

# WEST NILE VIRUS AND OTHER MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASE NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE REPORT

AUG 23 TO AUG 29, 2015 – REPORT WEEK 34

## CANADA

### HUMANS

During surveillance week 34, ending on Aug 29, 2015, six (6) human clinical cases of West Nile virus were reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada (the Agency). Of these, five cases were reported in Ontario (Toronto, Niagara, Chatham, Windsor and Eastern Ontario) and one case in Quebec (Laval). Additionally, one asymptomatic infection was reported in Quebec (Laval).

As of surveillance week 34, a total of 12 human clinical cases have been reported to the Agency: Ontario (8) and Quebec (4). Of these, three (25%) were classified as West Nile virus Neurological syndrome, nine (75%) as West Nile virus Non-neurological syndrome. In addition, one asymptomatic infection has been reported in Quebec (Laval).

### MOSQUITOES

As of surveillance week 34, 109 mosquito pools have tested positive for West Nile virus in Canada: Ontario (63), Manitoba (28), Saskatchewan (15) and Quebec (3).

### DEAD BIRDS

As of surveillance week 34, the [Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative](#) has reported 24 dead birds that were tested positive for West Nile virus: Ontario (15) and Quebec (9).

### DOMESTIC ANIMALS

As of surveillance week 34, the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#) has reported 6 horses that were tested positive for West Nile virus: Ontario (3), Manitoba (1), Saskatchewan (1) and Alberta (1).

One horse from Ontario was tested positive for Eastern equine encephalitis virus.

### UNITED STATES

As of Aug 25, 2015, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) has reported a total of 303 human cases of West Nile virus:

Alabama ( 3), Arizona (45), Arkansas (7), California (57), Colorado (8 ), Delaware (1 ), District of Columbia (1), Florida (5), Georgia (4), Idaho (5), Illinois (1), Indiana (1), Iowa (1), Kansas (7), Louisiana ( 12), Maryland (4), Mississippi (13), Missouri (2), Nebraska (14), New Jersey (3), New Mexico ( 2), New York (1), North Dakota (4 ), Ohio (9 ), Oklahoma (10), Pennsylvania (6), South Dakota(14), Tennessee (3 ), Texas (35), Virginia (4 ), Washington(16), Wisconsin (1) and Wyoming (4).

Of these, 173 (57.1 %) were diagnosed as neuroinvasive disease cases, 130 (42.9%) as non-neuroinvasive disease cases. 7 fatal cases were reported. 75 presumptive viremic blood donors have been identified.

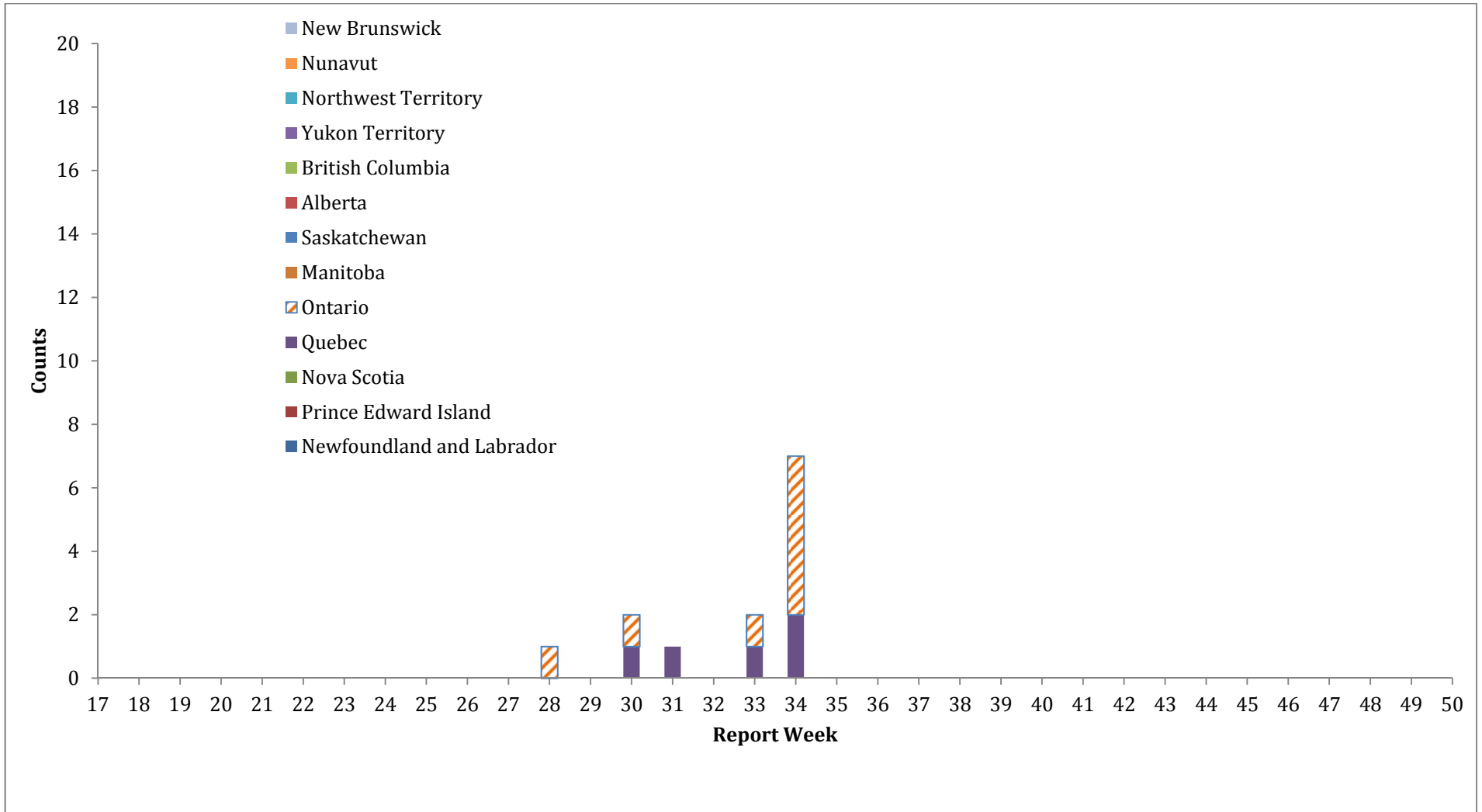
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## EUROPEAN UNION, EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

As of 3 September 2015, 41 cases of West Nile fever in humans have been reported in the EU Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK, as well as 36 cases in the neighboring countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia, since the beginning of the 2015 transmission season.

FIGURE 1: West Nile Virus human clinical cases and asymptomatic infections, by Province/Territory and by report week, 2015 season





**TABLE 2:** West Nile Virus human clinical cases and asymptomatic infections by Province/Territory for the current report week and year to date, 2015 season

	Week 34: Aug 23 to Aug 29, 2015					
	West Nile virus neurological syndrome	West Nile virus non-neurological syndrome	Unclassified/unspecified	Total clinical cases <sup>1</sup>	Number of travel-related cases <sup>2</sup>	West Nile virus asymptomatic infection <sup>3</sup>
Newfoundland and Labrador	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quebec	1	0	0	1	0	1
Ontario	1	4	0	5	0	0
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alberta	0	0	0	0	0	0
British Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	4	0	6	0	1

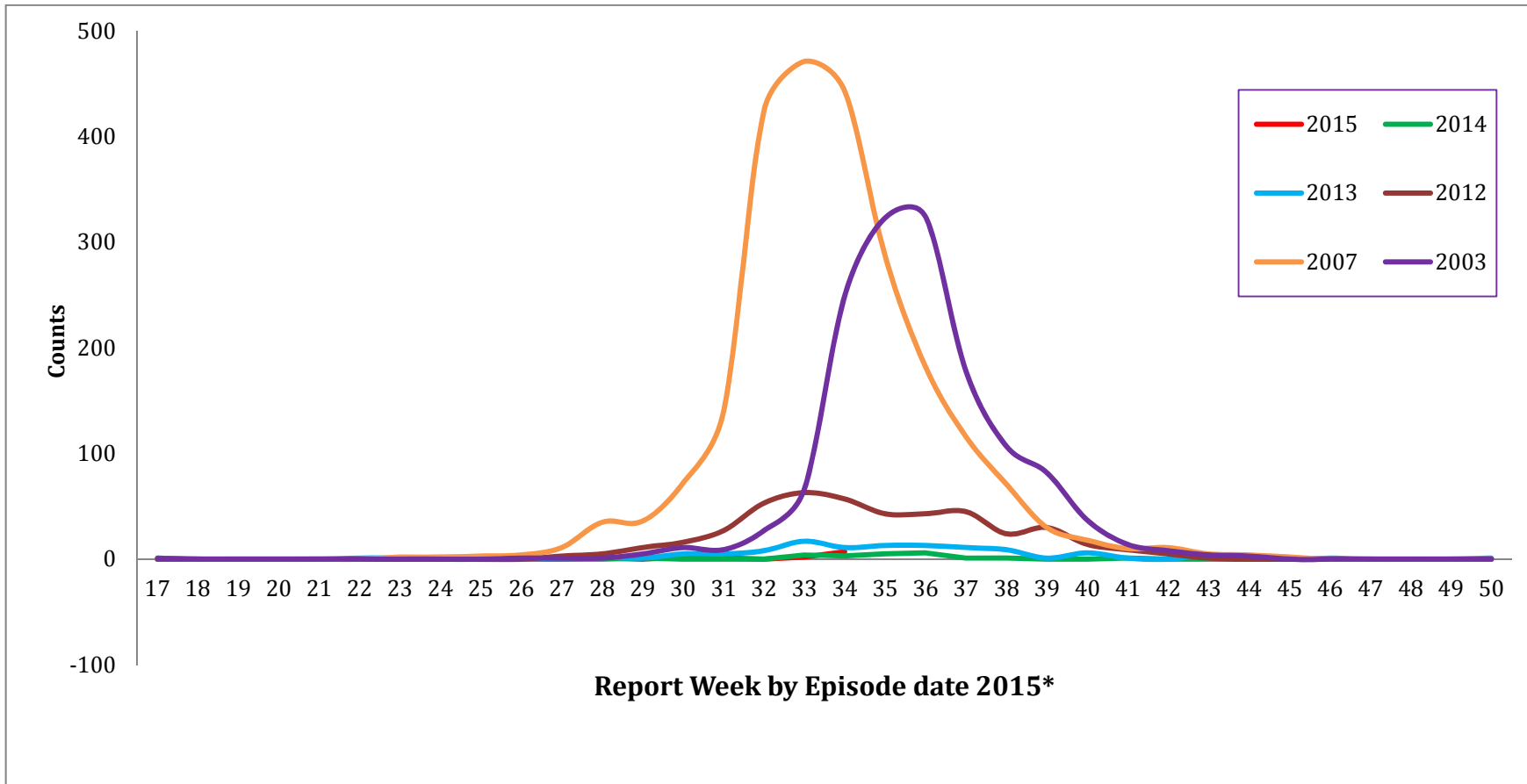
	Year to date: January 1 to Aug 29, 2015					
	West Nile virus neurological syndrome	West Nile virus non-neurological syndrome	Unclassified/unspecified	Total clinical cases <sup>1</sup>	Number of travel-related cases <sup>2</sup>	West Nile virus asymptomatic infection <sup>3</sup>
Newfoundland and Labrador	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quebec	2	2	0	4	1	1
Ontario	1	7	0	8	0	0
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alberta	0	0	0	0	0	0
British Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	9	0	12	1	1

<sup>1</sup> Total clinical cases is the sum of both probable and confirmed: West Nile virus neurological and non-neurological syndromes, along with any unclassified or unspecified cases.

<sup>2</sup> Likely related to travel outside the Province/Territory. These cases are included in either the total clinical cases or West Nile virus asymptomatic infections.

<sup>3</sup> Satisfies West Nile virus diagnostic test criteria in the absence of clinical criteria. This category could include asymptomatic blood donors whose blood is screened using a nucleic acid amplification test, by blood operators (i.e. Canadian Blood Services or Hema-Quebec) and is subsequently brought to the attention of public health officials. Blood operators in Canada perform a supplementary West Nile virus specific nucleic acid amplification test following any positive donor screen test result.

**FIGURE 2:** West Nile Virus clinical cases and asymptomatic infections by report week for selected years



\* West Nile virus clinical cases and asymptomatic infections are grouped by report week, based on episode date. Episode date could include one of the following: onset date, diagnosis date, lab sample date or reporting date.

**TABLE 3:** West Nile Virus clinical cases and asymptomatic infections by report week for selected years

	Report week																														
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	7													
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4*	3	5	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	5	5	8	17	11	13	13	11	9	1	6	1	0	4	1	0	1	0
2012	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	11	16	27	53	63	57	43	43	45	24	30	14	9	5	1	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	4	11	35	36	72	139	424	471	443	287	182	116	71	30	18	10	11	5	4	2	0	0
2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	11	28	28	38	45	27	15	7	12	3	3	1	0	0	0
2003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	11	9	27	66	249	323	324	178	107	82	37	14	8	4	3	0	0	0

\* One of these cases was likely exposed prior to the 2014 West Nile virus season.



**TABLE 4.1:** Number of West Nile Virus mosquito pools tested weekly by Province/Territory - 2015 season<sup>1</sup>

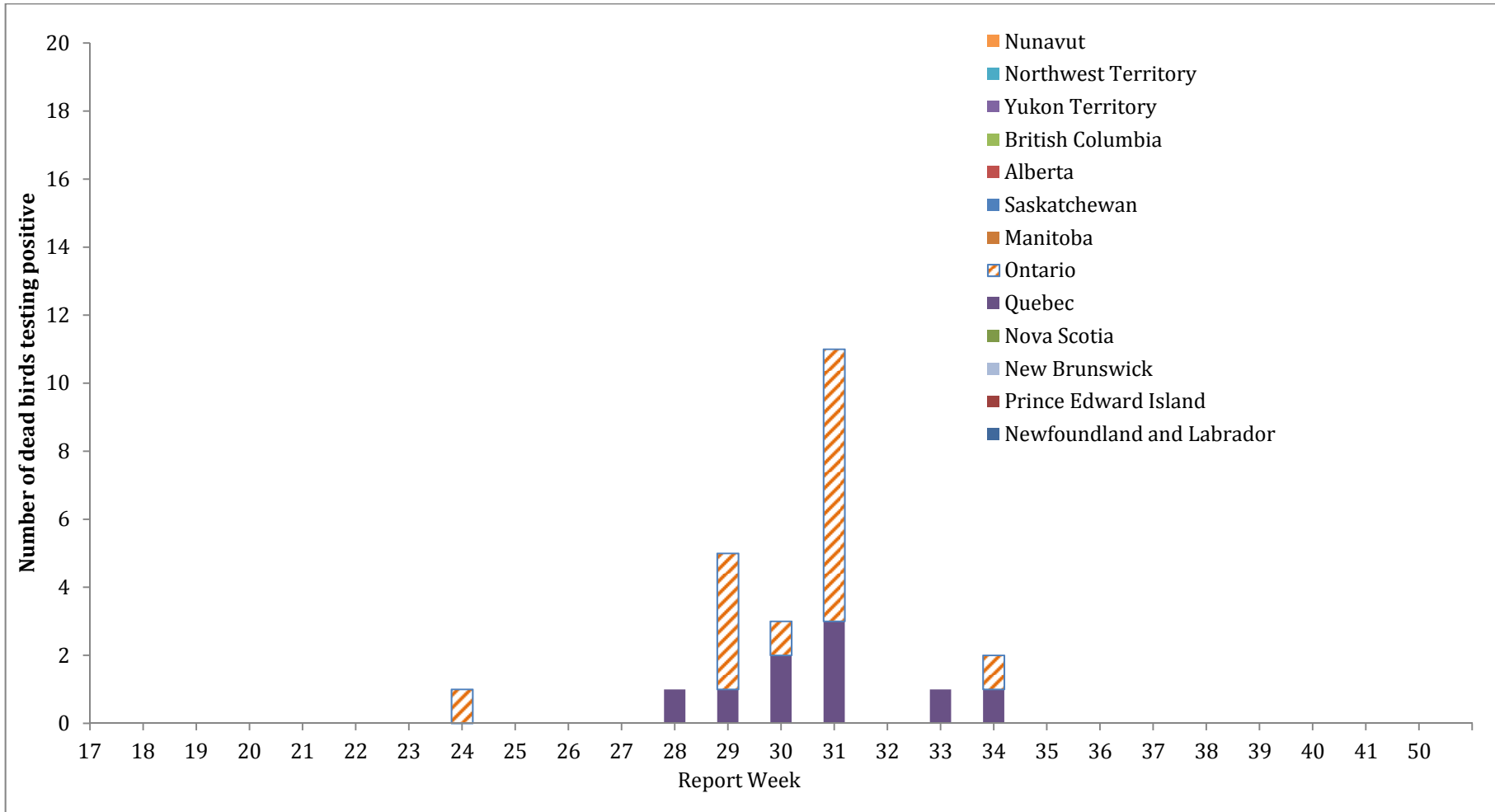
Province / Territory	Report week of 2015																												
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	Total
Newfoundland and Labrador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											0
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											0
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											0
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											0
Quebec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	127	132	131	129	126	112	125	0											1002
Ontario	0	0	0	0	0	180	356	852	886	954	1152	1216	1219	1222	1176	1168	1168	987											12536
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	12	4	87	82	44	75	73	132	139	204	275	195	228	69											1619
Saskatchewan	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	10	13	16	40	47	69	67	80	94	42											486
Alberta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											0
British Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											0
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											0
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											0
Total	0	0	0	0	14	184	446	937	940	1162	1368	1520	1536	1624	1644	1555	1615	1098											15643

<sup>1</sup> Detailed West Nile virus mosquito surveillance data can be accessed through [Provincial/Territorial websites](#).

**TABLE 4.2:** Number of mosquito pools tested and number of positive mosquito pools by Province/Territory, 2015 season

Province	Year to date: January 1 to Aug 29, 2015		
	Number of positive mosquito pools	Number of mosquito pools tested	Percentage of positive mosquito pools (%)
Quebec	3	1002	0.30
Ontario	63	12536	0.50
Manitoba	28	1619	1.73
Saskatchewan	15	486	3.09
Total	109	15643	0.70

**FIGURE 3:** Reported number of dead birds testing positive for West Nile Virus by Province/Territory and by report week, 2015 season\*



\* Data from the [Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative](#) and the [Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services](#)

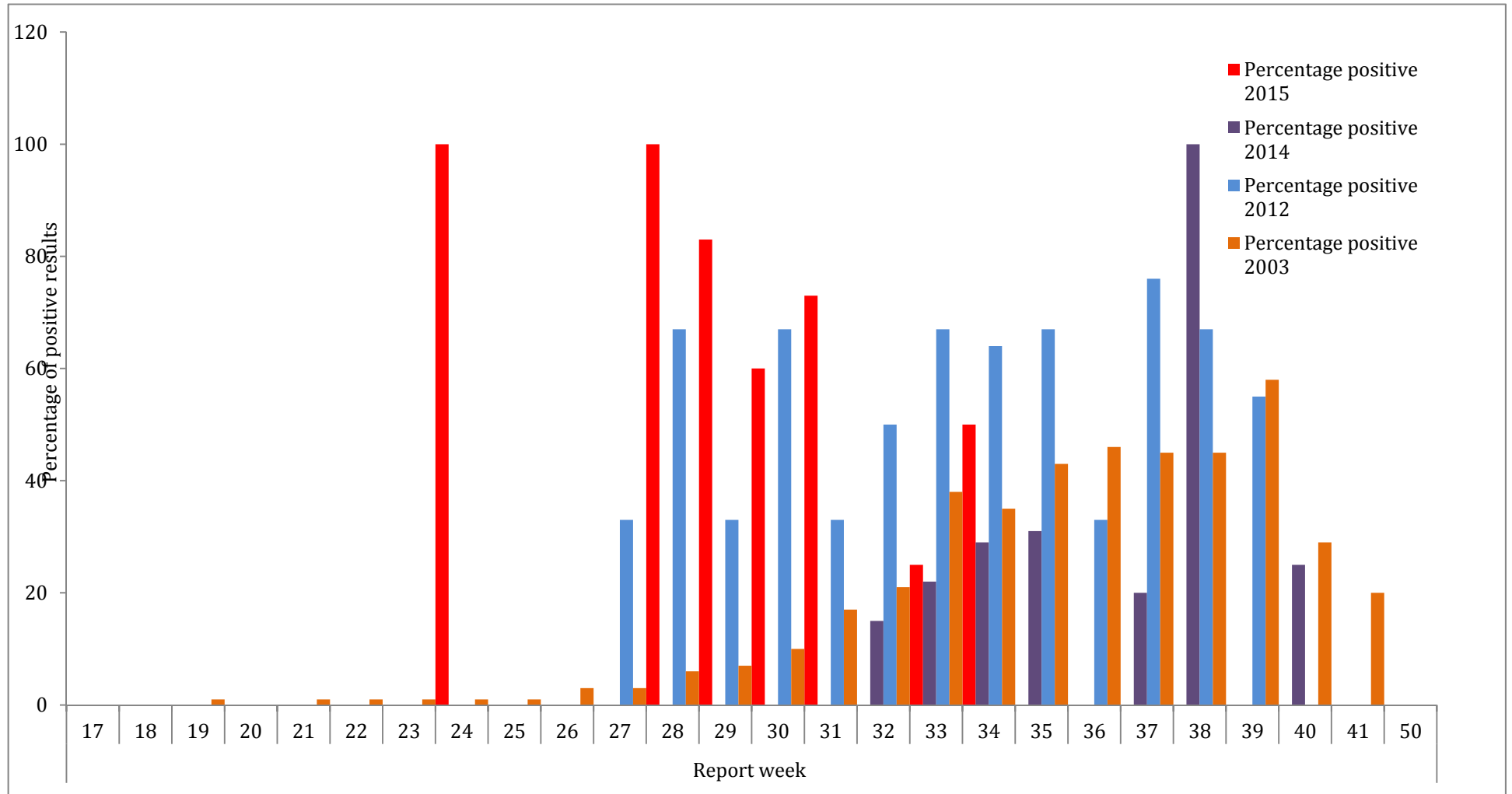
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	Report week of 2015																														
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Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0
Quebec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>													9
Ontario	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	8	0	0	1													15
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0
Saskatchewan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0
Alberta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0
British Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>													<b>24</b>

\* Data from the [Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative](#).

<sup>1</sup>Data from the Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services

**FIGURE 4:** Percentage of dead birds testing positive for West Nile Virus in the 2015 season by report week, as compared to the 2003, 2012 and 2014 seasons



**TABLE 6:** Percentage of dead birds testing positive for West Nile Virus in the 2015 season by report week, as compared to the 2003, 2012 and 2014 seasons

		Report week																															
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	
Numbers positive	2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	3	11	0	1	2														
Numbers tested	2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	6	5	15	7	4	3														
Percentage positive	2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	100	83	60	73	0	25	67														
Numbers positive	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	4	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Numbers tested	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41*	10	13	9	7	13	6	10	3	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Percentage positive	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	22	29	31	0	20	100	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Percentage positive	2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	67	33	67	33	50	67	64	67	33	67	67	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Percentage positive	2003	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	6	7	10	17	21	38	35	43	46	45	45	58	29	20	15	8	0	0	0	0	

\* Data became available during Week 30; this is a cumulative number of dead birds tested from Week 1 to Week 30.