

## Report Highlight:

- To date, there have been 3 confirmed WNV cases (1 fatality) reported in Camden, Essex, and Gloucester; 7 probable cases in Bergen, Burlington (2), Camden, Middlesex, Passaic, and Somerset counties awaiting confirmatory testing, and 1 asymptomatic viremic blood donor reported in Burlington County.
- West Nile virus (WNV) has been detected in 49 mosquito pools so far this week and to date, 776 pools have tested positive for WNV. WNV activity in mosquitoes remains above 5-year averages.
- 20 pools have tested positive for EEE in southern N.J., which is higher than the same period in 2020, but is consistent with 5-year averages. The variety of mosquito species that have tested positive, however, is of concern. There have been no EEE human cases and 3 EEE horse cases reported in 2021.

## 1. Human Testing

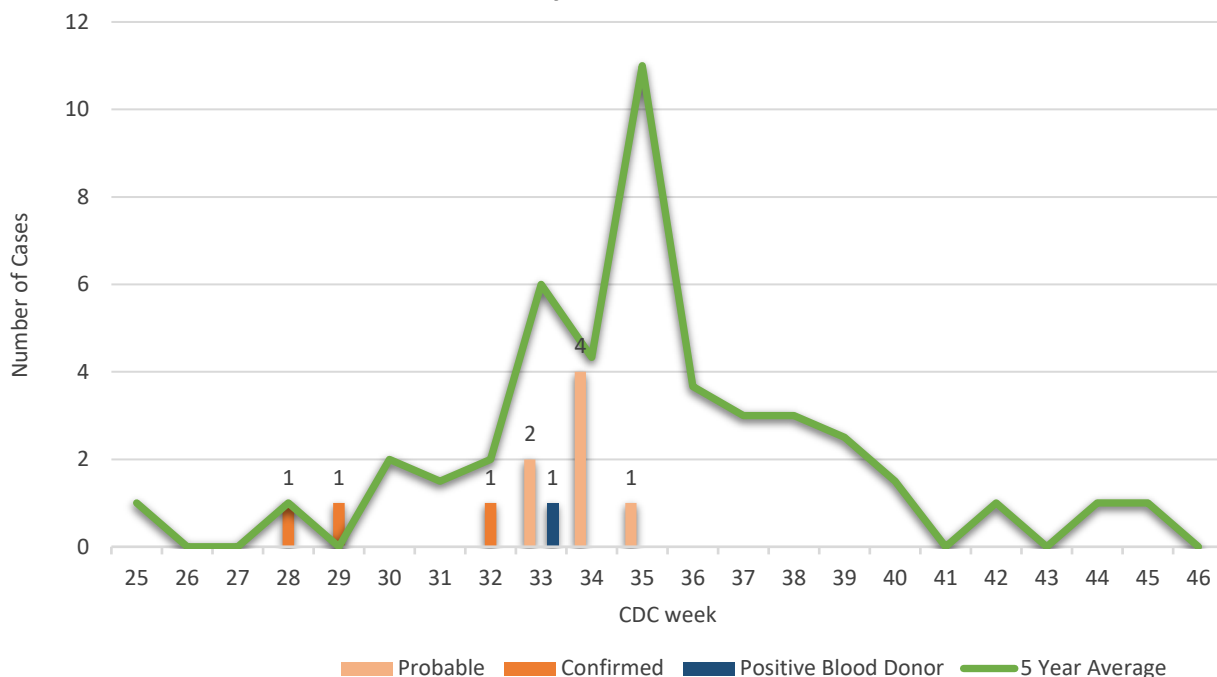
New Jersey Administrative Code (NJAC.) Title 8 Chapter 57 mandates public health reporting of specified vector-borne diseases to prevent further disease spread.

Table 1.1 Human Cases<sup>a</sup>

Mosquito-borne diseases			Tickborne Diseases		
	2021 <sup>b</sup>	2020		2021 <sup>b</sup>	2020
Chikungunya	-	3	Anaplasmosis	125	115
Dengue	1	2	Babesiosis	139	238
Eastern equine encephalitis	-	-	<i>Borrelia miyamotoi</i>	10	9
Jamestown Canyon	1	-	Ehrlichiosis	40	78
Malaria	31	24	Lyme disease	1755	2572
West Nile	10	3	Powassan	-	1
Zika	-	3	Spotted fever group rickettsioses	17	35

<sup>a</sup> Data for 2021 reflect confirmed and probable cases that have been reviewed/approved by the NJDOH. This does not include cases under investigation. All 2021 numbers are preliminary and are subject to change. <sup>b</sup> Cumulative through Week 36: September 5-11, 2021

West Nile Virus Cases by Week of Illness Onset, 2021



\*Positive blood donor based on specimen collection date

## 2. Mosquito Testing

The New Jersey Department of Health Public Health and Environmental Laboratories (PHEL) and the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control Bio-safety Level 3 Laboratory (CMBSL3) perform arboviral testing on mosquito pools collected by county mosquito control agencies throughout New Jersey.

### West Nile virus (WNV):

- A total of 6396 mosquito pools have been tested for WNV.
- 776 pools were positive for WNV this year.
- The positive pools were detected in *Culex pipiens/restuans/salinarius* species mix (722), *Cx. erraticus* (1), *Aedes trivittatus* (1), *Ae. taeniorhynchus* (1), *Ae. triseriatus* (3), *Ae. albopictus* (26), *Ae. japonicus* (4), *Ae. vexans* (2), *Anopheles bradleyi* (1), *An. punctipennis* (3), *An. quadrimaculatus s.l.* (1), *Coquillettia perturbans* (2), and *Culiseta melanura* (7), *Psorophora ciliata* (1), and *Ps. ferox* (1).
- The first WNV positive pool was detected in Week 23 from Somerset County. In 2020, the first WNV positive mosquito pool was identified in Week 27 from Mercer and Monmouth counties.

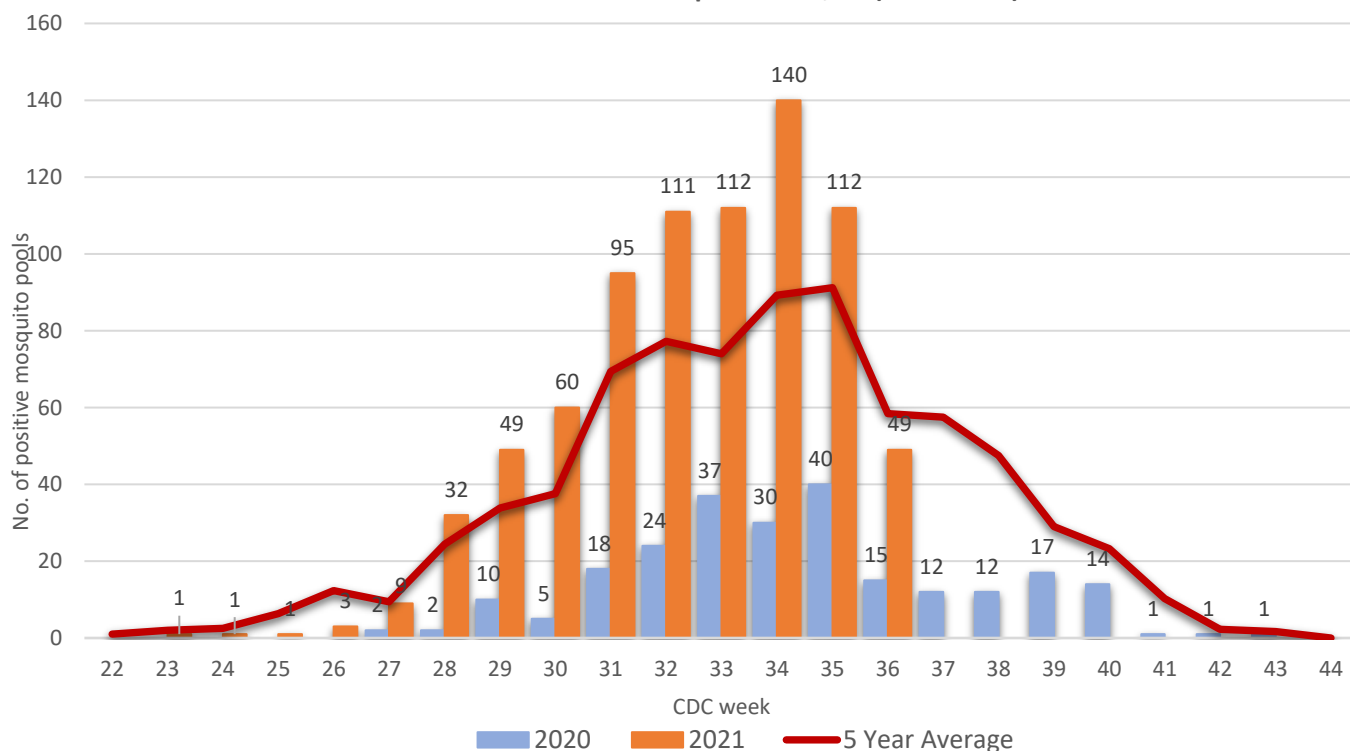
\*Test results may be incomplete; counties submit pools for testing on specific weekdays. Mosquito testing data reflects test results received from PHEL as of September 15, 2021

### WNV Positive Mosquito Pools

County	Week 36		Cumulative Total (Week 36)	
	2021*	2020	2021*	2020
Union	1		93	26
Middlesex	5		88	5
Bergen		2	82	33
Camden	4	2	75	5
Somerset	8	1	75	9
Burlington	14	2	61	23
Hudson		1	43	23
Monmouth	3	3	39	28
Hunterdon	6	1	39	3
Morris			37	
Atlantic	7		30	1
Warren			23	2
Ocean	1		21	
Mercer		2	19	13
Gloucester			18	2
Passaic		1	14	6
Cape May			9	
Sussex			5	
Essex			4	
Cumberland			1	
Salem				
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>183</b>

Week 36: August 30-September 5, 2020; September 5-11, 2021

### West Nile Virus Positive Mosquito Pools, NJ (2020-2021)



## Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEE)

- A total of 5573 mosquito pools have been tested for EEE.
- 20 pools tested positive for EEE this year in *Cs. melanura* (14), *Ae. taeniorhynchus* (1), *Ae. triseriatus* (1), *Cx. pipiens/restuans/salinarius* (3), and *Cx. erraticus* (1).
- The first positive mosquito pool was detected in Week 26 from Gloucester County. In 2020, the first EEE mosquito pool was reported from Atlantic County in Week 25.

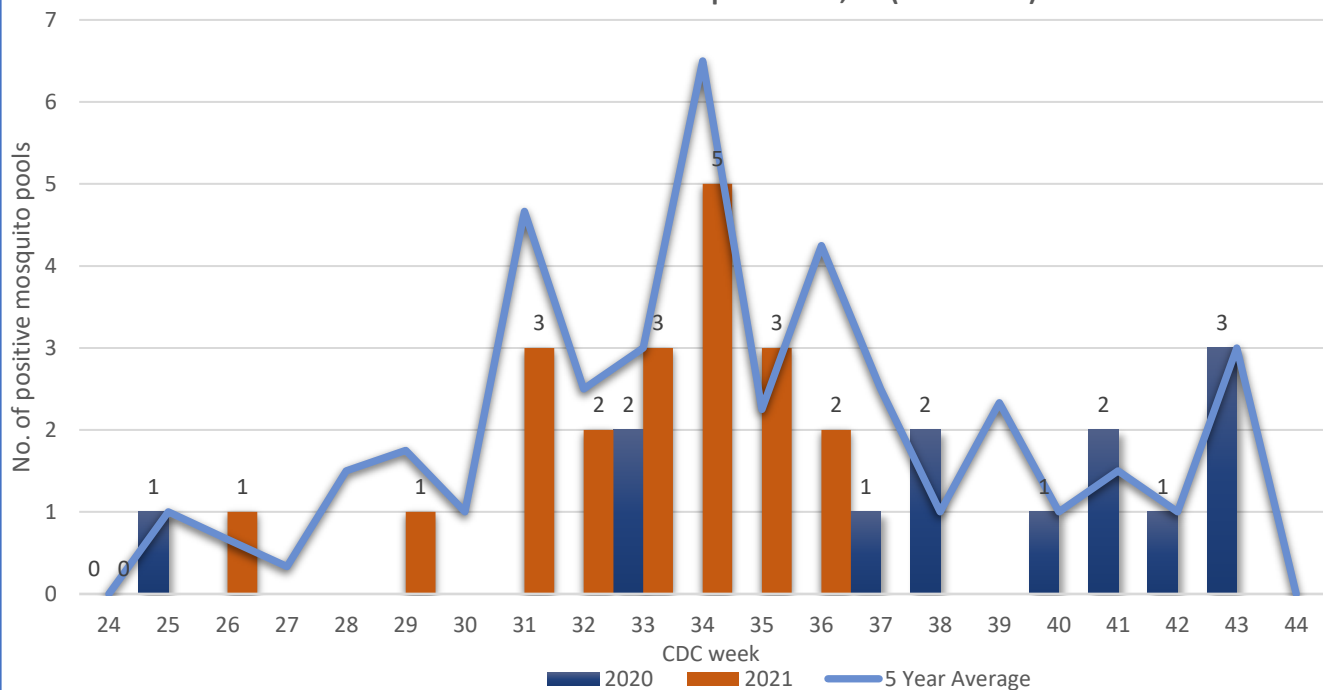
EEE Positive Mosquito Pools

County	Week 36		Cumulative Total (Week 36)	
	2021*	2020	2021*	2020
Atlantic			8	2
Gloucester			4	
Camden	1		4	
Cape May			2	
Ocean			1	
Burlington	1		1	1
Bergen				
Cumberland				
Essex				
Hudson				
Hunterdon				
Mercer				
Middlesex				
Monmouth				
Morris				
Passaic				
Salem				
Somerset				
Sussex				
Union				
Warren				
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>

Week 36: August 30-September 5, 2020; September 5-

11, 2021

EEE Virus Positive Mosquito Pools, NJ (2020-2021)



**Other viruses:**

Mosquito pools from 21 counties have been tested for other arboviruses. Five pools have tested positive for JCV.

**Cumulative 2021 Mosquito Pool Testing (Other Viruses <sup>a</sup>)**

County	CHIKV		DENV		JCV		LACV		SLEV		ZIKV	
	Pools	Pos	Pools	Pos	Pools	Pos	Pools	Pos	Pools	Pos	Pools	Pos
Atlantic	12		12		374				374		12	
Bergen	1		1		283				285		1	
Burlington					306		11		340			
Camden					231	2			231			
Cape May	1		1		373				390		1	
Cumberland					277				332			
Essex					94	1			105			
Gloucester					363	1			413			
Hudson					219				225			
Hunterdon					242				282			
Mercer	2		2		292		9		347		2	
Middlesex					255				292			
Monmouth					364				417			
Morris	2		2		294				338		2	
Ocean					253				266			
Passaic					185		2		208			
Salem					356		14		392			
Somerset					222				222			
Sussex					417	1	10		417			
Union					169				169			
Warren					317		4		317			
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5886</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6362</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>

<sup>a</sup> Chikungunya virus (CHIKV), Dengue virus (DENV), Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV), La Crosse encephalitis virus (LAC), St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLE), Zika Virus (ZIKV)

Numbers in white columns represent the number of pools tested to date in 2021

Numbers in blue shaded columns represent positive pools in 2021

**Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV):**

- NJ reported its 2<sup>nd</sup> ever human case of Jamestown Canyon virus this year in Week 18 in a Sussex County resident. The first case was reported in 2015 in a Sussex County resident.
- Five positive Jamestown Canyon virus pools were reported in Sussex County (week 27), Camden County (week 33 and week 35), Essex County (week 34) and Gloucester County (week 35).
- In 2020, six mosquito pools from 4 counties tested positive for Jamestown Canyon virus. The positive pools were identified in Bergen (week 23 and week 25), Cumberland (week 28 and week 33), Middlesex (week 31) and Monmouth (week 29).

**La Crosse encephalitis virus (LAC):**

- No positive La Crosse virus pools have been identified in 2021.
- Prior to the current year, a mosquito pool collected in Passaic County tested positive for La Crosse virus at PHEL in 2019.
- There has not been any human La Crosse virus cases reported in at least the past 20 years.

### 3. Equine/Avian /Other Animal Testing

Equine testing for WNV and EEE is conducted at the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Animal Health and Diagnostic Laboratory.

- In Week 34, two unvaccinated horses tested positive for EEE from Atlantic County (8-year-old mare; onset Aug 28; euthanized Aug 29) and Camden County (onset Aug 26; euthanized Aug 27). One unvaccinated horse (7-year-old mare) from Cumberland County tested positive for EEE in Week 33 (onset Aug 18; euthanized Aug 19).
- One American crow from Burlington County tested positive for WNV on Week 27.
- Three Cooper's hawks from Union County and one from Middlesex County tested positive for WNV in Week 30.
- Routine avian testing has been discontinued but is available upon request at PHEL.

**WNV/EEE Positive Test Results**

	Week 36		Cum. Total (Year)	
	2021*	2020	2021*	2020
Equine (EEE)			3	
Equine (WNV)				
Avian (WNV)			5	
Other				

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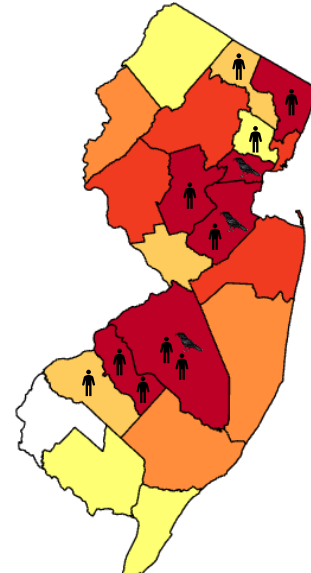
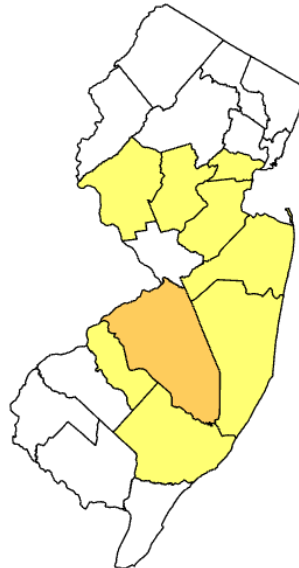
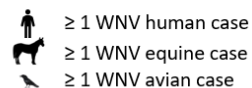
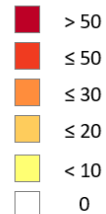
### 4. Surveillance Maps

#### West Nile Virus (WNV)

#### Week 36 WNV Activity (2021)\*

#### Cumulative WNV Activity 2021

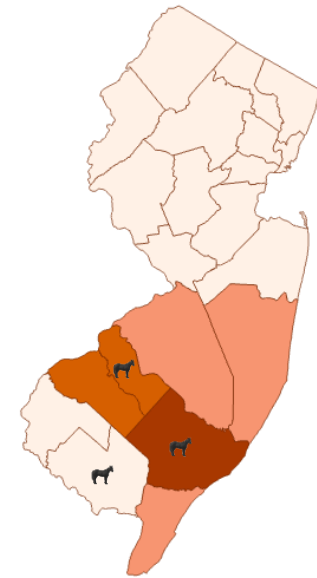
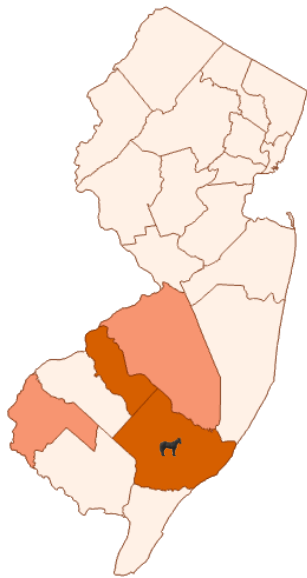
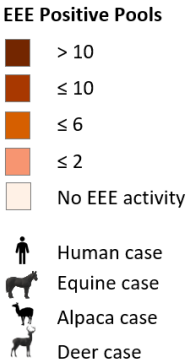
##### WNV Positive Pools



Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE)

2020 EEE Activity

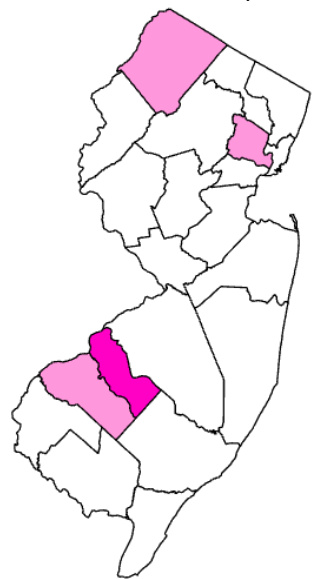
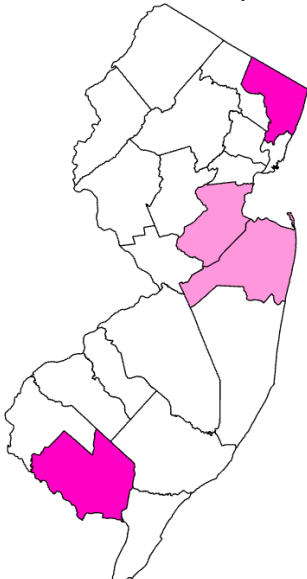
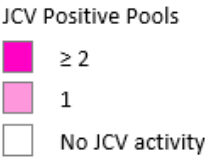
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Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV)

2020 JCV Activity

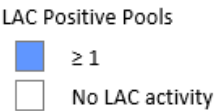
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La Crosse Virus (LAC)

2020 LAC Activity

Cumulative LAC Activity 2021

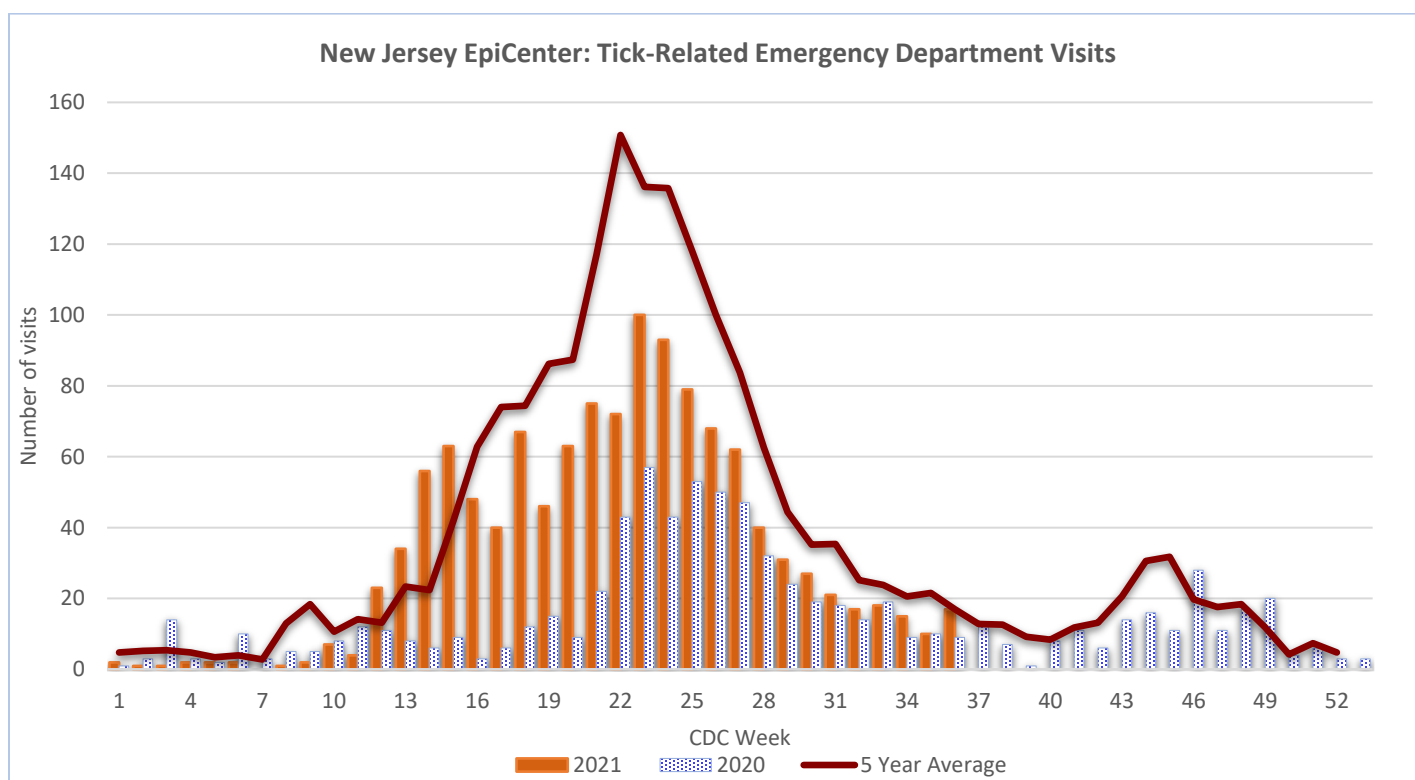


## 5. Syndromic Surveillance for Tick-related Emergency Department Visits

EpiCenter is a syndromic surveillance system developed and maintained by Health Monitoring Systems, Inc, for monitoring by health departments in the United States. New Jersey's EpiCenter receives real time Emergency Department (ED) data from 78 acute care and satellite health (99 percent reporting) facilities statewide. The system collects "chief complaint" information and limited patient registration data from existing ED computer systems.

The chart below represents NJ residents seen at emergency departments statewide with a tick-bite complaint or signs/symptoms associated with a reported tick-bite. Tick-related ED visits occur throughout the year with peak number of visits in the summer months and a smaller peak in the fall weeks when adult *Ixodes scapularis* (blacklegged ticks) are active.

In Week 36, the overall number of ED visits is consistent with the 5-year average. There is a significant increase in activity compared with last year starting in week 12.



*Data reflects ED visits downloaded from EpiCenter as of September 15, 2021*

### For More Information

- NJDOH Communicable Disease Service: <http://nj.gov/health/cd/topics/vectorborne.shtml>
- New Jersey Arboviral Activity Maps: <http://bit.ly/JerseySurv>
- NJDEP Office of Mosquito Control Coordination: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/mosquito/>
- NJDA Division of Animal Health: <http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/>
- Rutgers Center for Vector Biology: <http://vectorbio.rutgers.edu/>