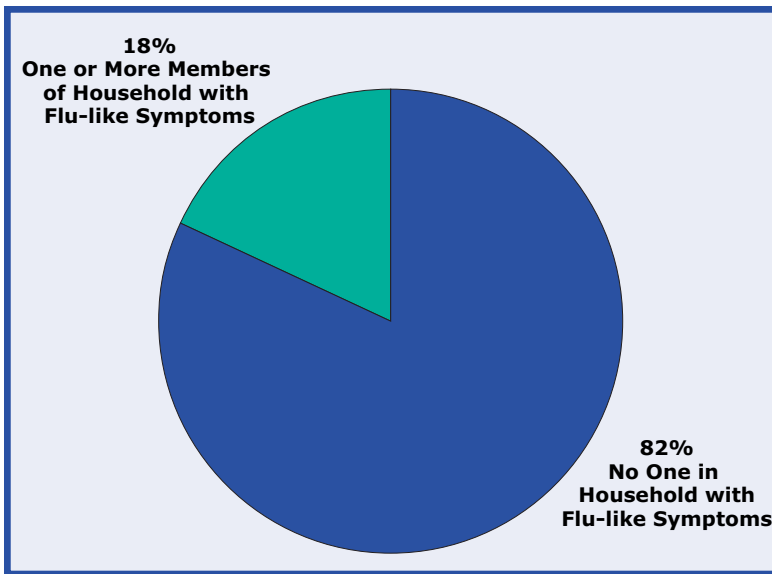


Influenza Like Illnesses — North Carolina 2009



Percent of BRFSS Households Surveyed from September 1 to September 27, 2009 Reporting Flu-Like Symptoms (Fever with Cough and/or Sore Throat) within the Past Month



- Eighteen percent of adults surveyed reported that at least one member of their household was ill within the past month with flu-like symptoms.
- Approximately 586,000 households in North Carolina had at least one member ill with flu-like symptoms within the past month.

	Number of Households Surveyed	Estimated Number of Households in North Carolina	Percent of Households	Margin of Error
One or more members with flu-like symptoms	108	585,709	18.3%	2.2%
No one in household with flu-like symptoms	618	2,623,468	81.7%	2.2%
Total	726	3,209,177	100.0%	

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is a random telephone health survey of non-institutionalized adults aged 18 and older in households sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The North Carolina BRFSS operates through the State Center for Health Statistics' Survey Center, Division of Public Health, conducting interviews monthly in both English and Spanish. Beginning in September 2009, the CDC began implementing a BRFSS module related to influenza-like illness which asks respondents if they or members of their household have or have recently had flu-like symptoms. Number of households with flu-like symptoms reported here is based on responses to the following questions: During the past month, were you ill with a fever? Did you also have a cough and/or sore throat? Did any other members of your household have a fever with cough or sore throat during the past month? For more detailed information, please visit the NC-BRFSS Web site at www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/brfss or contact the BRFSS Coordinator at (919) 855-4485.