



Florida Arbovirus Surveillance Week 1: December 31, 2023-January 6, 2024

Arbovirus surveillance in Florida includes endemic mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile virus (WNV), Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV), and St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV), as well as exotic viruses such as dengue virus (DENV), chikungunya virus (CHIKV), Zika virus (ZIKV) and California encephalitis group viruses (CEV). Malaria, a parasitic mosquito-borne disease is also included. During the period of December 31, 2023-January 6, 2024, the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

[This report contains information for 2023 and 2024.](#)

WNV activity: No human cases of WNV infection were reported this week. No horses with WNV infection were reported this week. No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week. No mosquito pools tested positive for WNV this week. In 2023, positive samples from nine humans, three asymptomatic blood donors, 258 sentinel chickens, one pheasant, and two horses have been reported from 22 counties.

SLEV activity: No human cases of SLEV infection were reported this week. No sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to SLEV this week. In 2023, nine sentinel chickens have been reported from eight counties.

EEEV activity: No human cases of EEEV infection were reported this week. No horses with EEEV infection was reported this week. No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week. In 2023, positive samples from 155 sentinel chickens, 17 horses, one sparrow, one laughing gull, and two humans have been reported from 23 counties.

International Travel-Associated Dengue: Nine cases of dengue were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2023, 578 travel-associated dengue cases have been reported.

Dengue Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired dengue were reported this week. In 2023, positive samples from 176 humans and one mosquito pool have been reported from five counties.

International Travel-Associated Chikungunya Fever Cases: One case of chikungunya fever was reported this week in a person that had international travel. In 2023, four cases of travel-associated chikungunya fever have been reported.

Chikungunya Fever Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever were reported this week. In 2023, no cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever have been reported.

International Travel-Associated Zika Fever Cases: No cases of Zika fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2023, no travel-associated Zika fever cases have been reported.

Zika Fever Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired Zika fever were reported this week. In 2023, no cases of locally acquired Zika fever have been reported.

Malaria Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired malaria were reported this week. In 2023, seven cases of locally acquired malaria have been reported.

Advisories/Alerts: Orange, Palm Beach, Polk, and Walton counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory. Broward, Escambia, Hardee, and Miami-Dade counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness alert. No other counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory or alert.

There are currently multiple travel health notices from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention related to mosquito-borne diseases.

Dengue			Chikungunya	Yellow Fever
Africa and the Middle East	Americas	Asia and the Pacific Islands	Africa	Africa
Burkina Faso	Colombia	Bangladesh	Burkina Faso	Nigeria
Chad	Costa Rica	Cambodia		
Côte d'Ivoire	Dominican Republic	Laos		
Ethiopia	French Guiana	Malaysia		
Mali	Guadeloupe	Pakistan		
Sudan	Guatemala	Philippines		
	Jamaica	Sri Lanka		
	Martinique	Taiwan		
	Nicaragua	Thailand		
	Panama	Vietnam		
	Peru			
	Saint Barthelemy			
	Saint Martin			

Level 1 Travel Health Notice, Level 2 Travel Health Alert: wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices.

For a map of arboviral disease activity in the United States visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/fight-the-bite/at-risk/index.html>.

2023 Human Case Summary

Eastern Equine Encephalitis Acquired in Florida: In 2023, two cases of EEEV acquired in Florida have been reported in St. Johns (June) and Suwannee (July) counties.

West Nile Virus Illnesses Acquired in Florida: In 2023, nine cases of WNV illness acquired in Florida have been reported in 2023 from Brevard (October), Escambia (July (2) and August (3)), Okaloosa (September), Sarasota (September), and Wakulla (October) counties. Three asymptomatic positive blood donors have been reported in Bay (August), Hillsborough (August), and Walton (September) counties.

2023 International Travel-Associated Chikungunya cases: Four cases with onset in 2023 have been reported in individuals with travel history to a chikungunya-endemic area in the two weeks prior to onset. Counties reporting cases were: Broward (2), Duval, and Lee. Countries of origin were: Brazil (2) and India (2).

2023 International Travel-Associated Dengue Cases: Five hundred and seventy-eight cases with onset in 2023 have been reported in individuals with travel history to a dengue-endemic area in the two weeks prior to onset. Counties reporting cases were: Alachua (3), Bay, Brevard (2), Broward (58), Charlotte, Collier (8), Duval (6), Escambia, Hendry (2), Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough (33), Indian River (2), Lee (15), Leon, Manatee (2), Marion, Miami-Dade (334), Monroe (5), Nassau, Okaloosa, Orange (19), Osceola (7), Palm Beach (34), Pasco (4), Pinellas (4), Polk (8), Sarasota (3), Seminole (3), St. Johns (4), St. Lucie (8), and Volusia (5). Thirty-one cases were reported in non-Florida residents. Seven cases met the criteria for severe dengue (dengue shock syndrome [DSS] or dengue hemorrhagic fever [DHF]). Those at greater risk for DSS and DHF include persons with previous dengue infection, pregnant women, infants, the elderly, and those with co-morbidities. However, severe illness can also occur in those without any of these risk factors. In 2023, 491 cases of dengue reported in Florida have been serotyped by PCR. Please see the table below for a breakdown of cases by country of origin and serotype.

Country of Exposure	DENV-1	DENV-2	DENV-3	DENV-4	DENV-1/ DENV-2	DENV-2/ DENV-3	DENV-3/ DENV-4	Unknown	Total
Argentina								1	1
Bahamas			4						4
Bangladesh		1	1						2
Bolivia		5							5

Brazil	10							4	14
Caribbean								1	1
Central America			2					1	3
Colombia	1		2			1		1	5
Costa Rica	1		5					2	8
Cuba	1	1	270	14		1	3	37	327
Cuba/Curacao			1						1
Dominican Republic		1	47			1	1	5	55
Dominican Republic/Haiti								1	1
Ecuador								1	1
El Salvador	1								1
Guatemala	3	2	5					2	12
Guyana			4					4	8
Haiti			9					4	13
Honduras	1		4	2				1	8
India	1	2	4			1		2	10
Indonesia		1							1
Jamaica		28							28
Maldives	1								1
Mexico		2	13					11	26
Nicaragua		1	2	6				4	13
Panama	1							1	2
Peru	6	3	1					1	11
Philippines	1								1
Puerto Rico	3	2	1					1	7
Saint Barthelemy		2						1	3
Saint Barthelemy/Saint Martin			1						1
Saint Martin								1	1
South America		1							1
Turks and Caicos			1						1
Venezuela				1					1
Total	31	52	377	23	1	3	4	87	578

2023 Dengue Cases Acquired in Florida: In 2023, 176 cases of locally acquired dengue have been reported in Broward (4), Hardee (14), Miami-Dade (156), Palm Beach, and Polk counties with onsets in January, March, June (3), July (10), August (19), September (49), October (69), November (22), and December (2). Three cases were reported in non-Florida residents. One hundred and fifty-one cases have been serotyped by PCR. Please see the table below for a breakdown of cases by county and serotype.

County of Exposure	DENV-1	DENV-2	DENV-3	Unknown	Total
Broward		3	1		4
Hardee	4			10	14
Miami-Dade	1	7	133	15	156
Palm Beach		1			1
Polk			1		1
Total	5	11	135	25	176

2023 International Travel-Associated Malaria Cases: Seventy-three cases of malaria with onset in 2023 have been reported in individuals with a travel history to a malaria-endemic area. Counties reporting cases were: Brevard, Broward (9), Collier, Duval (3), Hillsborough (9), Jackson, Lake (2), Lee (3), Leon (4), Manatee, Miami-Dade (11), Okaloosa, Orange (5), Osceola (2), Palm Beach, Pasco (2), Pinellas (4), Polk (3), Sarasota (3), Seminole (2), St. Lucie (2), Volusia (2), and Walton. Fifteen cases were reported in non-Florida residents. Please see the table below for a breakdown of cases by country of origin and *Plasmodium* species.

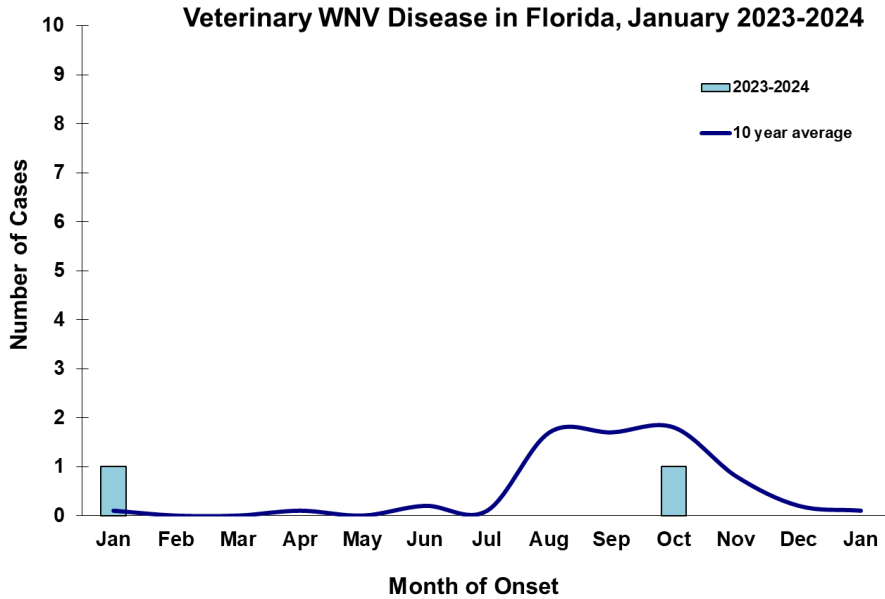
Country of Exposure	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>	<i>Plasmodium vivax</i>	<i>Plasmodium malariae</i>	<i>Plasmodium ovale</i>	Total
Angola			1		1
Burkina Faso	1				1
Burundi	1				1
Cameroon	4				4

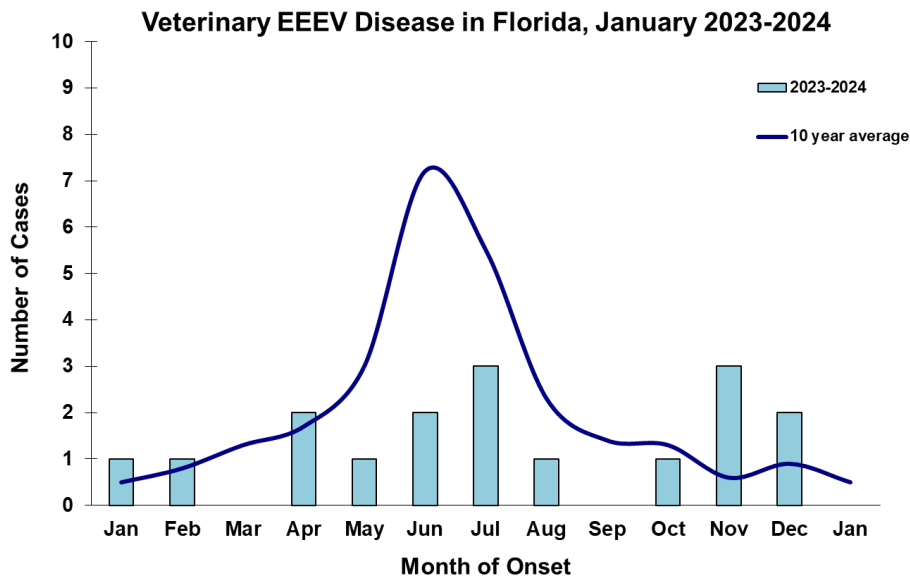
Côte D'Ivoire	2				2
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2				2
Equatorial Guinea	1				1
Ghana	5				5
Guinea	2				2
Haiti	1				1
Honduras		1			1
India	1	1			2
Kenya	1		1		2
Liberia	1				1
Mexico		1			1
Mozambique	1			1	2
Nicaragua		3			3
Nigeria	19				19
Pakistan		1			1
Sierra Leone	3		1		4
Sudan		1			1
Tanzania	1				1
Uganda	7				7
Venezuela		1			1
Multiple countries		7			7
Total	53	16	3	1	73

2023 Malaria Cases Acquired in Florida: In 2023, seven cases of locally acquired malaria have been reported in Sarasota County, with onsets in May, June (5), and July. The *Plasmodium* species reported were *Plasmodium vivax*.

Veterinary Cases**

**Veterinary cases are reported by date of onset. Only mammalian veterinary cases are included in the graphs. No veterinary cases were reported this week.



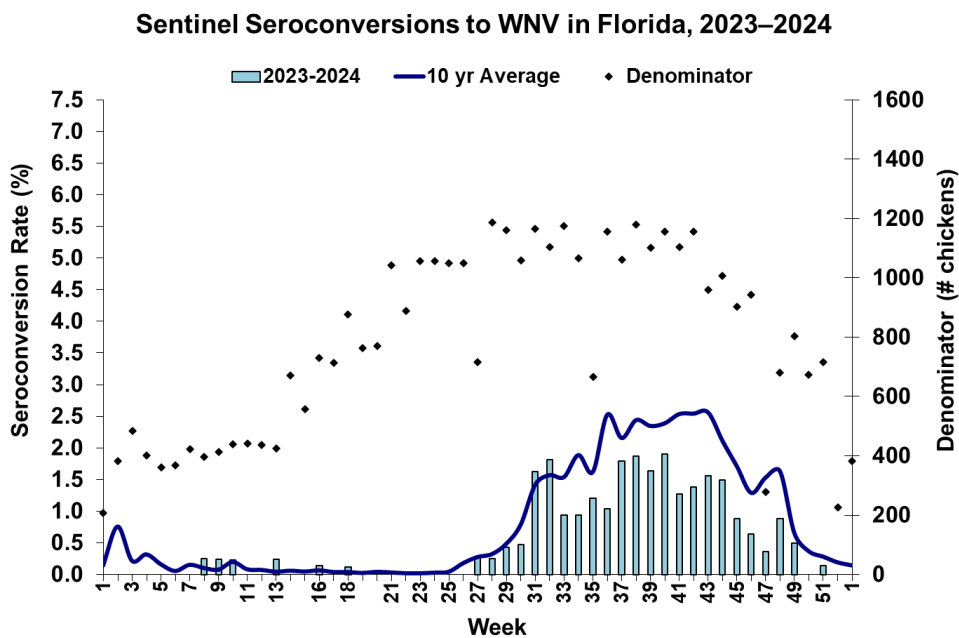


Sentinel Chickens

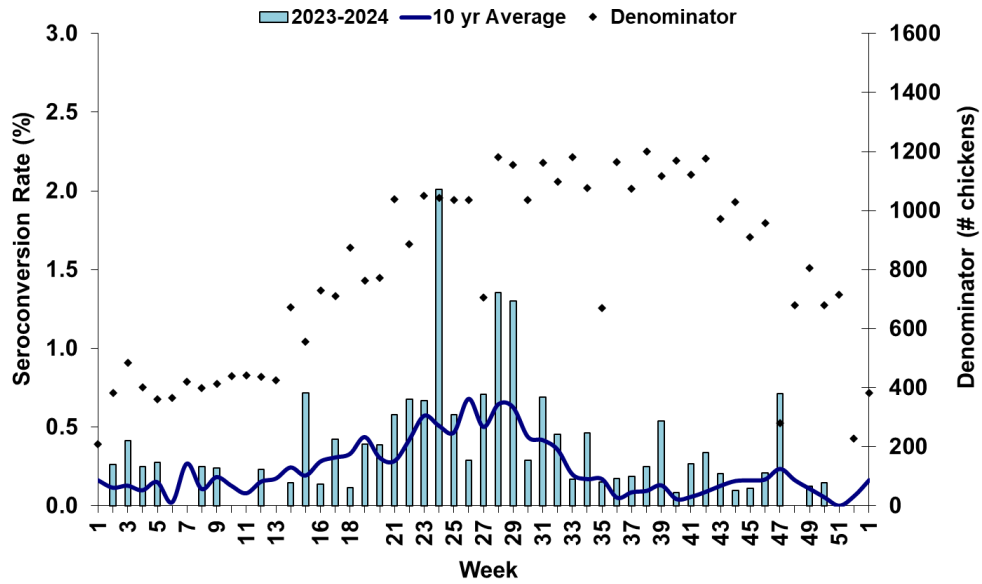
The table below is for the reporting of confirmatory laboratory results from this week. Some of the samples were collected at earlier dates. The date of collection is recorded for samples collected on that day along with the total number of positives and the corresponding seroconversion rate for the week the sample was collected.

No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to SLEV, WNV, EEEV or HJV this week.

County	Collection Date	Seroconversion Rates (%)						County Totals	
		Flavi	SLEV	WNV	Alpha	EEEV	HJV	Collection Week	YTD



Sentinel Seroconversions to EEEV in Florida, 2023–2024



Mosquito Pools

No mosquito pools tested positive for WNV or EEEV this week.

County	Collection Date	Result	Species	County YTD
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Dead Birds

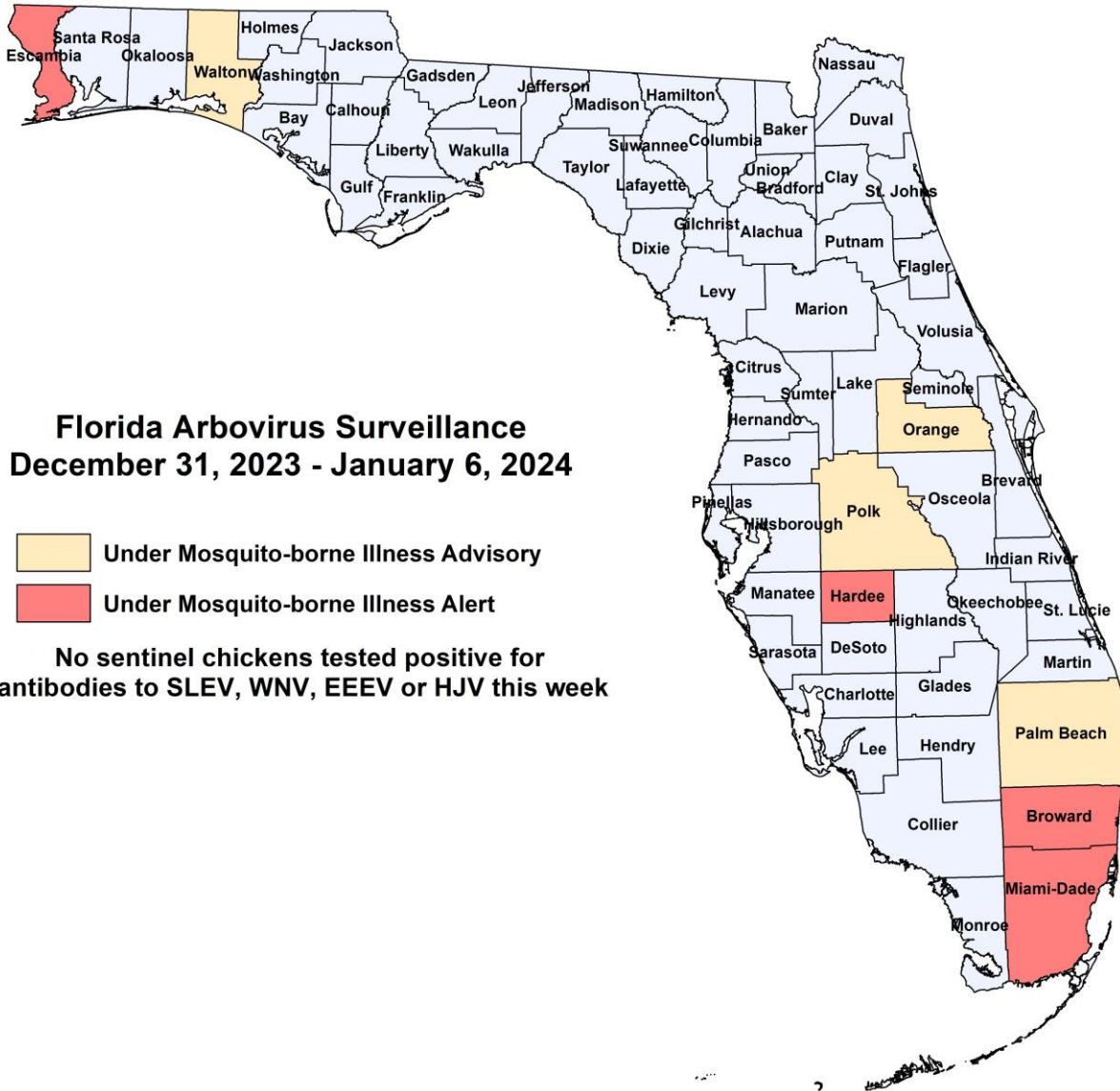
The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects reports of dead birds, which can be an indication of arbovirus circulation in an area. This week, 23 reports representing a total of 65 dead birds, including two raptors, were received from 15 counties.

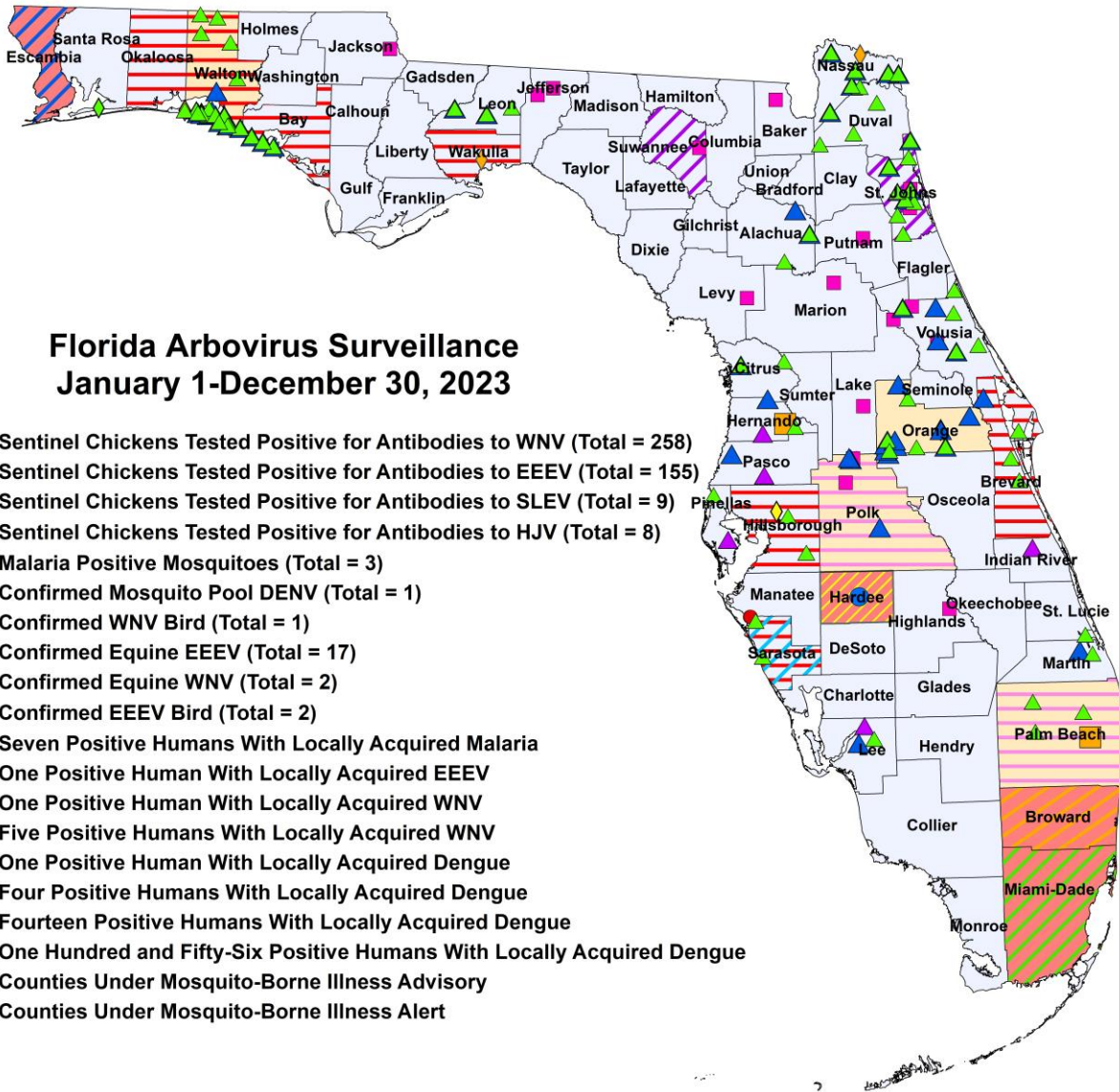
In 2024, 23 reports representing a total of 65 dead birds (0 crows, 0 jays, 2 raptors, 0 doves) were received from 15 of Florida's 67 counties.

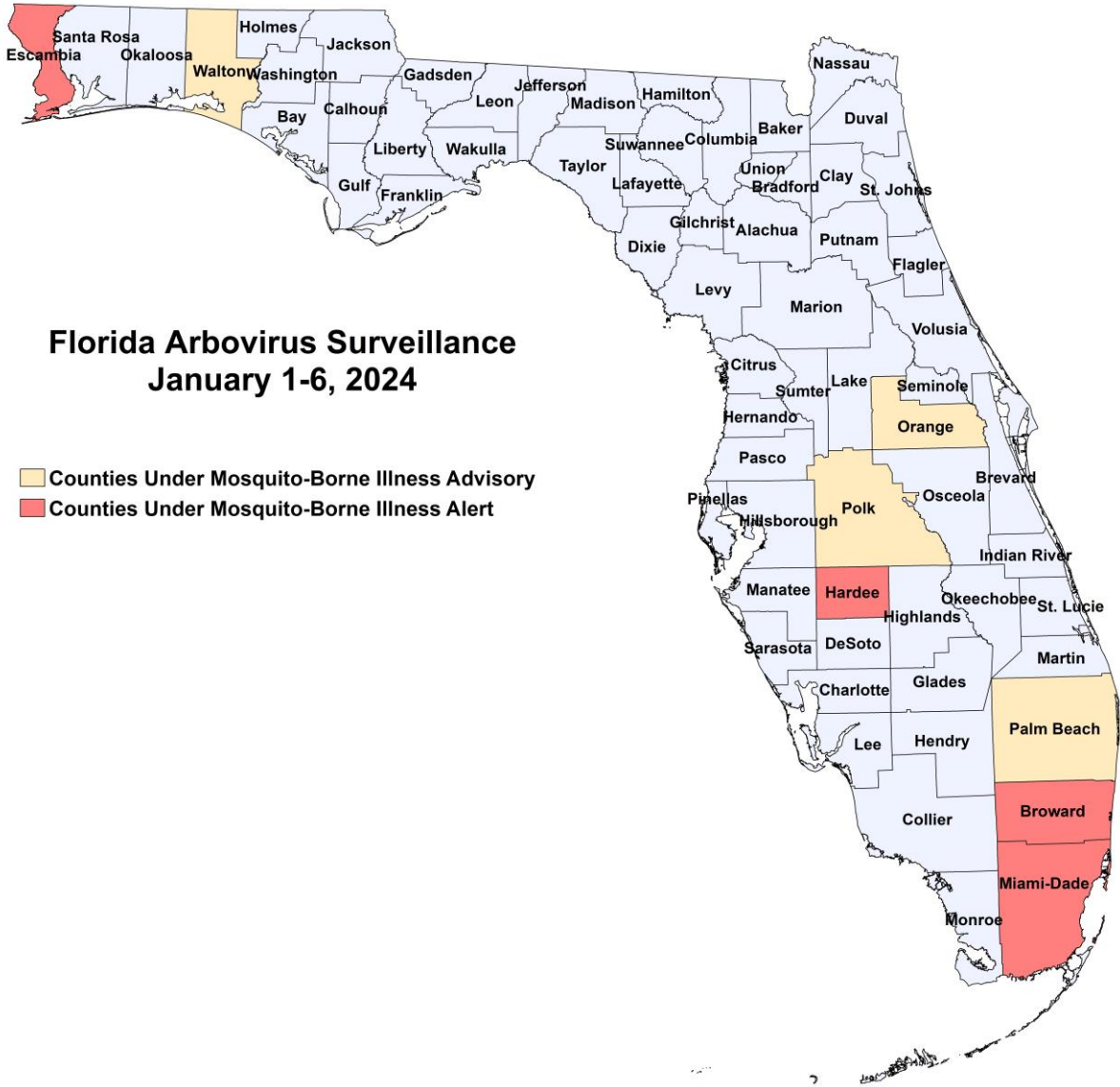
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County	Total Dead Birds	Crows	Jays	Raptors	Doves
Alachua	2	0	0	0	0
Collier	1	0	0	0	0
Duval	31	0	0	0	0
Gulf	8	0	0	0	0
Lake	1	0	0	0	0
Marion	2	0	0	0	0
Miami-Dade	1	0	0	0	0
Orange	5	0	0	0	0
Palm Beach	1	0	0	0	0
Pasco	2	0	0	0	0
Pinellas	2	0	0	0	0
Polk	1	0	0	0	0
Sarasota	2	0	0	2	0
Seminole	1	0	0	0	0
St. Johns	5	0	0	0	0

Maps







**Florida Arbovirus Surveillance
January 1-6, 2024**

- Counties Under Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory
- Counties Under Mosquito-Borne Illness Alert

2023 Mosquito-Borne Disease Activity by County

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Alachua			8 EEEV (6/19, 7/17, 8/1, 8/9, 8/23, 10/19) 4 WNV (10/9, 11/14)	
Baker		1 EEEV (5/5)		
Bay	1 WNV asymptomatic blood donor (August)		6 EEEV (5/15, 5/22, 5/30, 6/12) 14 WNV (7/17, 7/31, 8/21, 8/24, 9/11, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16)	
Brevard	1 WNV (October)		1 EEEV (3/24) 4 WNV (8/3, 10/5, 10/19)	
Broward	4 dengue (July (2), August, September)			
Citrus			3 EEEV (4/24, 11/6, 11/14) 3 WNV (10/16, 12/4)	
Duval			12 WNV (7/17, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9)	
Escambia	5 WNV (July (2), August (3))			

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Hardee	14 dengue (July, September, October (6), November (4), December (2))			1 dengue 1 mosquito (<i>Ae. aegypti</i> 11/20)
Hernando		1 WNV (1/6)	1 SLEV (10/16) 1 WNV (11/20)	
Hillsborough	1 WNV asymptomatic blood donor (August)		4 WNV (2/28, 3/7, 5/2, 11/6) 1 HJV (7/18)	
Indian River			2 SLEV (11/30)	
Jackson		1 EEEV (7/28)		
Jefferson		2 EEEV (6/22, 6/30)		
Lake		2 EEEV (1/29, 12/11)		
Lee			1 EEEV (1/9) 1 SLEV (10/9) 1 WNV (10/16)	
Leon			8 EEEV (7/6, 8/1, 8/7, 8/22, 9/19, 10/2, 10/31) 5 WNV (8/7, 8/15, 9/19, 10/2)	
Levy		1 EEEV (10/8)		
Marion		1 EEEV (11/21)		
Martin			1 EEEV (8/4) 2 WNV (10/6, 10/13)	
Miami-Dade	156 dengue (January, March, June (3), July (6), August (18), September (46), October (63), November (18))			
Nassau			48 EEEV (6/2, 6/16, 6/23, 7/7, 7/15, 7/21, 8/11, 8/18, 8/31, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/14, 10/20, 10/27, 11/17) 55 WNV (8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/31, 9/8, 9/22, 9/29, 10/7, 10/14, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10)	1 EEEV sparrow (6/24)
Okaloosa	1 WNV (September)			
Orange			4 WNV (2/20, 7/10, 8/28, 10/2) 23 EEEV (1/17, 2/20, 2/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1, 5/15, 5/30, 6/5, 7/10, 7/17, 8/1, 10/2, 11/19, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11) 1 HJV (5/8)	
Palm Beach	1 dengue (September)	1 WNV (10/4)	11 WNV (4/18, 9/1, 9/18, 9/25, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 11/14)	
Pasco			1 EEEV (4/24) 1 SLEV (11/6)	
Pinellas			1 WNV (12/4) 1 SLEV (12/18)	
Polk	1 dengue (July)	2 EEEV (4/7, 4/10)	4 EEEV (5/22, 5/26, 7/24, 10/23)	
Putnam		1 EEEV (7/31)		
Santa Rosa				1 WNV pheasant (8/29)

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Sarasota	7 malaria (May, June (5), July) 1 WNV (September)		2 WNV (9/15, 10/17)	3 <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> mosquitoes (<i>Anopheles crucians</i> [6/1, 6/2, 6/5])
Seminole			2 WNV (9/11, 9/26)	
St. Johns	1 EEE (June)	2 EEEV (2/2, 7/6)	5 EEEV (6/12, 6/26, 7/31, 8/21) 58 WNV (7/5, 7/10, 7/17 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/5, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6) 1 SLEV (10/30)	
Suwanee	1 EEE (July)	1 EEEV (8/21)		
Volusia		1 EEEV (12/12)	8 EEEV (1/17, 1/23, 1/30, 4/10, 4/17, 6/12, 7/17) 12 WNV (7/3, 8/14, 9/5, 9/11, 9/25, 10/2, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13) 1 SLEV (9/25)	
Wakulla	1 WNV (October)			1 EEEV laughing gull (8/1)
Walton	1 WNV asymptomatic blood donor (September)		62 WNV (3/27, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/8, 8/14, 8/15, 8/21, 8/22, 8/28, 8/30, 9/11, 9/12, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/3, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 10/31, 11/6, 11/14, 11/27, 11/28, 12/4) 38 EEEV (4/3, 4/10, 5/8, 5/30, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 6/28, 7/3, 7/11, 7/17, 7/24, 8/8, 8/14, 9/26) 6 HJV (5/8, 5/22, 6/12, 8/21) 1 SLEV (7/31)	

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For more surveillance information, please see the DOH website at: www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/surveillance.html

For arbovirus surveillance information for the United States, please see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/surv&control.htm

Case tallies included in the weekly Florida arbovirus surveillance report include confirmed and probable cases for EEE, WNV infection, SLE, dengue, chikungunya, and malaria by date of onset. Suspect cases are not included. Activity is mapped by county of exposure rather than county of residence. Case definitions being used in Florida are consistent with national criteria provided by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) and may be viewed at: www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/disease-reporting-and-management/disease-reporting-and-surveillance/index.html. Case tallies reported by CDC do not include suspect cases and cases are reported by patient state of residence rather than where the exposure occurred. Data is provided by county health departments, Department of Health Bureau of Public Health Laboratories, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, mosquito control agencies, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, medical providers and veterinarians. Equine cases are provided by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.