



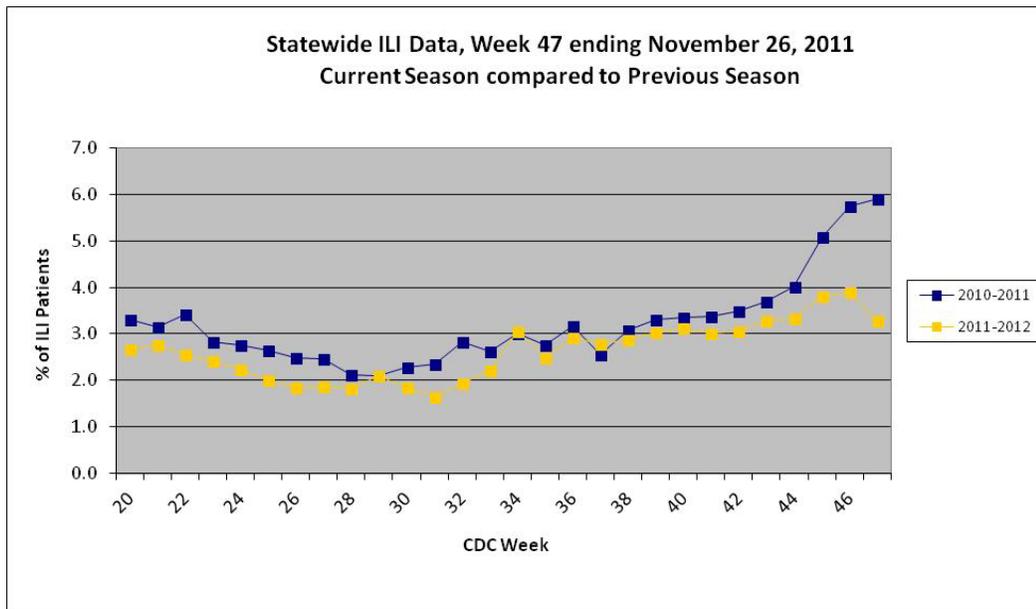
2011-2012 Influenza Report Week 47

November 20 – November 26, 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



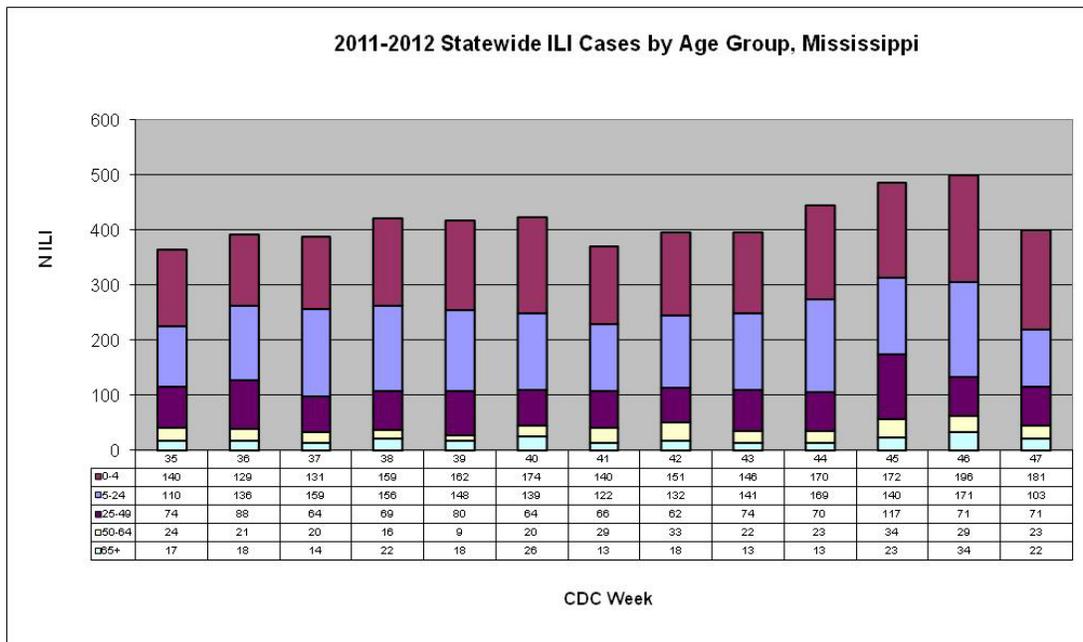
For week 47 (11/20/2011-11/26/2011), the overall state ILI rate (3.3%) was comparable to last week (3.9%), but was lower than this time last year (5.9%). | Figure 1

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 (%)
47	Nov. 26	12184	400	3.3%
46	Nov. 19	15874	617	3.9%
45	Nov. 12	14828	563	3.8%

During week **47**, **two** districts (2 and 4) had an increase in ILI activity and **four** districts (1, 3, 6, and 8) had a decrease in ILI activity. **Three** districts (5, 7, and 9) 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 46	Week 47
<i>State</i>	3.9	3.3
1	4.3	3.4
2	4.4	15.0
3	8.7	2.9
4	4.3	5.5
5	0.3	0.3
6	10.2	6.9
7	2.4	2.6
8	4.4	3.0
9	3.0	2.9

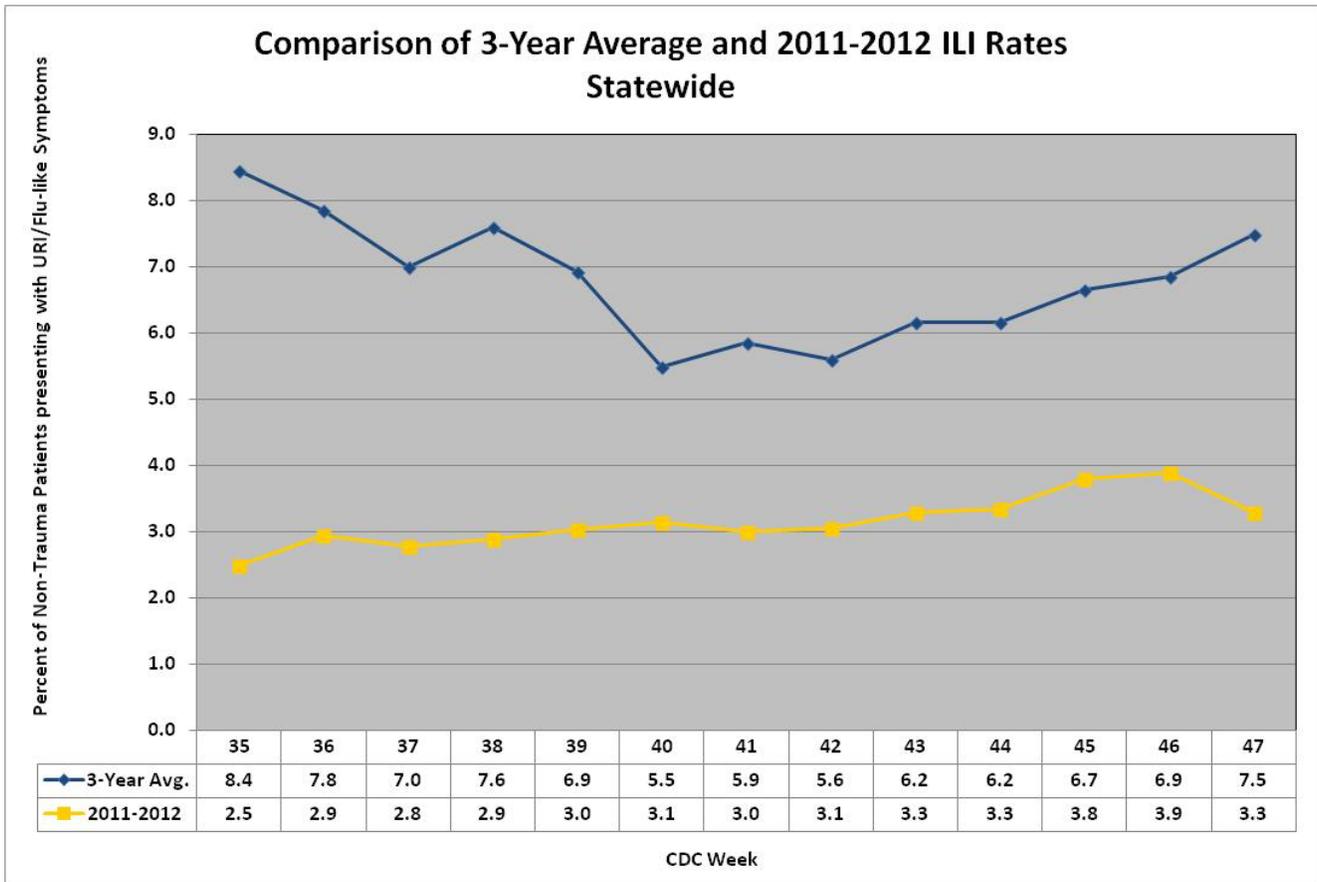


The number of reported ILI cases has been highest among people in the 0 to 4 years of age group, followed by those in the 5 to 24 years of age group. During Week

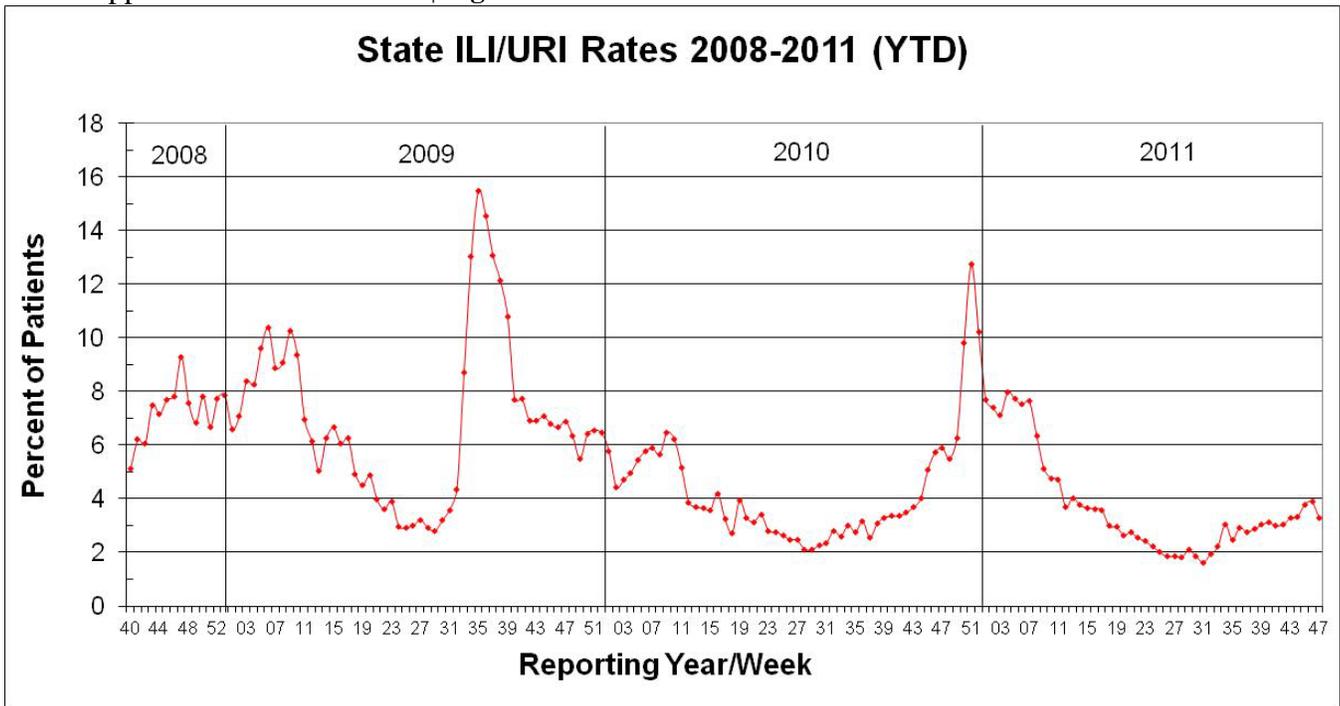
47, the number of reported ILI cases was highest among individuals in the **0 to 4 years** of age group. |

Figure 2

The 2011-12 state ILI rate was **below** baseline for week 47. | **Figure 3**



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



Flu testing Reports

Since week 35 (week ending September 3rd), the Mississippi Public Health Laboratory has tested five samples for influenza by PCR testing. One was positive for influenza A (H3). The influenza case was identified from Tate County.

National ILI Surveillance

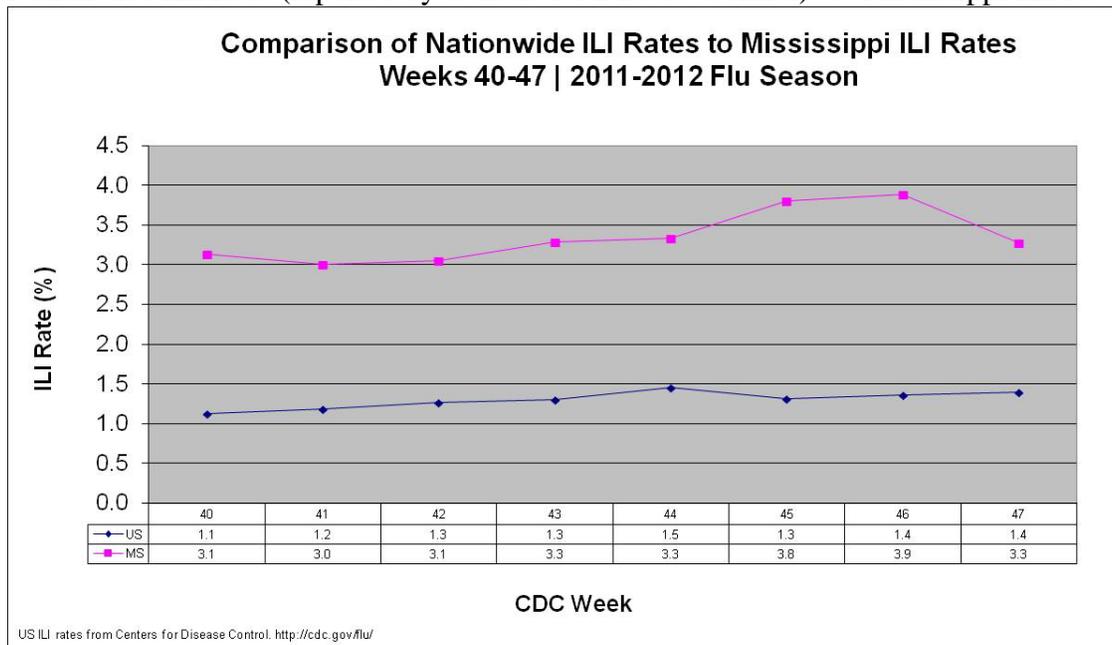
No influenza-associated pediatric deaths occurring during the 2011-12 season have been reported to CDC.

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

Mississippi reported “**Sporadic**” activity for week 47. | **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.

Nationwide ILI rates (reported by Centers for Disease Control) vs. Mississippi ILI rates | **Figure 5**



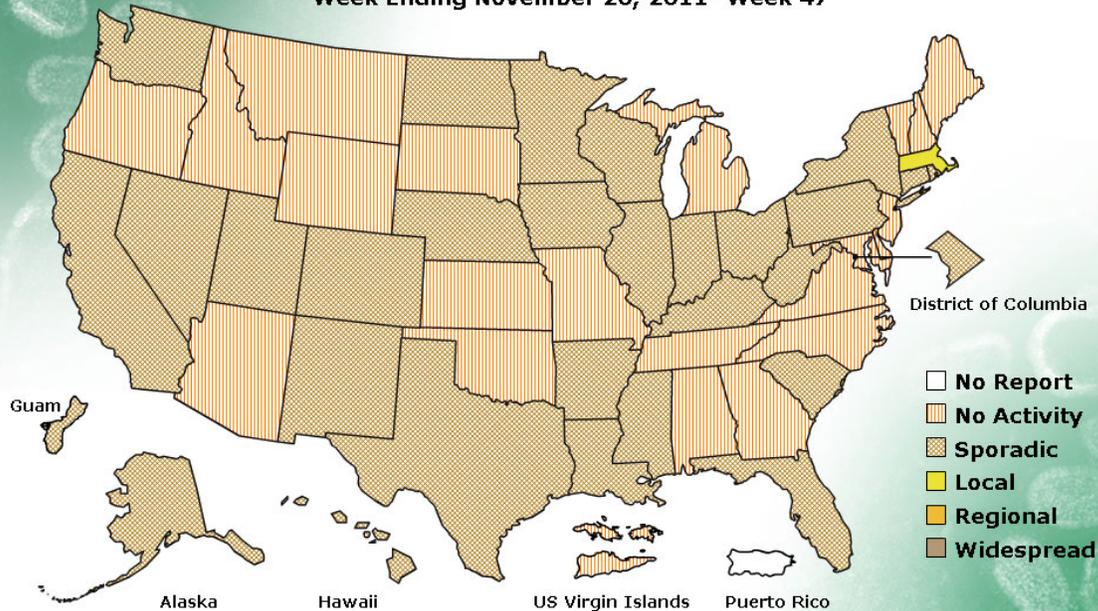
During week 47, influenza activity remained low in the United States.¹ | **Figure 6**

FLUVIEW



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

Week Ending November 26, 2011- Week 47



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

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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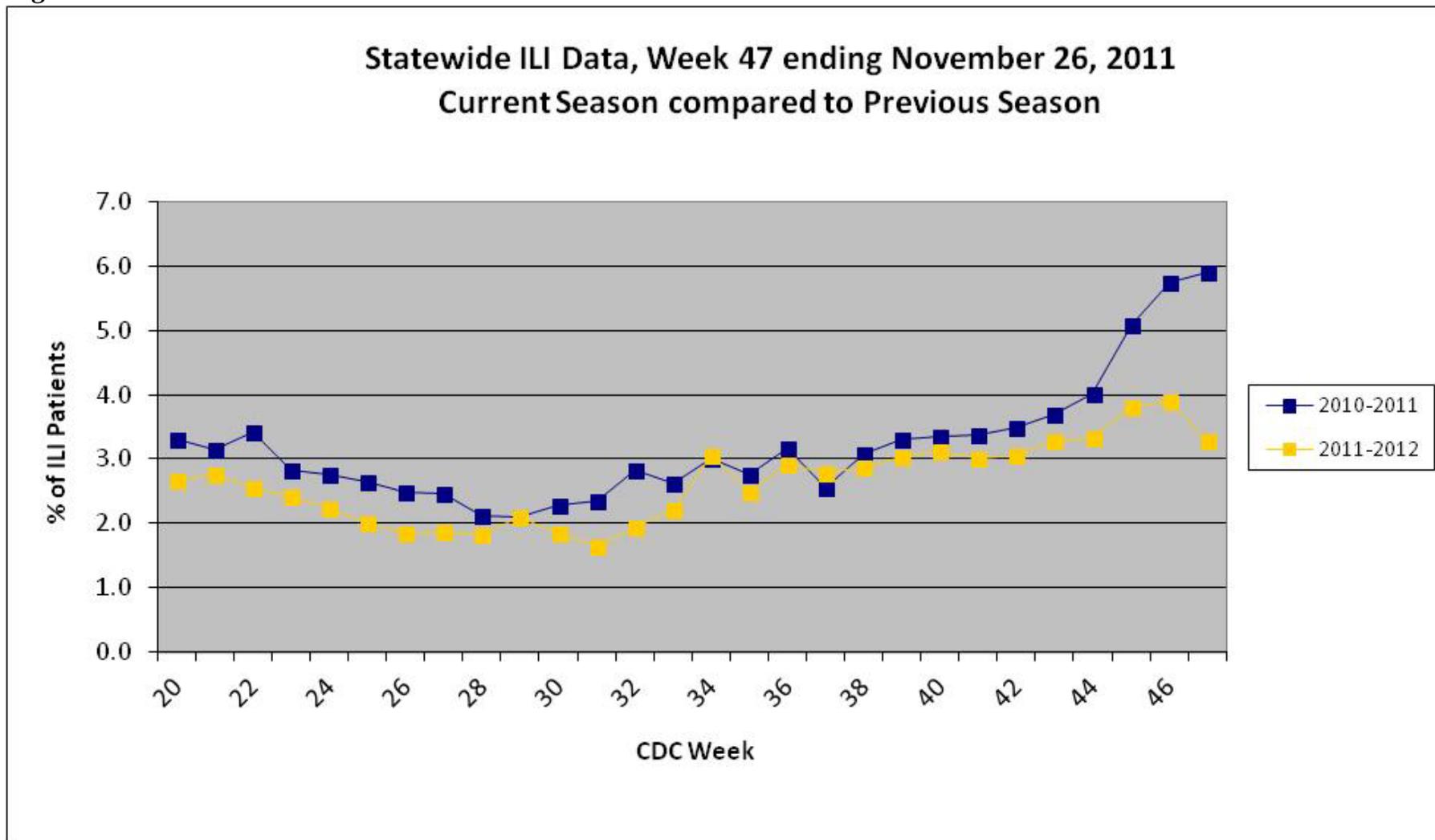


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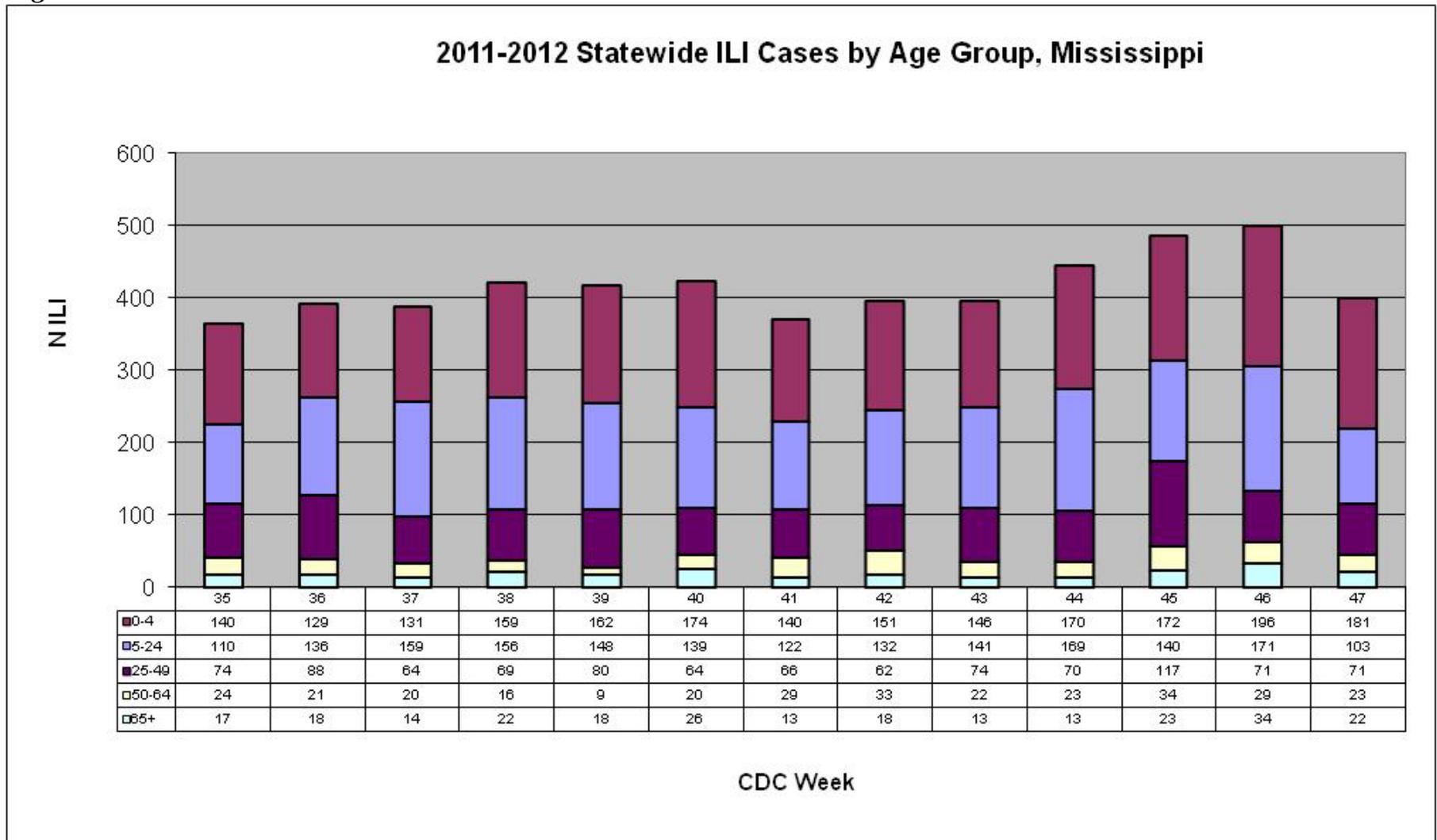


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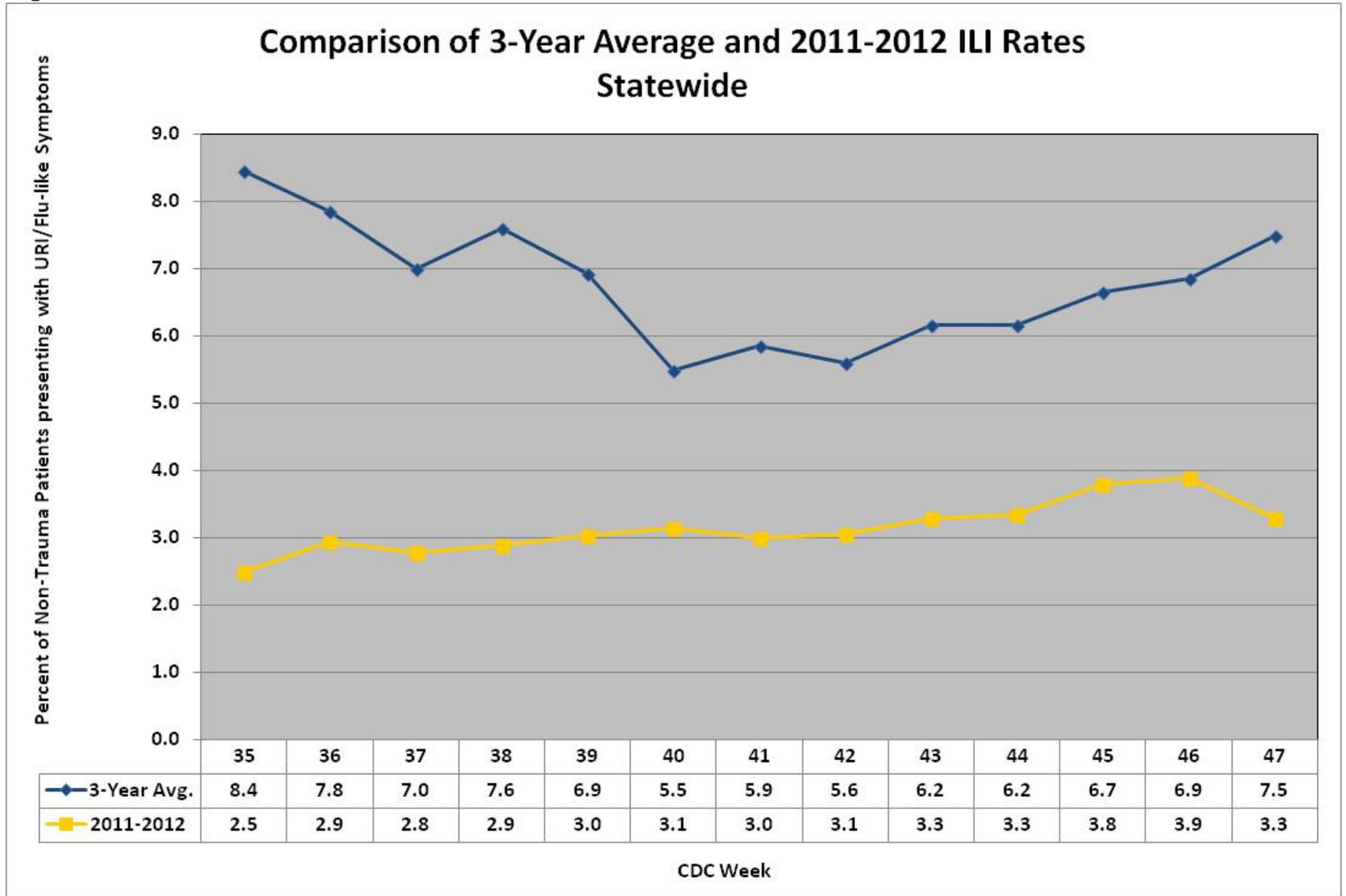


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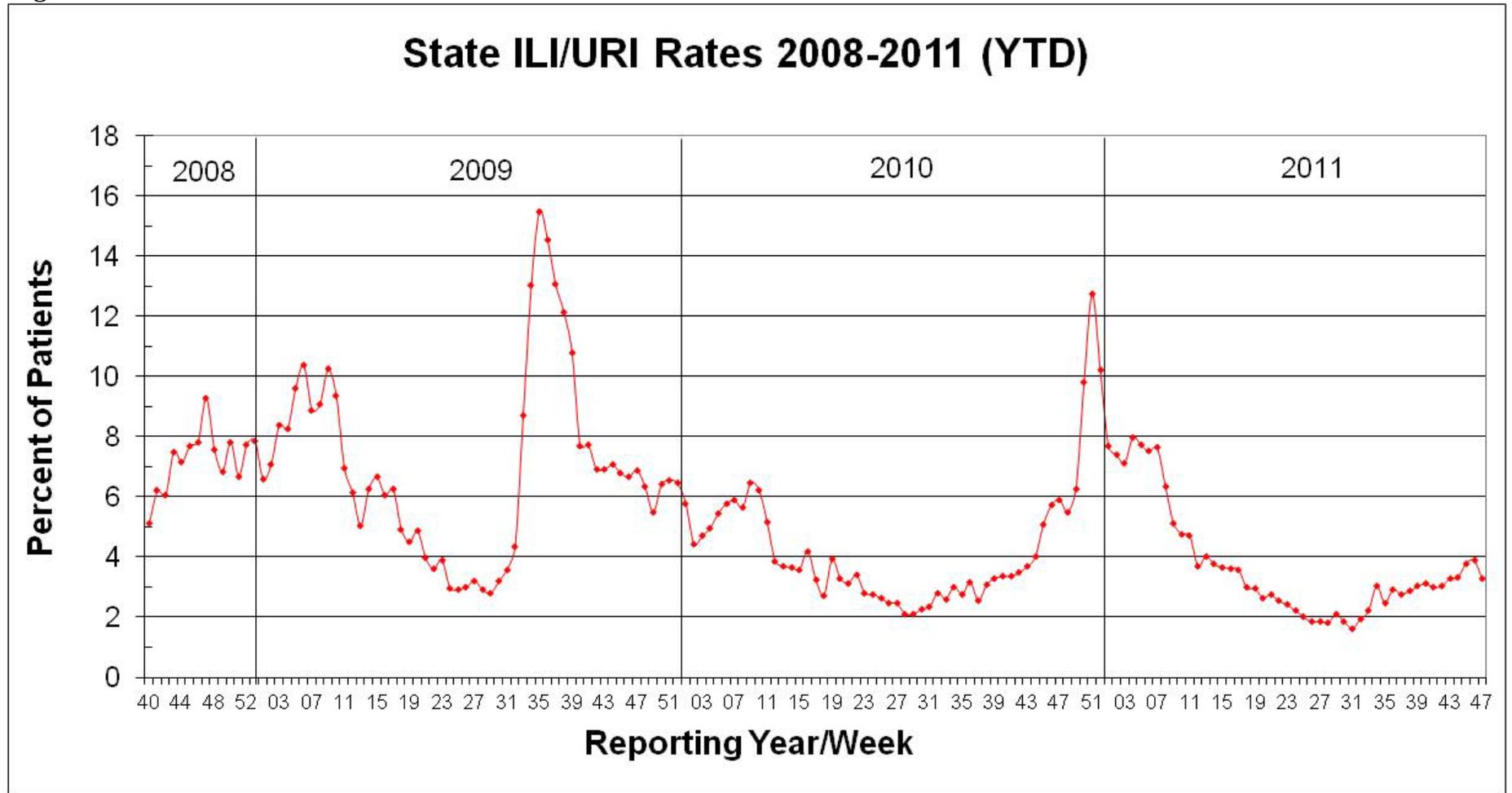


Figure 5

