



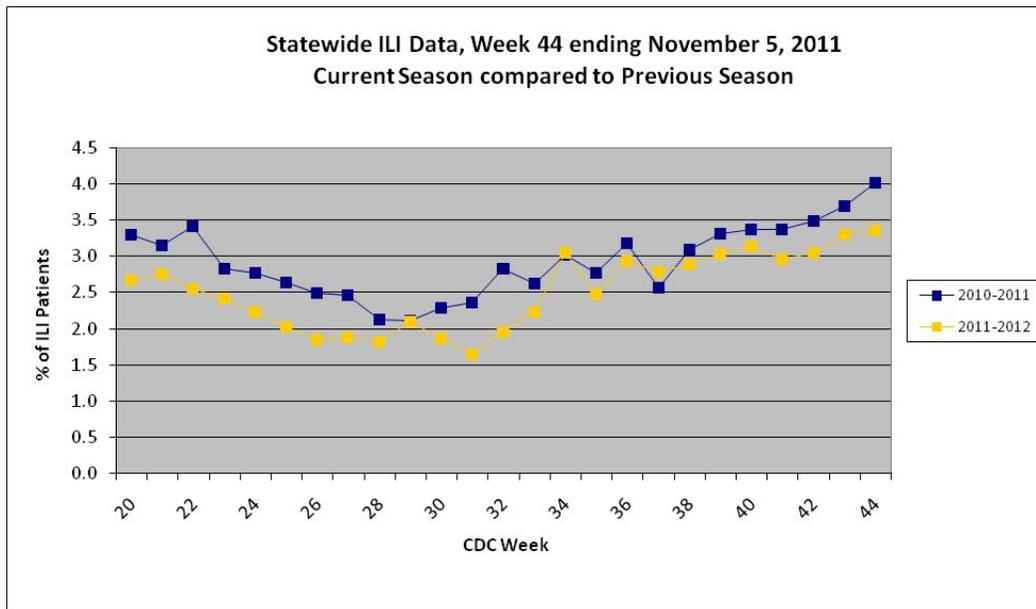
2011-2012 Influenza Report Week 44

October 30 – November 5, 2011

About our flu activity reporting

MSDH relies upon selected sentinel health practitioners across the state to report the percentage of non-trauma visits consistent with an influenza-like illness (ILI: fever > 100°F 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.**

State ILI Surveillance



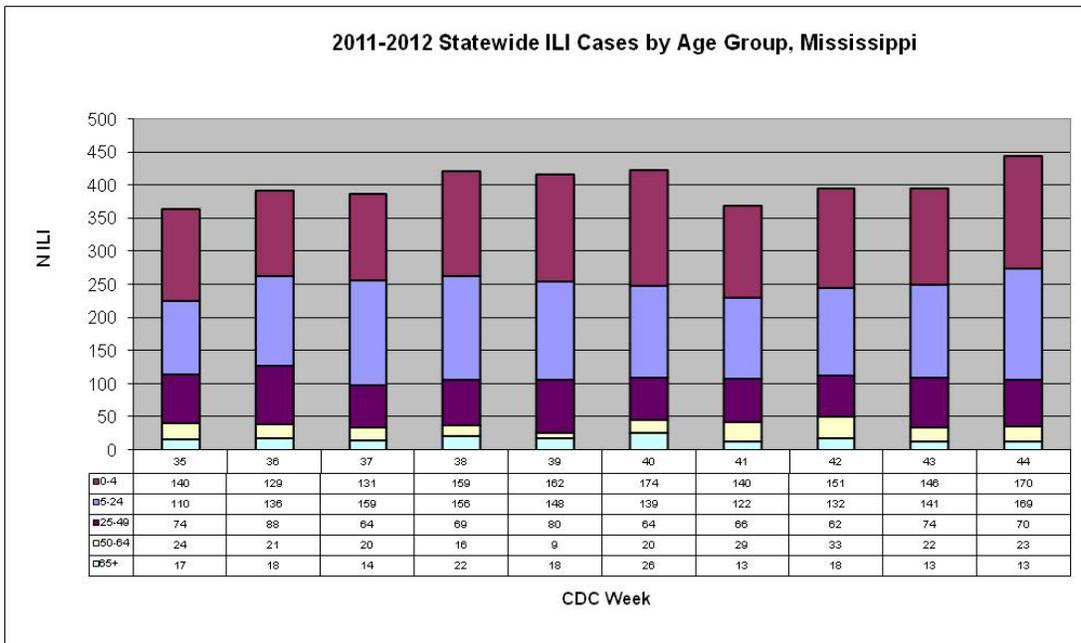
For week 44 (10/30/2011-11/05/2011), the overall state ILI rate (3.4%) was **comparable** to last week (3.3%) and this time last year (4.0%). | **Figure 1**

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

2011-2012 Influenza Season				
CDC Week	Week Ending	Non-trauma patients	ILI symptoms	ILI Rate (%)
44	Nov. 5	13000	436	3.4%
43	Oct. 29	13358	440	3.3%
42	Oct. 22	13947	426	3.1%

During week **44**, **two** districts (4 and 9) had a slight increase in ILI activity and **three** districts (2, 6, and 8) had a decrease in ILI activity. **Four** districts (1, 3, 5, and 7) remained about the same. *Information is provisional only and may change depending on additional reporting from sentinel providers.* | **Table 2**

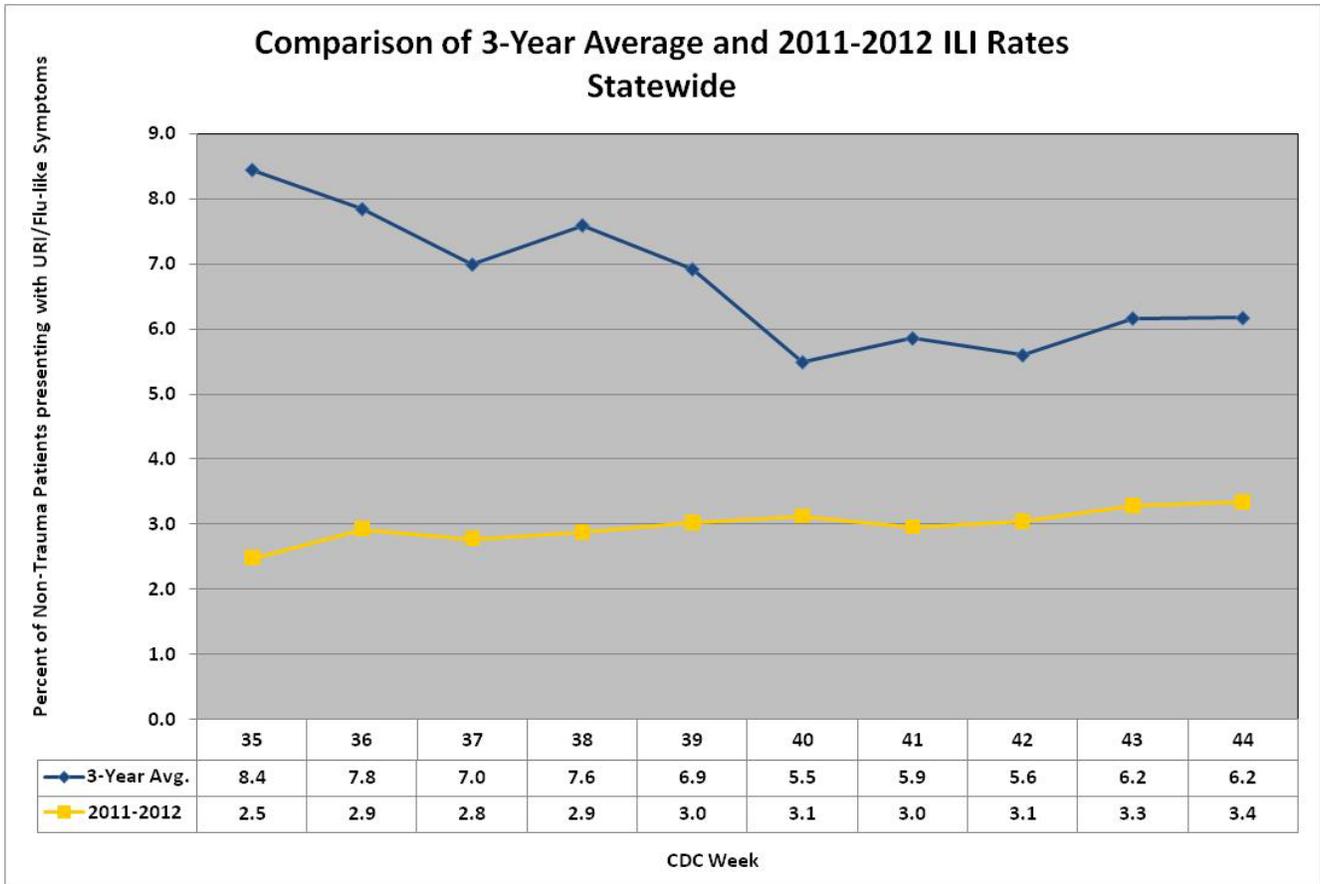
MSDH District ILI Rates (%) 2011-2012		
District	Week 43	Week 44
State	3.3	3.4
1	3.0	3.2
2	10.2	6.3
3	11.4	11.6
4	2.6	3.5
5	0.5	0.8
6	10.0	5.7
7	2.0	2.4
8	3.9	3.0
9	2.3	3.2



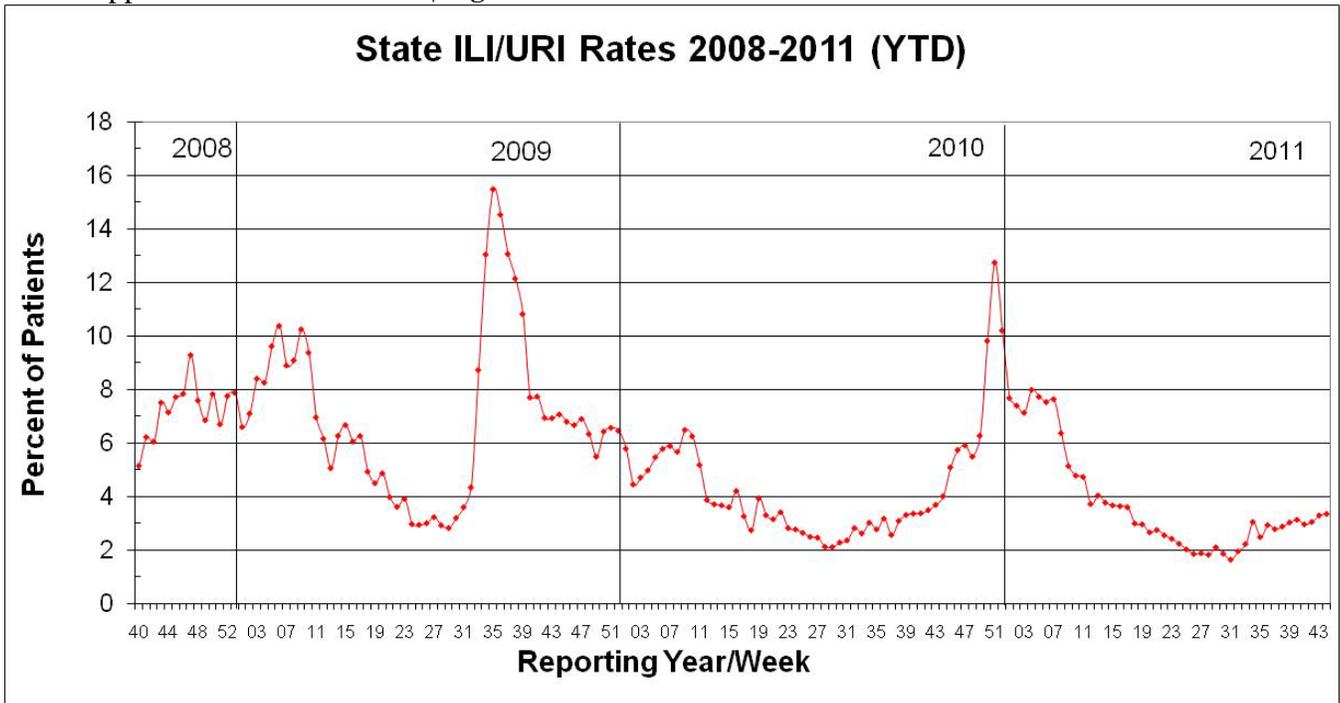
The number of reported ILI cases has been highest among people in the 0 to 4 years of age group, followed by those in the 5 to 24 years of age group. During Week **44**, the

number of reported ILI cases was highest among individuals in the **0 to 4 years** of age group. | **Figure 2**

The 2011-12 state ILI rate was **below** baseline for week **44**. | **Figure 3**



Mississippi ILI Rates 2008-2011 | **Figure 4**



Flu testing Reports

Since week 35, the Mississippi Public Health Laboratory has tested two samples for influenza; neither was positive.

National ILI Surveillance

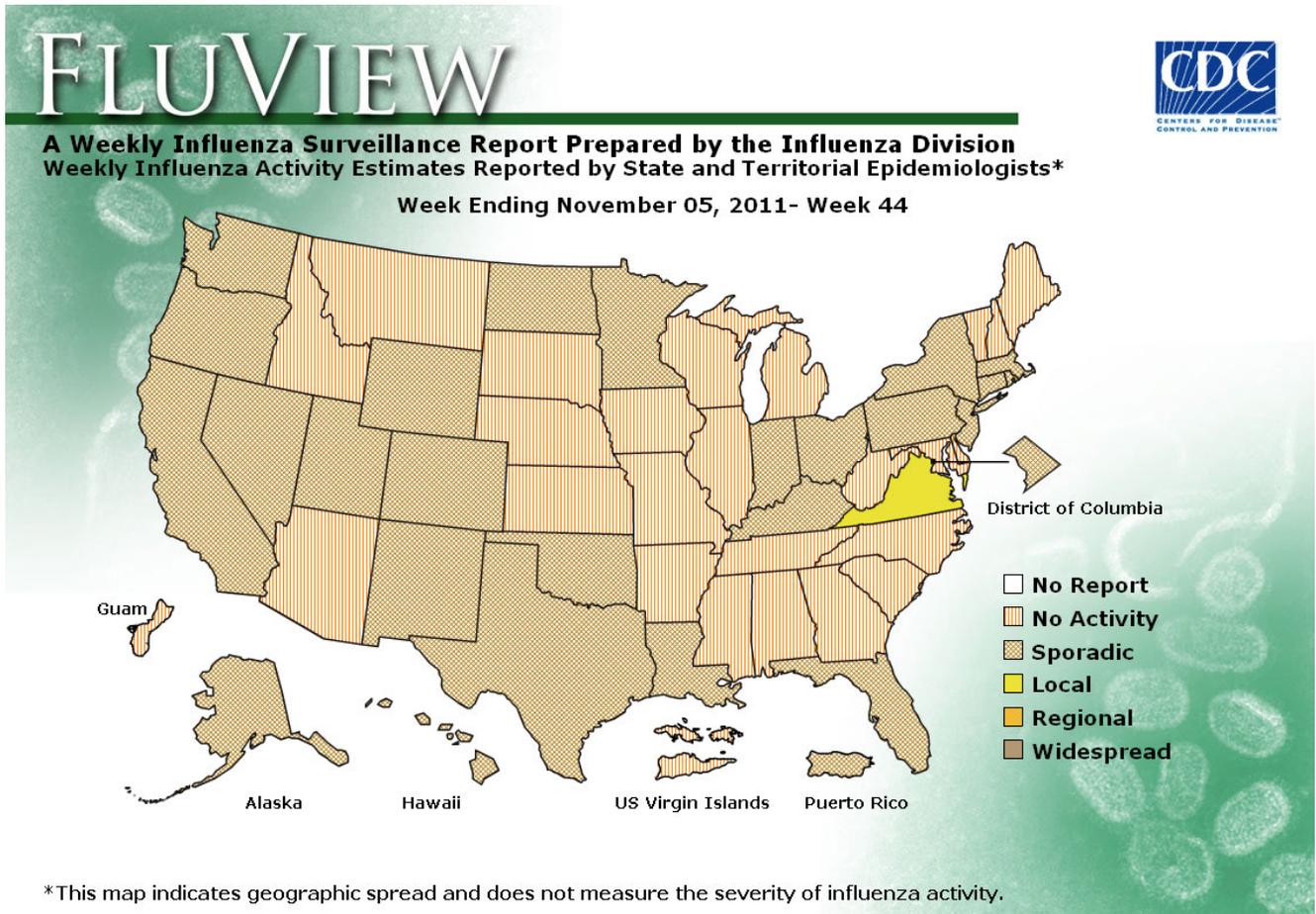
During week **44**, **no** influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC.

Mississippi has had no reported influenza-associated pediatric deaths during this influenza season. |

Mississippi reported “**No Activity**” for week **44**. | **Table 4**

Level of Flu Activity	Definition
No Activity	Overall clinical activity remains low and there are no lab confirmed cases.
Sporadic	Isolated cases of lab confirmed influenza in the state; ILI activity is not increased <u>OR</u> A lab-confirmed outbreak in a single institution in the state; ILI activity is not increased.
Local	Increased ILI within a single region AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) laboratory evidence of influenza in that region. ILI activity in other regions is not increased <u>OR</u> two of more institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) within a single region AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in that region. Other regions do not have increased ILI and virus activity is no greater than sporadic in those regions
Regional	Increased ILI in at least 2 regions but fewer than half of the regions AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions <u>OR</u> Institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least 2 regions but fewer than half of the regions AND recent lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions.
Widespread	Increased ILI and/or institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least half of the regions AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the state.

During week 44, influenza activity remained low in the United States.¹ | **Figure 5**



¹For up-to-date information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC’s website:
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm>

Additional information:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	http://cdc.gov/flu/
Flu.gov	http://www.flu.gov/
MSDH Flu and Pneumonia	http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/14,0,199.html
Google Flu Trends	http://www.google.org/flutrends/
World Health Organization FluNet	http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/influenzanetwork/flunet/en/

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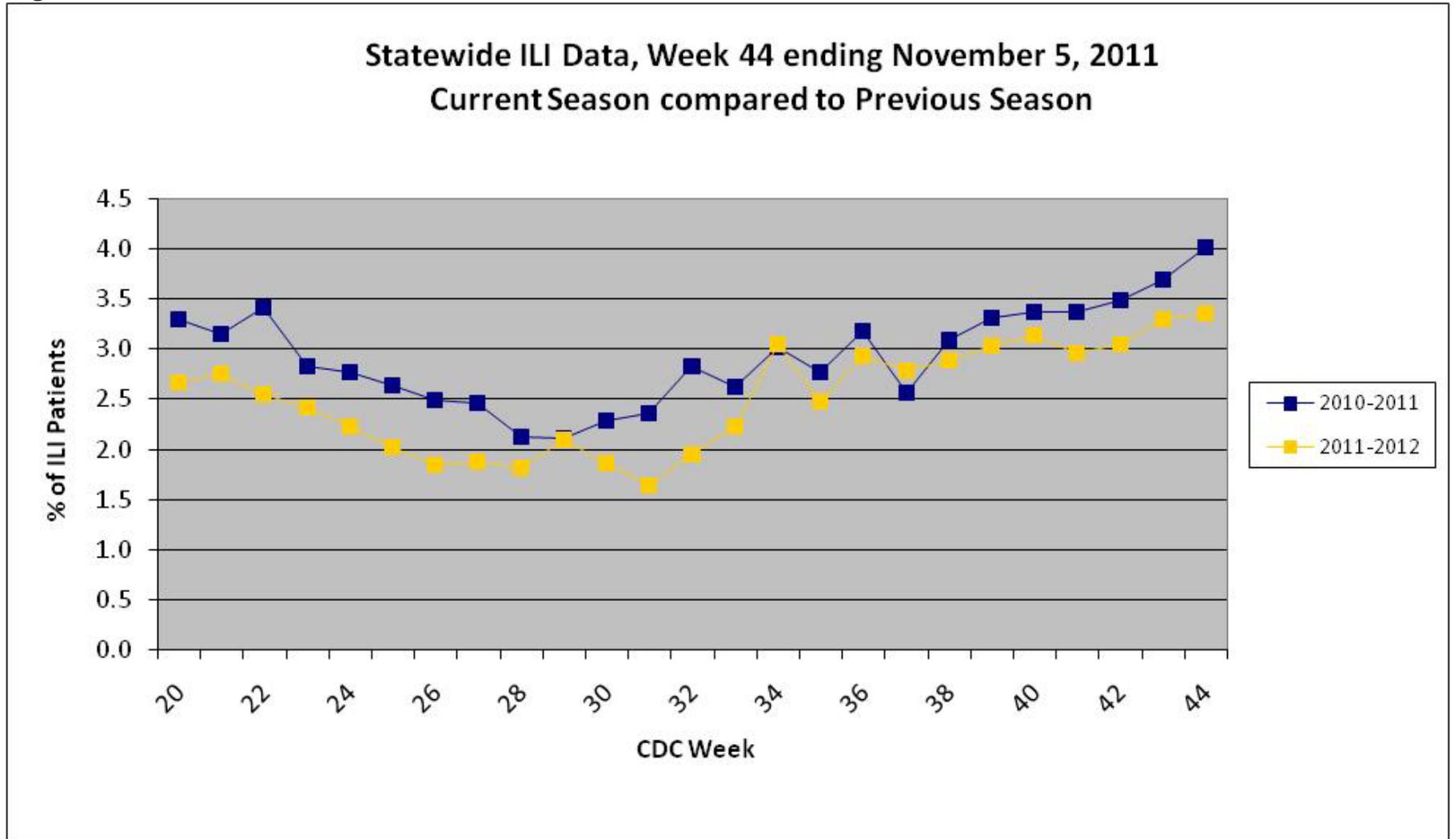


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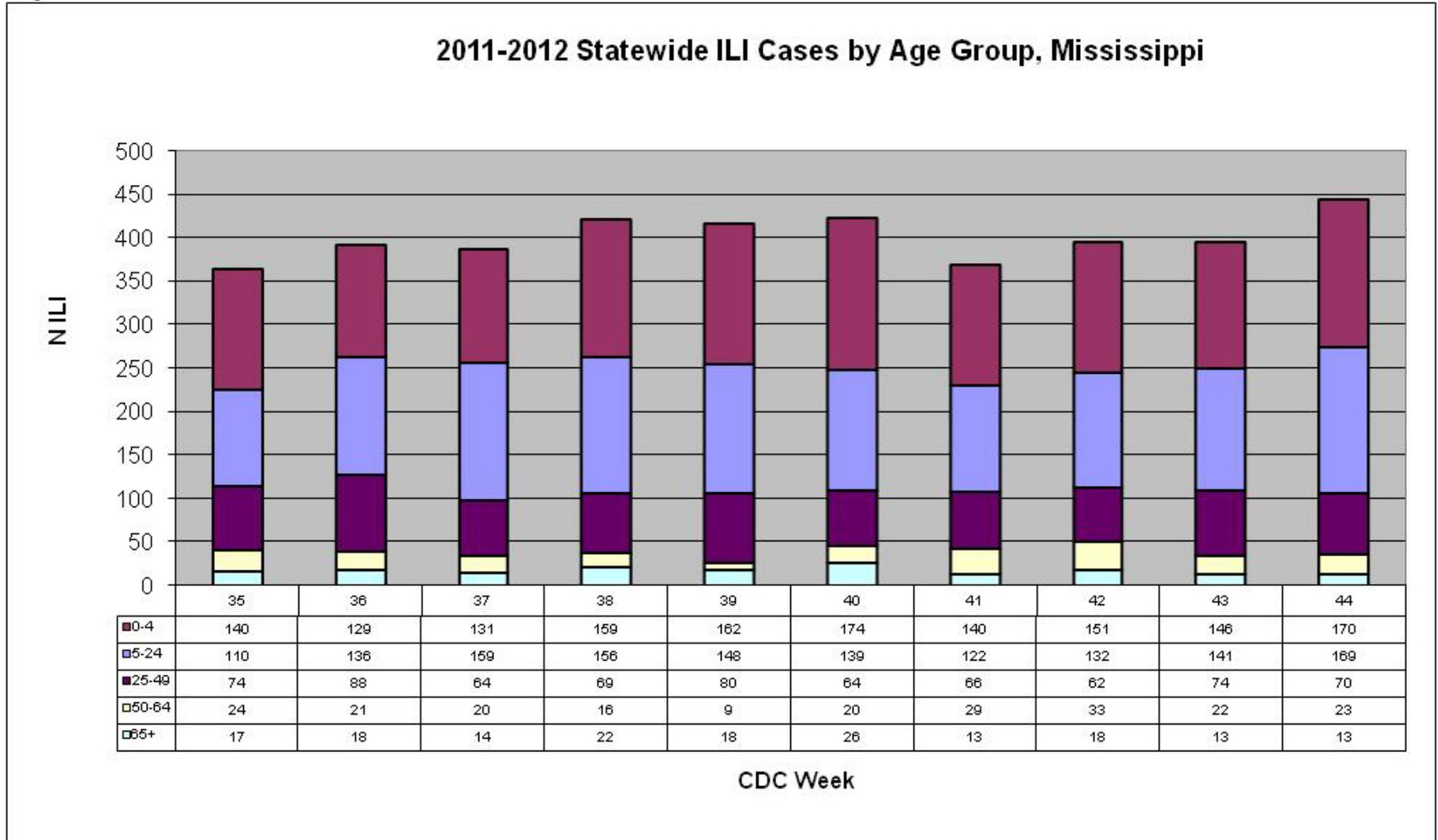


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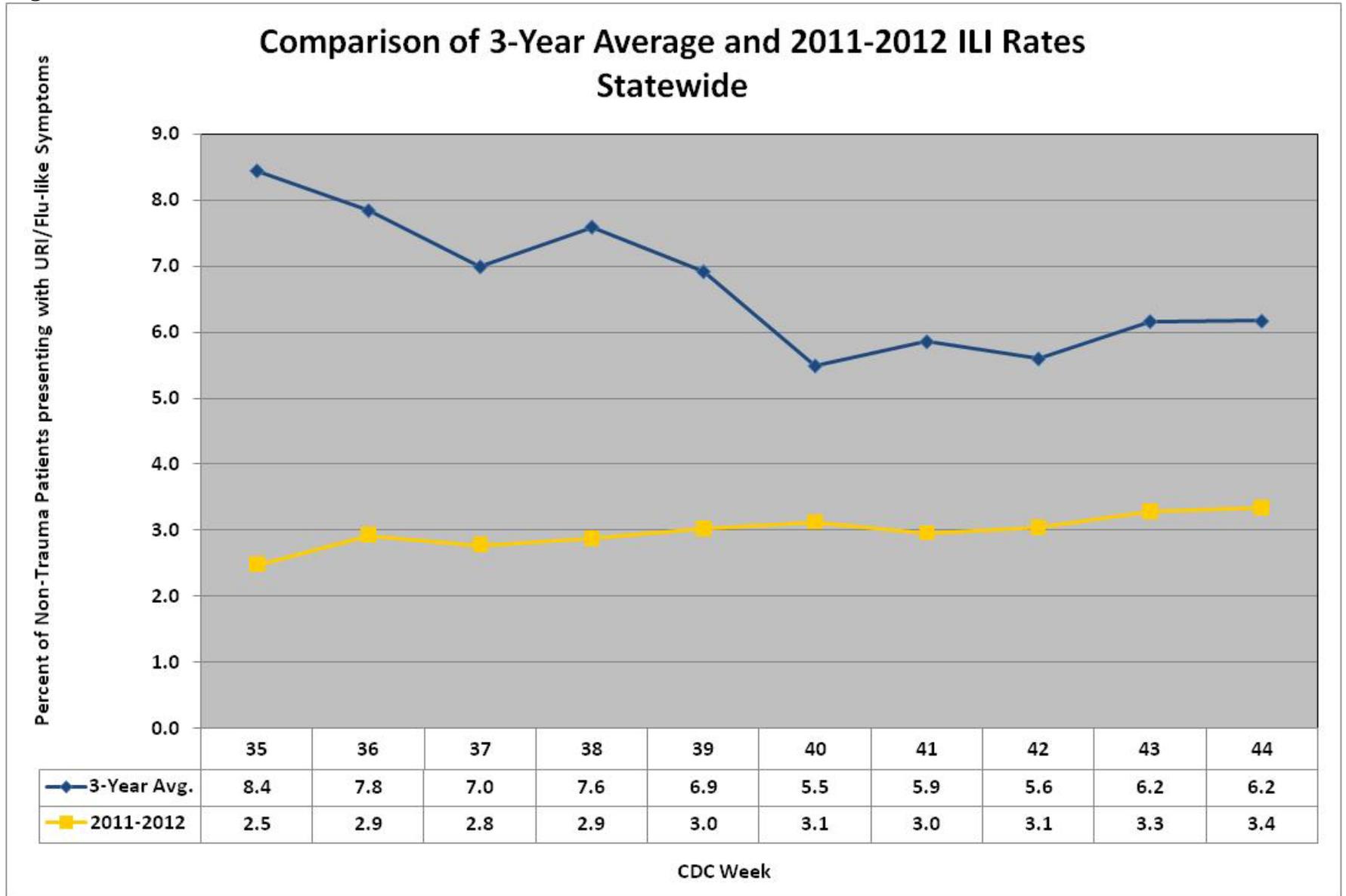


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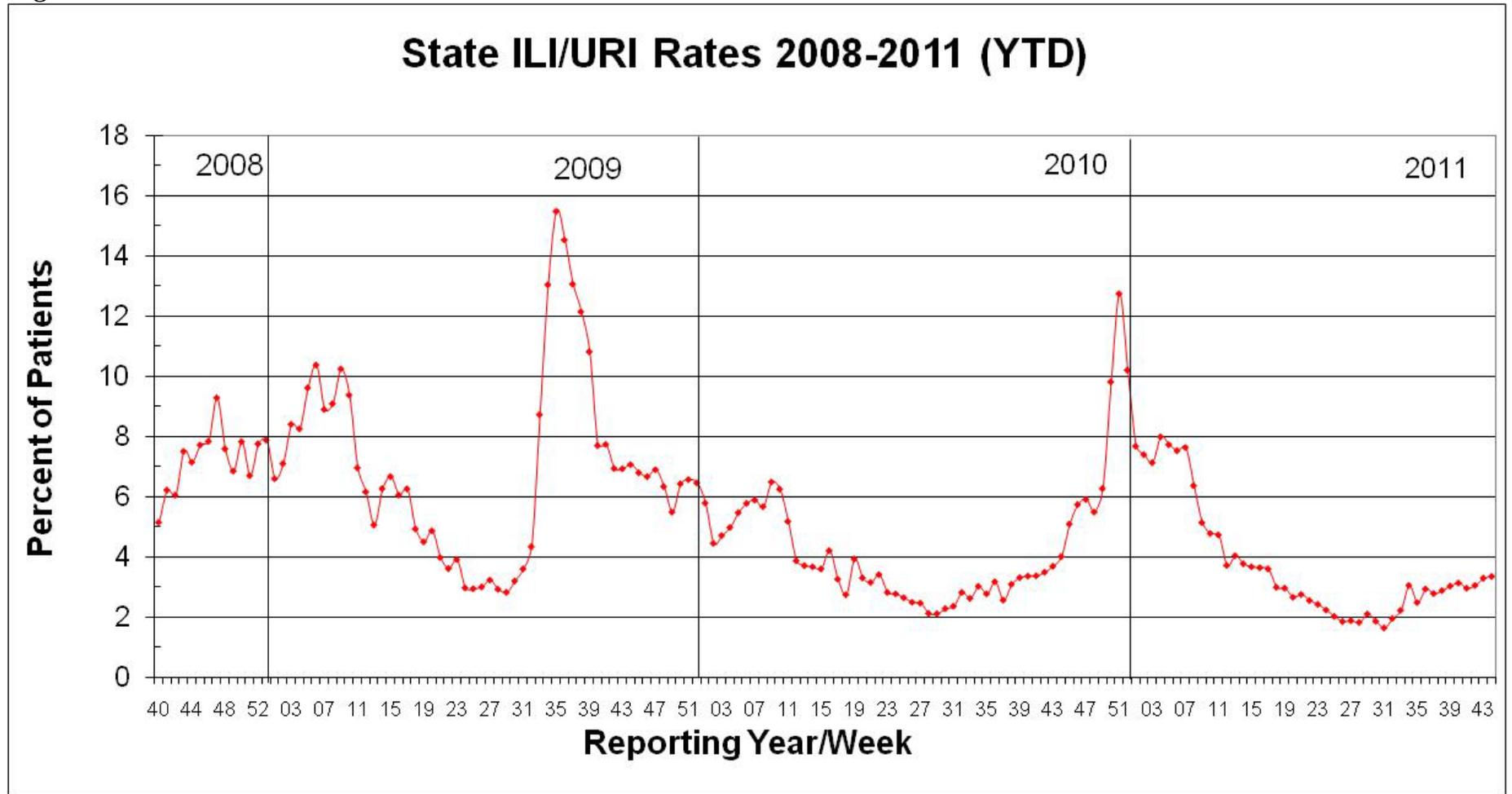


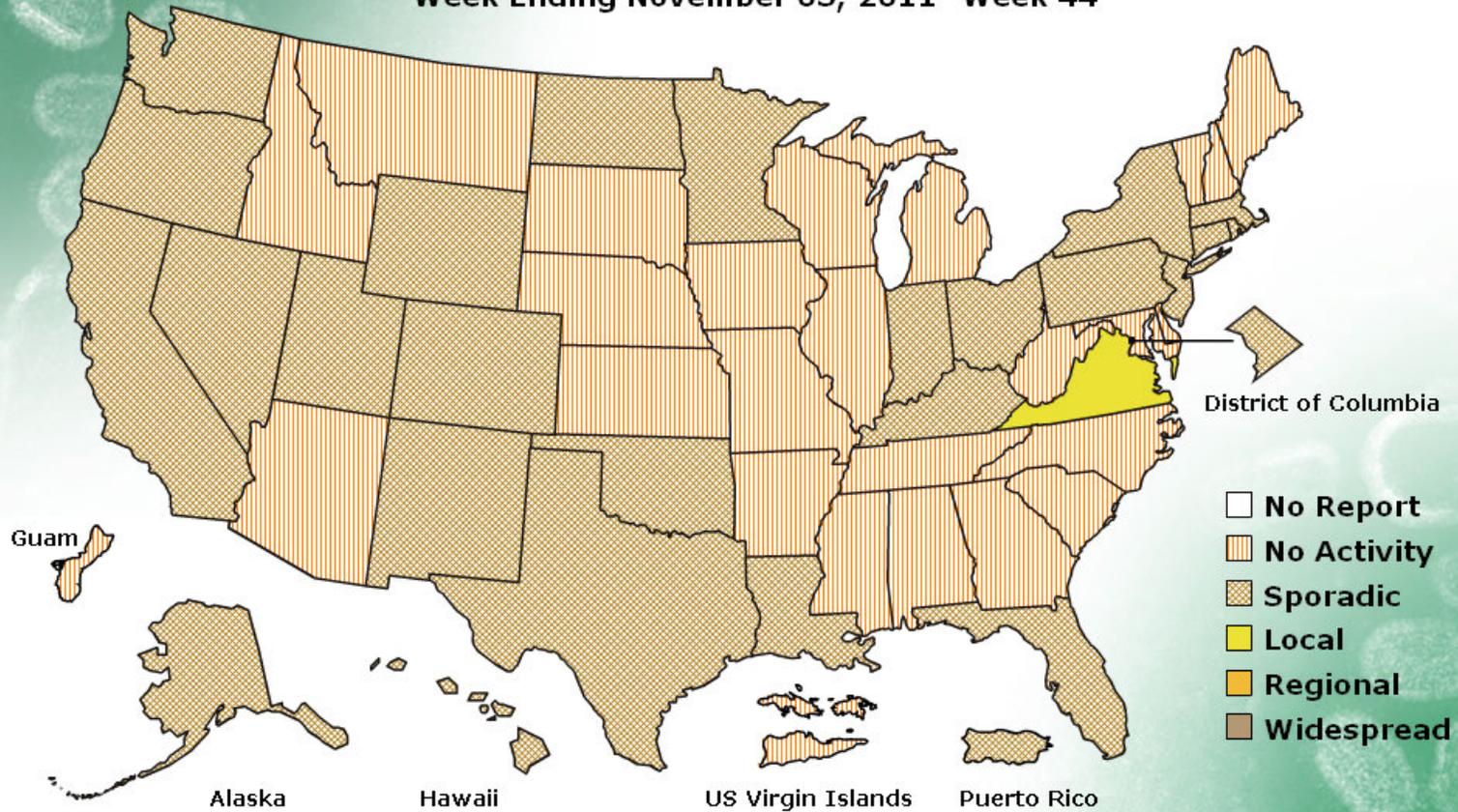
Figure 5

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**A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division
Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists***

Week Ending November 05, 2011- Week 44



*This map indicates geographic spread and does not measure the severity of influenza activity.