

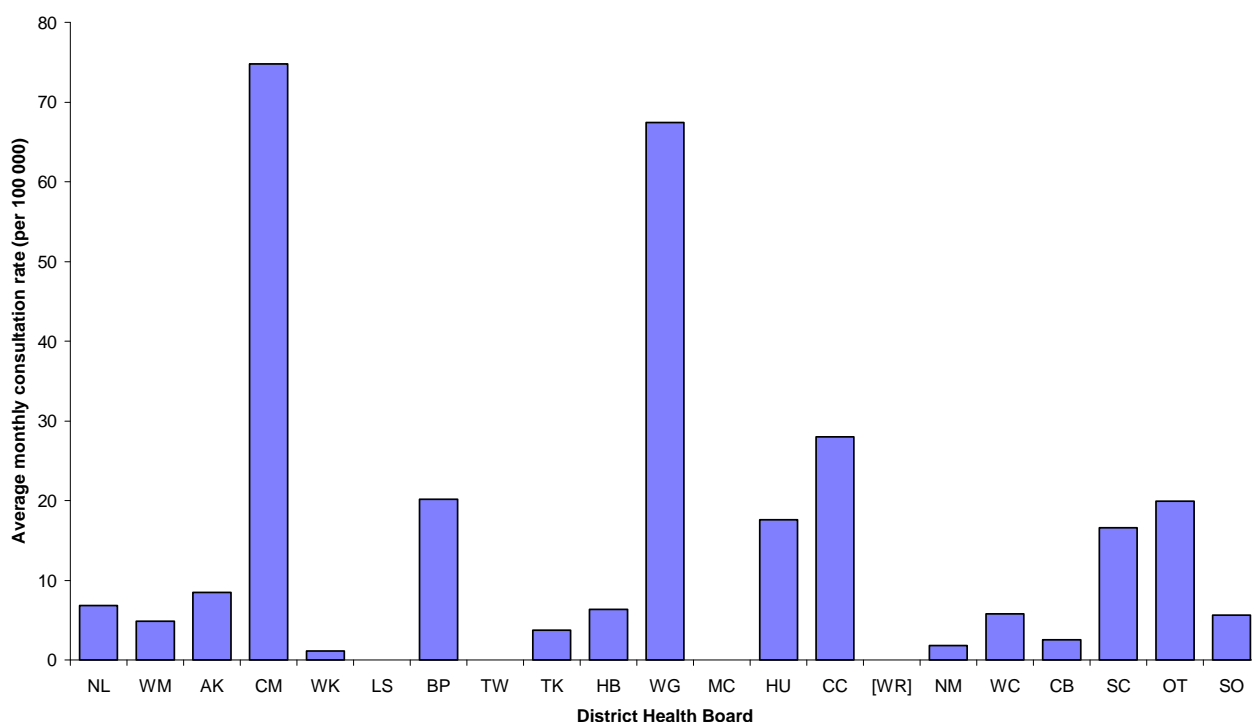
# INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY - MARCH 2010

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During March (weeks 9 – 12), 344 consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 85 general practices (on average) in 20 of the 21 District Health Boards (DHB). The average weekly consultation rate for March was 21.6 per 100 000 patient population.

Figure 1 compares the average monthly consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each DHB during March. Counties Manukau had the highest consultation rate (74.8 per 100 000, 224 cases), followed by Whanganui (67.4 per 100 000, 1 cases and Capital and Coast (28.0 per 100 000, 22 cases).

**Figure 1: Average monthly consultation rates for influenza-like illness by DHB, March 2010**



[ ] No data for the month

A total of 71 swabs were received for testing during March: 27 from sentinel and 44 from non-sentinel surveillance. No influenza viruses were identified.

Figure 2 shows the national weekly consultation rates to the end of week 12, March 2010 and rates in 2009 and 2008.

**Figure 2: Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness in New Zealand, 2008, 2009 and 2010**

