



Respiratory Illnesses

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Groups Most Impacted—Emergency Department Visits

Provides an update on which groups are currently most affected by illness from COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

Groups Most Impacted Update:

- The percent of all emergency department visits with a COVID-19 diagnosis is highest among children under 2 years and adults 65+; visits due to diagnosed RSV are highest among children under 4 years; influenza visits are highest among school-aged children 5-17 years followed by children under 4 years. Recent, holiday-related school closures may be impacting trends in influenza- and COVID-19-related visits among school-aged children.
- Hospitalization rates for COVID-19 remain elevated among adults 65+ and infants and young children. Rates for influenza continue to increase in all age groups, and adults 65+ have the highest rate compared to other age groups. Rates for RSV remain elevated among children under 4 years and among adults 65+. Unadjusted influenza hospitalization rates are higher in non-Hispanic Black persons compared to other racial and ethnic groups.
- Nationally, the percent of total deaths due to COVID-19, influenza, or RSV are highest among those 65+ (4.2%), and among American Indian/Alaska Natives (6.8%) and Asians/Pacific Islanders (4.5%).

Reported on Friday, January 5th, 2024.

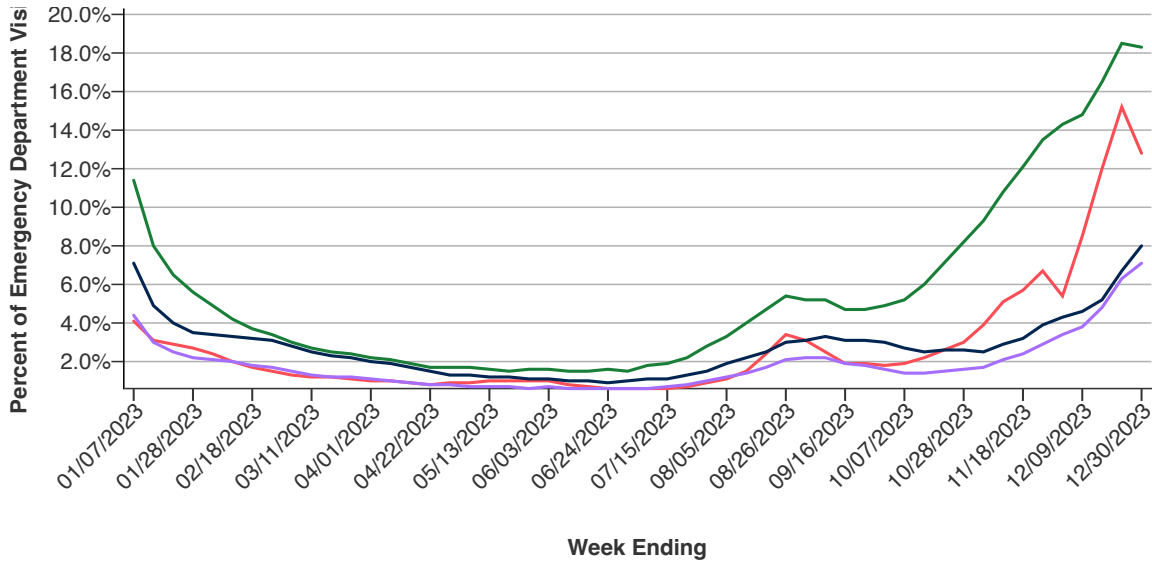
Emergency Department Visits for Viral Respiratory Illness, by Age

Weekly percent of total emergency department visits associated with COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

Respiratory Illness

Combined

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Age Groups

- 0-4 years
- 5-17 years
- 18-64 years
- 65+ years

Data presented through: 12/30/2023; Data as of: 01/03/2024

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Data Table				
Week Ending	0-4 years	5-17 years	18-64 years	65+ years
01/07/2023	11.4%	4.1%	4.4%	7.1%
01/14/2023	8.0%	3.1%	3.0%	4.9%
01/21/2023	6.5%	2.9%	2.5%	4.0%
01/28/2023	5.6%	2.7%	2.2%	3.5%
02/04/2023	4.9%	2.4%	2.1%	3.4%
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03/18/2023	2.5%	1.2%	1.2%	2.3%
03/25/2023	2.4%	1.1%	1.2%	2.2%
04/01/2023	2.2%	1.0%	1.1%	2.0%
04/08/2023	2.1%	1.0%	1.0%	1.9%
04/15/2023	1.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1.7%
04/22/2023	1.7%	0.8%	0.8%	1.5%

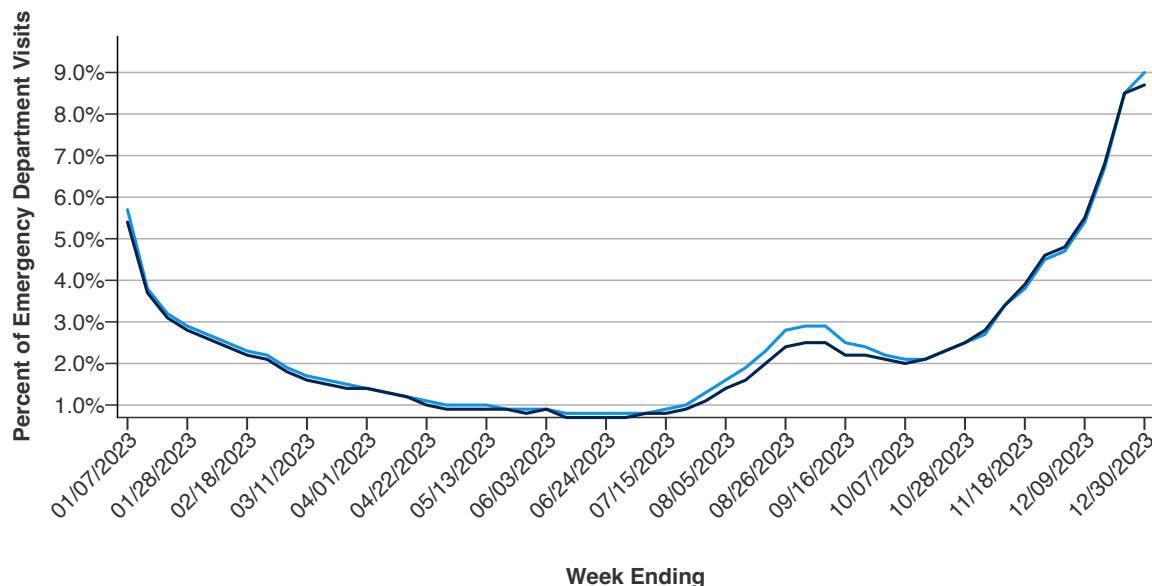
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08/05/2023	3.3%	1.1%	1.2%	1.9%
08/12/2023	4.0%	1.5%	1.4%	2.2%
08/19/2023	4.7%	2.4%	1.7%	2.5%
08/26/2023	5.4%	3.4%	2.1%	3.0%
09/02/2023	5.2%	3.1%	2.2%	3.1%
09/09/2023	5.2%	2.5%	2.2%	3.3%
09/16/2023	4.7%	1.9%	1.9%	3.1%
09/23/2023	4.7%	1.9%	1.8%	3.1%
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11/18/2023	12.1%	5.7%	2.4%	3.2%
11/25/2023	13.5%	6.7%	2.9%	3.9%
12/02/2023	14.3%	5.4%	3.4%	4.3%
12/09/2023	14.8%	8.5%	3.8%	4.6%

Emergency Department Visits for Viral Respiratory Illness, by Sex

Weekly percent of total emergency department visits associated with COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

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Sex

Female Male

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Data Table		
Week Ending	Female	Male
01/07/2023	5.7%	5.4%
01/14/2023	3.8%	3.7%
01/21/2023	3.2%	3.1%
01/28/2023	2.9%	2.8%
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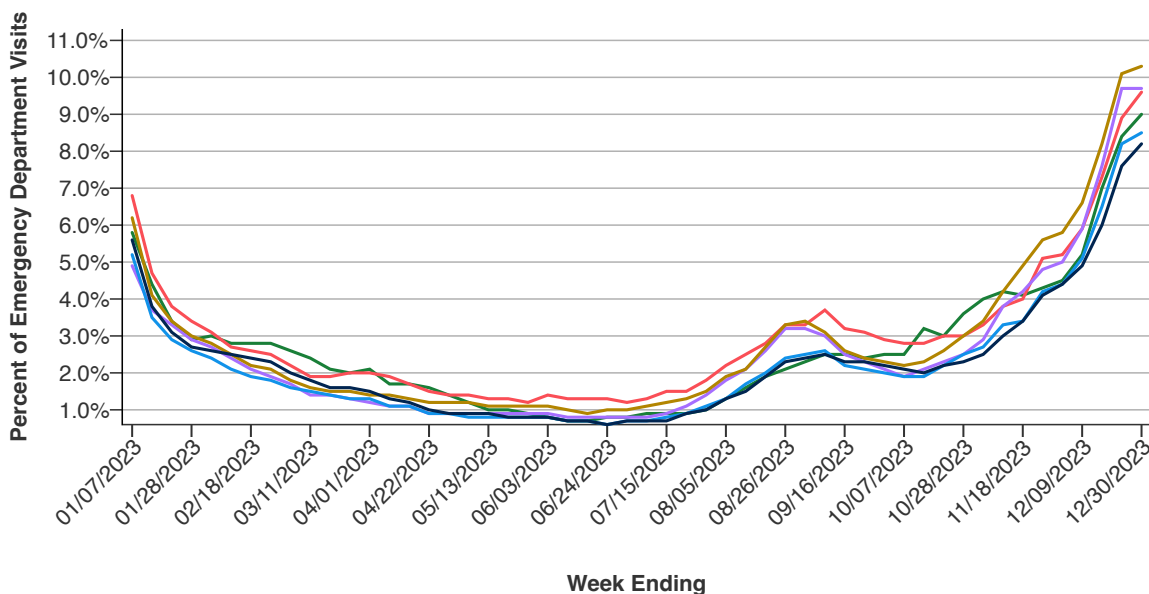
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Emergency Department Visits for Viral Respiratory Illness, by Race and Ethnicity

Weekly percent of total emergency department visits associated with COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

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Race and Ethnicity

- AI/AN, NH
- Asian, PI, NH
- Black, NH
- Hispanic
- Multiple/Other, NH
- White, NH

NH = non-Hispanic, AI/AN = American Indian/Alaska Native, PI = Pacific Islander

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Data Notes: Emergency Department Visits



- **SOURCE:** National Syndromic Surveillance Program: <https://www.cdc.gov/nssp/index.html>
- Combined is the sum of COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) emergency department visits.
- For more detailed information on these data please see the [Companion Guide: NSSP Emergency Department Data on Respiratory Illness](#)

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Groups Most Impacted: Hospitalizations



