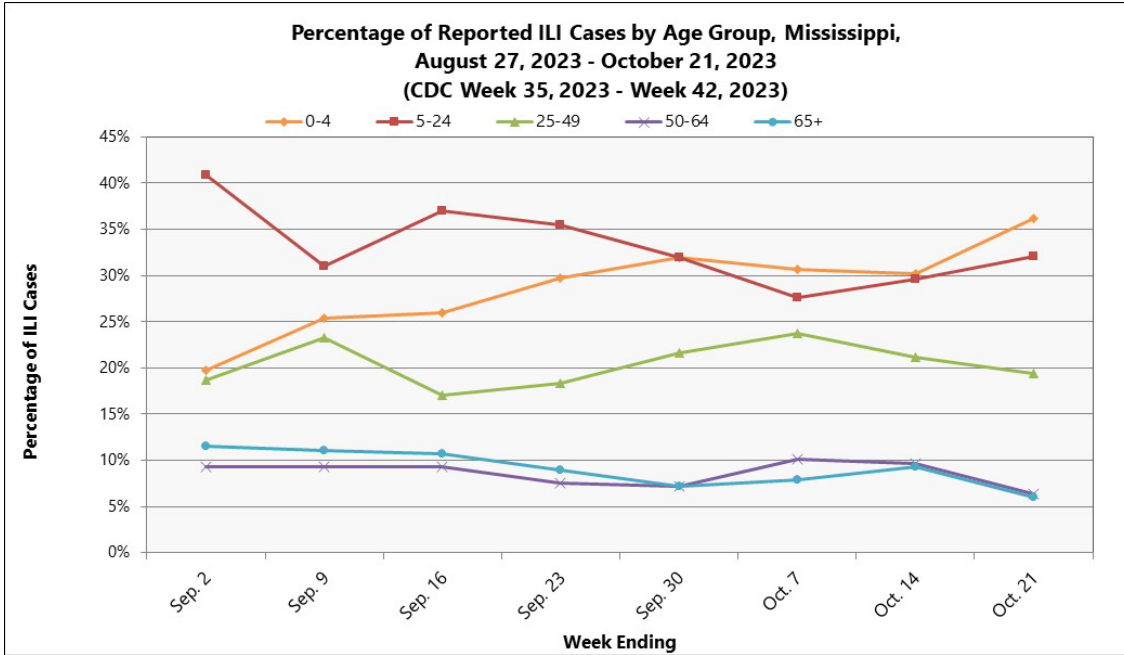
Total number of patients treated by sentinel providers in the last three weeks | **Table 1**

2023-2024 Influenza Season					
CDC Week	Week Ending	Number of reports received from Sentinel Providers	Total patients	ILI symptoms	ILI Rate (%)
42	Oct. 21	104	16676	617	3.7
41	Oct. 14	101	12865	526	4.1
40	Oct. 07	96	12822	645	5.0

During week **42**, four districts (2, 3, 6, and 7) had an increase in ILI activity, while two districts (4 and 5) had a decrease. Three districts (1, 8, and 9) remained about the same. *Information is provisional only and may change depending on additional reporting from sentinel providers.* | **Table 2**



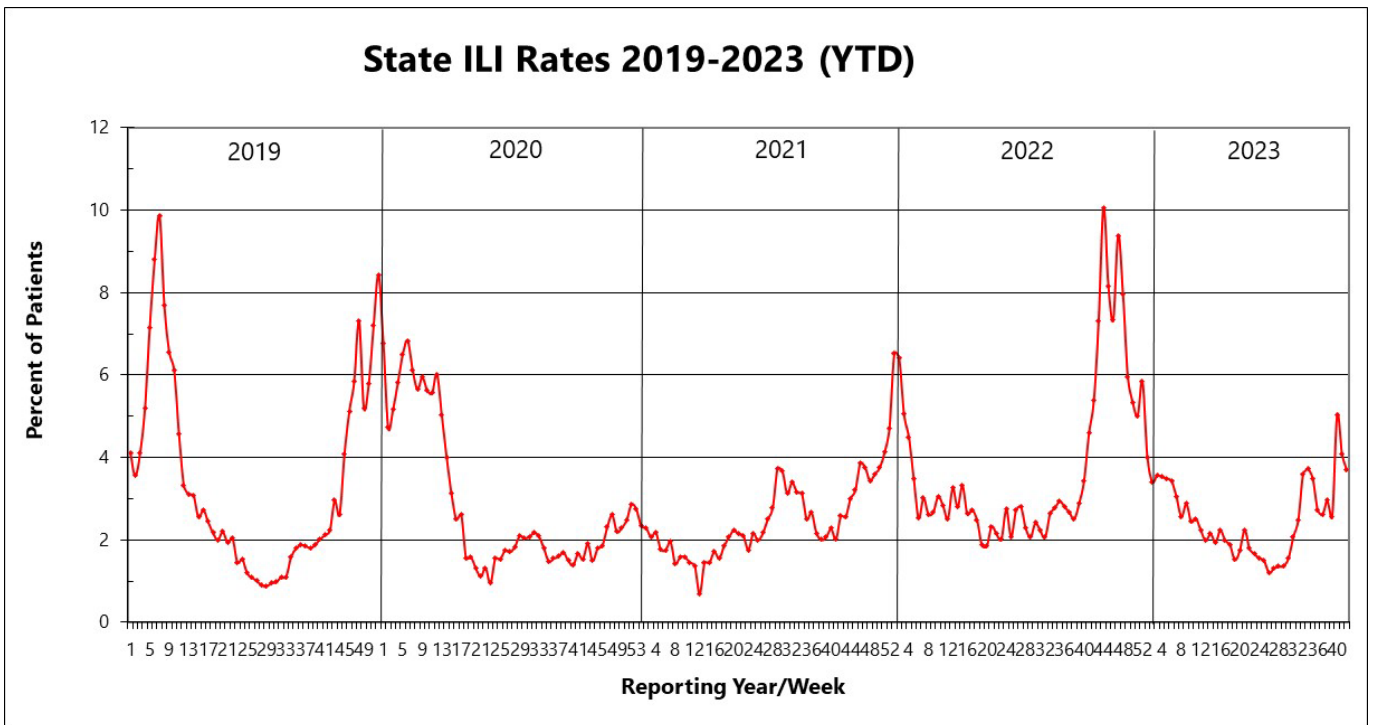
MSDH District ILI Rates (%) 2023-2024		
District	Week 41	Week 42
State	4.1	3.7
I	2.1	2.1
II	2.8	4.7
III	18.4	23.1
IV	11.7	7.0
V	3.8	3.0
VI	2.6	3.5
VII	5.7	6.6
VIII	1.5	1.4
IX	1.2	1.6



Overall, the percentage of reported ILI cases has been highest among those in the **5-24 years** of age group. During week **42**, the percentage

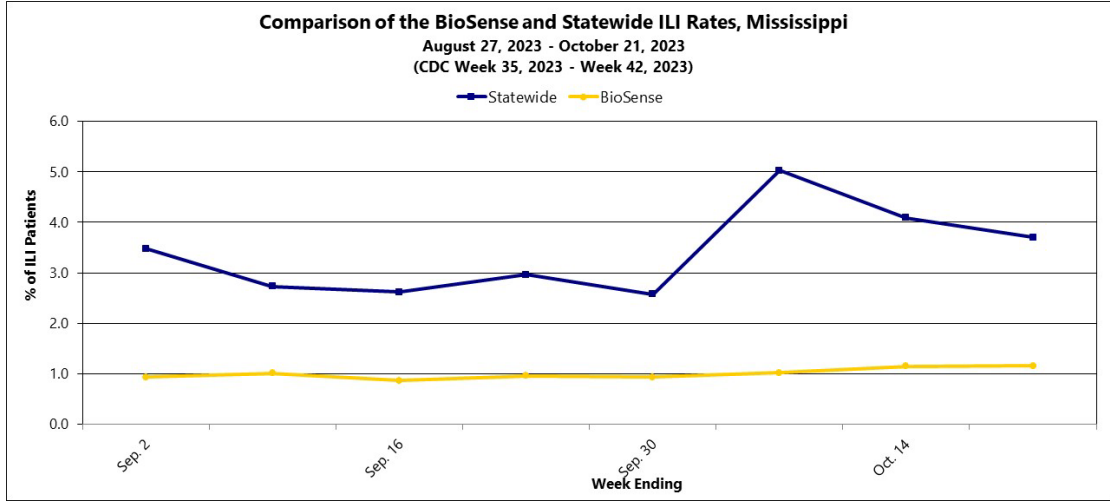
of ILI cases in the 5-24 years of age group increased, in addition to the 0-4 years of age group. However, the percentage of ILI cases decreased in the 25-49, 50-64, and 65+ age groups when compared to the previous week. | [Figure 2](#)

Mississippi ILI Rates 2019-2023 | [Figure 3](#)



Syndromic ILI Surveillance

The Mississippi State Department of Health also collects influenza syndromic surveillance data through the CDC BioSense Platform. This data is comprised of chief complaints and diagnosis codes and is submitted electronically by participating hospitals and clinics throughout the state in near real-time. The BioSense data is an additional tool to monitor influenza activity in Mississippi.



The percentage of patients with a chief complaint or diagnosis of influenza-like illness during week 42 slightly

increased when compared to the previous week; however, the statewide ILI rate decreased from the previous week. | [Figure 4](#)

Influenza Outbreaks

Outbreaks are reportable in Mississippi as a Class 1A event and must be reported by telephone within **24 hours** of first knowledge or suspicion to the Mississippi State Department of Health. For more information on reportable diseases and conditions, please refer to the [MSDH List of Reportable Diseases and Conditions](#).

No influenza outbreaks were reported during week 42 (ending Oct. 21, 2023) to MSDH.

For additional information on infection control measures in health care facilities and managing influenza outbreaks in long-term care facilities, please refer to the CDC's webpages:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/index.htm> and

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/ltc-facility-guidance.htm>, respectively.

Flu Testing Reports

Since week 41 (week ending October 14, 2023), two laboratory confirmed influenza samples have been identified by the MSDH Public Health Laboratory. One was identified as influenza A/H1N1, and one was identified as influenza B/Victoria.

The influenza cases were identified from Hinds County.

National and Mississippi Pediatric Mortality Surveillance

Nationally, no influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week 42.

No influenza-associated pediatric deaths occurring in the 2023-2024 season have been reported to CDC.

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

During week **42**, influenza activity **increased** in the United States. 2.5% of patients reported through ILINet presented with ILI symptoms. This was an increase when compared to week 41 and was below the national baseline (2.9%).

Region 4's ILI rate (Southeast) **increased** when compared to the previous week. Mississippi is included in Region 4.

For additional information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC's website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>.

Additional influenza information:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	http://cdc.gov/flu/
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FluView	http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/
MSDH Flu	http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/14,0,199.html
World Health Organization FluNet	https://www.who.int/tools/flunet/flunet-summary

Appendix

Figure 1

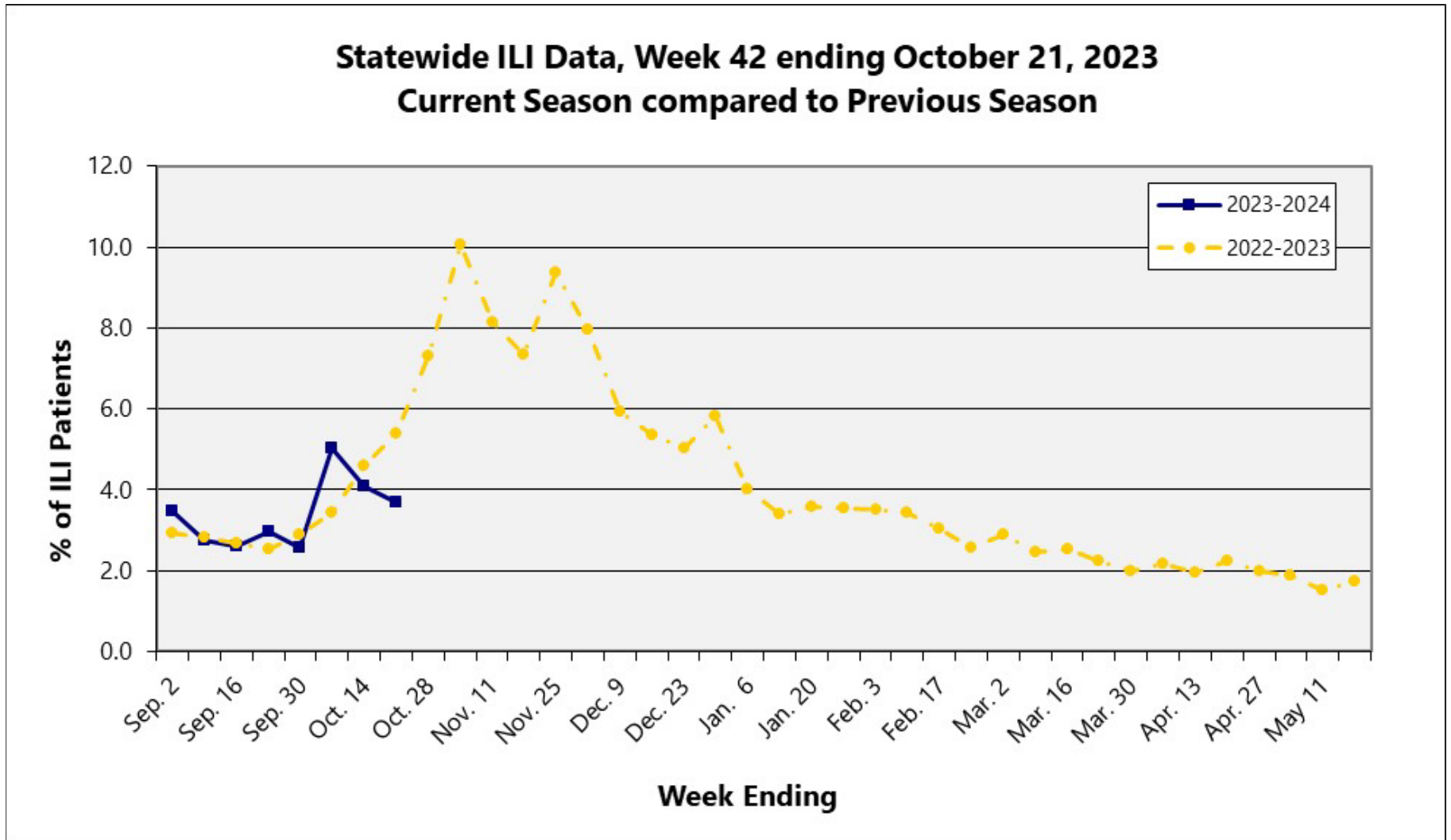


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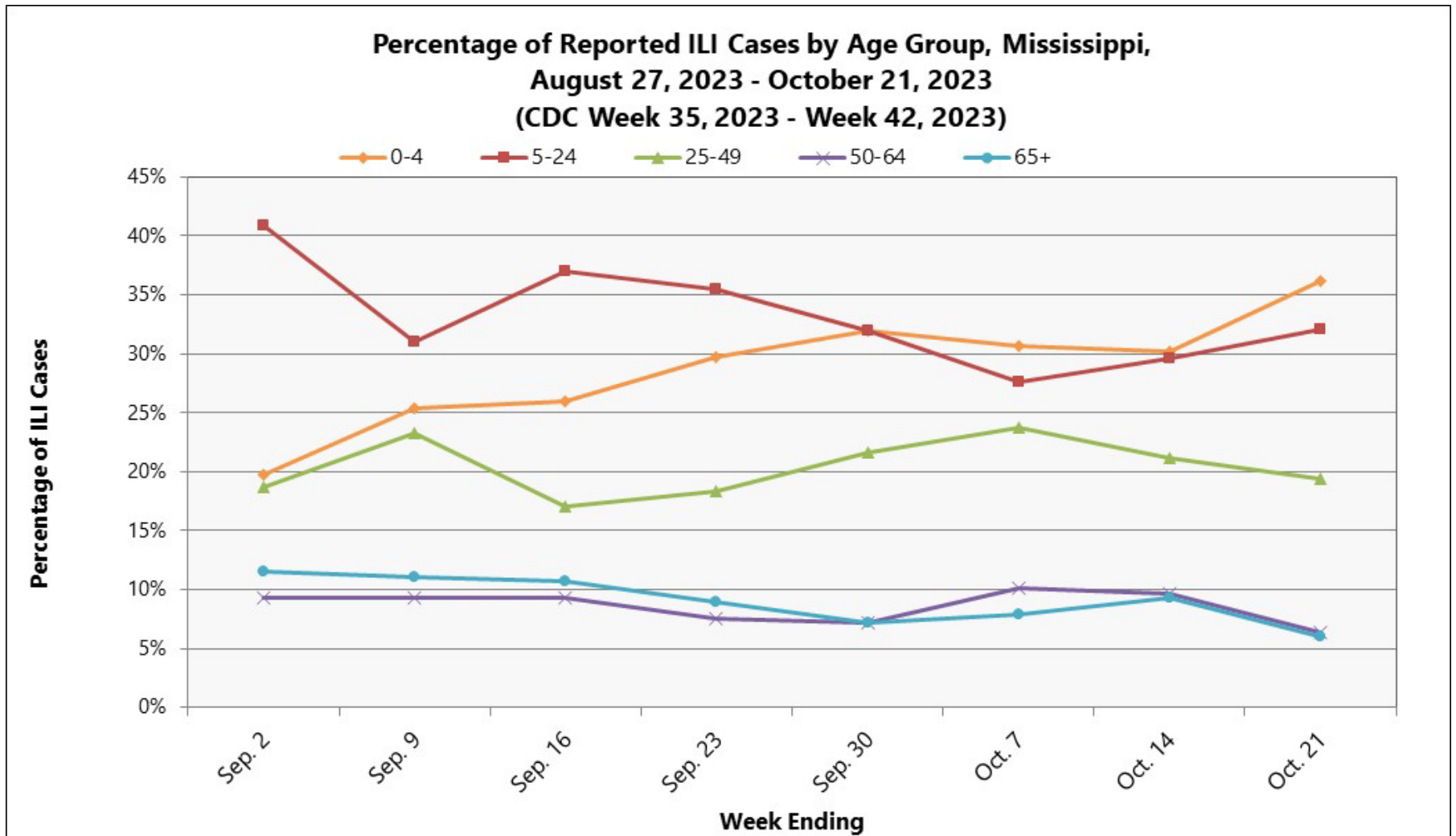


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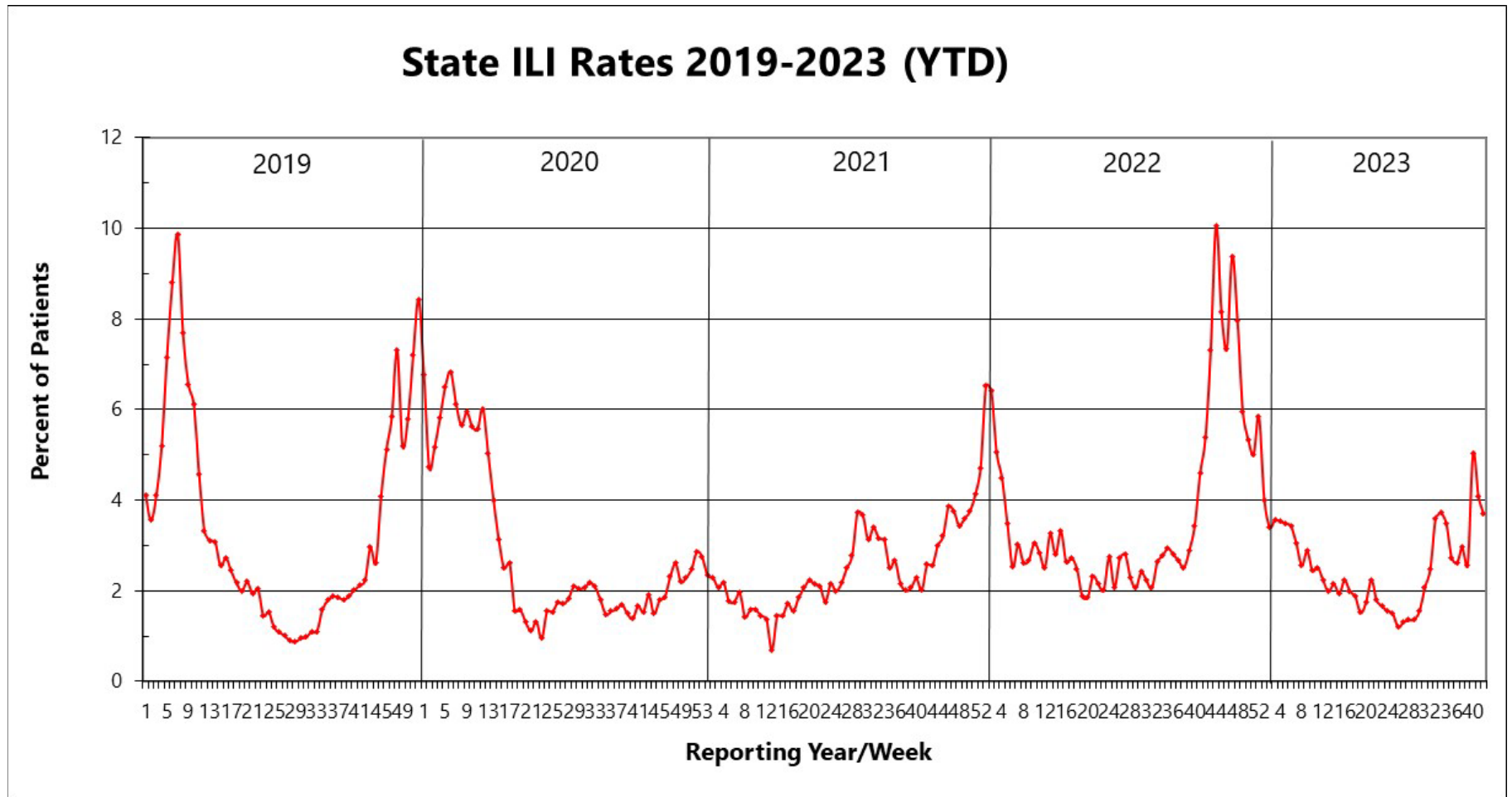


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