

Tarrant County Public Health

Weekly Arbovirus Surveillance Report: MMWR Week Sep 15-Sep 21, 2024



Week 38 Summary

- 174 mosquito pools* have been tested in NTRL from week 38
 - Year-to-date NTRL has tested a total of 4154 mosquito pools
- 17 mosquito pools tested positive for WNV this week:
Arlington (3) Benbrook (1) Burleson* (3) Crowley (1) Euless (1) Fort Worth* (2) Grand Prairie* (2) Hurst (1) Keller (2) Mansfield (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 69 human cases of West Nile disease.
- Average number of mosquitoes/trap include:
 - *Culex spp*: 51.8
 - *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*: 9.4

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 744 positives in 2024

Arlington (64) Bedford (13) Benbrook (7) Burleson *(70) Colleyville (29) Crowley (8) Dalworthington Gardens (2) DFW Airport*(4) Euless (43) Fort Worth* (256) Grand Prairie* (13) Grapevine (23) Haltom City (25) Haslet (3) Hurst (22) Keller (23) Mansfield* (37) North Richland Hills (27) Pantego (17) 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 37 and 38

	County Quadrant	# Gravid traps	Ave F <i>Culex</i> spp	Positive pools	MLE (Lower-Upper Limit)	VI
Week 37	Northeast	81	20.6	4.0	3.43 (1.12-8.24)	0.069
	Northwest	30	37.9	3.0	3.90 (1.04-10.65)	0.141
	Southeast	40	33.9	5.0	5.66 (2.15-12.49)	0.186
	Southwest	28	48.3	3.0	3.39 (0.92-9.13)	0.156
Week 38	Northeast	62	41.4	5.0	3.36 (1.25-7.52)	0.133
	Northwest	30	58.8	1.0	1.08 (0.06-5.27)	0.060
	Southeast	42	53.8	4.0	3.10 (1.02-7.46)	0.156
	Southwest	31	62.1	3.0	2.76 (0.73-7.55)	0.167

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 35-38

Week	Aug 25- Aug 31	Sep 1- Sep 7	Sep 8- Sep 14	Sep 15- Sep 21	YTD
MMWR Week	35	36	37	38	
Total number of gravid traps set in Tarrant Region	199	153	205	199	4434
Average number of <i>Culex spp</i> per gravid trap	27.0	29.3	29.6	51.8	58.0
Number of mosquito pools tested ¹ (NTRL; non-NTRL)	168;20	147;0	186;12	174;19	4154;304
Number of positive mosquito pools (NTRL; non-NTRL) ¹	32;0	24;0	17;2	15;2	731;13
Confirmed WNV human cases ²	8	3	1	1	69
WNV infection rate per 1,000 <i>Culex spp</i> ³	10.28	5.82	4.11	2.75	
Weekly vector index ⁴	0.275	0.169	0.114	0.134	
Total BG Sentinel traps set in Tarrant Region	26	14	25	15	534
Average number of female <i>Aedes aegypti</i> and <i>Aedes albopictus</i> per BG trap	2.2	3.6	5.5	9.4	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

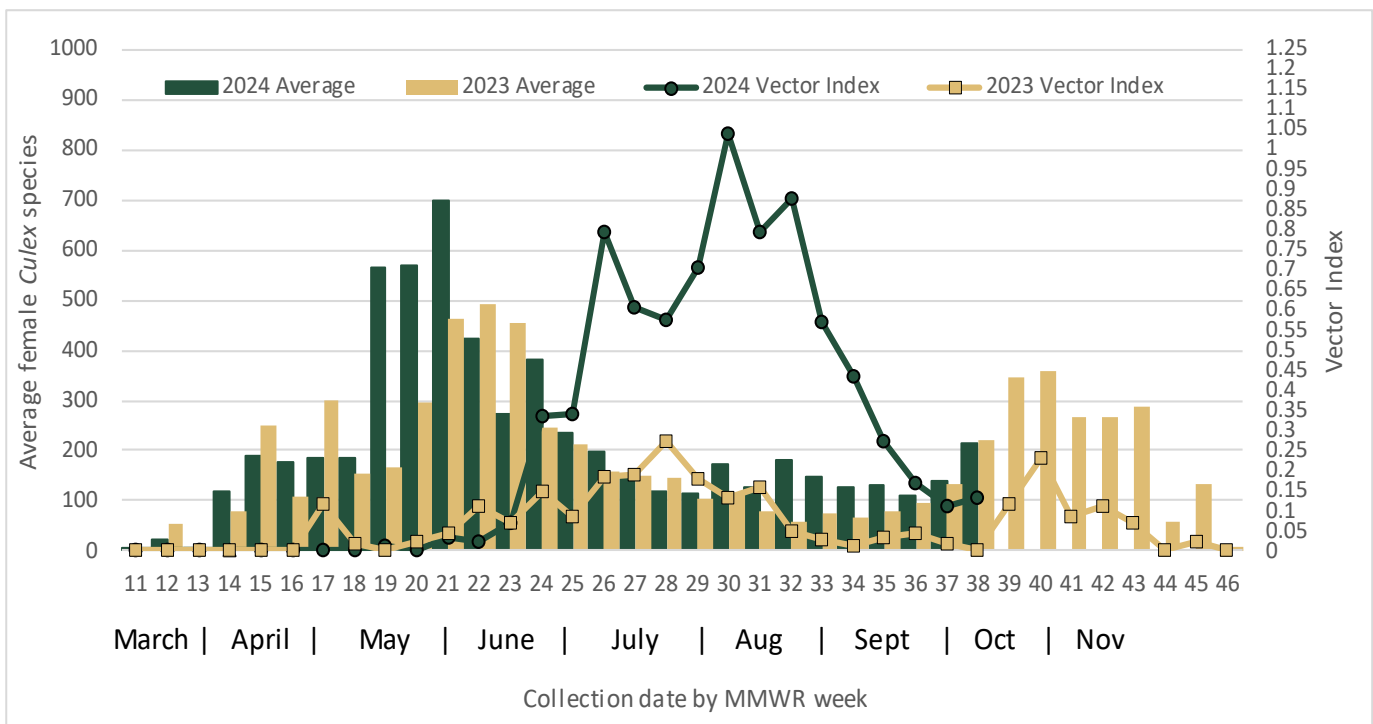
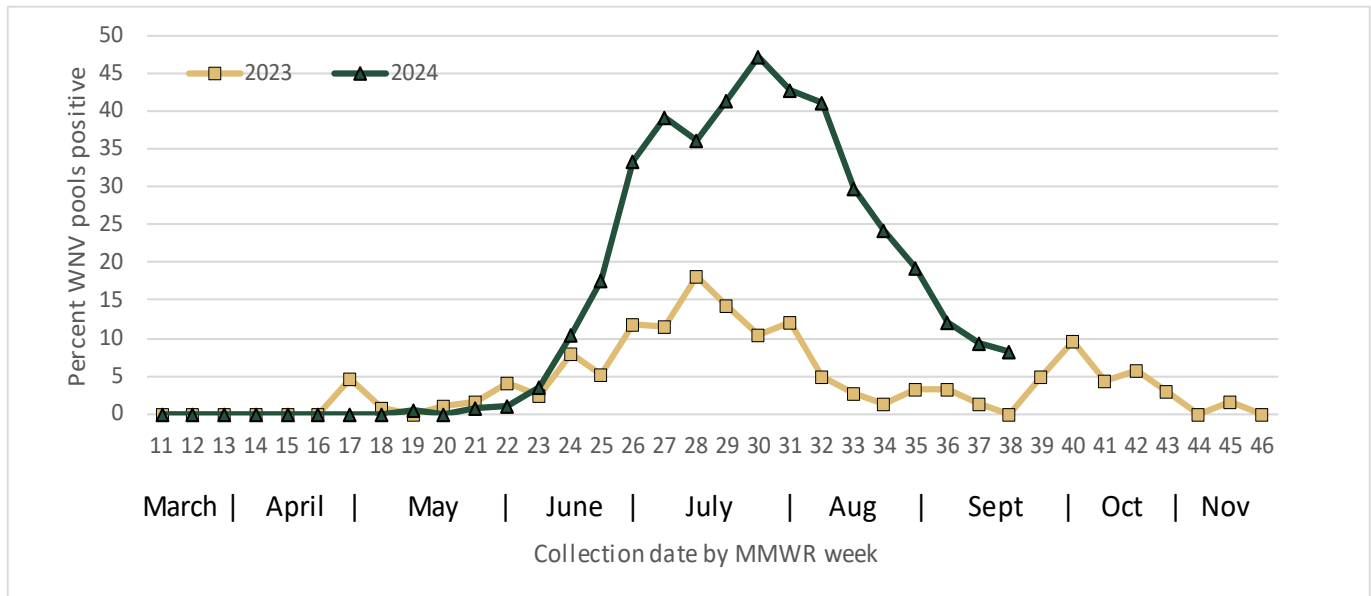


Figure 2. Percentage of Mosquito Pools Positive for WNV by Collection Date, Tarrant County, 2023-2024



Data Source: Tarrant County Public Health

Table 3. North Texas Arbovirus Activity as Reported by Texas DSHS on September 24, 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	78	0 WNF;	1 WNND	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0
Dallas	638	5 WNF;	0 WNND	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
Denton	73	1 WNF;	3 WNND	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Johnson	70	0 WNF;	0 WNND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Tarrant North Texas	859	6	4	0	2	0	18	0	0	0	0
All Texas Counties	2996	26	38	0	7	0	60	7	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](#)