



# 2023-2024 Influenza Surveillance Report

## Week 43

Oct. 22 – Oct. 28, 2023

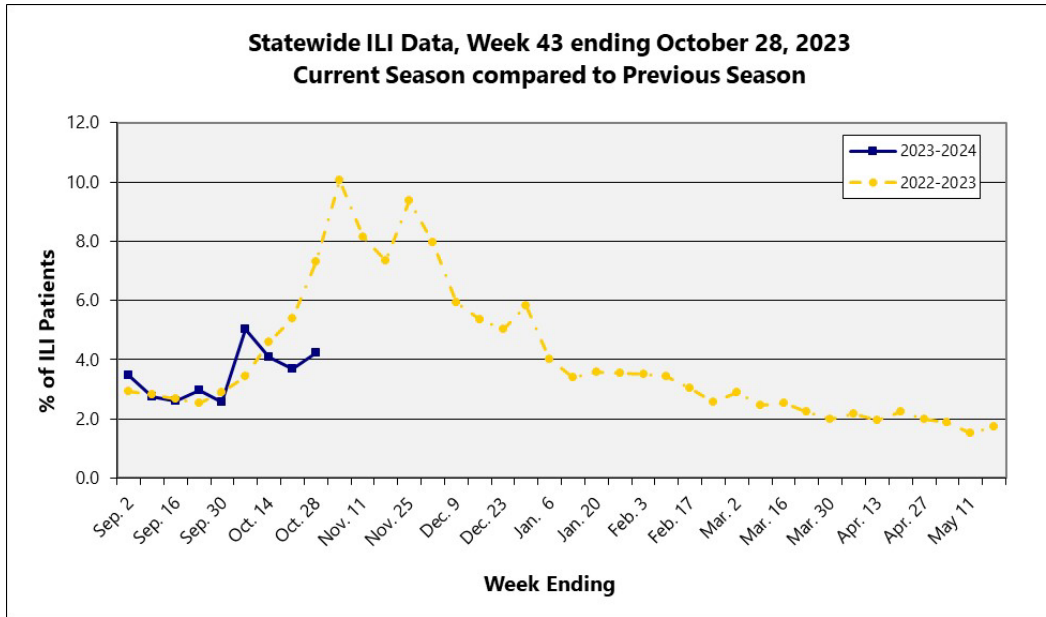
### About our flu activity reporting

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 **43** (10/22/23-10/28/23), the overall state ILI rate (**4.2%**) **increased** from the previous week (**3.7%**) and was lower than this time last year (**7.3%**). | [Figure 1](#)

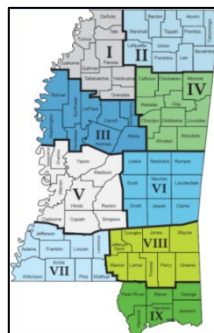
Total number of patients treated by sentinel providers in the last three weeks | **Table 1**

2023-2024 Influenza Season					
CDC Week	Week Ending	Number of reports received from Sentinel Providers	Total patients	ILI symptoms	ILI Rate (%)
<b>43</b>	<b>Oct. 28</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>16589</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>4.2</b>
42	Oct. 21	104	16676	617	3.7
41	Oct. 14	101	12865	526	4.1

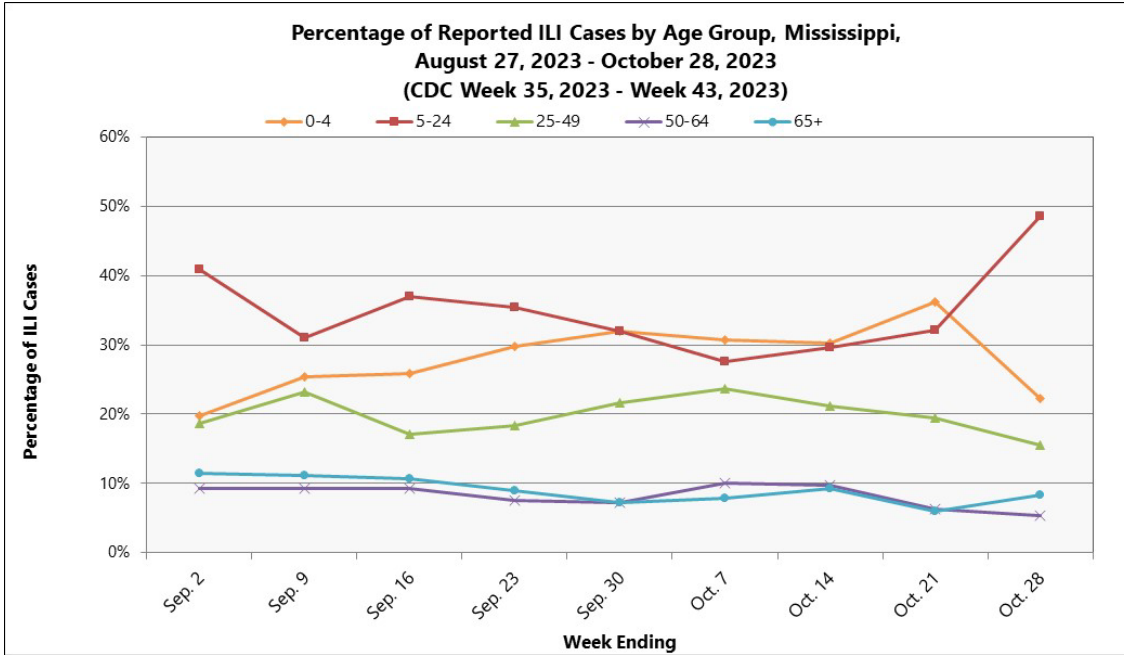
During week **43**, three districts (3, 5, and 8) had an increase in ILI activity, while two districts (4 and 6) had a decrease.

Four districts (1, 2, 7, and 9) remained about the same.

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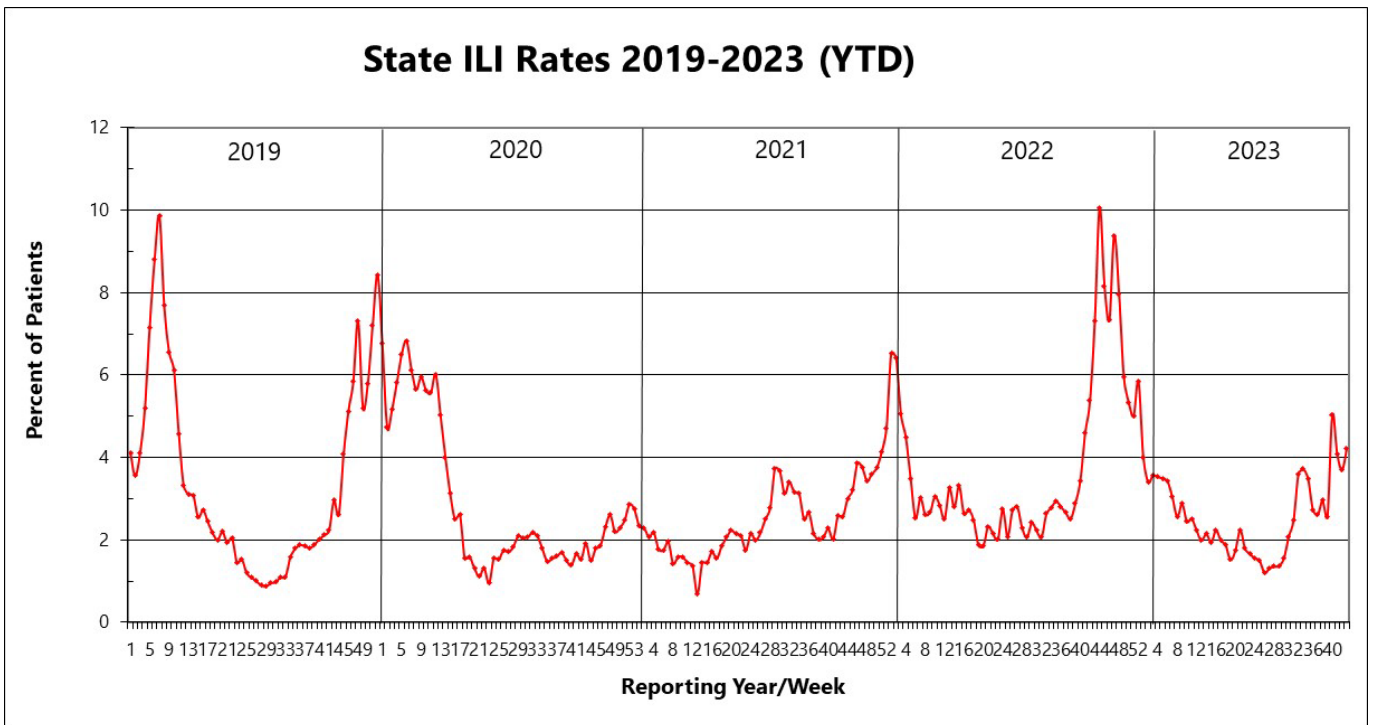
MSDH District ILI Rates (%) 2023-2024		
District	Week 42	Week 43
State	3.7	4.2
I	2.1	2.2
II	4.7	5.1
III	23.1	25.9
IV	7.0	5.3
V	3.0	4.0
VI	3.5	1.5
VII	6.6	6.9
VIII	1.4	2.5
IX	1.6	2.1



Overall, the percentage of reported ILI cases has been highest among those in the **5-24 years** of age group. During week **43**, the percentage

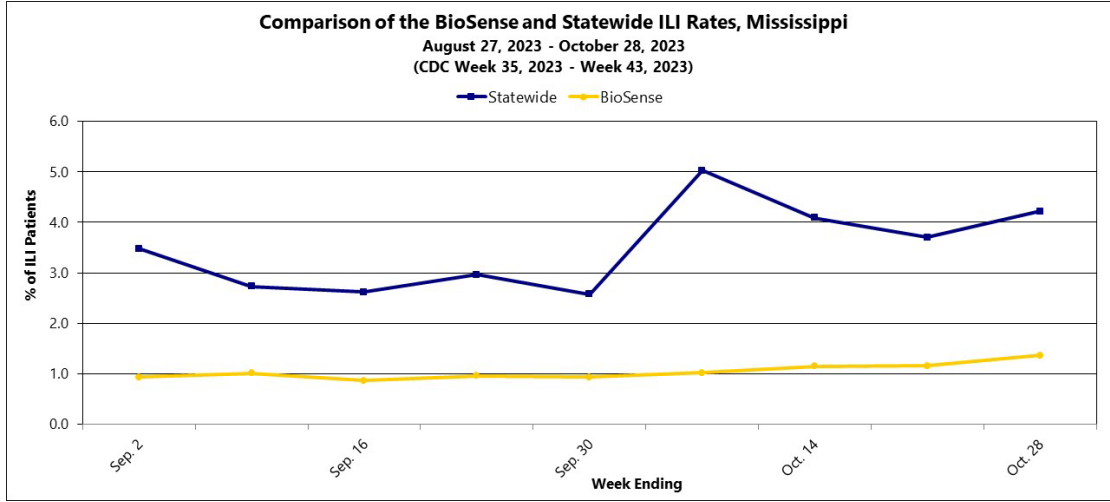
of ILI cases in the 5-24 years of age group increased, in addition to the 65+ years of age group. However, the percentage of ILI cases decreased in the 0-4, 25-49, and 50-64 age groups when compared to the previous week. | [Figure 2](#)

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 43 increased when

compared to the previous week. In addition, the statewide ILI rate increased 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 43 (ending Oct. 28, 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.*

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## Flu Testing Reports

Since week 41 (week ending October 14, 2023), three laboratory confirmed influenza samples have been identified by the MSDH Public Health Laboratory. Two (67%) were identified as influenza A/H1, and one (33%) was identified as influenza B/Victoria.

The influenza cases were identified from the following counties: Hinds (2) and Pearl River (1).

### National and Mississippi Pediatric Mortality Surveillance

Nationally, **two** influenza-associated pediatric deaths that occurred during the 2022-2023 season were reported to CDC during week **43**. One death was associated with an influenza A virus (not subtyped), and the second death was associated with an influenza B virus (not subtyped). The two deaths bring the total number of reported influenza-associated deaths occurring during that season to 181.

Additionally, the first influenza-associated pediatric death of the 2023-2024 season was reported to CDC during week **43**. This death was associated with an influenza A virus for which no subtyping was performed and occurred during week 40 (week ending October 7, 2023).

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](#).*

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### National ILI Surveillance

During week **43**, influenza activity **increased** in the United States. 2.7% of patients reported through ILINet presented with ILI symptoms. This was an increase when compared to week 42 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>.

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### Additional influenza information:

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

## Appendix

Figure 1

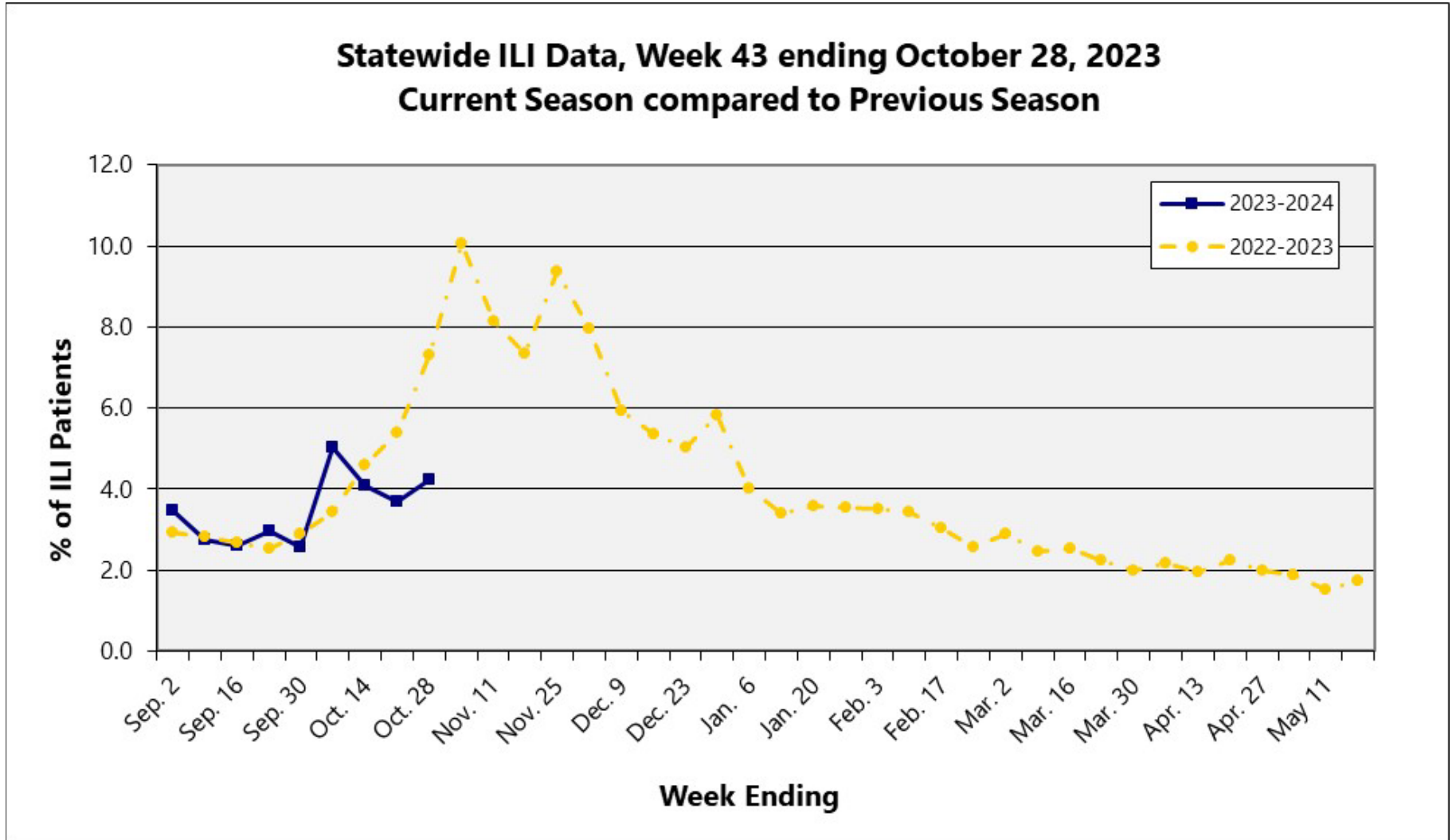
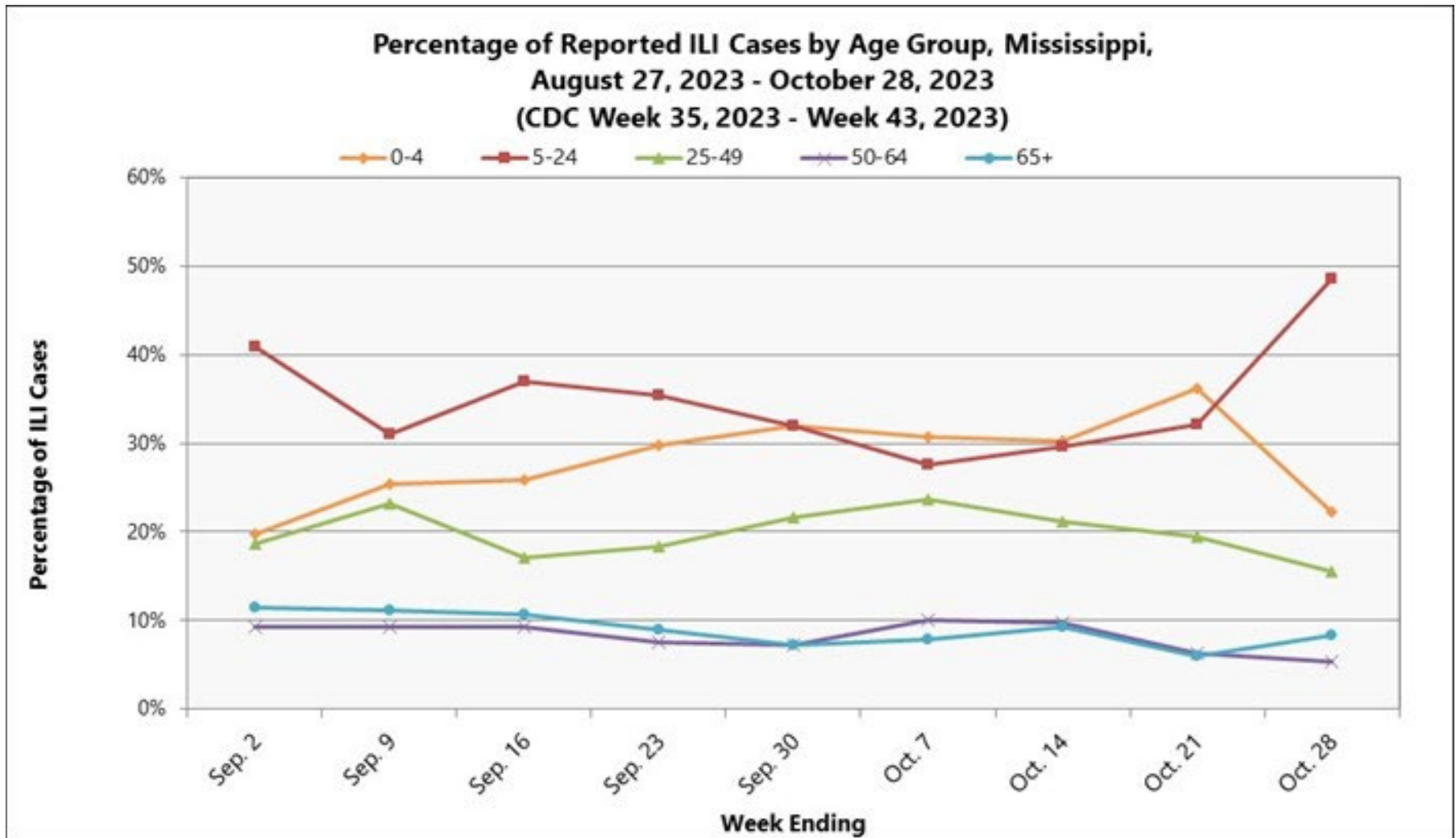
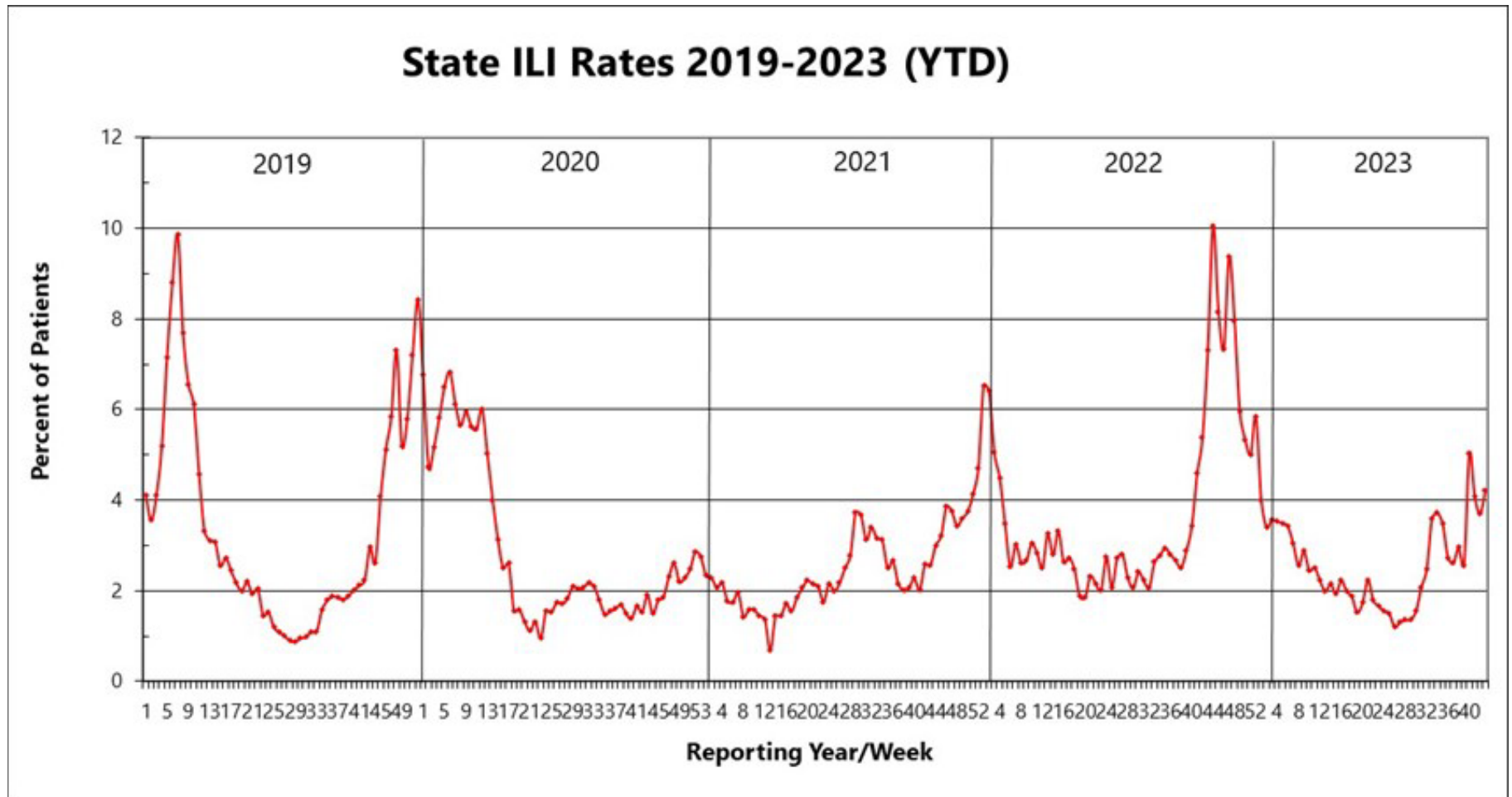


Figure 2





**Figure 3**



**Figure 4**

