



## Emerging and Reemerging Infectious Diseases, Region of the Americas

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### **West Nile Virus (WNV) in the USA and Canada**

*USA, 27 August 2003:* The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta reported 1,482 cases and 24 deaths from West Nile Virus. The most affected state has been Colorado, with 635 cases (43% of the total) and 6 deaths (25% of the total), followed by South Dakota with 206 cases (14%) and 2 deaths (8%) and Nebraska with 190 cases (13%) and 4 deaths (17%). To date, detailed information is available on 790 cases, of which 356 (45%) were classified as mild forms of the disease, 319 (40%) were classified as serious forms—encephalitis or meningitis—and 115 (15%) were not clinically classified. More information is available on the [CDC website](#).

*Source:* Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases: West Nile Virus, Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC), USA.

*Canada, 27 August 2003:* Nine confirmed cases of West Nile Virus infection have been reported. The province most affected has been Saskatchewan, with seven confirmed cases. Another 58 probable cases are being investigated. To date, no deaths have been reported. More information is available on the [Health Canada website](#).

*Source:* West Nile Virus Surveillance Information, Health Canada.