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## 2018 Summary of Eastern Equine Encephalitis Cases in the United States

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This report is a descriptive summary of U.S. Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) cases reported to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2018. The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) branch collaborates with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and State veterinary and public health officials to facilitate communication about arbovirus disease cases in horses and confirm equine cases in each State. CDC collects arbovirus case information using its ArboNET reporting system, an electronic surveillance and reporting system used to track and report arboviral activity in humans and animals. During the transmission season, VS disseminates the equine arbovirus case information to State animal health officials for confirmation and posts the number of confirmed cases to the USDA equine information Web site (<a href="http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-health/equine-health">http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-health/equine-health</a>). This site also provides specific case definitions. In this document, 'reported cases' of EEE may include presumptive positive and confirmed positive cases.

In 2018, **107** equine cases of EEE were reported from **13** States. Figure 1 shows the annual number of equine EEE cases reported in the U.S. from 2005 through 2018. Figure 2 shows the number of equine EEE cases in each State in 2018, and Table 1 provides the number of cases per county or parish in those States in 2018.

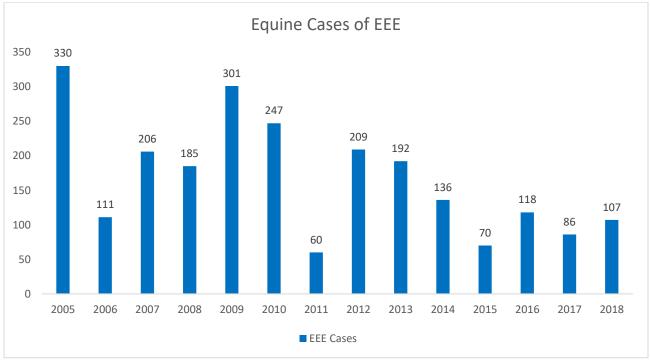


Figure 1. Reported U.S. equine cases of Eastern equine encephalitis, 2005-2018

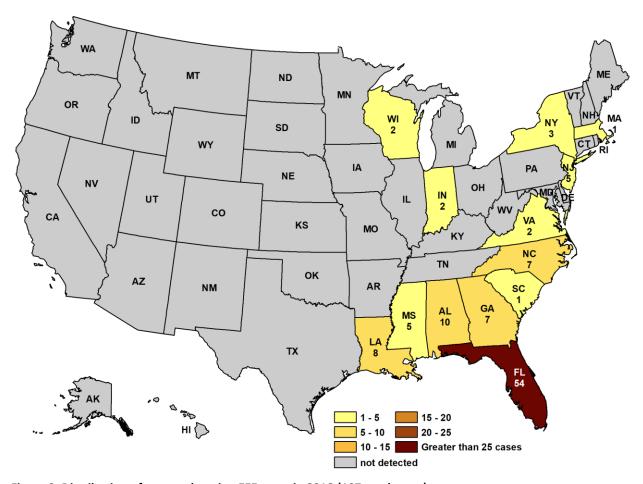


Figure 2. Distribution of reported equine EEE cases in 2018 (107 total cases)

Table 1. Number of reported equine EEE cases by State and county, 2018

| State   | County              | Eastern Equine Encephalitis Reported Cases |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Alabama | Elmore County       | 2                                          |
|         | Geneva County       | 2                                          |
|         | Hale County         | 1                                          |
|         | Houston County      | 1                                          |
|         | Limestone<br>County | 1                                          |
|         | Marshall County     | 2                                          |
|         | Mobile County       | 1                                          |

| State                   | County             | Eastern Equine Encephalitis Reported Cases |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Total Cases for Alabama |                    | 10                                         |
| Florida                 | Baker County       | 1                                          |
|                         | Bradford County    | 1                                          |
|                         | Clay County        | 1                                          |
|                         | Columbia County    | 2                                          |
|                         | Escambia County    | 1                                          |
|                         | Flagler County     | 1                                          |
|                         | Gilchrist County   | 2                                          |
|                         | Hamilton County    | 1                                          |
|                         | Jackson County     | 1                                          |
|                         | Lake County        | 2                                          |
|                         | Levy County        | 4                                          |
|                         | Marion County      | 13                                         |
|                         | Nassau County      | 4                                          |
|                         | Okeechobee         | 2                                          |
|                         | County             |                                            |
|                         | Osceola County     | 2                                          |
|                         | Pasco County       | 1                                          |
|                         | Polk County        | 2                                          |
|                         | Putnam County      | 1                                          |
|                         | Seminole County    | 1                                          |
|                         | St. Johns County   | 2                                          |
|                         | Sumter County      | 1                                          |
|                         | Suwannee<br>County | 3                                          |
|                         | Taylor County      | 1                                          |
|                         | Union County       | 1                                          |
|                         | Volusia County     | 3                                          |
| Total Cases for Florida |                    | 54                                         |
| Georgia                 | Bleckley County    | 1                                          |
|                         | Colquitt County    | 1                                          |
|                         | Cook County        | 1                                          |
|                         | Jenkins County     | 1                                          |
|                         | Lowndes County     | 1                                          |
|                         | Wayne County       | 1                                          |
|                         | Wilkinson County   | 1                                          |
| Total Cases for Georgia |                    | 7                                          |
| Indiana                 | Kosciusko County   | 1                                          |
|                         | Whitley County     | 1                                          |
| Total Cases for Indiana | ,                  | 2                                          |
|                         |                    |                                            |

| tate                          | County                   | Eastern Equine Encephalitis Reported Cases |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| ouisiana                      | Ascension Parish         | 1                                          |
|                               | Calcasieu Parish         | 1                                          |
|                               | Evangeline Parish        | 1                                          |
|                               | Iberia Parish            | 1                                          |
|                               | Natchitoches             | 2                                          |
|                               | Parish<br>Rapides Parish | 1                                          |
|                               | Tangipahoa               | 1                                          |
|                               | Parish                   | 1                                          |
| otal Cases for Louisiana      |                          | 8                                          |
|                               | Worcester<br>County      | 1                                          |
| otal Cases for Massachusetts  |                          | 1                                          |
| Mississippi                   | Hancock County           | 1                                          |
|                               | Harrison County          | 1                                          |
|                               | Jackson County           | 1                                          |
|                               | Lawrence County          | 1                                          |
|                               | Neshoba County           | 1                                          |
| otal Cases for Mississippi    |                          | 5                                          |
| lorth Carolina                | Carteret County          | 1                                          |
|                               | Craven County            | 1                                          |
|                               | Duplin County            | 2                                          |
|                               | Onslow County            | 2                                          |
|                               | Richmond                 | 1                                          |
| otal Cases for North Carolina | County                   | 7                                          |
|                               | Camden County            | 1                                          |
|                               | Gloucester               | 1                                          |
|                               | County                   | 1                                          |
|                               | Monmouth                 | 1                                          |
|                               | Ocean County             | 2                                          |
| otal Cases for New Jersey     | - Cecuit country         | 5                                          |
|                               | Chautauqua               | 1                                          |
|                               | County                   | 1                                          |
|                               | Oswego County            | 1                                          |
|                               | Washington<br>County     | 1                                          |
| otal Cases for New York       |                          | 3                                          |
|                               | Chesterfield<br>County   | 1                                          |
| otal Cases for South Carolina |                          | 1                                          |
| 'irginia                      | Chesapeake City          | 1                                          |
|                               | Suffolk City             | 1                                          |

| State                                                                  | County             | Eastern Equine Encephalitis Reported Cases |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Total Cases for Virginia                                               |                    | 2                                          |
| Wisconsin                                                              | Oneida County      | 1                                          |
|                                                                        | Washburn<br>County | 1                                          |
| Total Cases for Wisconsin                                              |                    | 2                                          |
| Total Reported Eastern Equine Encephalitis Cases for the United States |                    | 107                                        |