

**New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services**  
**Communicable Disease Service**  
**Influenza Activity Summary**  
**Week Ending February 27, 2010 (MMWR Week 8)**

**Influenza Activity Level:**     **SPORADIC**

NOTE: One of three parameters is at or above state baseline. Four counties have 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline and one county has culture/PCR positive samples in the last 3 weeks. No counties have both positive culture/PCR and 2 of 3 parameters above baseline.

No Activity- At least 2 of 3 parameters at or below state baseline **AND** no lab confirmed cases

Sporadic – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline **AND** confirmed laboratory cases anywhere in the state within previous 3 weeks **OR** at least one laboratory confirmed outbreak in an institution anywhere in the state

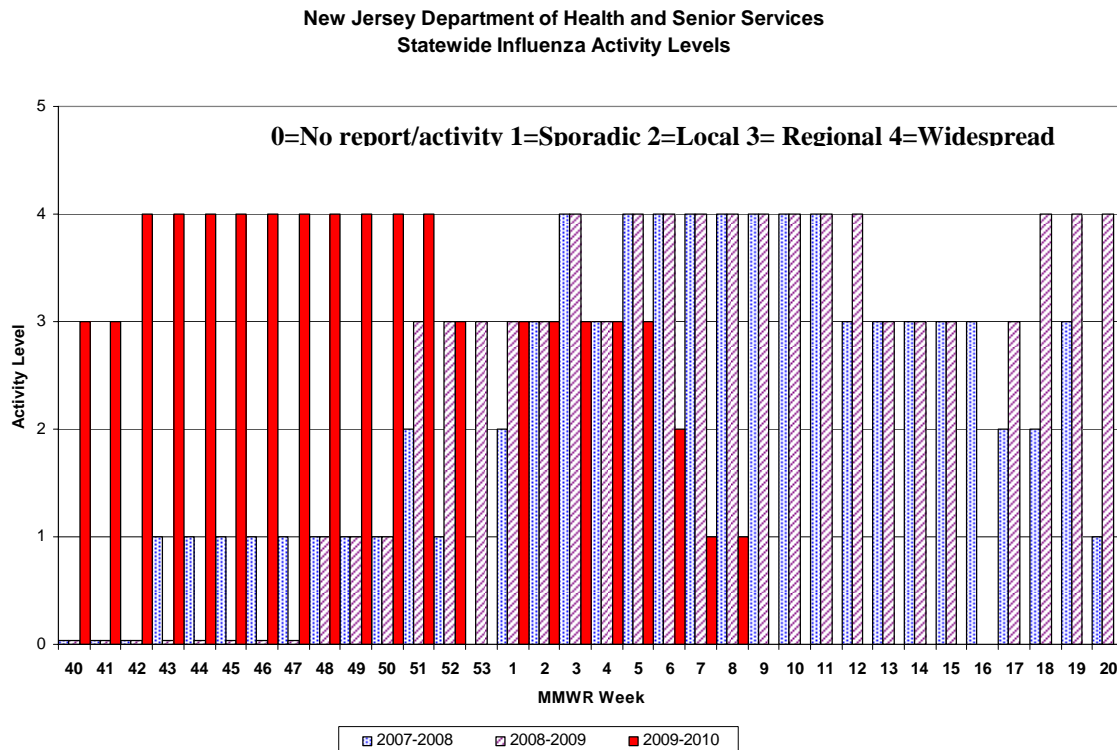
Local – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline in a single county **AND** confirmed laboratory cases from that same county within the previous 3 weeks (other counties may be above baseline without lab confirmed cases) **OR** confirmed outbreaks in 2 or more institutions in a single county

Regional – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline in  $\geq 2$  but  $\leq 10$  counties **AND** laboratory confirmed cases from these same counties in the past 3 weeks **OR** confirmed outbreaks institutions in  $\geq 2$  but  $\leq 10$  counties

Widespread – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline in  $> 10$  counties **OR** institutional outbreaks in  $> 10$  counties **AND** lab confirmed influenza cases in previous 3 weeks.

Parameter = School, emergency department, or long term care weekly surveillance data

Off season baseline is calculated by taking the average of statewide percentages of ILI for a 4 year (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009) period during months when influenza is less likely to be circulating (May-August).



## **Regional Data**

| <b>Region</b> | <b>Counties in Region</b>   | <b>Activity Level</b> |
|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| NW Region     | Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren                                       | <b>SPORADIC</b>       |
| NE Region     | Bergen, Essex, Hudson   | <b>SPORADIC</b>       |
| CW Region     | Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset   | <b>NO ACTIVITY</b>    |
| CE Region     | Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Union                                     | <b>SPORADIC</b>       |
| South Region  | Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester | <b>SPORADIC</b>       |

No Activity- At least 2 of 3 parameters at or below state baseline **AND** no lab confirmed cases in the public health region

Sporadic – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline **AND** confirmed laboratory cases anywhere in the public health region **OR** at least one laboratory confirmed outbreak in an institution anywhere in the public health region

Local – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline in a single county of a public health region **AND** confirmed laboratory cases from that same county within the previous 3 weeks (other counties may be above baseline without lab confirmed cases) **OR** confirmed outbreaks in 2 or more institutions in a single county of a public health region

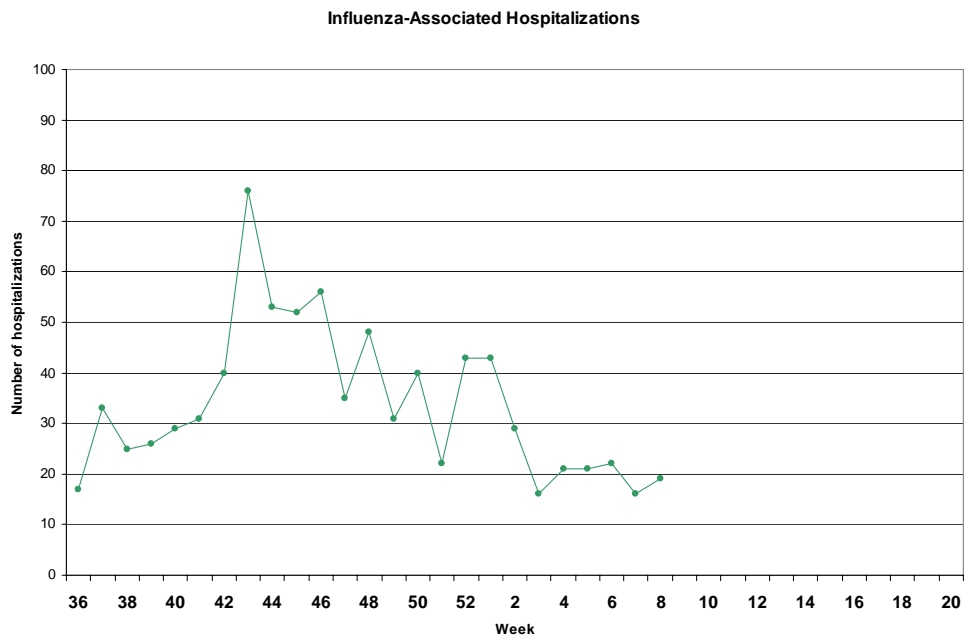
Regional – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline in at least half of the counties of public health region **AND** laboratory confirmed cases from these same counties in the past 3 weeks **OR** confirmed outbreaks institutions in at least half of counties of public health region counties

Widespread – Not used for public health region data

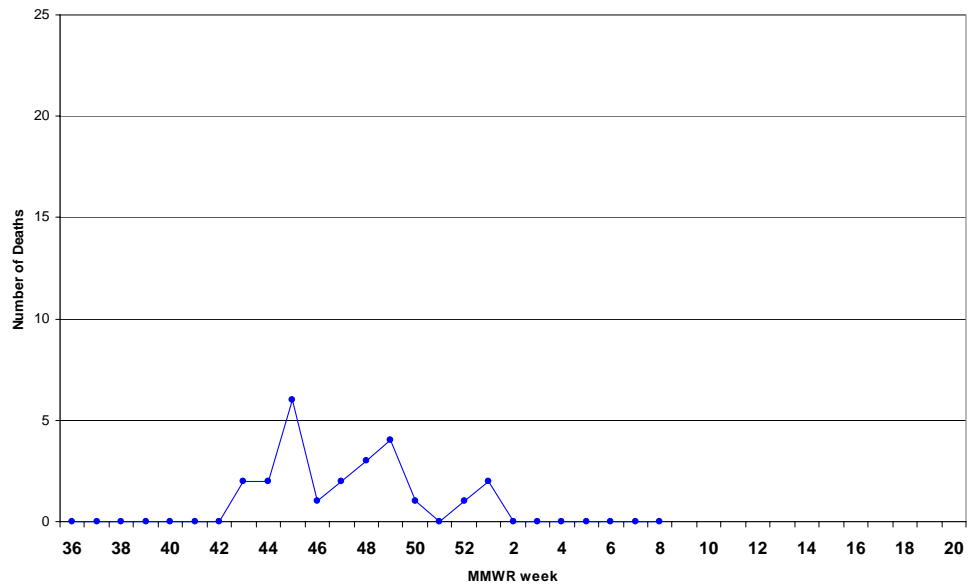
## Influenza Hospitalizations/Deaths

Influenza-associated hospitalizations are reported weekly from a subset of hospital facilities. Facilities report patients hospitalized with either laboratory-confirmed (rapid, PCR, culture) influenza or patients admitted with influenza-like illness. Data from influenza-associated deaths are extracted from CDRSS. Only deaths associated with laboratory-confirmed influenza are included in these statistics.

| <b>NJ Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths by Current MMWR week and Cumulative Total (Week 36 to present)</b> |                         |               |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|
|   | <b>Hospitalizations</b> | <b>Deaths</b> |
| <b>Week 8</b>   | 19                      | 0             |
| <b>Cumulative</b>   | 844                     | 24            |

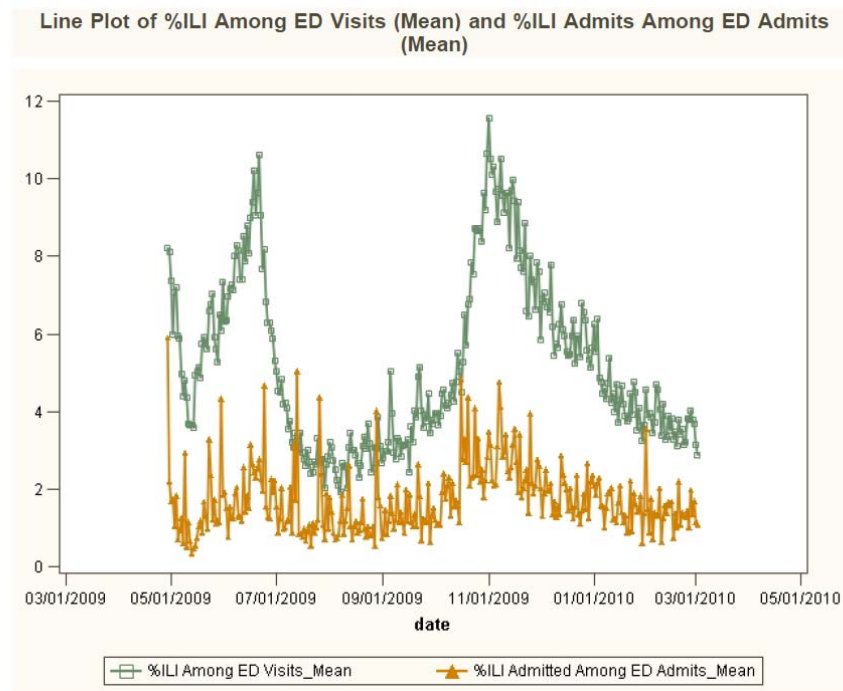


Influenza-Associated Deaths



## **Syndromic Surveillance – Enhanced Emergency Department (ED) Surveillance for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)**

**NOTE:** *The number of ED visits, hospital admissions, ED visits due to ILI, and hospital admissions due to ILI are reported each day by acute care facilities statewide. These data are captured via daily surveys sent using the Hippocrates system.*



### **Summary of Emergency Department (ED) Visits and Admits Surveillance**

Daily surveillance for ED visits and admissions from 76 acute care facilities resulted in seven ED visit blips (Bergen, Essex, Middlesex, Morris, Ocean, Sussex, and Warren) and nine admission blips (one in each Atlantic, Camden, Essex, Middlesex, Sussex, Union, and Warren, and two in Ocean) from 02/21/10 to 02/27/10. Three visit and three admission blip responses were received and none was ILI-related.

### **Summary of Enhanced Emergency Department (ED) Surveillance for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)**

During 02/21/10 - 02/27/10, 76 acute care facilities reported an aggregate total of 2,605 ED visits due to ILI (3.5% of total ED visits) and an aggregate total of 210 admissions due to ILI (8.1% of total ILI ED visits). These reports resulted in eighteen ED ILI visit blips (one in each Burlington and Gloucester, two in each Camden and Warren, three in Ocean, four in Middlesex, and five in Monmouth). There was no significant difference in ILI activity for the week ending 02/27/10 when compared to the previous week ending 02/20/10 ( $p = 0.6$ ). The mean daily percentage of ED visits for ILI during the week ending 02/27/10 was 3.6%, compared to 3.5% for the previous week. The mean percentage of ED visits due to ILI ranged from 2.9% to 4.0% during 02/21/10 - 02/27/10. The mean percentage of ED visits due to ILI (averaged over the previous four influenza seasons) for this same week (MMWR Week 8) was approximately 5.5%.

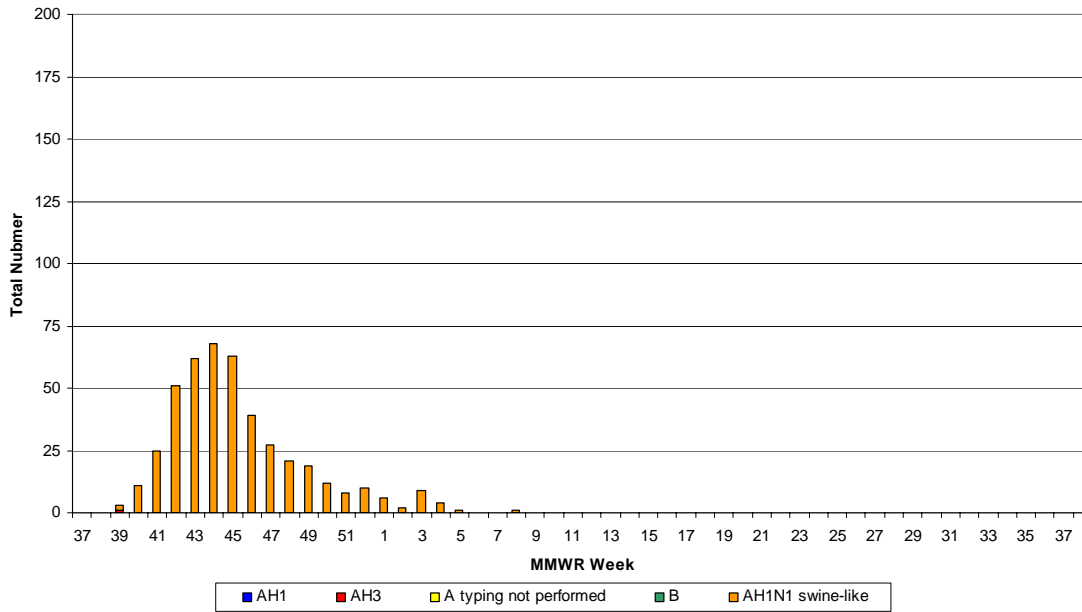
## **Laboratory Surveillance**

As of week 8, 439 samples were found to be positive by viral culture or PCR for influenza AH1, AH3, novel AH1N1 or influenza B. Please see graph on next page for weekly distribution. Numbers of specimens tested and total number positive by rapid influenza testing are displayed by county at the end of this report.

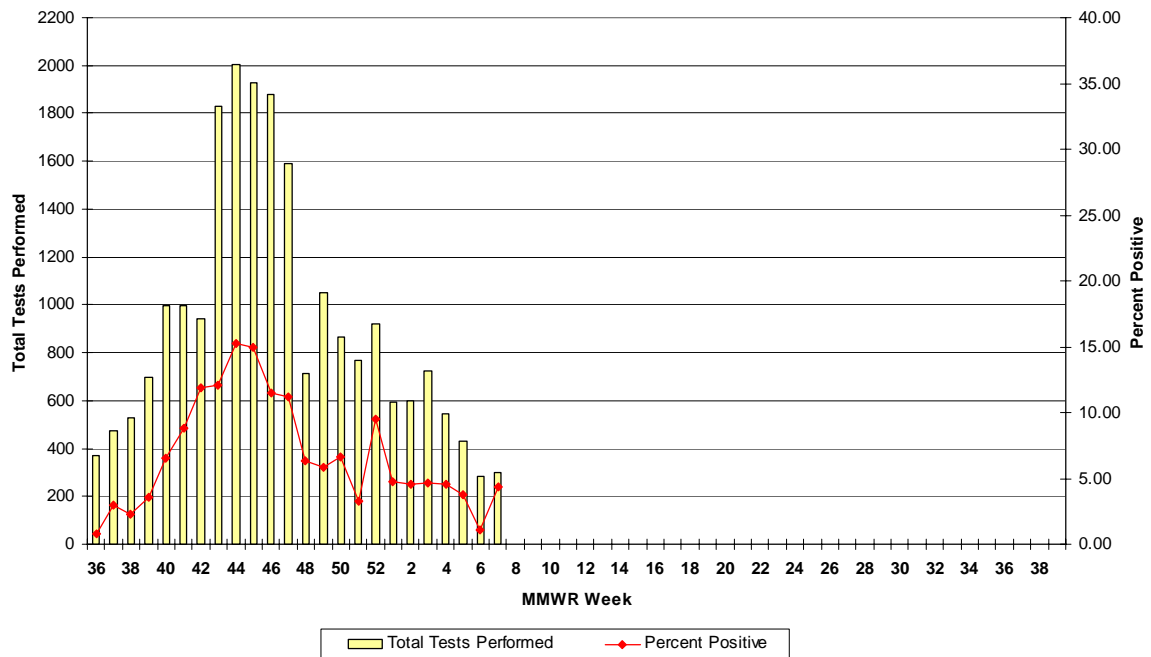
|                   | MMWR Week 40 to present week |         |                              |   |                             | MMWR Week 6, 7, 8 |         |                              |   |                             |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
|                   | A<br>H1                      | A<br>H3 | A<br>(subtyping<br>not done) | B | 2009<br>Influenza<br>A H1N1 | A<br>H1           | A<br>H3 | A<br>(subtyping<br>not done) | B | 2009<br>Influenza<br>A H1N1 |
| Atlantic County   | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 25                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Bergen County     | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 34                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Burlington County | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 7                           | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Camden County     | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 45                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Cape May County   | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 19                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Cumberland County | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 16                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Essex County      | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 9                           | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Gloucester County | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 4                           | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Hudson County     | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 10                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Hunterdon County  | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 27                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Mercer County     | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 28                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Middlesex County  | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 49                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Monmouth County   | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 23                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Morris County     | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 45                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Ocean County      | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 4                           | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Passaic County    | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 13                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Salem County      | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Somerset County   | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 12                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Sussex County     | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 4                           | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Union County      | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 53                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 1                           |
| Warren County     | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 10                          | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
| Unknown           | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 2                           | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 0                           |
|                   |                              |         |                              |   |                             |                   |         |                              |   |                             |
| State Total       | 0                            | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 439                         | 0                 | 0       | 0                            | 0 | 1                           |

\*Rapid influenza test data is acquired from facilities reporting rapid influenza tests via NREVSS or CDRSS ILI module. Culture/PCR results are obtained from the LIMS system at PHEL or hospital viral culture laboratories via NREVSS. County of residence as provided by the laboratory is used to assign culture results to a county. If county of residence is not available, the county of the facility reporting is utilized.

**Influenza Laboratory Report  
Positive Specimens by PCR and Culture by Week  
2009-2010 Influenza Season**



**Influenza Rapid Antigen Tests  
Total and Percent Positive  
2009-2010 Influenza Season**

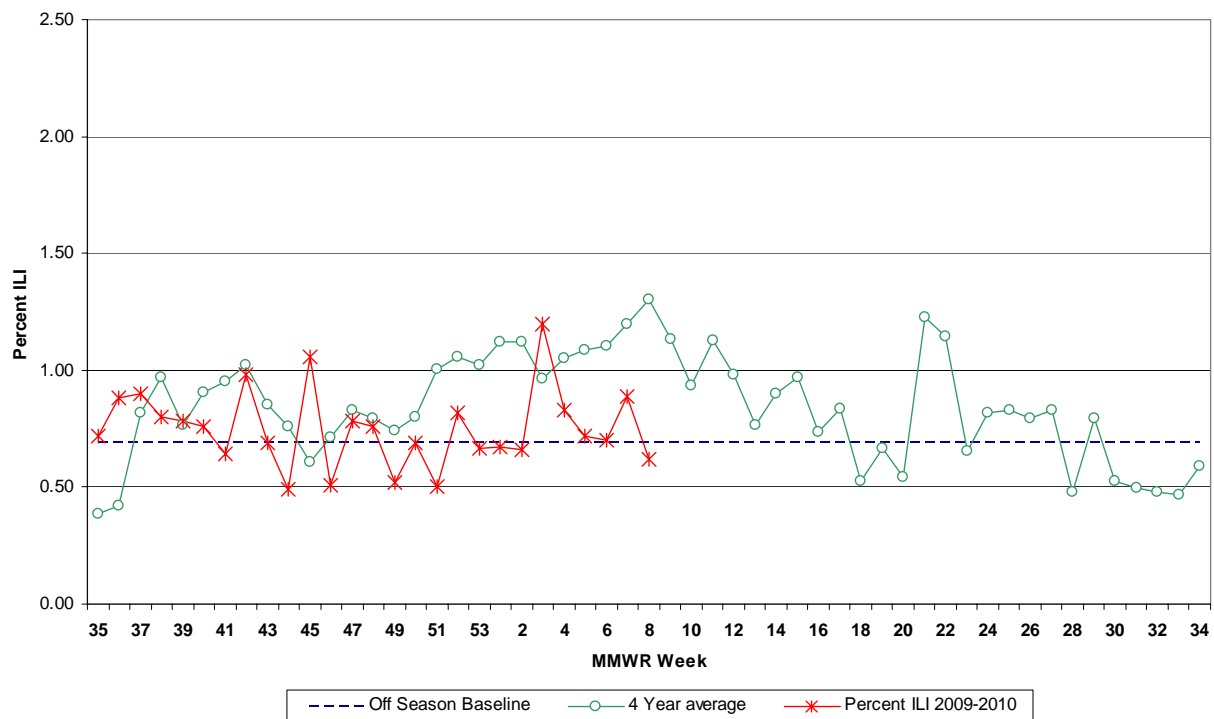


## Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Surveillance\*

### Long-term Care Facilities

During week 8, 0.62% ILI was reported statewide from long term care facilities. This is a decrease compared to the previous week (0.89%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 0.00% to 2.33%. The percent ILI for this same week last year was 0.1.03% in long-term care facilities. The percent ILI for the northwest (1.42%) public health region was above the state baseline (0.69%). No new reports of respiratory outbreaks in an institutional setting were received in week 8.

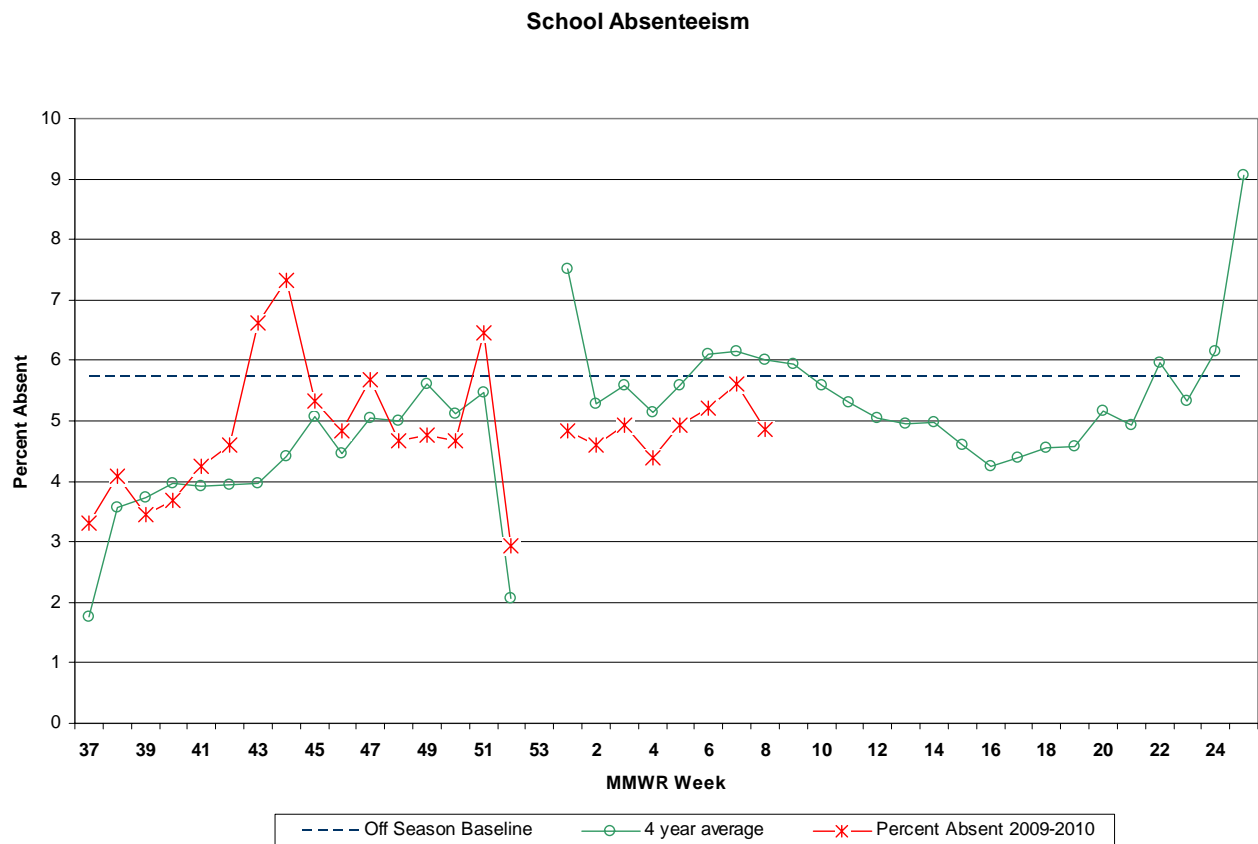
Influenza-like Activity - Long Term Care Facilities





## School Absenteeism

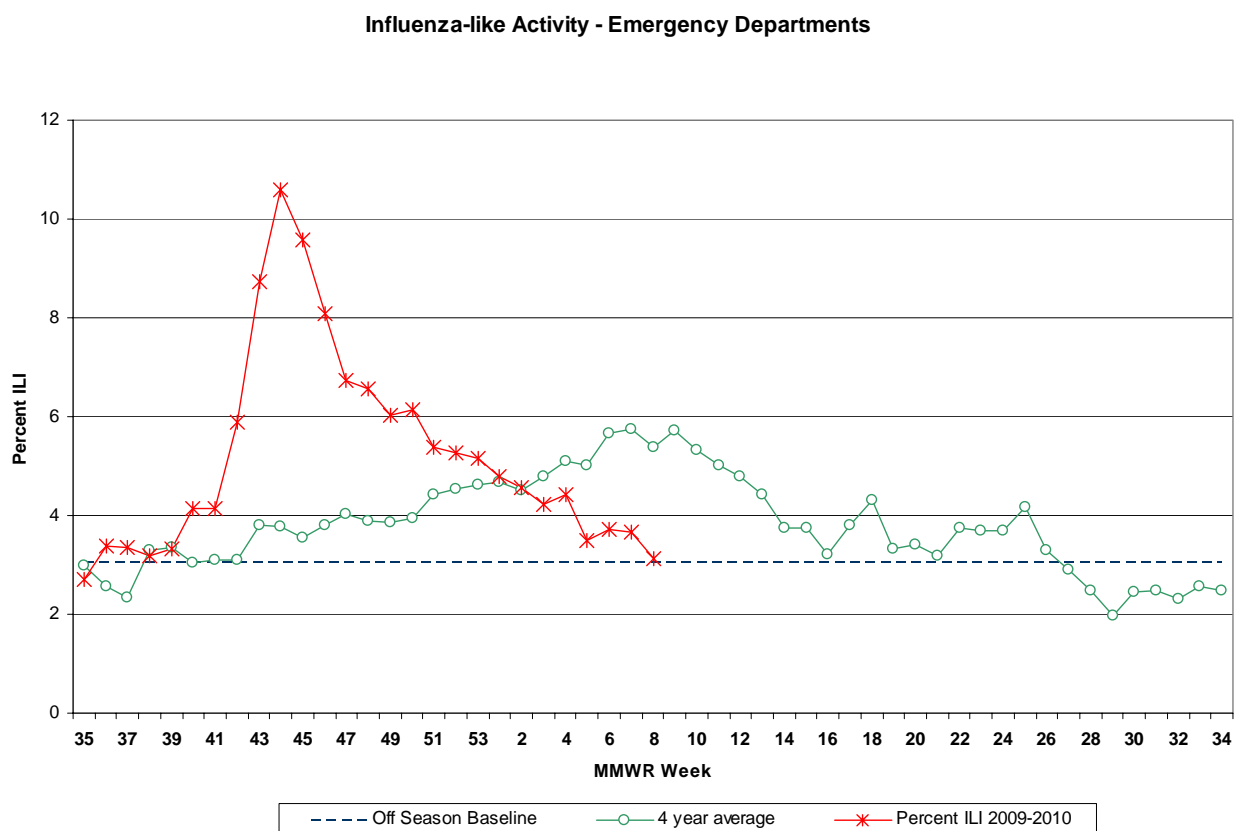
During week 8, schools reported 4.86% absenteeism. This is a decrease compared to the previous week (5.60%). The percent absenteeism for each county ranged from 2.15 to 7.73%. The percent absent for this same week last year was 5.54%. The percent absenteeism for no public health region was found to be at or above the state baseline (5.73%).



## Emergency Departments

**NOTE:** Data presented below is from daily ED data extracted from Hippocrates survey responses for Tuesday of each week. Because this data only represents one day of data, it is likely less accurate for detecting true trends than the syndromic data presented above.

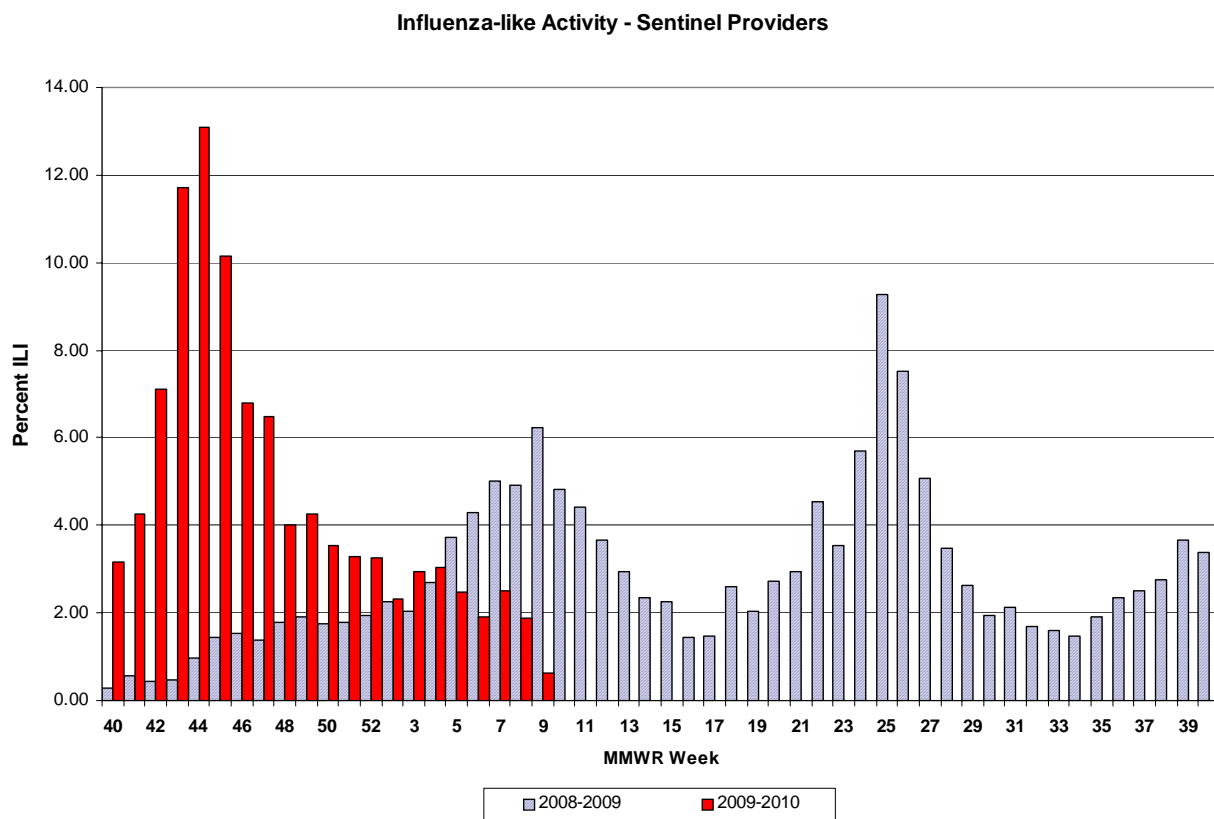
During week 8, 3.13% of ILI was reported statewide from emergency departments. This is a decrease compared to the previous week (3.65%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 0.56 to 10.57%. The percent ILI for this same week last year was 4.59% in emergency departments. The percent ILI for the northwest (5.76%) and the central east (3.84%) public health regions were found to be above the state baseline (3.04%).



## **Sentinel Provider Surveillance**

During week 8, 0.63% of sentinel provider patient visits were due to ILI. These data reflect reports from fifteen (21%) of the 70 enrolled sentinel providers.

During week 7, 1.88% of sentinel provider patient visits were due to ILI. These data reflect reports from twenty (28%) of the 70 enrolled sentinel providers.



## **Pediatric Influenza Surveillance**

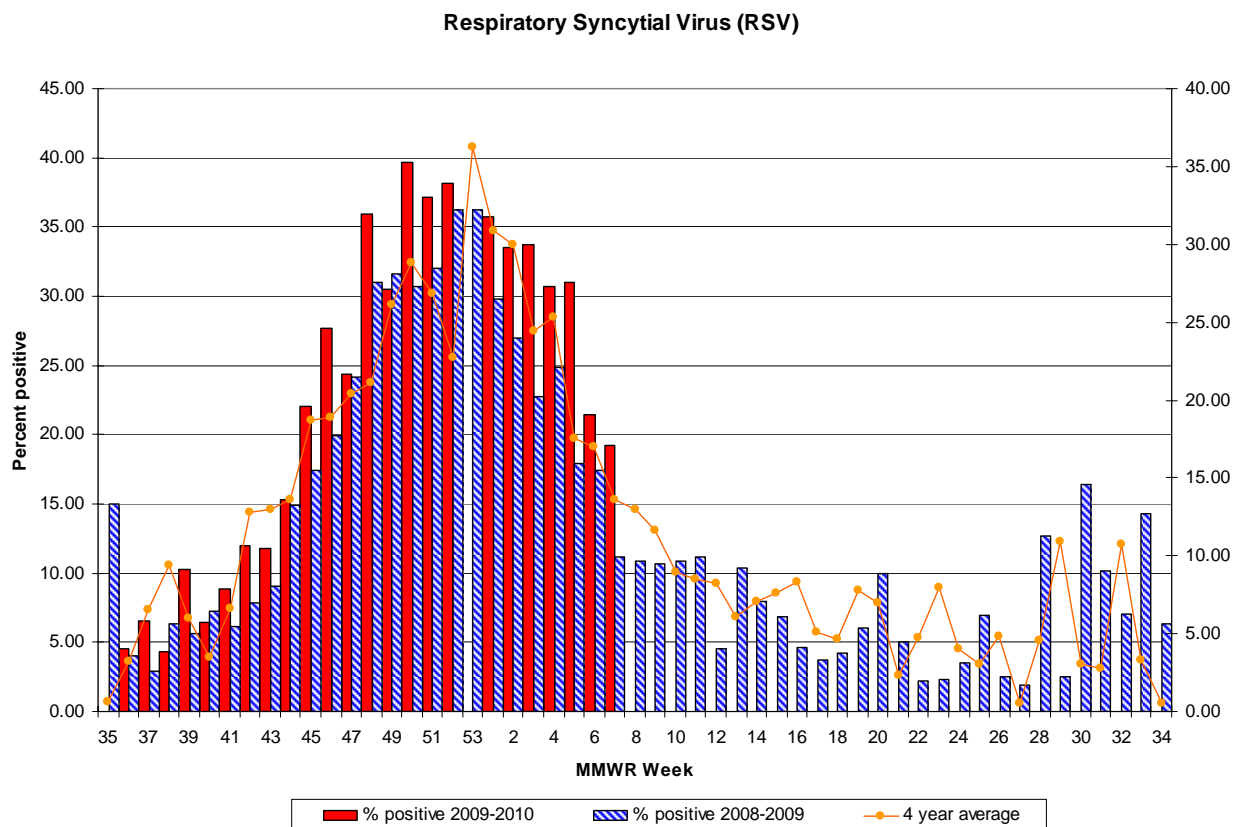
To date, NJDHSS has received 96 reports of pediatric influenza meeting the case definition.

## **122 City Mortality Report**

During week 7, 7.03% of all deaths reported by the vital statistics offices in 6 New Jersey cities (i.e., Camden, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Newark, Paterson, Trenton) were due to pneumonia or influenza. This is an increase compared to the previous week (2.30%). The percentage of death due to pneumonia or influenza for this same week last year was 4.55%.

## **RSV Reports**

During week 7, 19.27% of all RSV samples tested were positive. This is a decrease from the previous week 21.41%. The percent of samples positive for RSV for this same week last year was 11.16%.



## **Additional Information**

For additional information regarding influenza surveillance please visit the following websites.

<http://nj.gov/health/flu/surveillance.shtml>

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

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\*\*Four year average is an average of the 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 influenza seasons.



|  | Long Term Care |                    |             | Schools     |                    |             | Hospital<br>Emergency<br>Department |                    |             |
|--|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| County   | # Enrolled     | # Reports<br>Rec'd | % ILI       | # Enrolled  | # Reports<br>Rec'd | % Absent    | # Enrolled                          | # Reports<br>Rec'd | % ILI       |
| <b>February, 23, 2010 12:00 AM MMRW WEEK 8</b> |                |                    |             |             |                    |             |                                     |                    |             |
| ATLANTIC                                       | 4              | 3                  | 0.00        | 19          | 12                 | 6.19        | 4                                   | 4                  | 0.56        |
| BERGEN   | 3              | 1                  | 0.00        | 23          | 12                 | 3.95        | 6                                   | 6                  | 2.88        |
| BURLINGTON                                     | 6              | 2                  | 0.00        | 115         | 60                 | 4.74        | 3                                   | 2                  | 0.76        |
| CAMDEN   | 7              | 0                  | 0.00        | 17          | 0                  | 0.00        | 7                                   | 6                  | 0.27        |
| CAPE MAY                                       | 6              | 4                  | 2.19        | 11          | 7                  | 4.77        | 1                                   | 1                  | 8.42        |
| CUMBERLAND                                     | 6              | 2                  | 0.44        | 19          | 9                  | 7.73        | 3                                   | 3                  | 2.42        |
| ESSEX  | 18             | 4                  | 0.57        | 44          | 12                 | 3.70        | 11                                  | 7                  | 2.73        |
| GLOUCESTER                                     | 5              | 5                  | 0.24        | 4           | 4                  | 4.51        | 2                                   | 2                  | 3.41        |
| HUDSON   | 13             | 2                  | 0.99        | 119         | 77                 | 5.75        | 6                                   | 6                  | 3.44        |
| HUNTERDON                                      | 4              | 4                  | 0.67        | 49          | 44                 | 3.46        | 1                                   | 1                  | 1.37        |
| MERCER   | 11             | 5                  | 0.00        | 26          | 20                 | 3.79        | 5                                   | 2                  | 1.95        |
| MIDDLESEX                                      | 2              | 0                  | 0.00        | 135         | 0                  | 0.00        | 5                                   | 4                  | 4.50        |
| MONMOUTH                                       | 14             | 0                  | 0.00        | 24          | 0                  | 0.00        | 5                                   | 5                  | 2.62        |
| MORRIS   | 2              | 0                  | 0.00        | 13          | 0                  | 0.00        | 4                                   | 3                  | 9.78        |
| OCEAN  | 6              | 1                  | 0.00        | 81          | 25                 | 6.74        | 4                                   | 4                  | 6.82        |
| PASSAIC  | 9              | 1                  | 0.66        | 28          | 14                 | 2.15        | 6                                   | 2                  | 1.77        |
| SALEM  | 4              | 1                  | 0.00        | 19          | 1                  | 6.59        | 1                                   | 0                  | 0.00        |
| SOMERSET                                       | 6              | 2                  | 1.64        | 83          | 31                 | 3.86        | 2                                   | 1                  | 1.17        |
| SUSSEX   | 5              | 5                  | 1.47        | 22          | 18                 | 5.72        | 2                                   | 2                  | 10.57       |
| UNION  | 4              | 3                  | 0.00        | 154         | 50                 | 4.67        | 5                                   | 5                  | 1.01        |
| WARREN   | 8              | 2                  | 2.33        | 36          | 22                 | 5.19        | 2                                   | 2                  | 2.36        |
| <b>NW Region</b>                               | 24             | 8                  | 1.42        | 99          | 54                 | 4.85        | 14                                  | 9                  | 5.76        |
| <b>NE Region</b>                               | 34             | 7                  | 0.52        | 186         | 101                | 5.39        | 23                                  | 19                 | 2.97        |
| <b>CW Region</b>                               | 21             | 11                 | 0.54        | 158         | 95                 | 3.69        | 8                                   | 4                  | 1.60        |
| <b>CE Region</b>                               | 26             | 4                  | 0.00        | 394         | 75                 | 5.34        | 19                                  | 18                 | 3.84        |
| <b>South Region</b>                            | 38             | 17                 | 0.54        | 204         | 93                 | 5.22        | 21                                  | 18                 | 1.51        |
| <b>State Total</b>                             | <b>143</b>     | <b>47</b>          | <b>0.62</b> | <b>1041</b> | <b>418</b>         | <b>4.86</b> | <b>85</b>                           | <b>68</b>          | <b>3.13</b> |

|  | RSV Tests  |                       | Flu Tests  |                       |  |
|--|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|--|
| County   | # Positive | Total Tests Performed | # Positive | Total Tests Performed |  |
| <b>February, 23, 2010 12:00 AM MMRW WEEK 8</b> |            |                       |            |                       |  |
| ATLANTIC                                       | 9          | 31                    | 0          | 9                     |  |
| BERGEN   | 0          | 26                    | 0          | 0                     |  |
| BURLINGTON                                     | 6          | 24                    | 2          | 23                    |  |
| CAMDEN   | 5          | 21                    | 0          | 0                     |  |
| CAPE MAY                                       | 0          | 0                     | 0          | 0                     |  |
| CUMBERLAND                                     | 6          | 23                    | 0          | 0                     |  |
| ESSEX  | 5          | 30                    | 3          | 105                   |  |
| GLOUCESTER                                     | 2          | 11                    | 0          | 0                     |  |
| HUDSON   | 1          | 16                    | 1          | 24                    |  |
| HUNTERDON                                      | 8          | 13                    | 0          | 19                    |  |
| MERCER   | 0          | 10                    | 0          | 2                     |  |
| MIDDLESEX                                      | 8          | 52                    | 0          | 0                     |  |
| MONMOUTH                                       | 0          | 0                     | 0          | 0                     |  |
| MORRIS   | 0          | 0                     | 0          | 12                    |  |
| OCEAN  | 0          | 0                     | 0          | 0                     |  |
| PASSAIC  | 8          | 43                    | 7          | 64                    |  |
| SALEM  | 0          | 1                     | 0          | 0                     |  |
| SOMERSET                                       | 0          | 1                     | 0          | 0                     |  |
| SUSSEX   | 2          | 9                     | 0          | 34                    |  |
| UNION  | 3          | 16                    | 0          | 9                     |  |
| WARREN   | 0          | 0                     | 0          | 0                     |  |
| <b>NW Region</b>                               | 10         | 52                    | 7          | 110                   |  |
| <b>NE Region</b>                               | 6          | 72                    | 4          | 129                   |  |
| <b>CW Region</b>                               | 8          | 24                    | 0          | 21                    |  |
| <b>CE Region</b>                               | 11         | 68                    | 0          | 9                     |  |
| <b>South Region</b>                            | 28         | 111                   | 2          | 32                    |  |
| <b>State Total</b>                             | <b>63</b>  | <b>327</b>            | <b>13</b>  | <b>301</b>            |  |