



West Nile virus and Other Mosquito-borne Diseases National Surveillance Report September 17 to September 23, 2017 (Week 38)

West Nile Virus

Canada

Humans

During week 38, September 17 to September 23, 2017, five confirmed clinical cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) from Ontario were reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). Retrospectively, thirty additional cases were reported: six in Québec, twenty in Ontario two in Manitoba and two in Alberta.

As of week 38, 138 clinical cases and six asymptomatic infections have been reported to the PHAC by five provinces (Ontario [123], Québec [12], Manitoba [3], Alberta [5], and British Columbia [1]. Of the 138 clinical cases, fifty-one (37%) were classified as WNV neurological syndrome. As of September 23, six deaths associated with West Nile virus have been reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada during the 2017 season.

Mosquitoes

As of initial surveillance, 16,603 mosquito pools have been tested for WNV in Canada: Québec (1,727), Ontario (13,461), Manitoba (1,028), and Saskatchewan (387).

A total of 538 positive pools of WNV have been found in the following four provinces: 404 in Ontario [Brant County (2), Chatham-Kent (3), Durham Region (10), Eastern Ontario (5), Halton Region (36), Hamilton (30), Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District (1), Hastings and Prince Edward Counties (13), Huron County (2), Kingston-Frontenac and Lennox and Addington (5), Lambton (2), Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit (1), Middlesex-London (7), Niagara Region (15), Northwestern (1), Ottawa (34), Oxford County (1), Peel (112), Perth District (6), Peterborough County-City (2), Renfrew County and District (2), Simcoe Muskoka District (2), Toronto (62), Waterloo (3), Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (3), Windsor-Essex County (29), and York Regional (15)]; forty-one in Manitoba [(Winnipeg (13), Southern (5), Interlake Eastern (7), and Prairie Mountain (16)]; eighty-three in Québec [Capitale-Nationale (9), Mauricie et du Centre-du-Québec (6), Montréal (10), Outaouais (3), Laval (5), Lanaudière (9), Laurentides (41)]; and ten in Saskatchewan.

Birds

As of week 38, the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative has tested 163 dead birds for WNV [Quebec (96), Ontario (51), Saskatchewan (12), Manitoba (2) and British Columbia (2)]. Of these, 118 were positive: seventy-four in Quebec, two in Manitoba, thirty-four in Ontario, and eight in Saskatchewan.

Domestic Animals

As of week 38, thirty-four horses with WNV infection were reported to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA): five in Québec, thirteen in Ontario, seven in Saskatchewan, five in Alberta, and four in British Columbia.

United States and U.S. territories

As of September 26, 2017, 1,047 human cases of WNV have been reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Of these, 658 (63%) were classified as neuroinvasive disease and 389 (37%) as non-neuroinvasive disease. In addition, 161 presumptive viremic blood donors have been identified.

<https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/statsmaps/preliminarymapsdata2017/disease-cases-state.html>

Europe and Neighbouring Countries

As of September 21, 2017, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) reported a total of 184 (confirmed and probable) cases of West Nile fever [Austria (2), Greece (45), Hungary (14), Israel (9), Italy (47), Romania (39), and Serbia (28)].

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/west_nile_fever/West-Nile-fever-maps/pages/index.aspx

Other Mosquito-borne Diseases

Canada

Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus

No human cases of eastern equine encephalitis virus have been reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada in 2017.

California Serogroup virus

Since January 1, 2017, fifteen human cases of laboratory-confirmed cases/exposures of California serogroup virus were diagnosed by the National Microbiology Laboratory in Canada: Alberta (2), Saskatchewan (2), Manitoba (1), Ontario (1), Quebec (8), and Nova Scotia (1). Of these cases, eleven cases were further classified as Jamestown Canyon virus and one Snowshoe hare virus.

FIGURE 1: Geographic distribution of WNV human cases in Canada, as of September 23, 2017

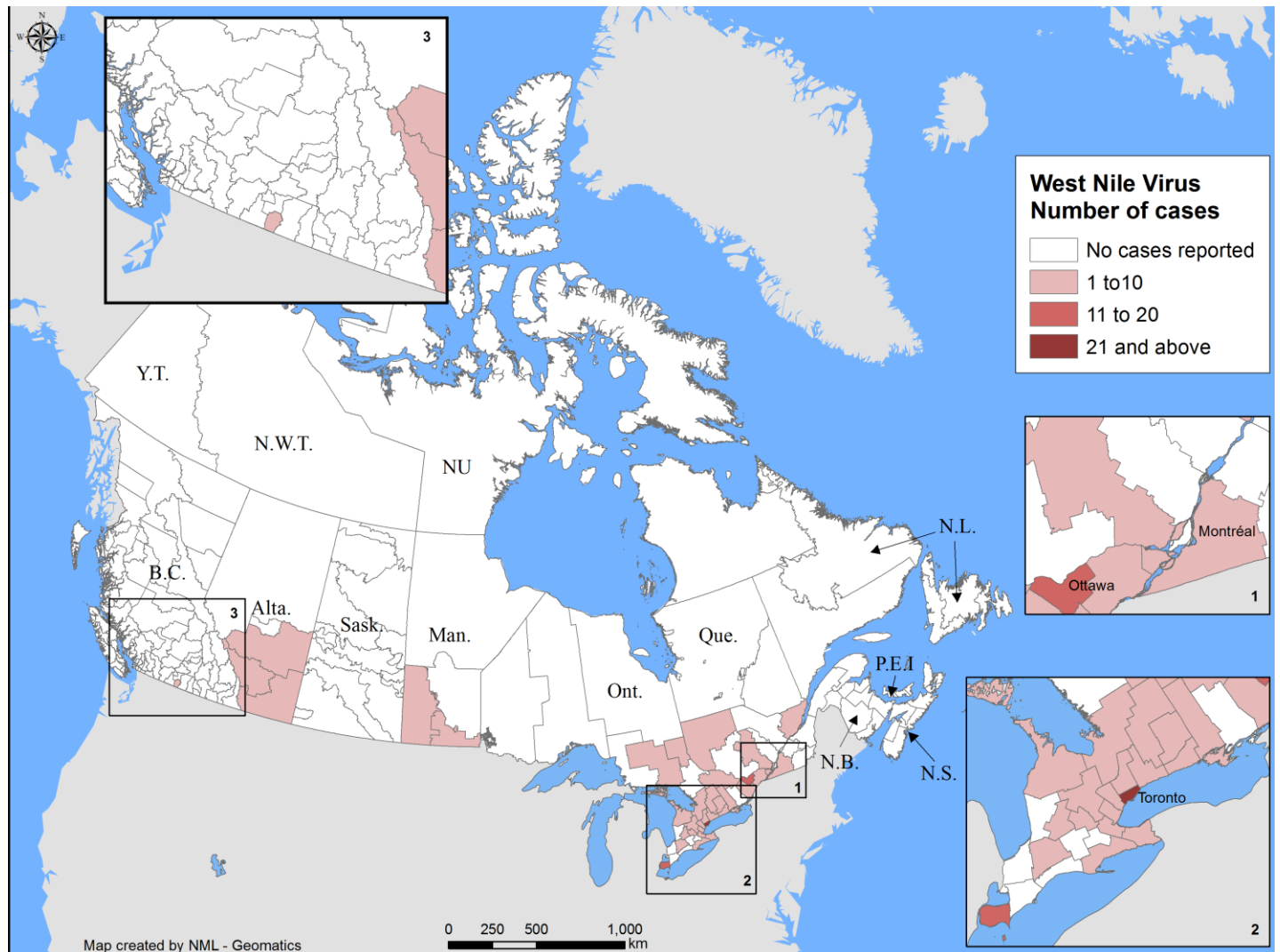
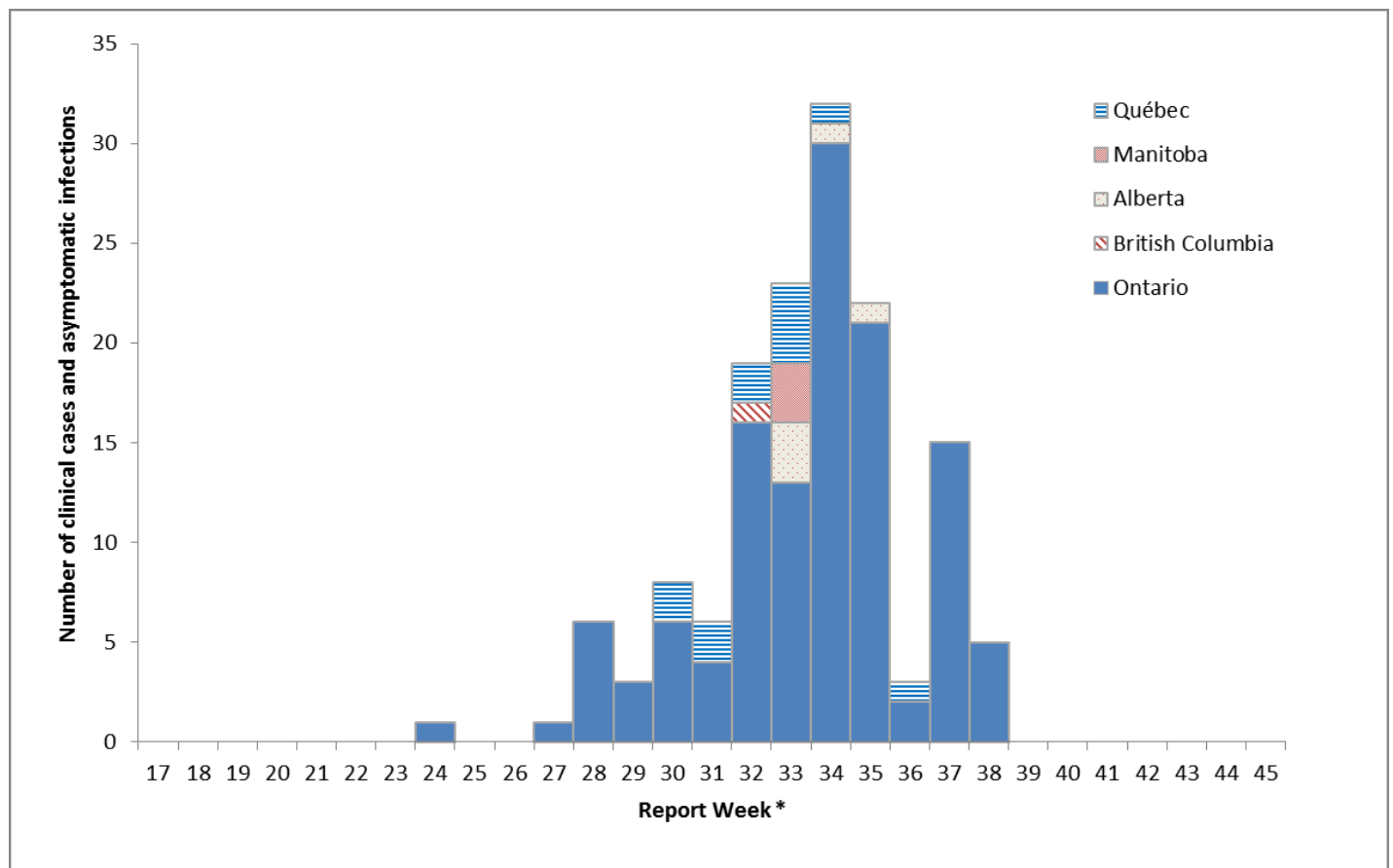
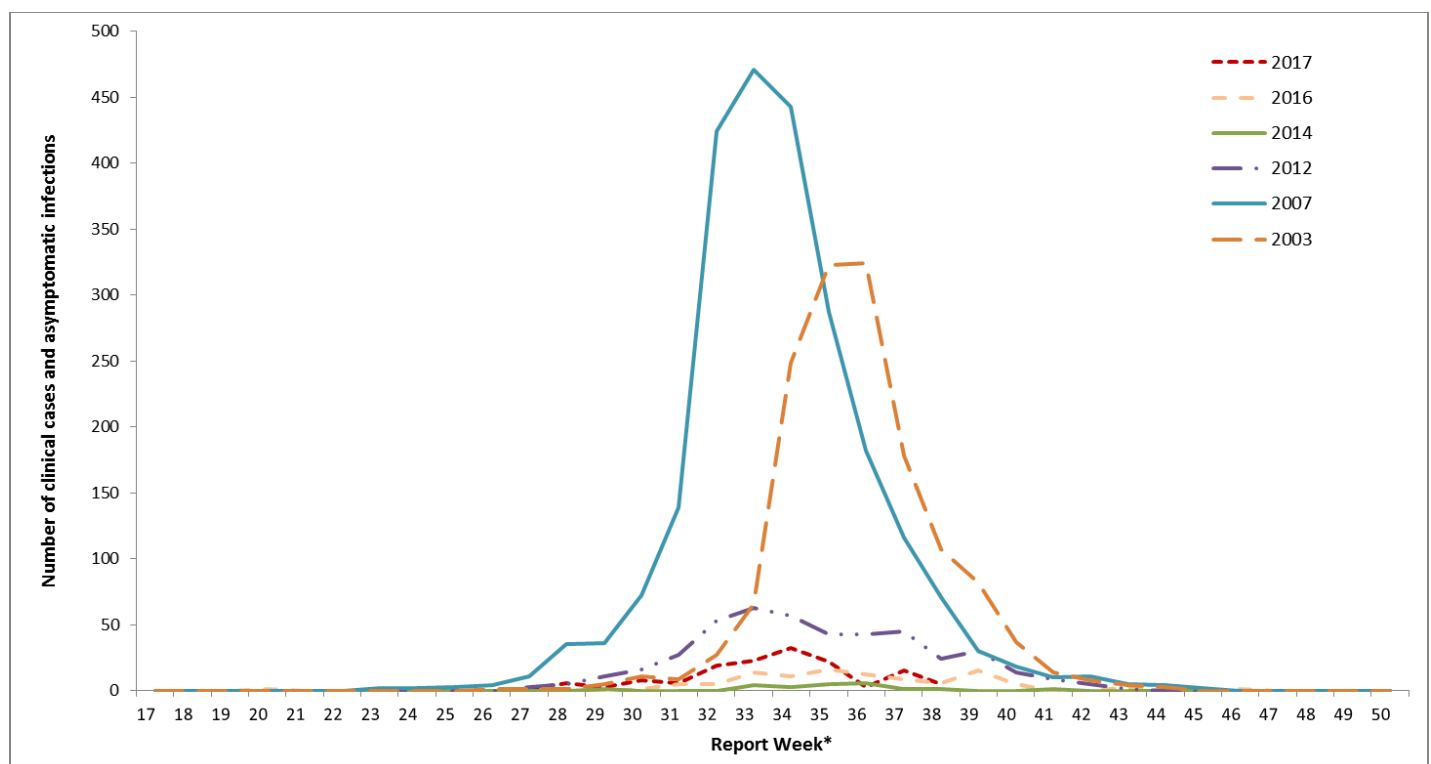


FIGURE 2: West Nile Virus human clinical cases and asymptomatic infections by province/territory as of September 23, 2017



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FIGURE 3: West Nile Virus human clinical cases and asymptomatic infections for selected years, in Canada



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TABLE 1: West Nile Virus human clinical cases and asymptomatic infections by province/territory for the current report week and year to date, 2017 season

Week 38: September 17 to September 23, 2017						
Province/Territory	WNV clinical cases			Total clinical cases¹	Number of travel-related WNV cases²	Number of asymptomatic WNV infection³
	Neurological syndrome	Non-neurological syndrome	Unclassified/Unspecified			
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
Québec	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ontario	1	1	3	5	0	0
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan ⁴	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	1	1	3	5	0	0
Year to date: January 1 to September 23, 2017						
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
Québec	9	2	0	11	0	1
Ontario	38	38	43	119	19	4
Manitoba	2	1	0	3	0	0
Saskatchewan ⁴	0	-	-	-	-	-
Alberta	2	2	1	5	1	0
British Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	1
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	51	43	44	138	20	6

¹ Total clinical cases are the sum of confirmed and probable: WNV neurological and non-neurological syndromes, along with any unclassified or unspecified cases.

² Likely related to travel outside the Province/Territory. These cases are included in either the total clinical cases or WNV asymptomatic infections.

³ Satisfies WNV 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 WNV specific nucleic acid amplification test following any positive donor screen test result.

⁴ Saskatchewan provides counts of WNV neurological syndrome cases only.

TABLE 2: Number of mosquito pools tested for WNV and number of positive mosquito pools by province/territory, 2017 season

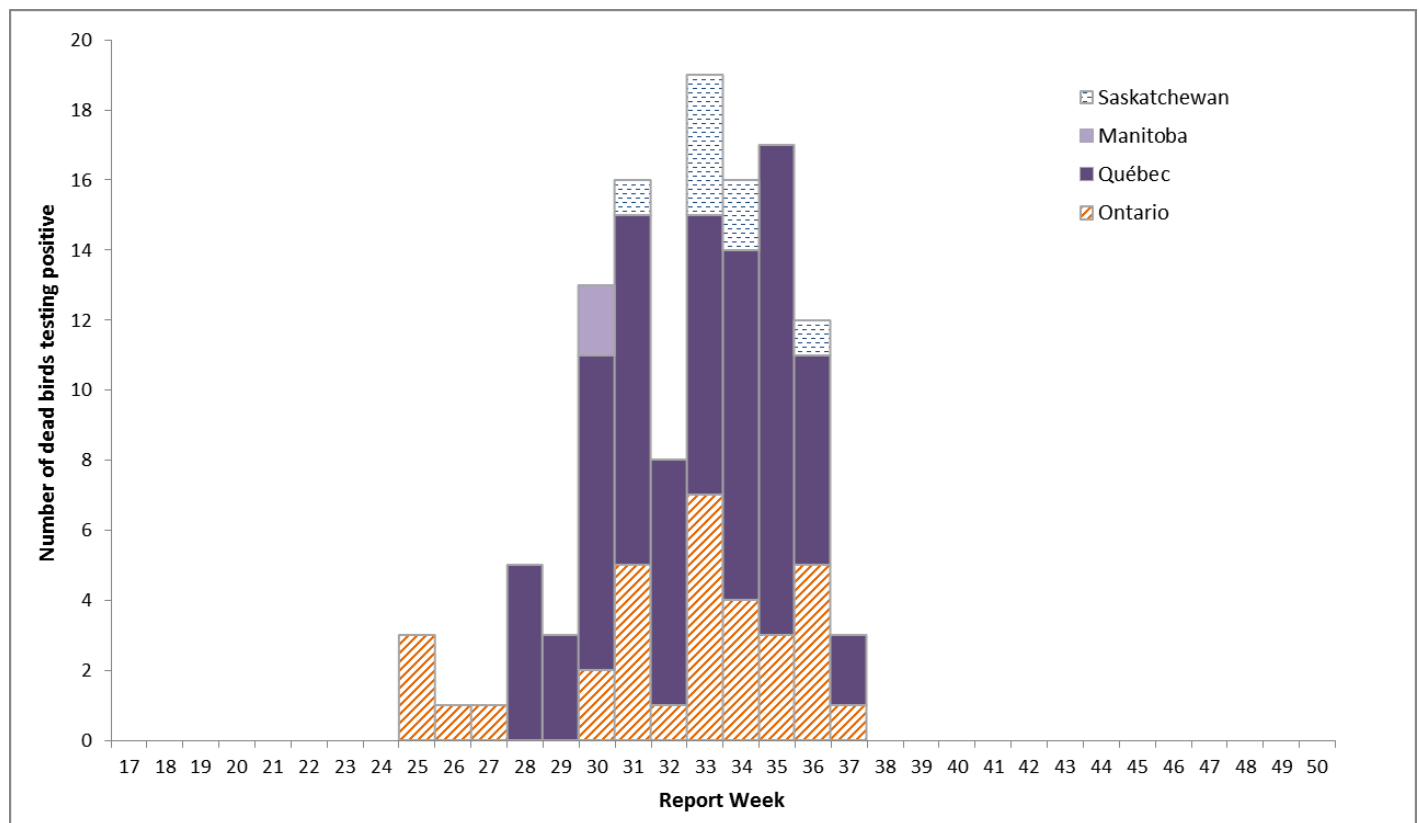
Province / Territory	Year to date: January 1 to September 23, 2017		
	Number of positive mosquito pools	Number of mosquito pools tested	Percentage of positive mosquito pools (%)
Québec	83	1,727	4.81
Ontario	404	13,461	3.00
Manitoba	41	1,028	3.99
Saskatchewan	10	387	2.58
Alberta	-	-	-
British Columbia	-	-	-
Newfoundland and Labrador	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Yukon Territory	-	-	-
Northwest Territories	-	-	-
Nunavut	-	-	-
Total	538	16,603	3.24

TABLE 3: Total number of WNV mosquito pools tested by report week and by province/territory, 2017 season[†]

Province / Territory	Report Week																								Total
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40			
Québec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	147	147	147	147	147	147	147	146	147	147	147	111				1,727	
Ontario	13	15	43	84	194	299	718	794	964	1,003	1,037	1,053	1,168	1,015	1,116	993	931	746	634	641				13,461	
Manitoba	-	-	-	-	15	45	48	16	60	93	96	113	178	122	86	104	25	20	7	-				1,028	
Saskatchewan	-	-	-	-	6	20	11	18	25	31	38	46	61	52	39	40	0	0	0	0				387	
Alberta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				0	
British Columbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				0	
Newfoundland and Labrador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				0	
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				0	
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				0	
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				0	
Yukon Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				0	
Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				0	
Nunavut	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				0	
Total	13	15	43	84	215	364	777	828	1,196	1,274	1,318	1,359	1,554	1,336	1,388	1,283	1,103	913	788	752	0	0		16,603	

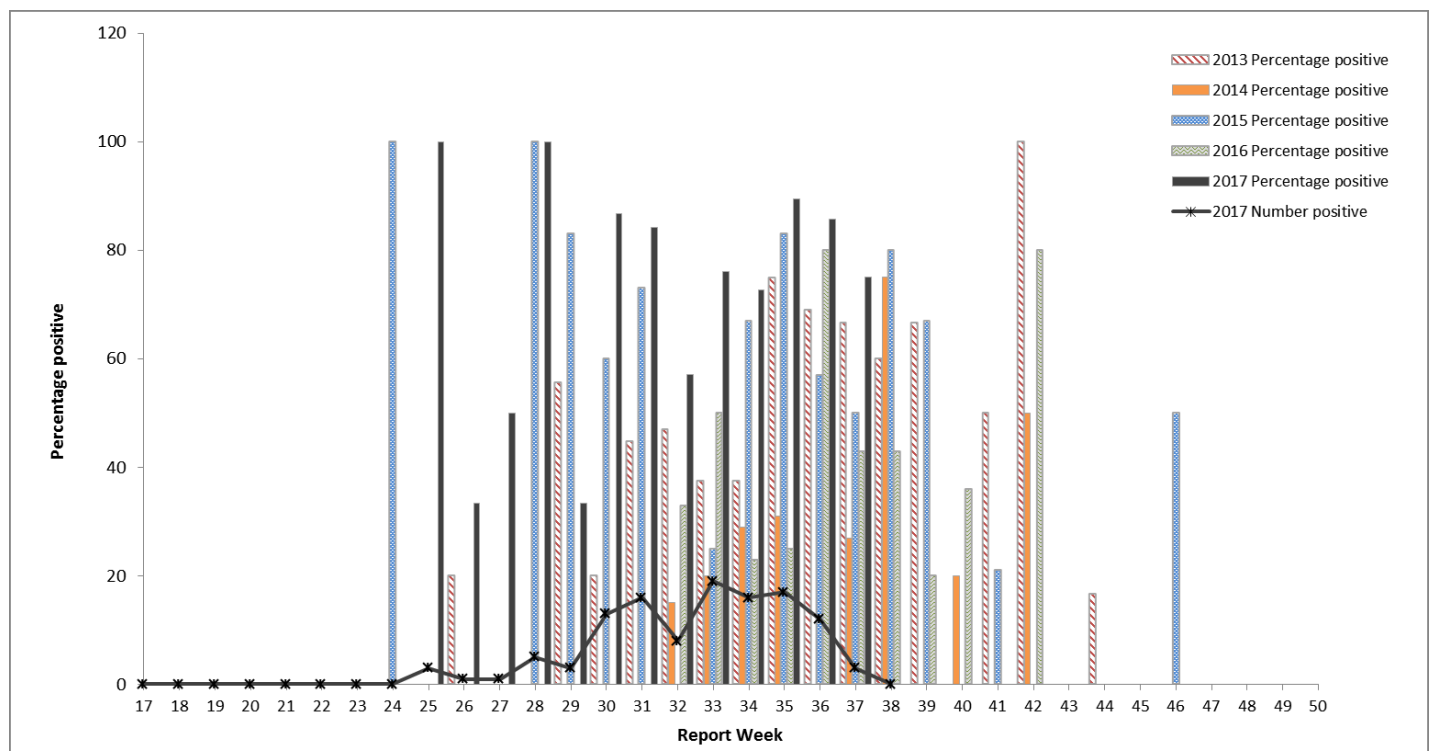
[†] Detailed West Nile Virus mosquito surveillance data can be accessed through provincial/territorial websites

FIGURE 4: Reported number of dead birds tested positive for WNV by province/territory and by report week, 2017 season in Canada[†]



[†] Not all provinces are conducting dead bird surveillance as part of their own WNV surveillance program. However, WNV positive dead birds may be identified through the National Wildlife Disease Surveillance Program of the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative.

FIGURE 5: Percentage of dead birds tested positive for WNV by report week in 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017 and number of dead birds tested positive, by report week, 2017, in Canada[†]



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