

Sandusky County 2025-2026 Flu Activity Summary

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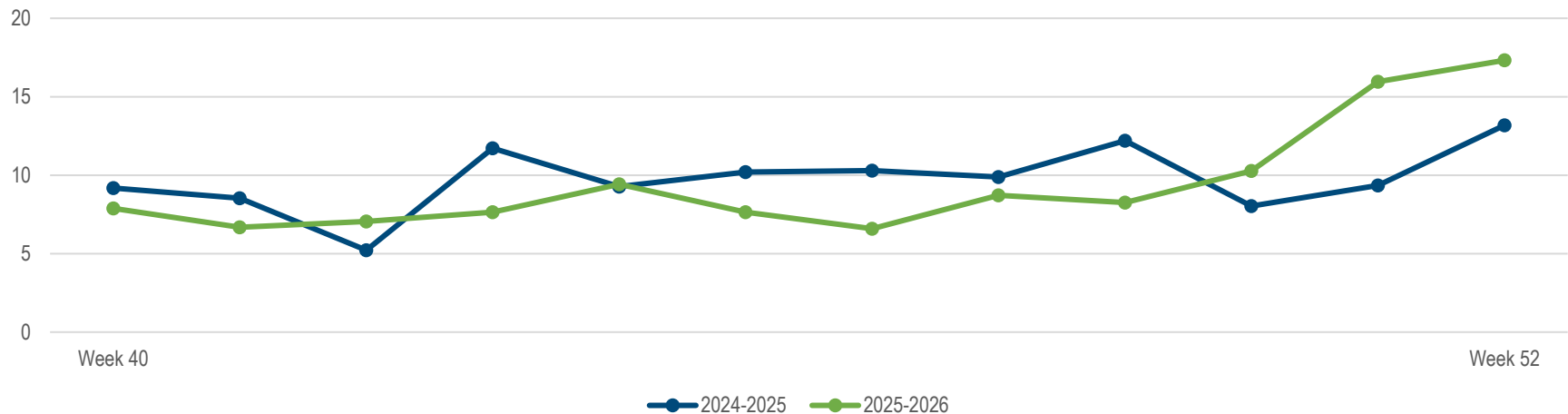
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Sandusky County Public Health (SCPH) tracks seasonal influenza activity on a weekly basis throughout the year. SCPH monitors circulating flu issues and other related data sources and provides summaries of influenza activity from October (Week 40) through May (Week 20). The first week of the new calendar year is indicated by "Week 1."

14 Influenza Associated Hospitalizations were reported between Week 49-52, all of which were positive for **Influenza A**.

21 positive flu tests were reported from long-term care facilities

There was a **9% increase** in Influenza-like illness (ILI) emergency room visits from Weeks 49-52.



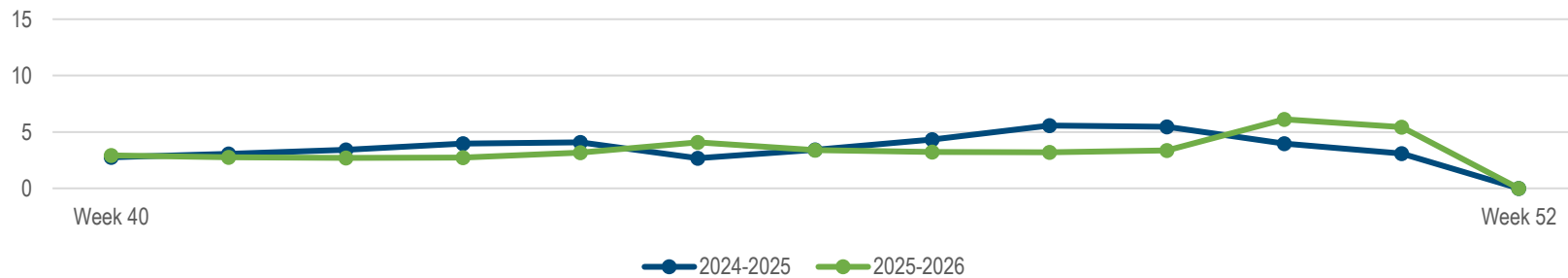
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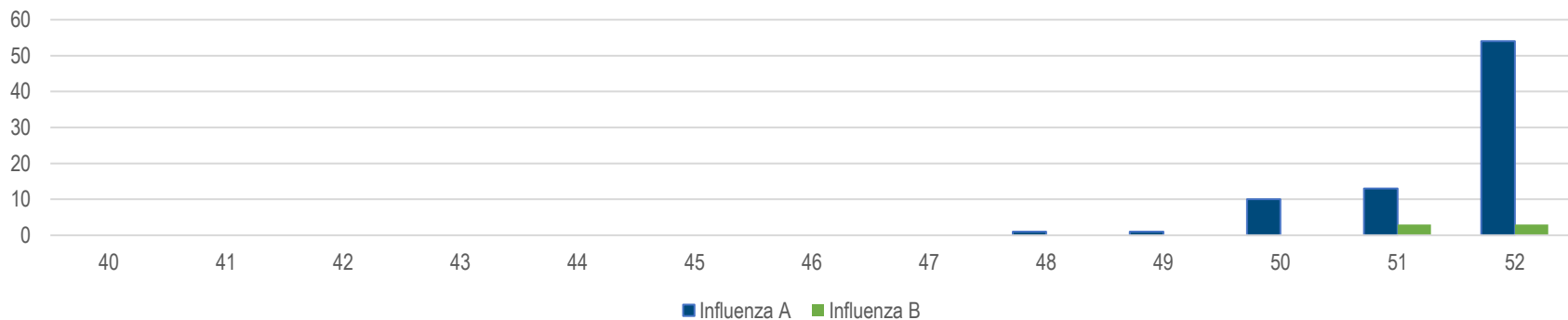
There was a **slight increase** in school absenteeism during Weeks 50-51.

% of students absent due to illness



*Local school districts were not in session during week 52

Week 52 saw a **significant rise** in individuals testing positive for Influenza A in outpatient settings.

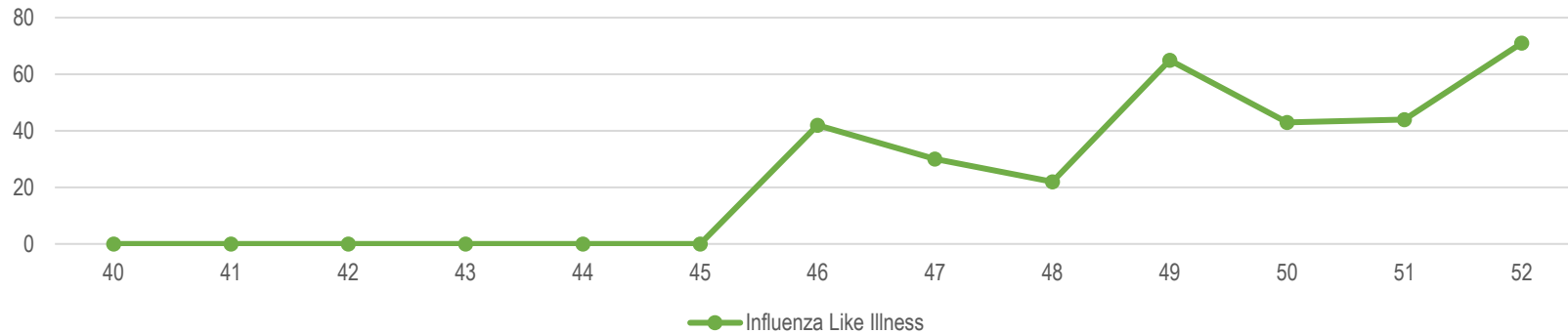


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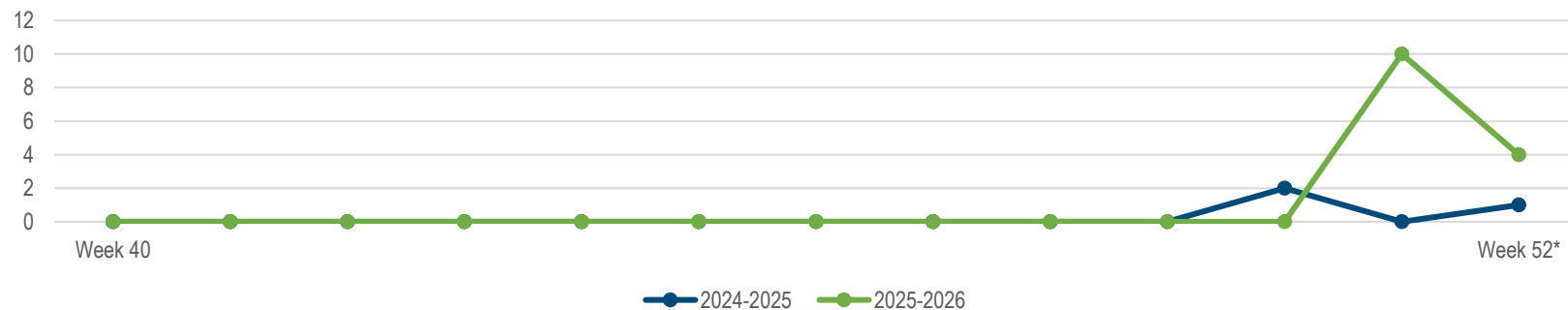
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223 influenza like illness outpatient visits were reported during Weeks 49-52.



10 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported during Week 51.

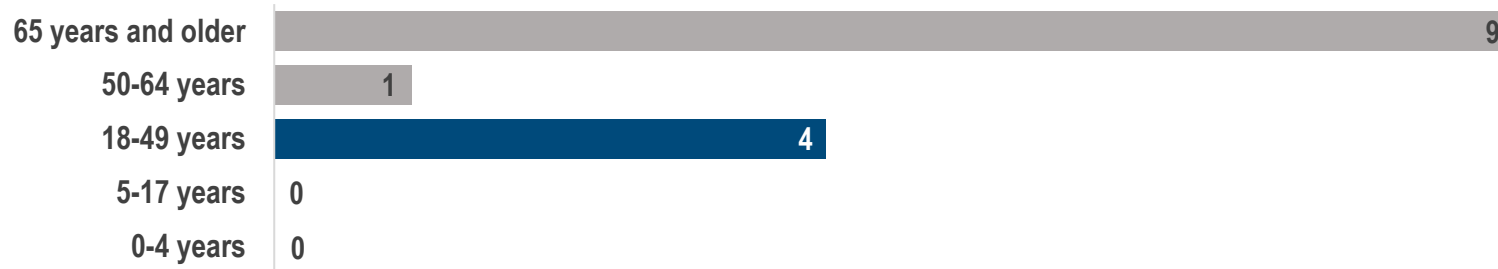


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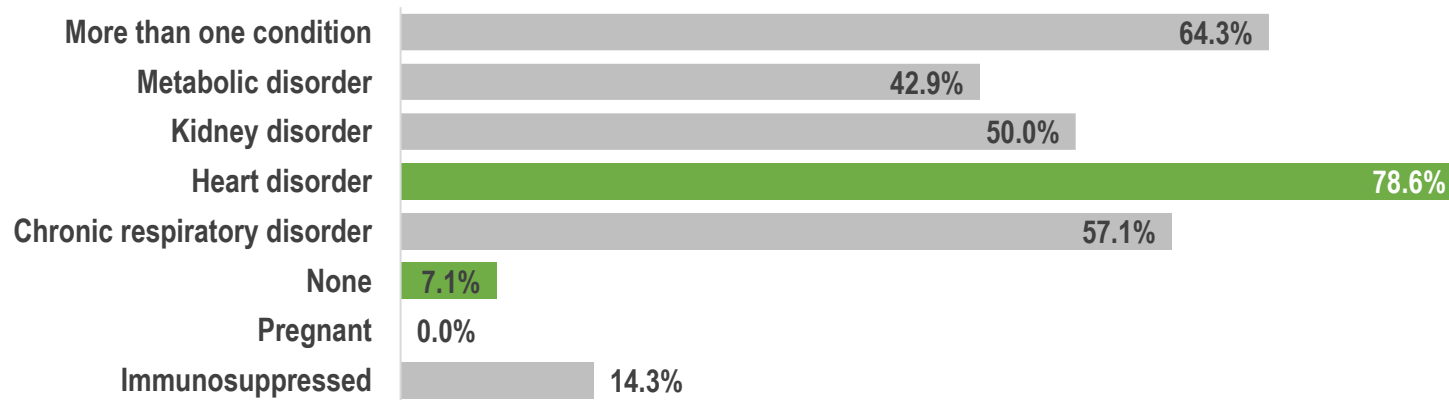
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1 in 4 influenza associated hospitalizations were adults under the age of 50.



3 in 4 individuals hospitalized for influenza during Weeks 49-52 had a **heart disorder**.

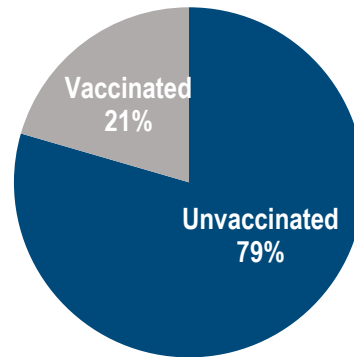


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The **majority** of hospitalized influenza cases had **no record of annual flu vaccination**.



Data Sources:

Epi Center, IMPACTSIIS, Northwest Ohio Hospitals, Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS), Sandusky County School Districts (voluntary), Sandusky County Long-Term Care Facilities, Physician Offices, and Urgent Cares (voluntary)