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# 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 children under 4 years followed by children 5-17 years. Trends in influenza- and COVID-19-related visits among school-aged children may be affected by schools being closed for the recent holidays.
- Hospitalization rates for COVID-19 remain elevated among adults 65+ and infants and young children. Rates for RSV remain elevated among children under 4 years and among adults 65+. Rates of influenza-associated hospitalizations are elevated and continue to increase in all age groups; adults 65+ have the highest rate compared to other age groups. Non-Hispanic Black persons have the highest age-adjusted rates compared with other racial and ethnic groups.
- Nationally, the percent of total deaths due to COVID-19, influenza, or RSV were highest among those 65+ (4.8%).

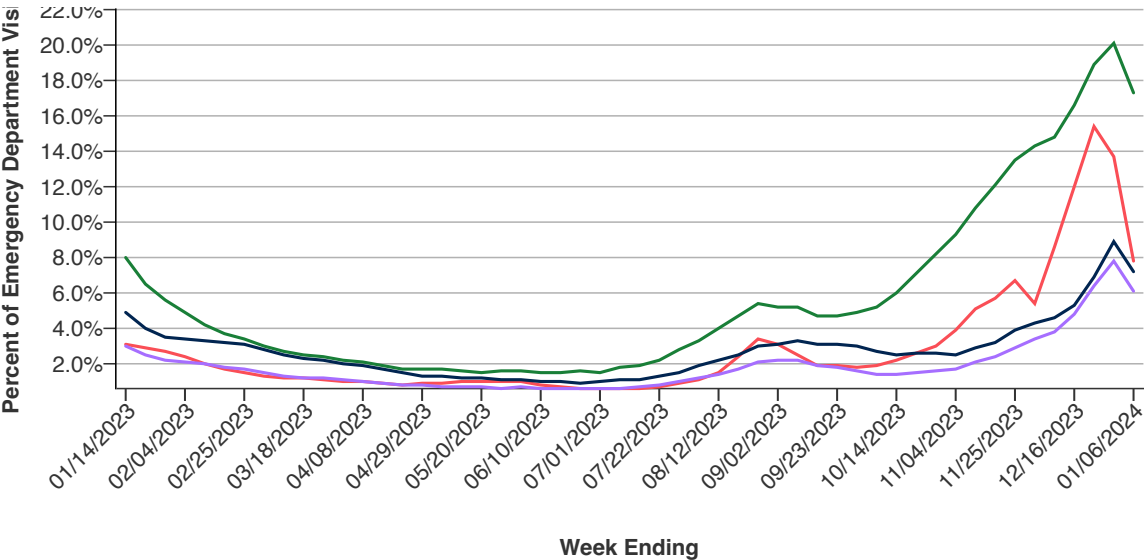
*Reported on Friday, January 12th, 2024.*

## 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**



Age Groups

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

Data presented through: 01/06/2024; Data as of: 01/10/2024

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Data Table				
Week Ending	0-4 years	5-17 years	18-64 years	65+ years
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%
02/11/2023	4.2%	2.0%	2.0%	3.3%
02/18/2023	3.7%	1.7%	1.8%	3.2%
02/25/2023	3.4%	1.5%	1.7%	3.1%
03/04/2023	3.0%	1.3%	1.5%	2.8%
03/11/2023	2.7%	1.2%	1.3%	2.5%
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%
04/29/2023	1.7%	0.9%	0.8%	1.3%

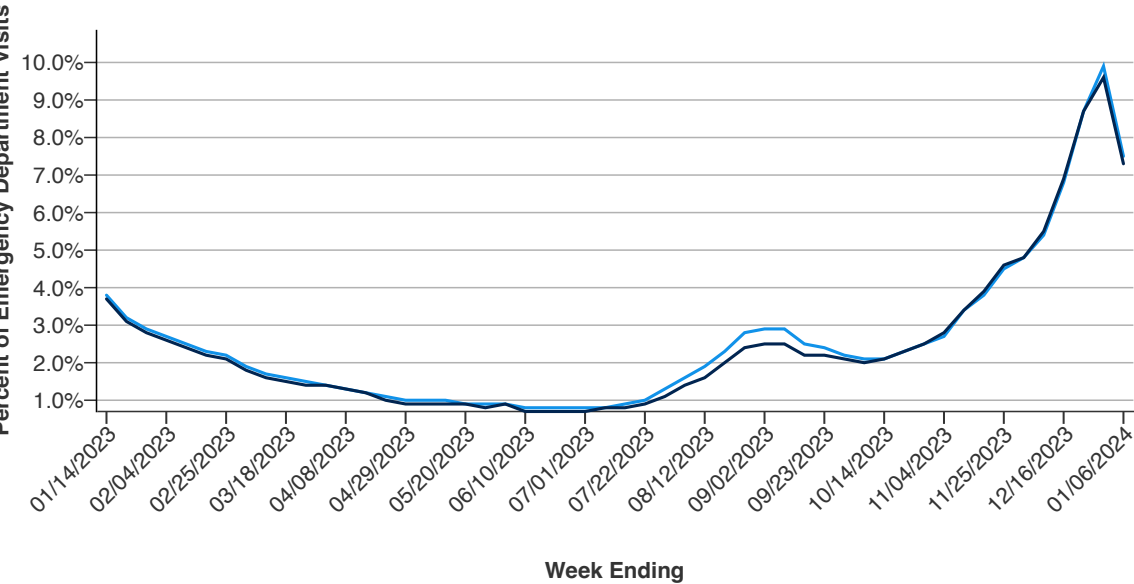
05/06/2023	1.7%	0.9%	0.7%	1.3%
05/13/2023	1.6%	1.0%	0.7%	1.2%
05/20/2023	1.5%	1.0%	0.7%	1.2%
05/27/2023	1.6%	1.0%	0.6%	1.1%
06/03/2023	1.6%	1.0%	0.7%	1.1%
06/10/2023	1.5%	0.8%	0.6%	1.0%
06/17/2023	1.5%	0.7%	0.6%	1.0%
06/24/2023	1.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.9%
07/01/2023	1.5%	0.6%	0.6%	1.0%
07/08/2023	1.8%	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%
07/15/2023	1.9%	0.6%	0.7%	1.1%
07/22/2023	2.2%	0.7%	0.8%	1.3%
07/29/2023	2.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.5%
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%
09/30/2023	4.9%	1.8%	1.6%	3.0%
10/07/2023	5.2%	1.9%	1.4%	2.7%
10/14/2023	6.0%	2.2%	1.4%	2.5%
10/21/2023	7.1%	2.6%	1.5%	2.6%
10/28/2023	8.2%	3.0%	1.6%	2.6%
11/04/2023	9.3%	3.9%	1.7%	2.5%
11/11/2023	10.8%	5.1%	2.1%	2.9%
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%	8.6%	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.

Respiratory Illness

Combined



Sex

Female Male

Data presented through: 01/06/2024; Data as of: 01/10/2024

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Data Table		
Week Ending	Female	Male
01/14/2023	3.8%	3.7%
01/21/2023	3.2%	3.1%
01/28/2023	2.9%	2.8%
02/04/2023	2.7%	2.6%
02/11/2023	2.5%	2.4%
02/18/2023	2.3%	2.2%
02/25/2023	2.2%	2.1%
03/04/2023	1.9%	1.8%
03/11/2023	1.7%	1.6%
03/18/2023	1.6%	1.5%
03/25/2023	1.5%	1.4%
04/01/2023	1.4%	1.4%

04/08/2023	1.3%	1.3%
04/15/2023	1.2%	1.2%
04/22/2023	1.1%	1.0%
04/29/2023	1.0%	0.9%
05/06/2023	1.0%	0.9%
05/13/2023	1.0%	0.9%
05/20/2023	0.9%	0.9%
05/27/2023	0.9%	0.8%
06/03/2023	0.9%	0.9%
06/10/2023	0.8%	0.7%
06/17/2023	0.8%	0.7%
06/24/2023	0.8%	0.7%
07/01/2023	0.8%	0.7%
07/08/2023	0.8%	0.8%
07/15/2023	0.9%	0.8%
07/22/2023	1.0%	0.9%
07/29/2023	1.3%	1.1%
08/05/2023	1.6%	1.4%
08/12/2023	1.9%	1.6%
08/19/2023	2.3%	2.0%
08/26/2023	2.8%	2.4%
09/02/2023	2.9%	2.5%
09/09/2023	2.9%	2.5%
09/16/2023	2.5%	2.2%
09/23/2023	2.4%	2.2%
09/30/2023	2.2%	2.1%
10/07/2023	2.1%	2.0%
10/14/2023	2.1%	2.1%
10/21/2023	2.3%	2.3%
10/28/2023	2.5%	2.5%
11/04/2023	2.7%	2.8%
11/11/2023	3.4%	3.4%
11/18/2023	3.8%	3.9%
11/25/2023	4.5%	4.6%
12/02/2023	4.8%	4.8%
12/09/2023	5.4%	5.5%

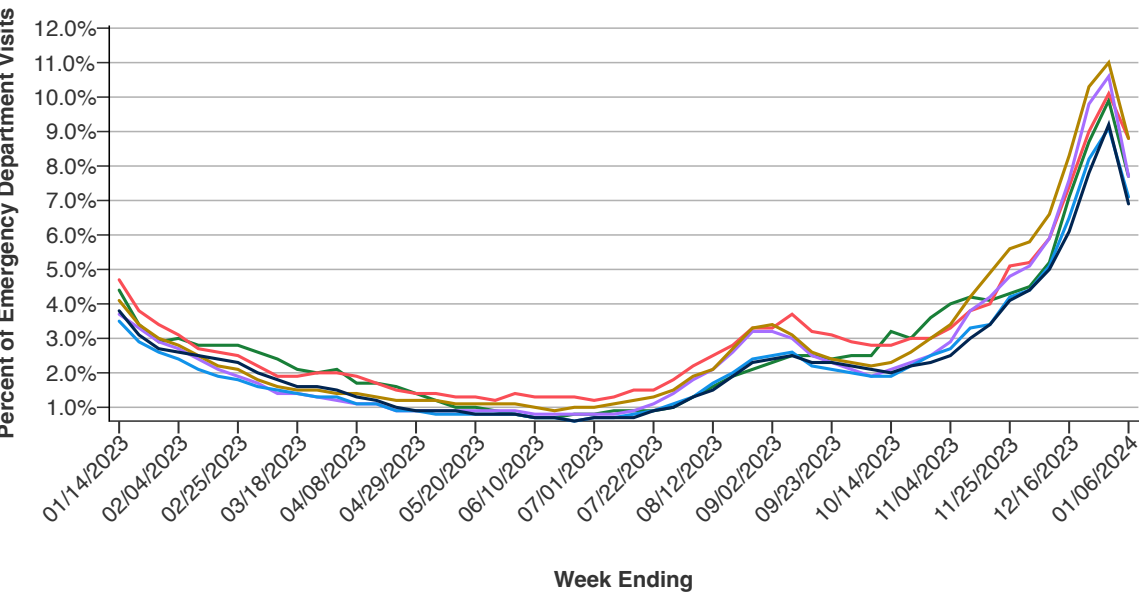
12/16/2023	6.8%	6.9%
12/23/2023	8.7%	8.7%
12/30/2023	9.9%	9.6%
01/06/2024	7.5%	7.3%

## 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.

### Respiratory Illness

Combined



### 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 Table						
Week Endi...	AI/AN, NH	Asian, PI, ...	Black, NH	Hispanic	Multiple/Ot...	White, NH
01/14/2023	4.4%	4.7%	3.7%	4.1%	3.5%	3.8%
01/21/2023	3.4%	3.8%	3.3%	3.4%	2.9%	3.1%
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12/23/2023	8.7%	9.0%	9.8%	10.3%	8.2%	7.8%
12/30/2023	9.9%	10.1%	10.6%	11.0%	9.1%	9.2%
01/06/2024	7.7%	8.8%	7.7%	8.8%	7.1%	6.9%

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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