

Report Highlights:

- **Fifteen mosquito pools tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) this week in seven counties (additional tests pending). The number of positive pools this week is higher than the 5-year average. There has been a total of 31 WNV positive pools in 2024.**
- **There have been no human or animal cases of WNV reported in New Jersey in 2024.**
- **Two mosquito pools have tested positive for Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) this year in Cumberland County.**
- **New Jersey is reporting one case of Powassan virus from week 19 in Sussex County. This is the first Powassan case in NJ since 2022, when 2 cases were reported in Sussex County.**
- **The number of travel-associated dengue cases is considerably higher in 2024 (42 cases) compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (13 cases), associated with outbreaks in several Latin American countries.**
- **The number of Lyme disease cases this week is below the average number reported this week in the past two years.**
- **In week 26, the number of tick-related ED visits continued to decrease and was lower compared to this time last year and to the 5-year average. The highest number of visits was in the central east region.**

Human Vector-borne Disease Cases

N.J.A.C. 8:57 mandates public health reporting of communicable diseases. 2024 data reflect cases that have been approved by NJDOH and do not include cases under investigation. Due to the time needed for public health investigation, the number of tickborne diseases (except for Lyme disease) may be significantly lower than actual counts and should be interpreted with caution. All 2024 numbers are preliminary and subject to change. Some cases considered “presumptive positive” are pending additional testing. Case counts for 2023 reflect the annual total for that year.

Mosquito-borne diseases			Tickborne Diseases/Conditions		
	2024	2023		2024	2023
Chikungunya	1	13	Alpha-gal syndrome	70	360
Dengue	42	98	Anaplasmosis	43	195
Eastern equine encephalitis	-	-	Babesiosis	26	407
Jamestown Canyon	-	1	<i>Borrelia miyamotoi</i>	-	18
Malaria	29	102	Ehrlichiosis	18	109
West Nile	-	14	Lyme disease*	3,122	7,225
Zika	-	-	Powassan	1	-
			Spotted fever group rickettsioses	3	24
			Tularemia	-	2

* Lyme disease surveillance transitioned to laboratory-based surveillance in 2022.

Mosquito-borne Disease Activity

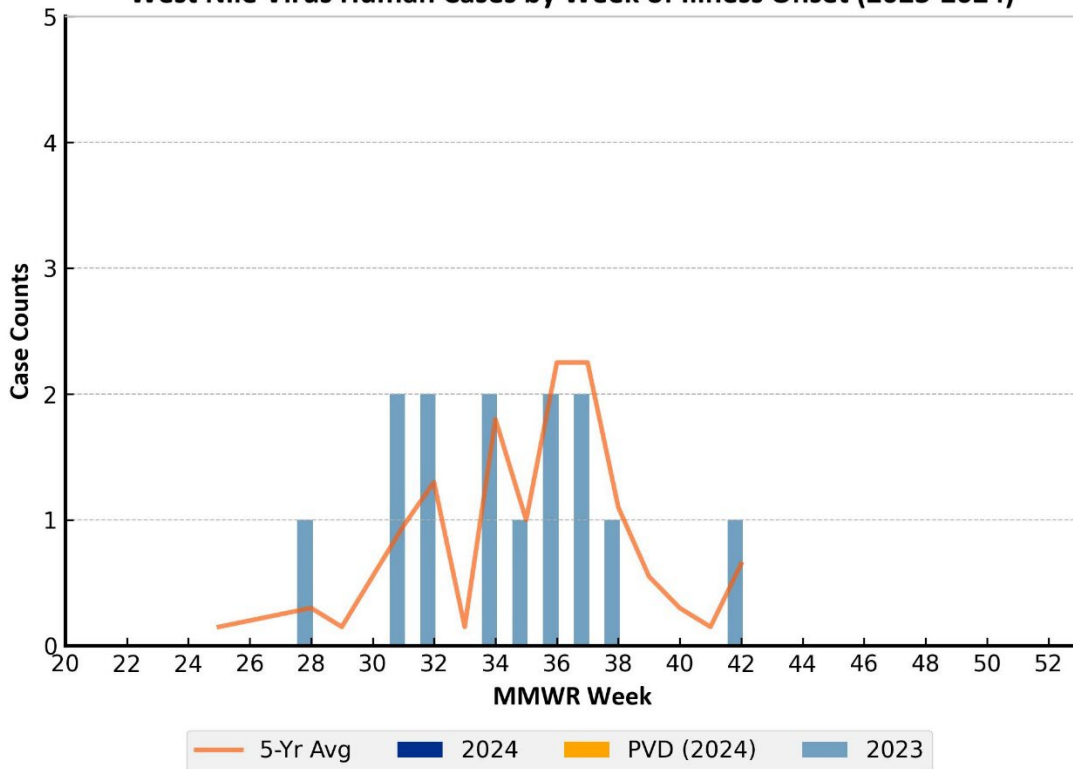
The New Jersey Department of Health Public Health and Environmental Laboratories (PHEL) and the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control Bio-safety Level 3 Laboratory (CMBSL3) perform arboviral testing on mosquito pools collected by county mosquito control agencies throughout New Jersey.*

*Test results may be incomplete as counties submit pools for testing on specific weekdays. Data reflects test results downloaded from JerseySurv on July 3, 2024.

West Nile Virus

- There have been no human or animal cases of WNV reported in New Jersey in 2024.
- Out of 3,301 mosquito pools submitted for testing, 31 mosquito pools have tested positive for WNV so far this year. 15 pools tested positive in Week 26 in seven counties. WNV has been detected in *Culex pipiens/restuans/salinarius* (26), *Cx. restuans* (2), *Aedes albopictus* (1), *Aedes japonicus* (1), and *Culiseta melanura* (1) mosquito pools.
- The earliest WNV positive mosquito pools (*Culex pipiens/restuans/salinarius*) were detected in week 18 from Gloucester County (2), considerably earlier than 2023, when WNV was initially detected in Week 26 from Bergen County.

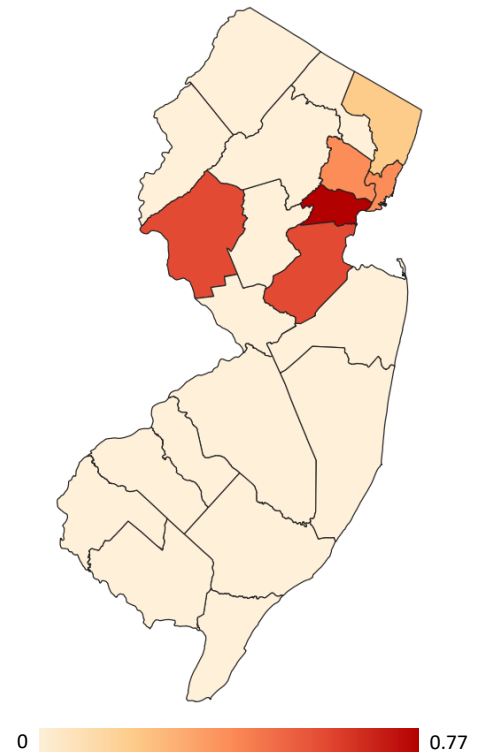
West Nile Virus Human Cases by Week of Illness Onset (2023-2024)



WNV Mosquito Pool Testing

County	WEEK 26 Positive Pools		Cumulative Pos. Total* (WEEK 26)		# Pools Tested*	WEEK 26 Vector Index	
	2024	2023	2024	2023		2024 [†]	
Union	5		6	1	62	0.77	(↑)
Middlesex	4		4		100	0.53	(↑)
Cape May			2		1206	0.00	(-)
Essex	2		2		110	0.19	(↑)
Gloucester			2		189	0.00	(-)
Hudson	1		2		64	0.17	(↑)
Hunterdon	1		2		122	0.22	(↑)
Mercer			2		139	0.00	(-)
Ocean			2		106	0.00	(↓)
Somerset			2	1	75	0.00	(-)
Atlantic	1		1		99	0.00	(-)
Bergen	1		1	1	111	0.10	(↑)
Monmouth			1		135	0.00	(-)
Morris			1		138	0.00	(-)
Warren			1		120	0.00	(-)
Burlington					26	0.00	(-)
Camden					56	0.00	(-)
Cumberland					140	0.00	(-)
Passaic					79	0.00	(-)
Salem					104	0.00	(-)
Sussex					120	0.00	(-)
Total	15	0	31	3	3,301	-	

WNV Vector Index, WEEK 26[†]

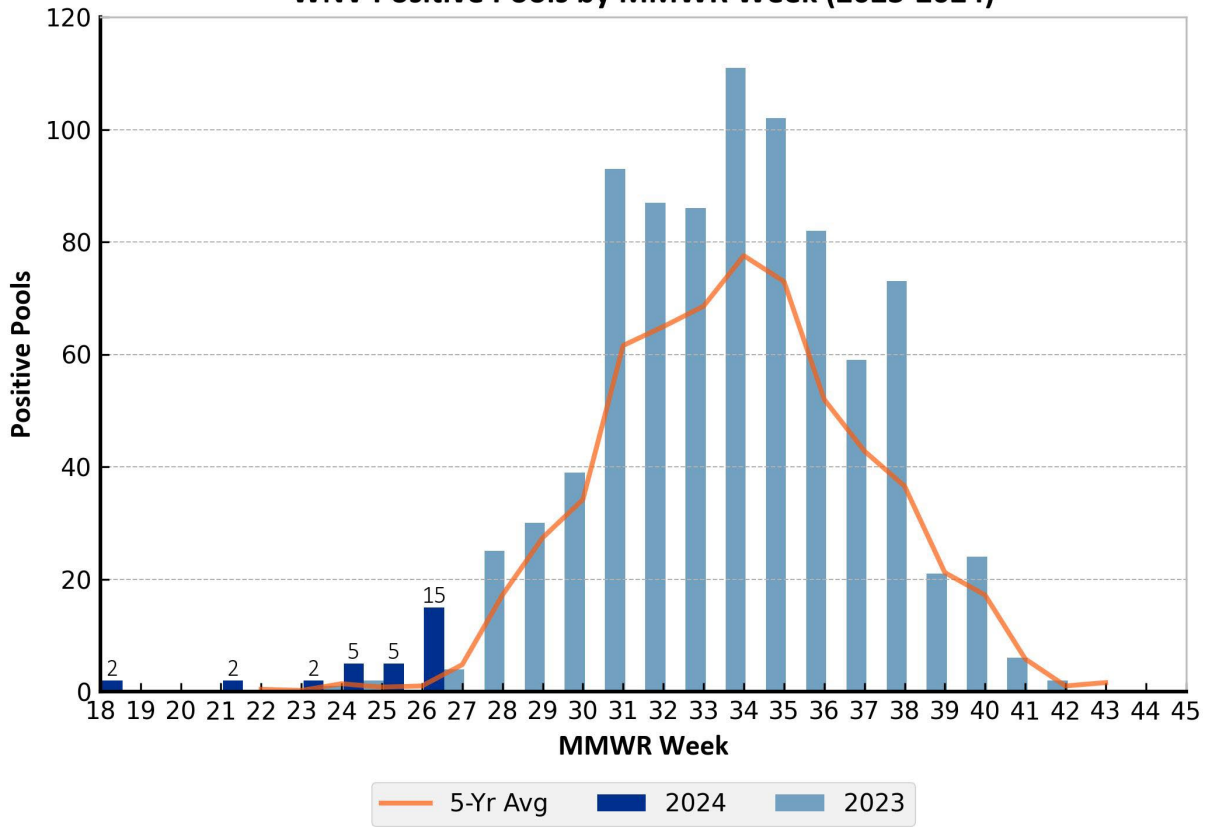


[†] Vector Index is calculated based on *Ae. taeniorhynchus*, *An. quadrimaculatus*, and all *Culex* species caught in gravid traps only.

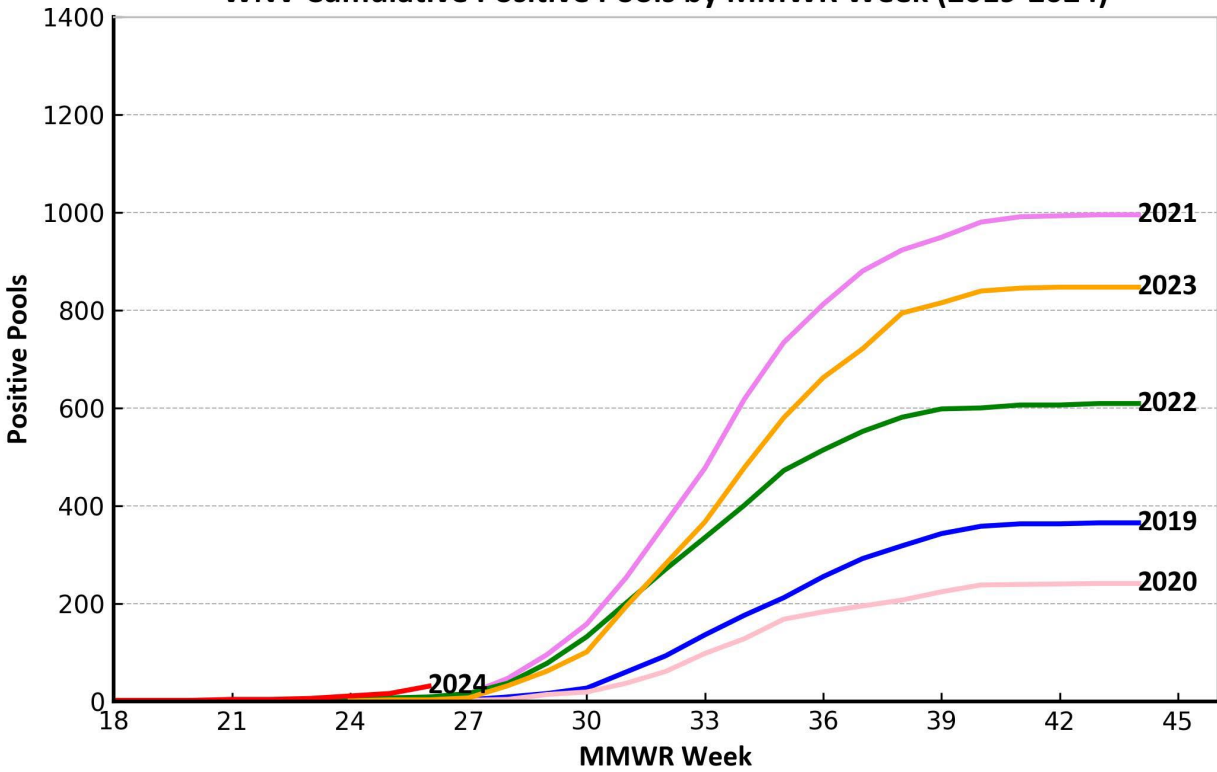
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*184 mosquito pools submitted by 8 counties are considered "early season" samples (collected prior to Week 20).

WNV Positive Pools by MMWR Week (2023-2024)

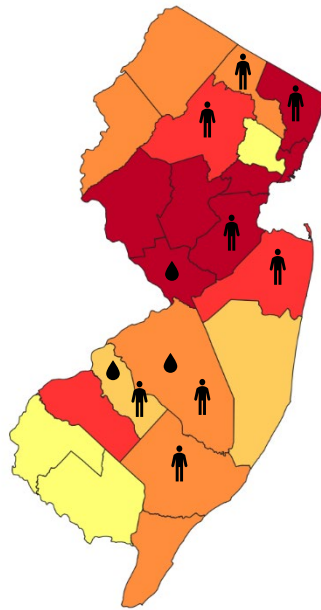
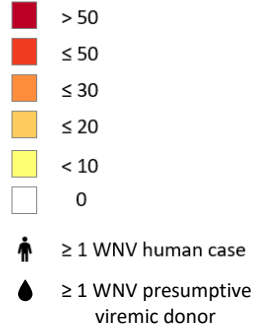


WNV Cumulative Positive Pools by MMWR Week (2019-2024)

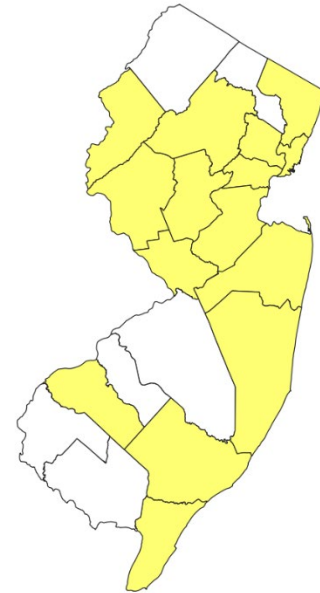


2023 WNV Activity

WNV Positive Pools



Cumulative WNV Activity, 2024



Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

- There have been no human or animal cases of EEE reported in New Jersey in 2024. EEE human cases were last reported in 2019 (4 cases).
- Out of 3,287 mosquito pools tested for EEE, none have tested positive.
- In 2023, the first EEE positive pool was detected in Week 30 from Cumberland County.

EEE Mosquito Pool Testing

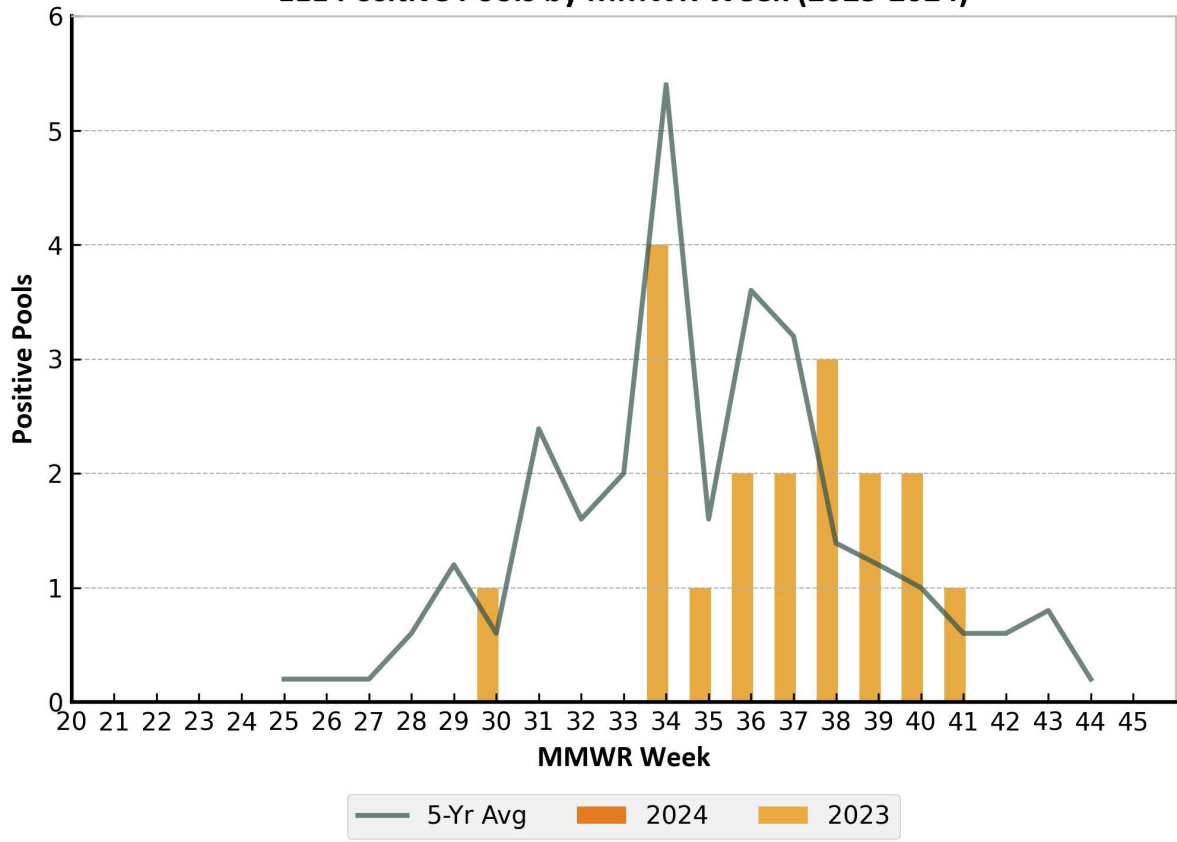
County	WEEK 26 Positive Pools		Cumulative Pos. Total* (WEEK 26)		# Pools Tested	Cumulative MFIR
	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Atlantic					99	
Bergen					111	
Burlington					26	
Camden					53	
Cape May					1206	
Cumberland					140	
Essex					110	
Gloucester					189	
Hudson					64	
Hunterdon					122	
Mercer					137	
Middlesex					100	
Monmouth					135	
Morris					138	
Ocean					105	
Passaic					79	
Salem					104	
Somerset					75	
Sussex					113	
Union					62	
Warren					119	
Total	0	0	0	0	3,287	-

Cumulative EEE MFIR, 2024



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EEE Positive Pools by MMWR Week (2023-2024)



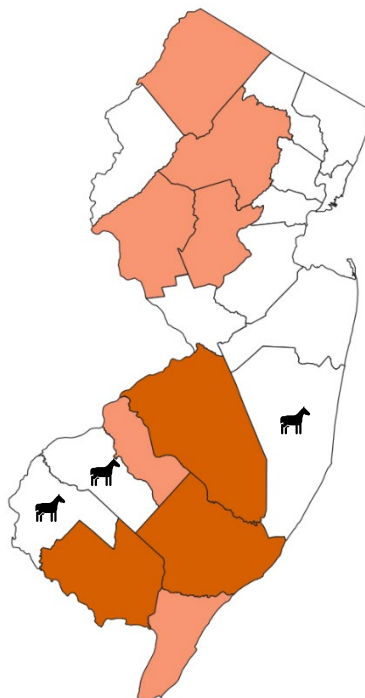
2023 EEE Activity

Cumulative EEE Activity, 2024

EEE Positive Pools

- > 10
- ≤ 10
- ≤ 6
- ≤ 2
- No EEE activity

Equine case



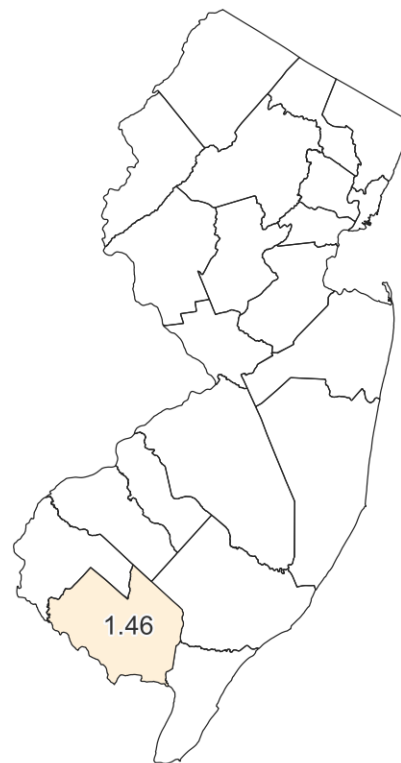
Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV)

- There have been no human cases of JCV reported in New Jersey in 2024. In 2023 there was one human case of JCV in week 42 from Sussex County.
- Out of 3,287 mosquito pools tested for JCV, two pools tested positive in week 23 from Cumberland County. The positive pools were found in *Aedes cantator* (1) and *Cx. salinarius* (1) mosquitoes.
- In 2023, the first JCV positive pool was detected in week 26 from Cumberland County.

JCV Mosquito Pool Testing

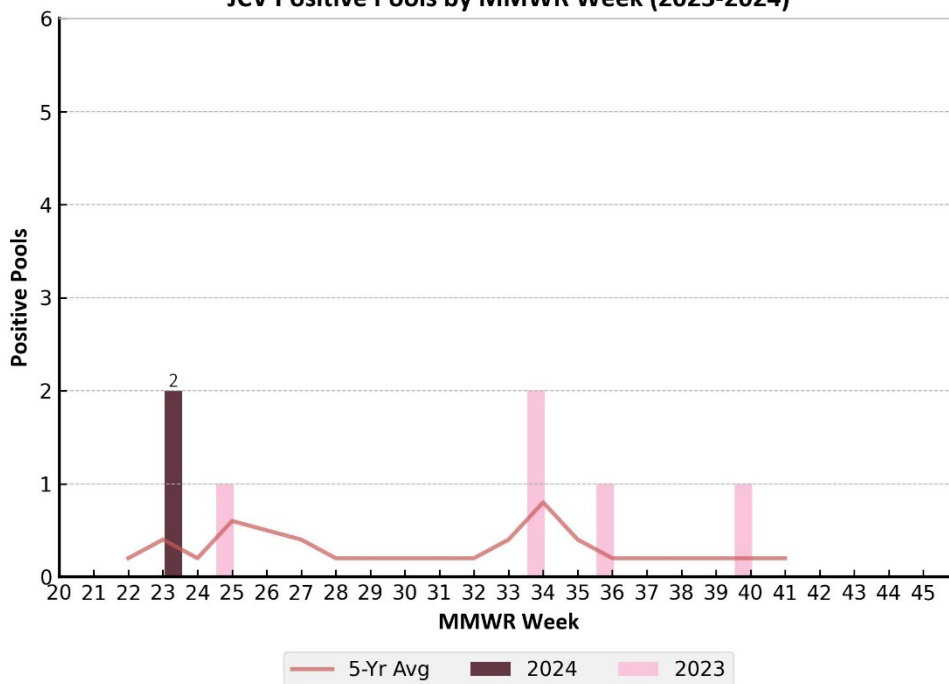
County	WEEK 26 Positive Pools		Cumulative Pos. Total* (WEEK 26)		# Pools Tested	Cumulative MFIR
	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Cumberland			2	1	140	1.46
Atlantic					99	
Bergen					111	
Burlington					26	
Camden					53	
Cape May					1206	
Essex					110	
Gloucester					189	
Hudson					64	
Hunterdon					122	
Mercer					137	
Middlesex					100	
Monmouth					135	
Morris					138	
Ocean					105	
Passaic					79	
Salem					104	
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Sussex					113	
Union					62	
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Total	0	0	2	1	3,287	-

Cumulative JCV MFIR, 2024



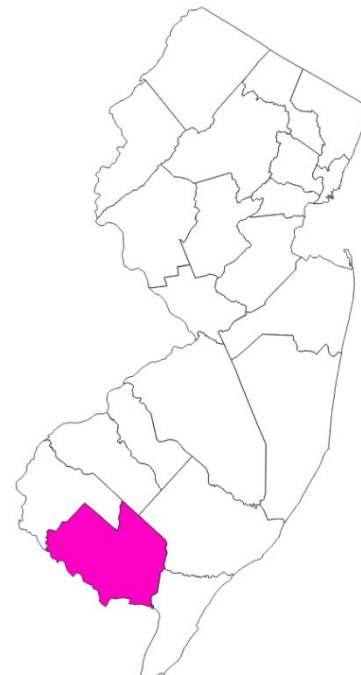
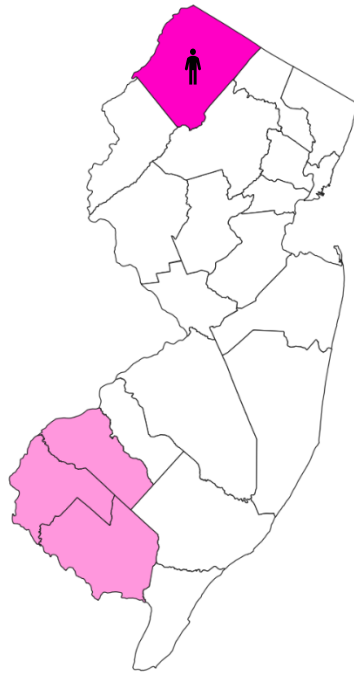
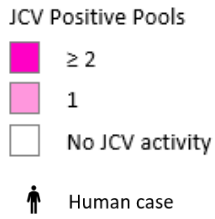
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JCV Positive Pools by MMWR Week (2023-2024)



2023 JCV Activity

Cumulative JCV Activity, 2024



Other Mosquito-borne Viruses

- Mosquito pools in all 21 counties have been tested for other arboviruses with no positive results.

Cumulative 2024 Mosquito Pool Testing (Other Viruses^a)

County	SLE		LAC		CHIKV		DENV		ZIKV	
	Pools	Pos	Pools	Pos	Pools	Pos	Pools	Pos	Pools	Pos
Atlantic	99									
Bergen	111				1		1		1	
Burlington	26									
Camden	53		3		1		1		1	
Cape May	1206		53		24		24		24	
Cumberland	140									
Essex	110				1		1		1	
Gloucester	189									
Hudson	64									
Hunterdon	122									
Mercer	137		2							
Middlesex	100									
Monmouth	135									
Morris	138				2		2		2	
Ocean	105		1							
Passaic	79		1							
Salem	104		2							
Somerset	75									
Sussex	113		7							
Union	62									
Warren	119		1							
Total	3,287	-	70	-	29	-	29	-	29	-

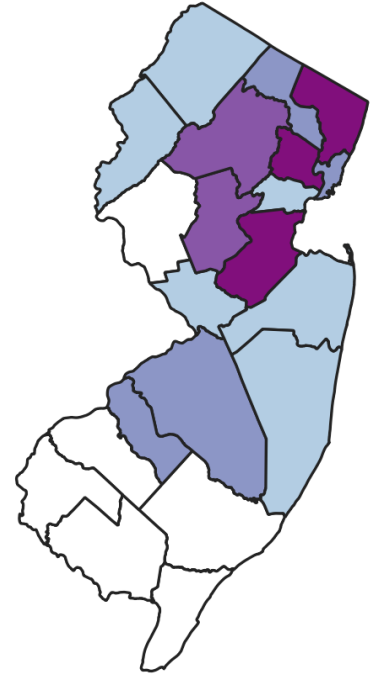
^a St. Louis virus (SLE), La Crosse encephalitis (LAC), Chikungunya virus (CHIKV), Dengue virus (DENV), Zika Virus (ZIKV)
 Numbers in white columns represent number of pools tested to date in 2024
 Number in green shaded columns represent positive pools in 2024

Human Dengue Virus Cases

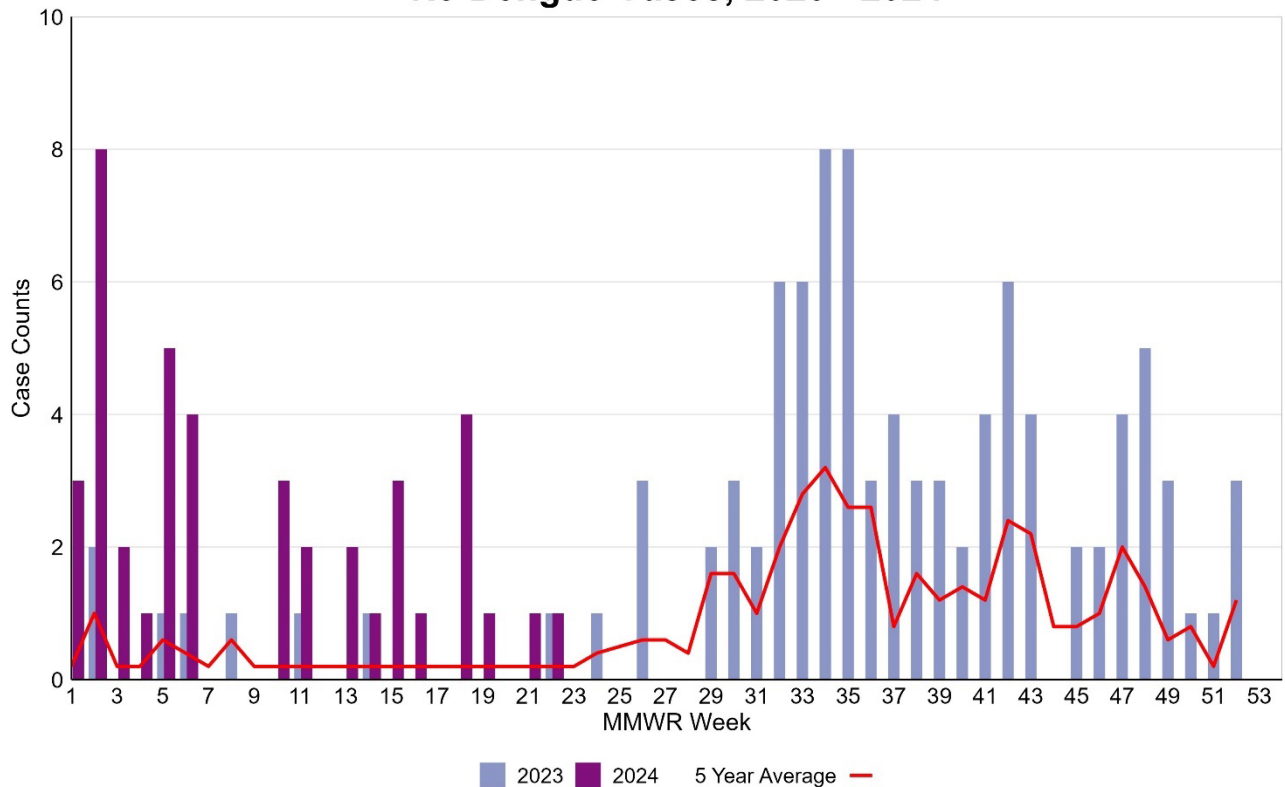
- There have been 42 cases of dengue virus reported so far in 2024, which is considerably higher than the number reported this time last year (13).
- All dengue cases are travel-associated, and the high case count is driven by outbreaks in several Latin American countries. Almost all (41) cases have reported travel to a country or U.S. territory in Latin America or the Caribbean.
- Many of the NJ cases are concentrated in the northeast region, with most cases residing in Bergen (8), Essex (6), and Middlesex (6) counties.

Travel Destination(s) of Dengue Cases	
Country/U.S. Territory of Travel	Count
Dominican Republic	8
Puerto Rico	5
Brazil	4
Guatemala	4
Colombia	3
Ecuador	3
Aruba	2
Costa Rica	2
Guyana	2
Martinique	2
Mexico	2
Antigua and Barbuda	1
Cuba	1
India	1
Paraguay	1
Peru	1

Dengue Cases



NJ Dengue Cases, 2023 - 2024

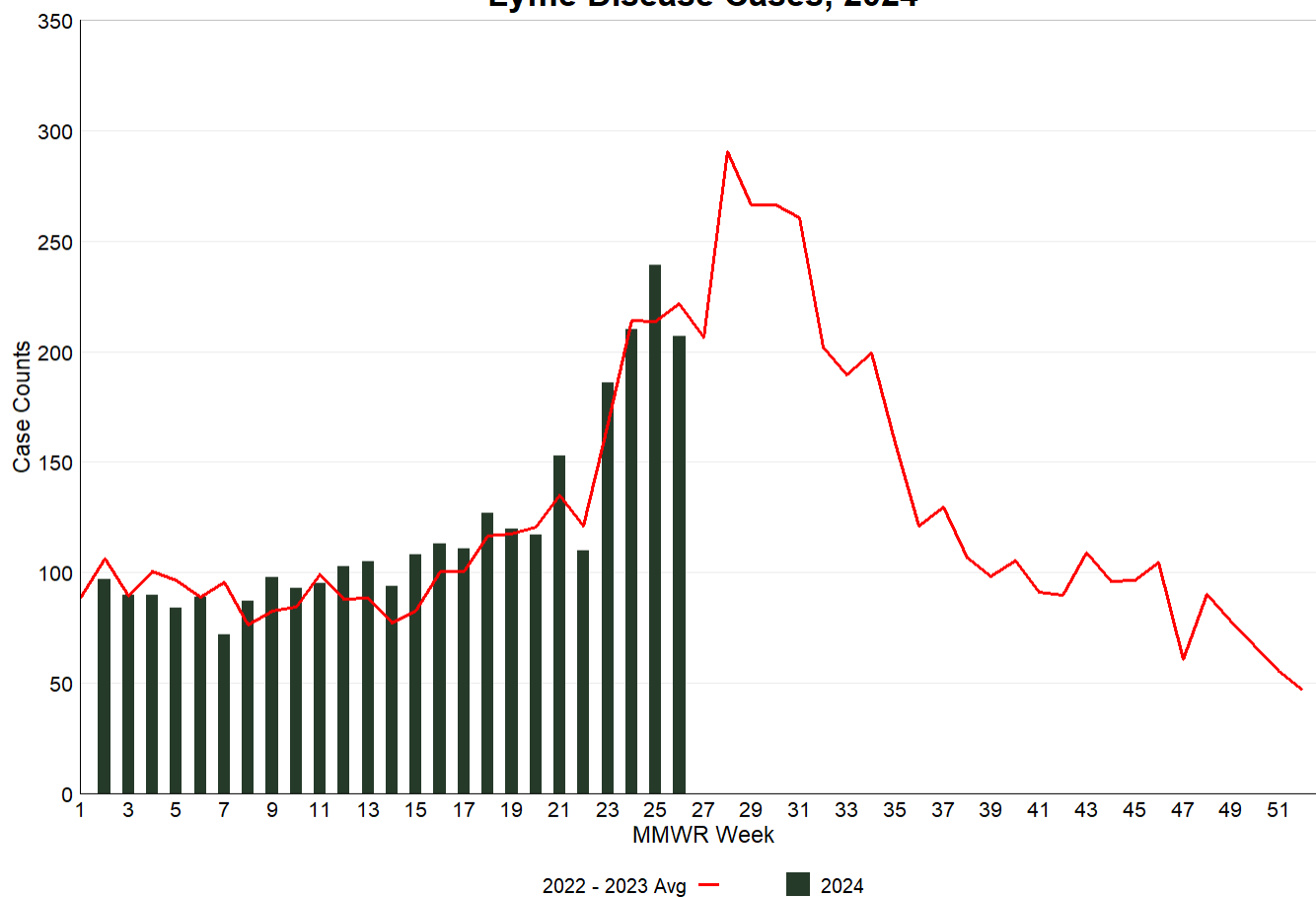


Tickborne Disease Activity

Lyme Disease

- There have been 3,122 cases of Lyme disease reported in New Jersey in 2024.
- The number of cases in week 26 decreased and is below the average number of cases reported this week.

Lyme Disease Cases, 2024

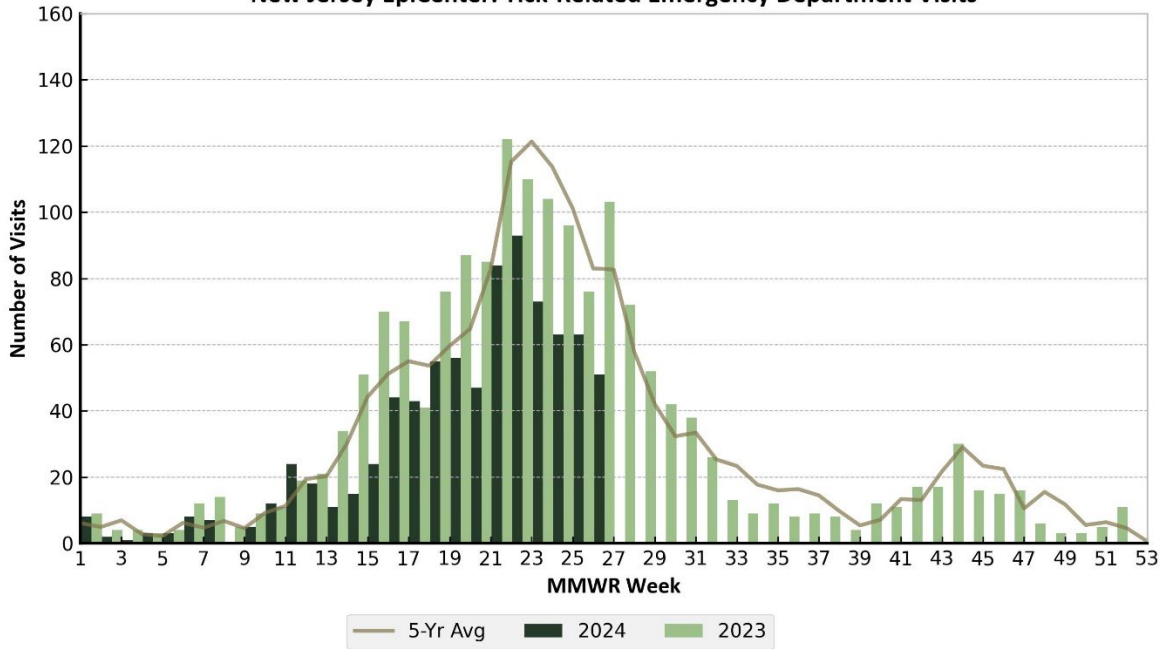


Tick-related Emergency Department Visits

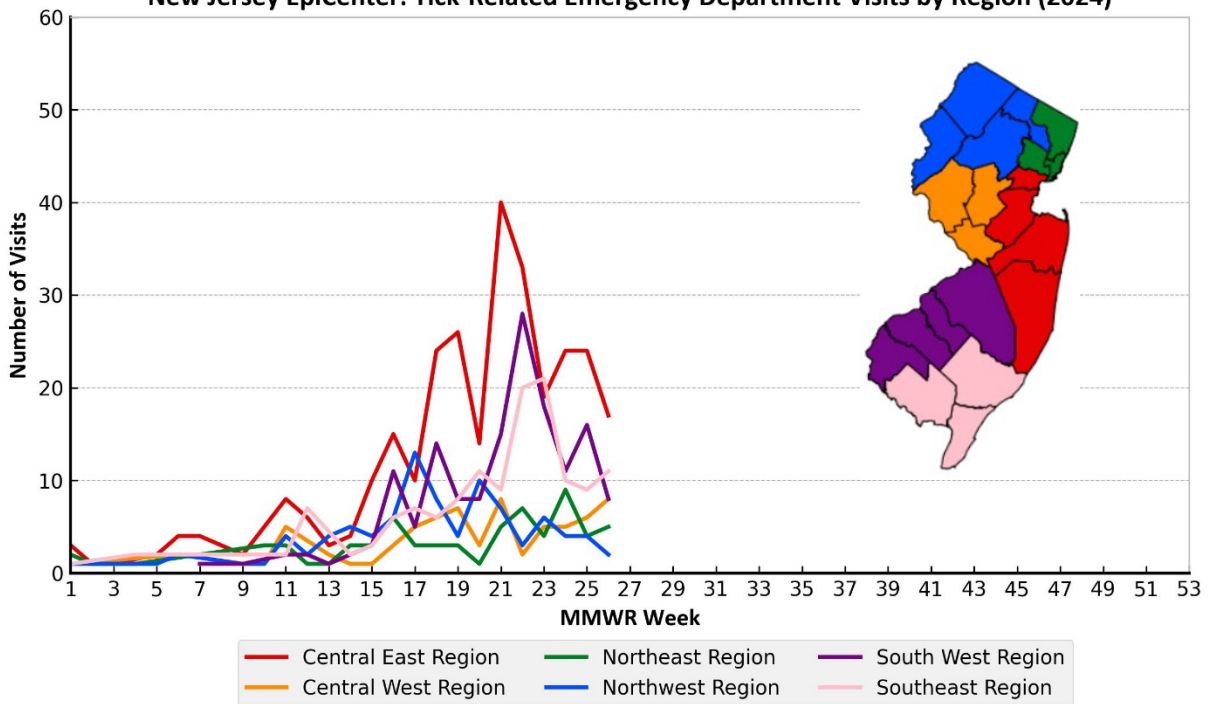
New Jersey's syndromic surveillance system, known as EpiCenter, receives real time Emergency Department (ED) data from 78 acute care and satellite health (99 percent reporting) facilities statewide. The system collects "chief complaint" information and limited patient registration data from existing ED computer systems. The chart below represents N.J. residents seen at emergency departments statewide with a tick-bite complaint or signs/symptoms associated with a reported tick-bite. Tick-related ED visits occur throughout the year with peak number of visits in the summer months and a smaller peak in the fall weeks when adult *Ixodes scapularis* (blacklegged ticks) are active.

In week 26, the number of tick-related ED visits continued to decrease and is below the number of visits from this time last year and the 5-year average.

New Jersey EpiCenter: Tick-Related Emergency Department Visits



New Jersey EpiCenter: Tick-Related Emergency Department Visits by Region (2024)



For more information

- NJDOH Communicable Disease Service: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/vectorborne.shtml>
- New Jersey Vector-borne Disease Dashboard: https://dashboards.doh.nj.gov/views/public_dashboard/Intro
- New Jersey Arboviral Activity Maps: <http://bit.ly/JerseySurv>
- NJDEP Office of Mosquito Control Coordination: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/mosquito/>
- NJDA Division of Animal Health: <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/>