

Tarrant County Public Health

Weekly Arbovirus Surveillance Report: MMWR Week Aug 25-Aug 31, 2024



Week 35 Summary

- 168 mosquito pools* have been tested in NTRL from week 35
 - Year-to-date NTRL has tested a total of 3647 mosquito pools
- 32 mosquito pools tested positive for WNV this week:
Arlington (1) Bedford (1) Burleson* (1) Colleyville (1) Crowley (1) Dalworthington Gardens (1) Euless (2) Fort Worth* (7) Grapevine (3) Haltom City (2) Haslet (1) Hurst (2) Mansfield (2) North Richland Hills (1) Unincorporated (6)
- There have been 0 imported human cases of SLE or Zika in 2024. There have been <5 cases of Dengue Fever. There have been 54 human cases of West Nile disease.
- Average number of mosquitoes/trap include:
 - *Culex spp*: 27.2
 - *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*: 2.2

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 684 positives in 2024

Arlington (58) Bedford (13) Benbrook (4) Burleson *(56) Colleyville (27) Crowley (7) Dalworthington Gardens (2) DFW Airport*(4) Euless (42) Fort Worth* (239) Grand Prairie* (9) Grapevine (22) Haltom City (25) Haslet (3) Hurst (20) Keller (20) Mansfield* (33) North Richland Hills (26) Pantego (16) Richland Hills (6) River Oaks (7) Southlake (7) Unincorporated (33) Watauga (4) Westover Hills (1)

Table 1. MLE⁽¹⁾ and VI⁽²⁾ for County Quadrants, Weeks 34 and 35

	County Quadrant	# Gravid traps	Ave F <i>Culex</i> spp	Positive pools	MLE (Lower-Upper Limit)	VI
Week 34	Northeast	73	19.0	17.0	16.59 (10.05-26.25)	0.316
	Northwest	30	29.7	5.0	7.64 (2.91-16.86)	0.227
	Southeast	41	30.0	7.0	11.87 (5.24-25.16)	0.848
	Southwest	31	46.1	10.0	18.44 (9.82-32.79)	0.227
Week 35	Northeast	74	21.1	15.0	12.53 (7.35-20.26)	0.264
	Northwest	23	65.9	6.0	9.01 (3.69-19.31)	0.594
	Southeast	43	22.4	9.0	13.77 (6.95-25.30)	0.039
	Southwest	27	21.4	1.0	1.83 (0.11-8.98)	0.594

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. 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

Cumulative Data for the Tarrant County Region, Weeks 32-35

Week	Aug 4- Aug 10	Aug 11- Aug 17	Aug 18- Aug 24	Aug 25- Aug 31	YTD
MMWR Week	32	33	34	35	
Total number of gravid traps set in Tarrant Region	204	198	204	195	3873
Average number of <i>Culex spp</i> per gravid trap	42.8	36.4	31.0	27.2	61.0
Number of mosquito pools tested ¹ (NTRL; non-NTRL)	180;20	170;17	169;19	168;20	3647;273
Number of positive mosquito pools (NTRL; non-NTRL) ¹	80;3	58;2	48;2	32;0	675;9
Confirmed WNV human cases ²	8	6	7	2	54
WNV infection rate per 1,000 <i>Culex spp</i> ³	20.85	15.93	14.11	10.28	
Weekly vector index ⁴	0.881	0.573	0.432	0.277	
Total BG Sentinel traps set in Tarrant Region	22	24	21	26	480
Average number of female <i>Aedes aegypti</i> and <i>Aedes albopictus</i> per BG trap	2.7	5.2	2.3	2.2	5.5

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

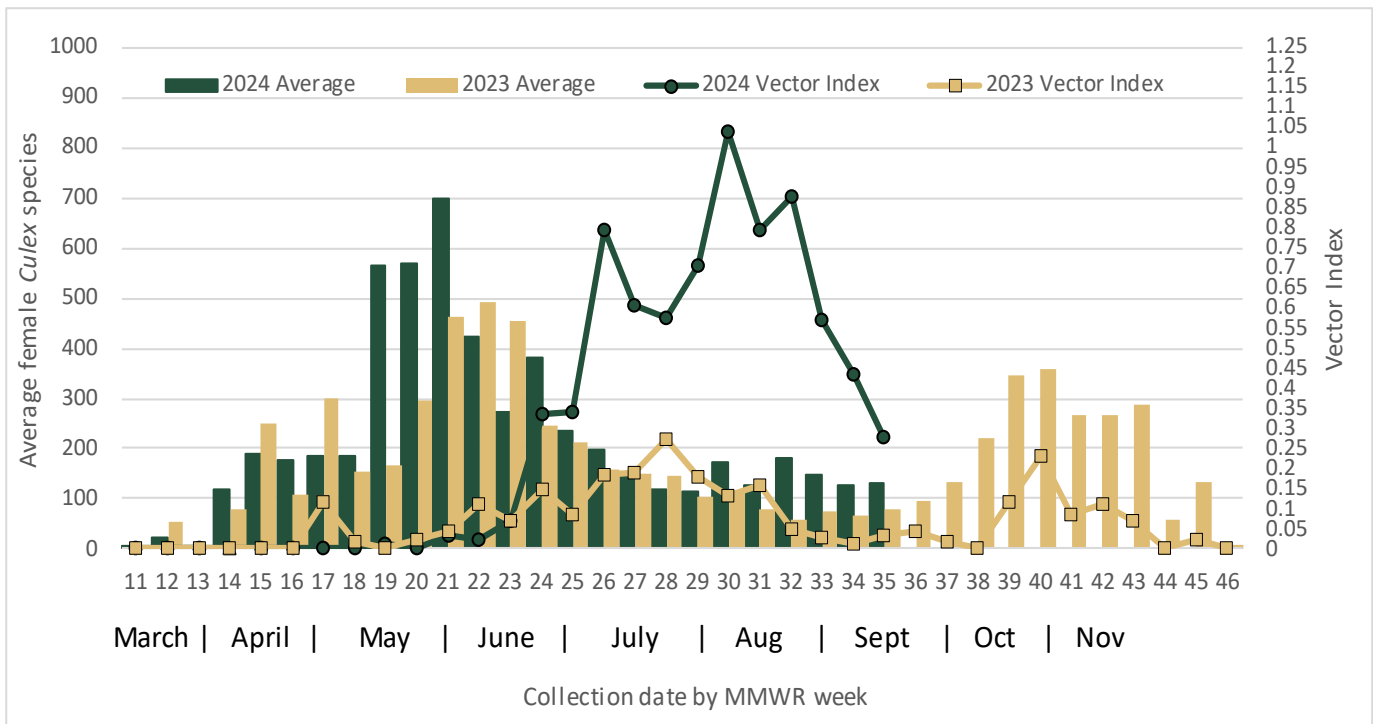
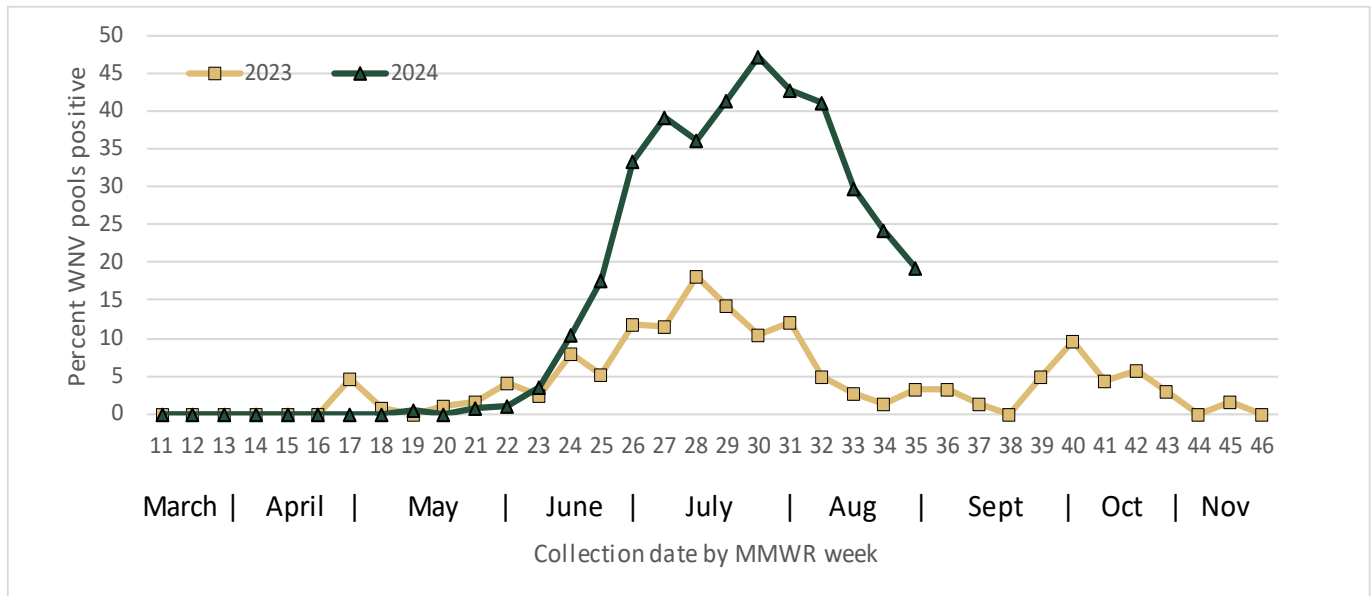


Figure 2. Percentage of Mosquito Pools Positive for WNV by Collection Date, Tarrant County, 2023-2024



Data Source: Tarrant County Public Health

Table 3. North Texas Arbovirus Activity as Reported by Texas DSHS on September 3, 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	67	0 WNF;	1 WNND	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
Dallas	578	5 WNF;	0 WNND	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
Denton	71	1 WNF;	2 WNND	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Johnson	58	0 WNF;	0 WNND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Tarrant North Texas	774	6	3	0	2	0	13	0	0	0	0
All Texas Counties	2747	21	25	0	7	0	40	2	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](#)