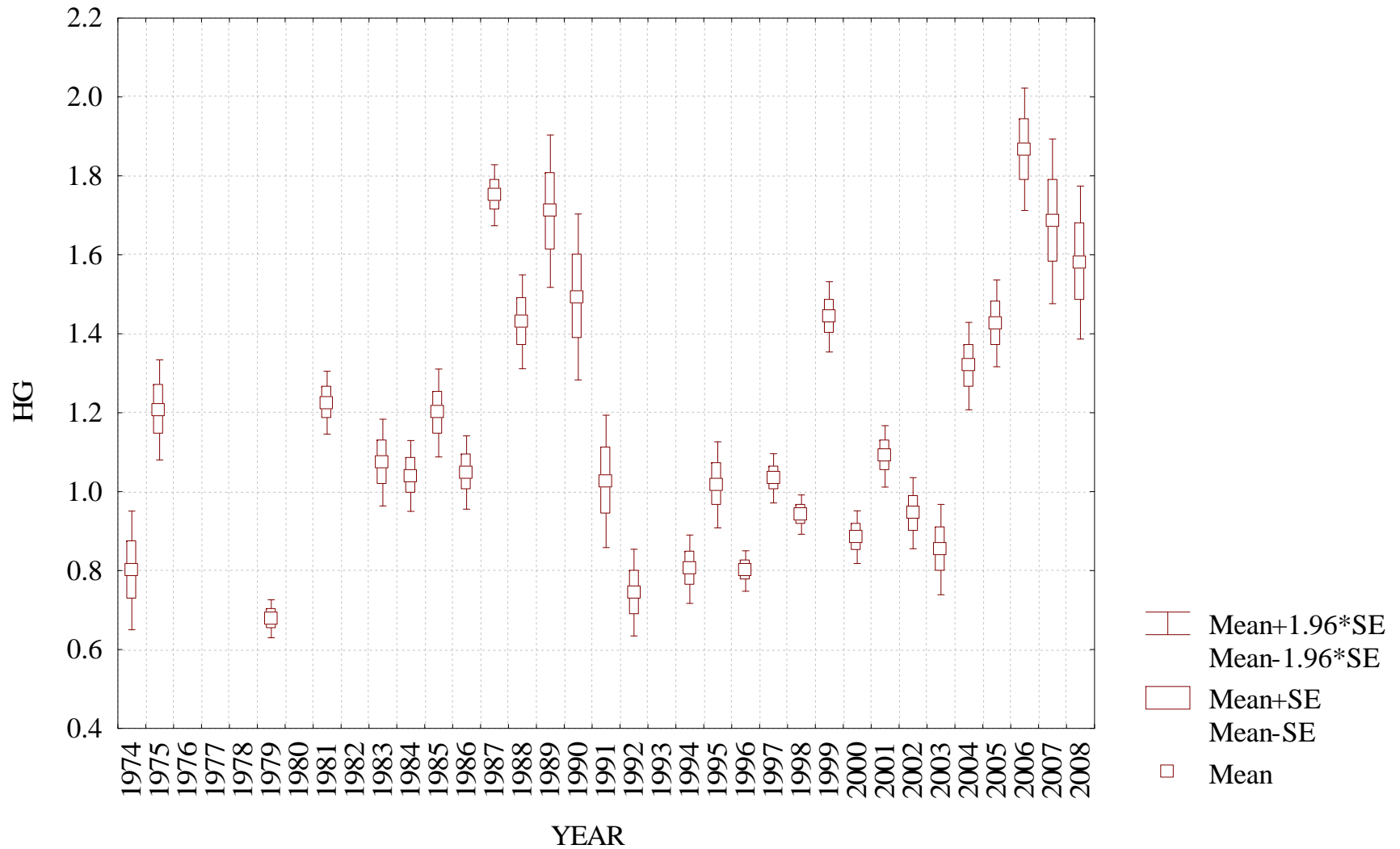


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Total mercury body burden (mg/kg) of bass in Onondaga Lake since 1974. From 1974 to 1996 smallmouth bass were used, from 1996 to 2006 both smallmouth bass and largemouth bass were used, since 2006 only largemouth bass were sampled. The switch from smallmouth bass to largemouth bass by NYSDEC was done because largemouth bass are more easily sampled and the ten years of side by side data indicated similar body burden between the two species. Data obtained from NYSDEC Hudson River Contaminant Database, received May 2009.