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West Nile Virus (WNV) in the United States and Canada

United States, 19 September 2003: To date, 4,416 cases and 84 deaths have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States (CDC), with 38 states reporting human cases. Colorado continues to be the most affected state (with 1,542 cases and 27 deaths), although the number of cases seems to have stabilized compared to previous weeks. For more information, see the [CDC West Nile Virus page](#). (*Source:* Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases: West Nile Virus, Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention/CDC, USA.)

Canada, 19 September 2003: To date, 546 cases of WNV have been reported, of which 21 are confirmed cases. The provinces with the greatest number of cases are Saskatchewan and Alberta. In Saskatchewan, 9 cases have been confirmed and another 274 cases are still under study. In Alberta, 8 cases have been confirmed and another 167 remain under study. The first two deaths have been reported in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. In Ontario, two more patients classified as probable cases have died over the last few weeks, though the relationship with WNV has yet to be verified. For more information, see the [Health Canada West Nile Virus Surveillance page](#). (*Source:* West Nile Virus Surveillance Information, Health Canada.)