

Tarrant County Public Health

Weekly Arbovirus Surveillance Report: MMWR Week Jul 14-Jul 20, 2024



Week 29 Summary

- 159 mosquito pools* have been tested in NTRL from week 29
 - Year-to-date NTRL has tested a total of 2589 mosquito pools
- 66 mosquito pools tested positive for WNV this week:
Arlington (7) Bedford (1) Burleson* (3) Colleyville (5) Crowley (1) Euless (5) Fort Worth* (22) Grapevine (5) Haltom City (2) Hurst (2) Keller (3) Mansfield (3) North Richland Hills (3) Pantego (1) Unincorporated (2) Westover Hills (1)
- There have been 0 imported human cases of SLE or Zika in 2024. There have been <5 cases of Dengue Fever. There have been 7 human cases of West Nile disease.
- Average number of mosquitoes/trap include:
 - *Culex spp*: 28.4
 - *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*: 10.0

NTRL– North Texas Regional Lab

WNV= West Nile virus; CHIKV= chikungunya virus; DENV= dengue virus; SLEV St. Louis encephalitis virus * May include data from outside Tarrant County

Cumulative Positive WNV Pools per Municipality

There have been a total of 284 positives in 2024

Arlington (30) Bedford (4) Benbrook (1) Burleson *(9) Colleyville (11) Crowley (1) DFW Airport*(1) Euless (21) Fort Worth* (104) Grapevine (13) Haltom City (13) Haslet (1) Hurst (11) Keller (8) Mansfield* (16) North Richland Hills (15) Pantego (11) River Oaks (3) Unincorporated (9) Watauga (1) Westover Hills (1)

Table 1. MLE⁽¹⁾ and VI⁽²⁾ for County Quadrants, Weeks 28 and 29

	County Quadrant	# Gravid traps	Ave F <i>Culex</i> spp	Positive pools	MLE (Lower-Upper Limit)	VI
Week 28	Northeast	55	25.3	20.0	23.78 (14.99-36.77)	0.601
	Northwest	26	30.5	7.0	21.71 (9.67-45.68)	0.661
	Southeast	35	27.9	11.0	20.31 (10.96-35.83)	0.565
	Southwest	23	32.9	5.0	15.02 (5.69-33.86)	0.494
Week 29	Northeast	71	24.0	35.0	40.81 (28.62-57.97)	0.981
	Northwest	25	39.3	8.0	13.00 (6.24-24.87)	0.510
	Southeast	34	28.3	11.0	18.47 (9.68-33.36)	0.522
	Southwest	24	23.0	8.0	21.50 (10.06-42.48)	0.494

Data source: Tarrant County Public Health

1. MLE= Maximum Likelihood Estimate or the estimate of the mosquito infection rate per mosquito species. 2. VI= Vector Index which is a measure of infectivity accounting for vector species composition, vector species population density, and proportion of vector population infected with WNV

Averages, MLE, and limits will be given for species with identified infection rates only and only for the latest two week. MLE, Lower and Upper Limits are based on a 95% confidence interval. All data in this table is based on collection date.

Calculated using a Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE). Biggerstaff, Brad J. PooledInRate, Version 4.0: a Microsoft® Office Excel® Add-In to compute prevalence estimates from pooled samples. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Collins, CO, U.S.A., 2009

Cumulative Data for the Tarrant County Region, Weeks 26-29

Week	Jun 23- Jun 29	Jun 30- Jul 6	Jul 7-Jul 13	Jul 14-Jul 20	YTD
MMWR Week	26	27	28	29	
Total number of gravid traps set in Tarrant Region	185	198	167	176	2649
Average number of <i>Culex spp</i> per gravid trap	54.1	33.1	27.2	28.4	73.2
Number of mosquito pools tested ¹ (NTRL; non-NTRL)	162;17	159;6	143;15	159;7	2589;163
Number of positive mosquito pools (NTRL; non-NTRL) ¹	52;0	60;0	49;0	66;0	284;0
Confirmed WNV human cases (WNF; WNND) ²	0;<5	0;<5	0;<5	0;7	0;7
WNV infection rate per 1,000 <i>Culex spp</i> ³	14.95	19.08	21.59	25.68	
Weekly vector index ⁴	0.796	0.606	0.577	0.715	
Total BG Sentinel traps set in Tarrant Region	15	16	18	23	336
Average number of female <i>Aedes aegypti</i> and <i>Aedes albopictus</i> per BG trap	11.7	6.2	4.7	10.0	6.1

¹ Based on mosquito collection date; NTRL = North Texas Regional Laboratory

² Based on onset of illness date for cases reported to Tarrant County Public Health; WNF=West Nile Fever; WNND = West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease

³ Calculated using a Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE). Biggerstaff, Brad J. PooledInfRate, Version 4.0: a Microsoft® Office Excel® Add-In to compute prevalence estimates from pooled samples. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Collins, CO, U.S.A., 2009 *Culex spp* includes pools of both *Cx restuans* and *Cx quinquefasciatus*. These MLEs are calculated separately, per species and added together as per instructions by CDC.

⁴ Vector Index is a measure of infectivity accounting for vector species composition, vector species population density, and proportion of vector population infected with WNV
Note: Infection rate and vector index calculations now includes pools from outside laboratories; Data subject to change due to on-going case investigations, mosquito collection, and testing. Data source: Tarrant County Public Health

Figure 1. Average Number of Female *Culex* Species Per Trap and Vector Index by Collection Date, Tarrant County, 2023-2024

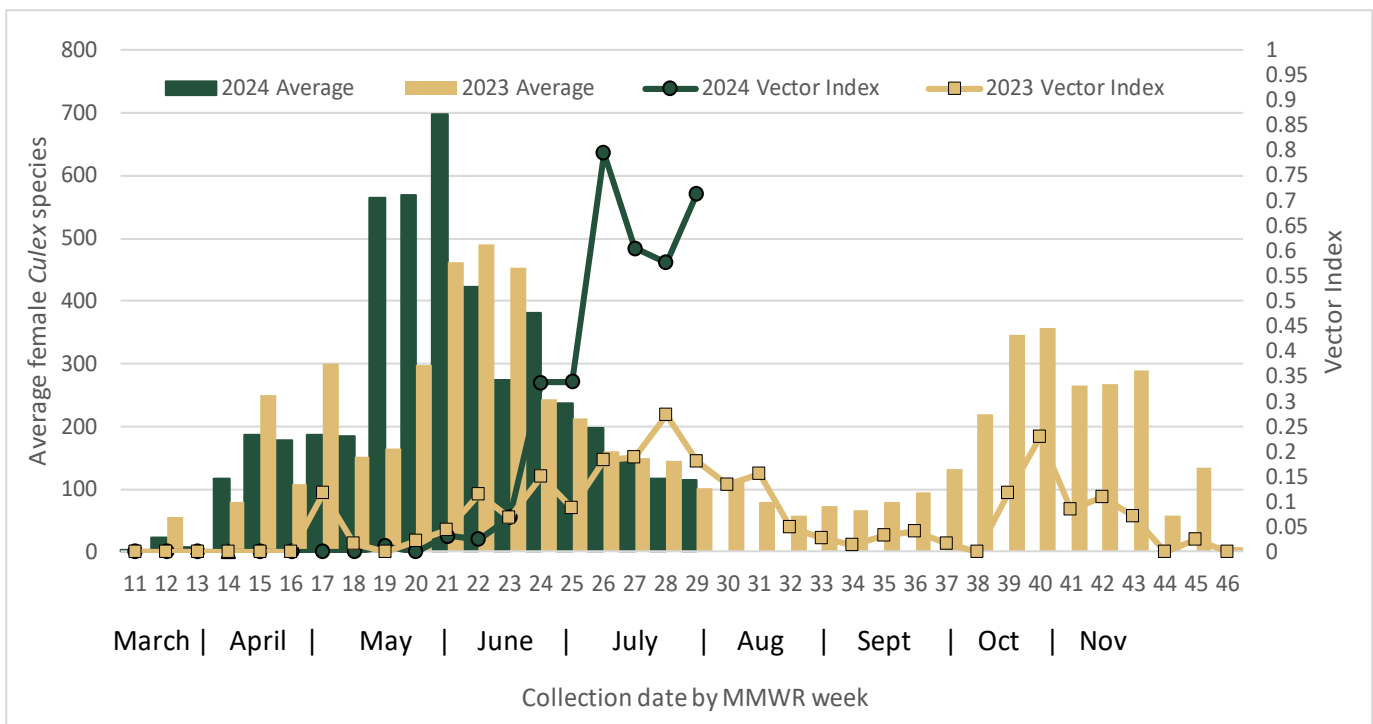
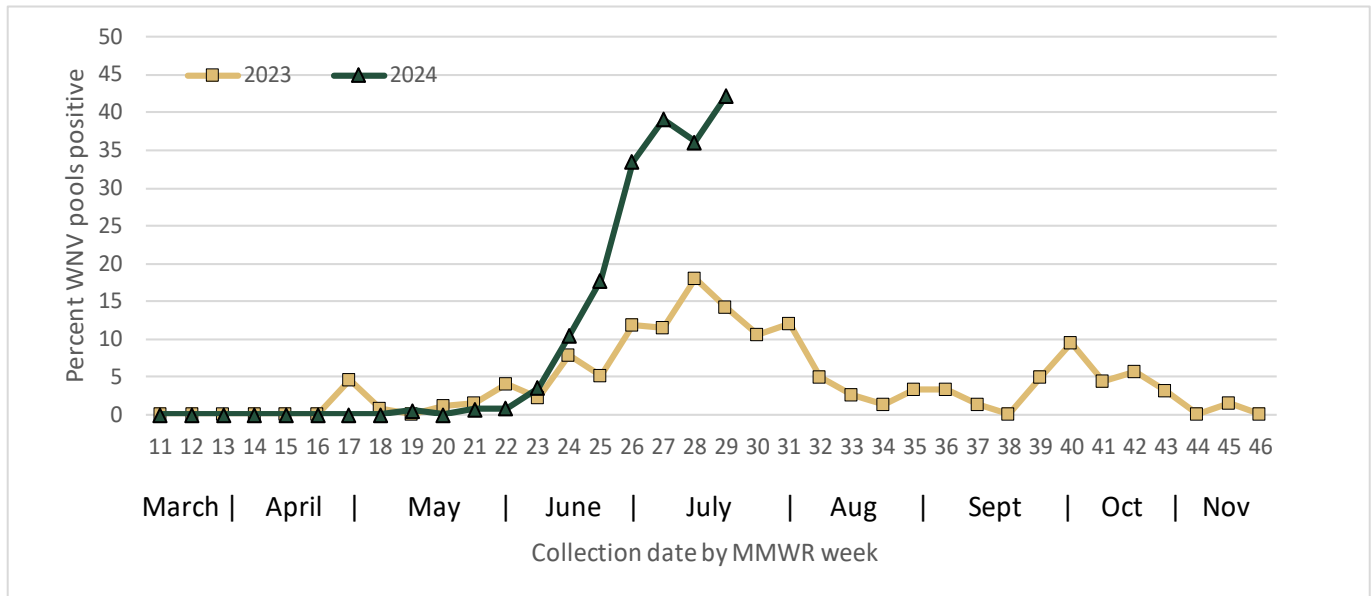


Figure 2. Percentage of Mosquito Pools Positive for WNV by Collection Date, Tarrant County, 2023-2024



Data Source: Tarrant County Public Health

Table 3. North Texas Arbovirus Activity as Reported by Texas DSHS on July 23, 2024

North Texas Counties	WNV				CHIKV		DENV		SLEV		Zika	
	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human cases		Positive Mosquito Pools	Human Cases	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human Cases	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human Cases	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human Cases	
Collin	23	0 WNF;	0 WNND	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	225	0 WNF;	0 WNND	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Denton	28	0 WNF;	0 WNND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	10	0 WNF;	0 WNND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Tarrant North Texas	286	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
All Texas Counties	1327	6	3	0	1	0	17	0	0	0	0	0

*All reported CHIKV, DENV, & Zika human cases are travel-related
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DENV– Dengue virus; SLEV– St. Louis encephalitis virus

For Additional Information Please Visit The Links Below:

Department of State Health Services:

- [Arbovirus Activity Reports](#)
- [Texas Zika](#)

Tarrant County educational videos and documents:

- [Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Sites](#)
- [Barrier Treatments for Mosquitoes](#)
- [Mosquitoes Love Water](#)
- [Mosquito Prevention Tool Kit](#)

Tarrant County web pages:

- [Be Mosquito Free](#)
- [Zika](#)
- [Vector Control](#)
- [WNV Interactive Mapping Tool](#)

Environmental Protection Agency:

- [Insect Repellent Information](#)

Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

- [Zika Travel Information](#)