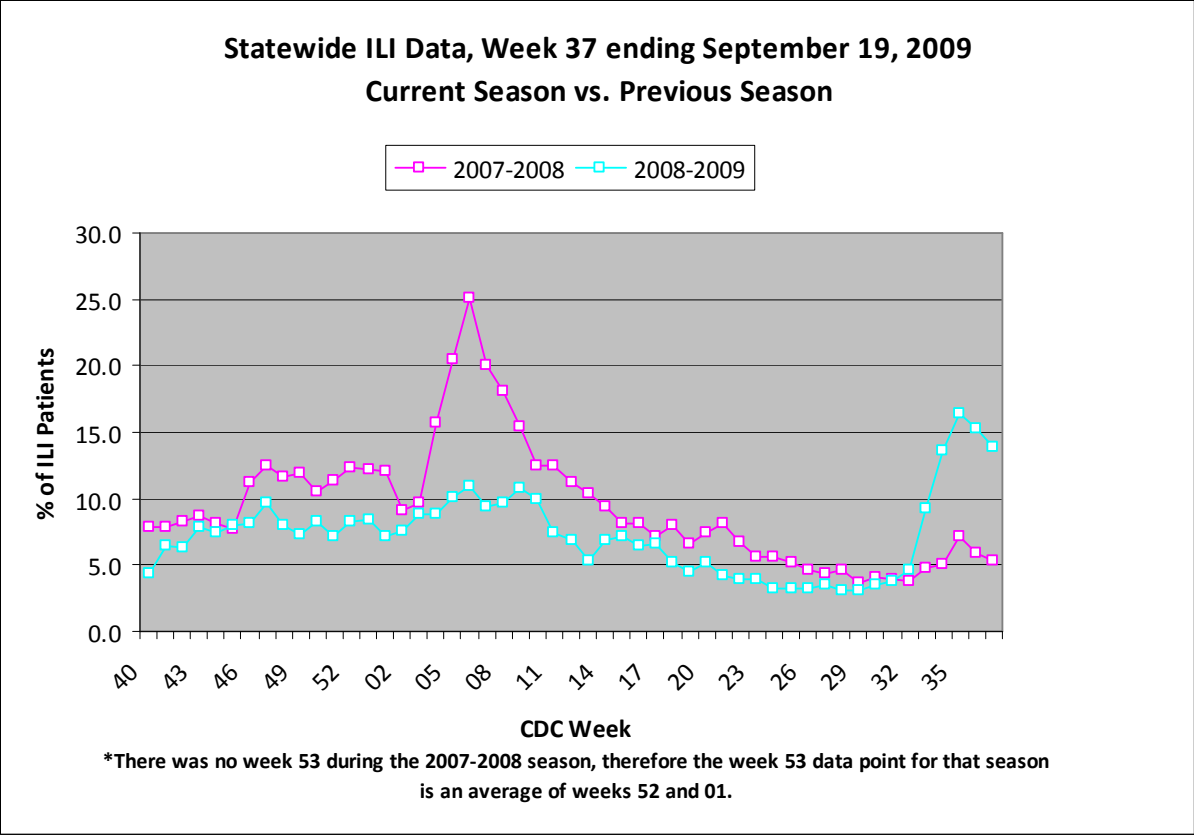


For week 37 (09/13/09- 09/19/09), the overall state ILI rate (13.9%) decreased from last week (15.2%), but was still higher than this time last year (5.3%).



During week 37, two districts (8 and 9) had a decrease in ILI activity, four districts (1, 3, 6, and 7) had an increase, and two districts (4 and 5) remained about the same.

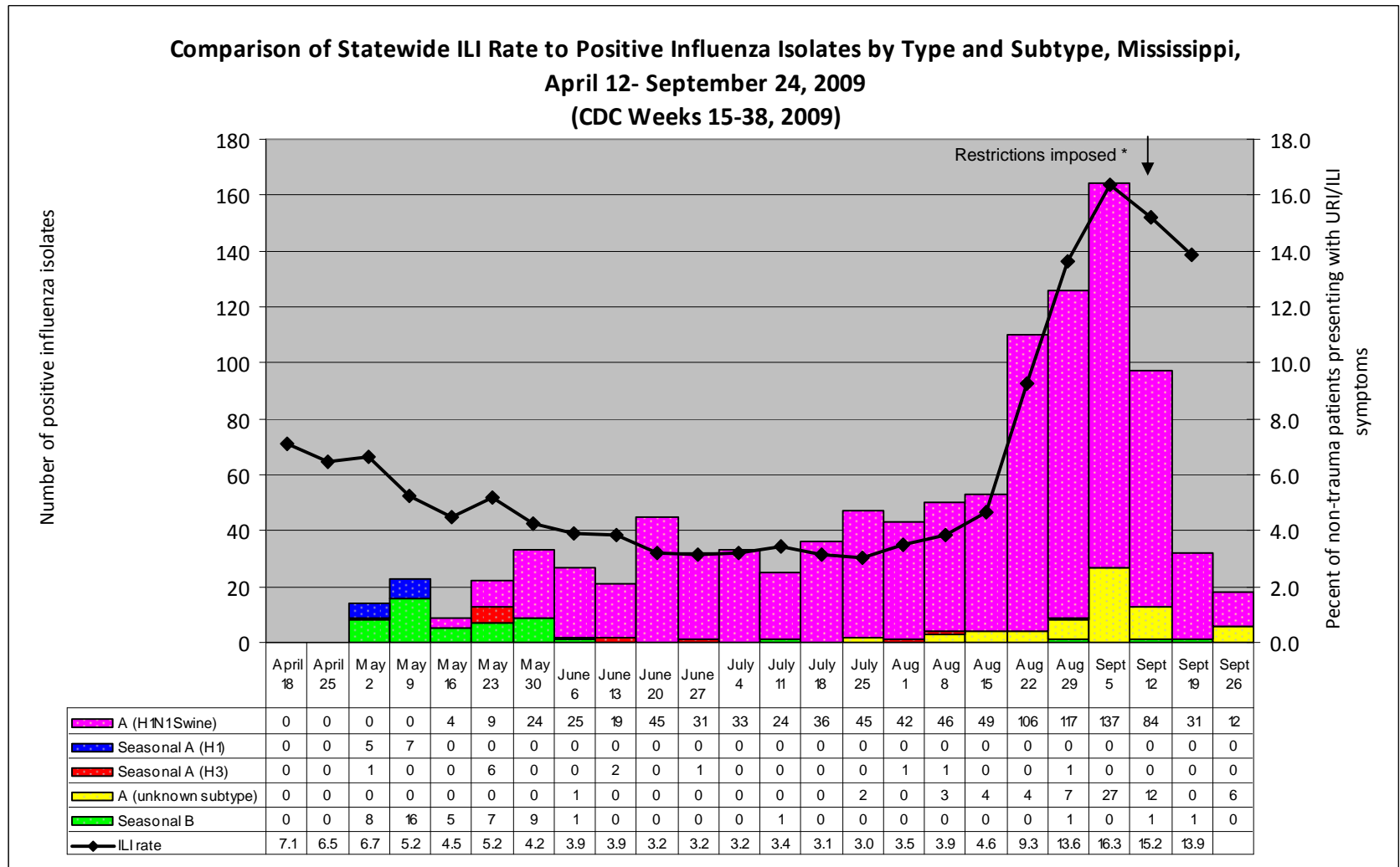
**\*\*\*To date, 2,408 flu specimens have been submitted for testing to the MSDH PHL since April 27<sup>th</sup>. 919 lab-confirmed novel H1N1 specimens have been reported to MSDH. This total includes 101 positives reported from outside labs. The positives were from the following counties:**

County	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>919</b>
Adams	6
Alcorn	5
Amite	
Attala	2
Benton	
Bolivar	7
Calhoun	16
Carroll	3
Chickasaw	11
Choctaw	5
Claiborne	1
Clarke	20
Clay	5
Coahoma	62
Copiah	7
Covington	9
DeSoto	56
Forrest	20
Franklin	3
George	6
Greene	4
Grenada	30
Hancock	14
Harrison	90
Hinds	33
Holmes	4
Humphreys	2
Issaquena	
Itawamba	
Jackson	36
Jasper	10
Jefferson	1
Jefferson Davis	1
Jones	13
Kemper	1
Lafayette	9
Lamar	19
Lauderdale	13
Lawrence	2

County	Total
Leake	17
Lee	7
Leflore	3
Lincoln	9
Lowndes	10
Madison	25
Marion	13
Marshall	11
Monroe	18
Montgomery	8
Neshoba	16
Newton	6
Noxubee	3
Oktibbeha	22
Panola	22
Pearl River	5
Perry	2
Pike	10
Pontotoc	2
Prentiss	1
Quitman	8
Rankin	37
Scott	11
Sharkey	
Simpson	2
Smith	5
Stone	2
Sunflower	3
Tallahatchie	2
Tate	20
Tippah	1
Tishomingo	2
Tunica	1
Union	3
Walthall	11
Warren	6
Washington	9
Wayne	1
Webster	7
Wilkinson	1

County	Total
Winston	36
Yalobusha	8
Yazoo	5
Unknown	2

Below is a comparison of the state ILI rate to the number of positive influenza isolates since mid- April. Starting in late May and into September, the predominate flu type identified continues to be novel H1N1 (swine) flu. However, there were two seasonal flu identified (Flu B) in the last two weeks. (Figures below indicate the number of cases for the week ending on the date listed.)



\*Restrictions imposed the week ending September 12 on the number of laboratory specimens accepted by the Public Health Laboratory

Mississippi reported “**widespread**” (Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in at least half the regions of the state with recent laboratory evidence of influenza in the state) activity for week 37. For more information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC’s website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm>.

