

# Dallas County Health and Human Services Arbovirus Surveillance Report



Week 38 ending September 23, 2023

- In week 38, one mosquito trap tested positive for WNV. To date for 2023, a total of one hundred and ninety-five mosquito traps have tested positive for WNV.
- Twenty human WNV cases have been reported to date for 2023 including 2 deaths.
- Five travel related Dengue cases have been reported.
- No Zika cases have been reported year to date in 2023 in Dallas County.
- *Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti* are currently circulating in the area.

**Table 1.** Mosquito Laboratory and Human Case Surveillance Data for WNV, Dallas County

Week Ending	8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23*	YTD
MMWR Week	32	33	34	35	36	37	38*	
Total Traps Placed in Dallas County <sup>a</sup>	233	221	228	214	207	226	202	4,919
Number of Positive Mosquito Traps (PHL; IL) <sup>c</sup>	13;0	6;0	2;0	4;0	2;0	0;0	1;0	195;0
Number of Pools Tested (PHL; IL) <sup>b,c</sup>	192;70	182;12	186;30	182;90	167;40	172;80	171;70	3931;272
Number of Trap Results Currently Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	
Average Number of <i>Cx. quinquefasciatus</i> per Trap <sup>d</sup>	11.1	10.4	11.2	13.2	10.9	10.5	31.1	27.0
Total Number of <i>Cx. quinquefasciatus</i> Trapped and Tested	2,206	2,050	2,217	2,527	2,071	2,138	4,610	86,282
Number of Positive Mosquito Pools (PHL; IL) <sup>c</sup>	13;0	6;0	2;0	4;0	2;0	0;0	1;0	191;0
WNV Infection Rate per 1,000 <i>Cx. quinquefasciatus</i> <sup>e</sup>	5.18	2.73	0.88	1.21	1.29	0.00	0.16	
Weekly Vector Index (VI) <sup>f</sup>	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	
Presumptive WNV Viremic Blood Donors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WNV Human Cases (WNND; WNF) <sup>g</sup>	3;0	3;0	1;0	1;0	1;0	1;0	0;0	20;0

**Table 2.** Mosquito Laboratory and Human Case Surveillance Data for chikungunya, dengue and Zika virus, Dallas County

Week Ending	8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23*	YTD
MMWR Week	32	33	34	35	36	37	38*	
Total Biogents Sentinel-Traps Placed in Dallas County <sup>h</sup>	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	99
Average Number of <i>Aedes</i> per Trap <sup>i</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Chikungunya Human Cases (Confirmed & Probable) <sup>j</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dengue Human Cases (Confirmed & Probable) <sup>k</sup>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Zika Human Cases (Confirmed & Probable) <sup>l</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pregnant Women with Possible Zika Infection <sup>m</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*Data for most recent 2 weeks are preliminary, and reflect results reported as of 12:30 p.m. September 25, 2023

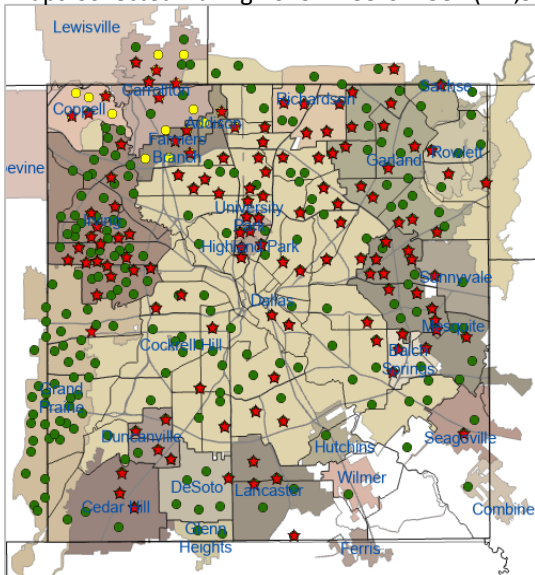
- All traps deployed in municipalities submitting data to DCHHS since January 1, 2023. Includes traps without mosquitoes, malfunctioning traps and traps with pending results
- Excludes traps without female *Culex quinquefasciatus* identified. Maximum of 50 female *Culex quinquefasciatus* per pool; more than 1 pool may be tested per trap
- PHL = Public health laboratory (DSHS, DCHHS) testing performed by viral culture or CDC RT-PCR protocol; IL = Testing from independent labs by alternate methods
- Average abundance of female *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes per trap night/week (excludes non-working traps)
- WNV Infection rates calculated using a Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE). *Biggerstaff BJ. PooledInfrate, version 4.0; Microsoft Excel Add-In; CDC 2007*
- The Vector Index (VI) reflects the MLE adjusted for *Culex quinquefasciatus* abundance.  $VI = \sum_{i=species} \bar{N} i \bar{P} i$ , where  $\bar{N}$  is the average number of *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes collected per trap night and  $\bar{P}$  is the estimated infection rate
- Human cases by week of report to health department. WNND = West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease; WNF = West Nile Fever
- All Biogents (BG) Sentinel traps deployed in municipalities submitting data to DCHHS since Week 14.
- Average abundance of *Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes per night/trap in BG-Traps (excludes non-working traps)
- Human CHKV cases by week of report to health department (AT : Autochthonous case; I : imported)
- Human Dengue cases by week of report to the health department
- Confirmed and probable human Zika cases by week of specimen collection date
- Possible Zika Virus Infection Among Pregnant Women — United States and Territories, May 2016, <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6520e1.htm/>

**Table 3.** WNV Positive Gravid Mosquito Traps and Human WNV Cases by City, Dallas County, 2023

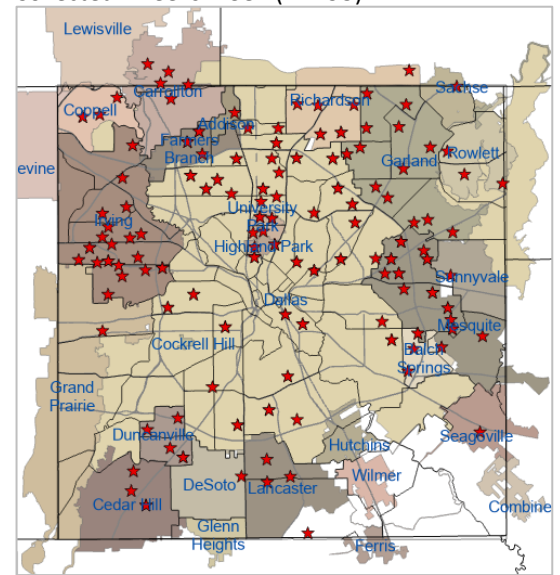
Week Ending			8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23*	YTD
MMWR Week			32	33	34	35	36	37	38*	
	# WNV+ Traps	# WNV+ Traps	# WNV+ Traps	# WNV+ Traps	# WNV+ Traps	# WNV+ Traps	# WNV+ Traps	# WNV+ Traps	# WNV+ Traps	
Addison	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Balch Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Carrollton	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Cedar Hill	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cockrell Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coppell	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Dallas	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	72
DeSoto	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Duncanville	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	6
Farmers Branch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Garland	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
Glenn Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Prairie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highland Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Hutchins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Lancaster	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mesquite	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	28
Richardson	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Rowlett	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
Sachse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Seagoville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sunnyvale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Unincorporated County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
University Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Wilmer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>195</b>

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**Figure 1:** All WNV Negative and Positive Mosquito Traps Collected During 2023: Weeks 1-38\* (= 4,919)



**Figure 2:** Cumulative WNV Positive Mosquito Traps Collected: Weeks 1-38\* (N=195)



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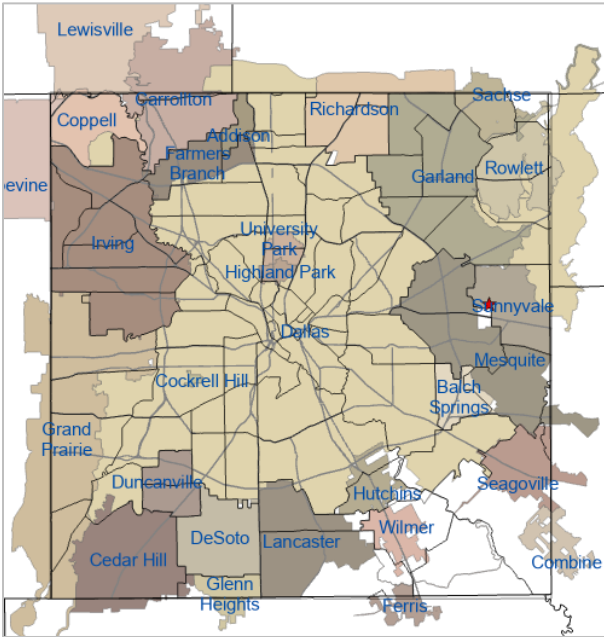
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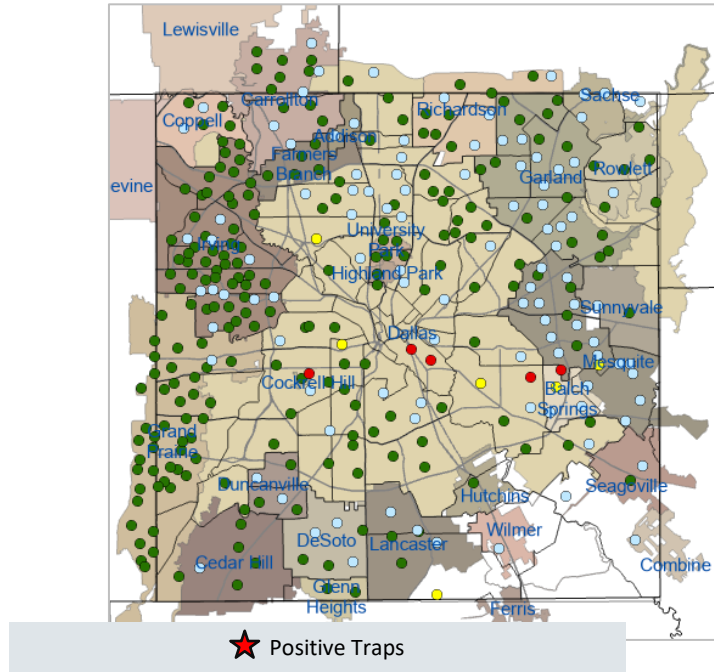
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**Figure 3:** WNV Positive Mosquito Traps Collected During 2023: Weeks 37 and 38\* (N=1)

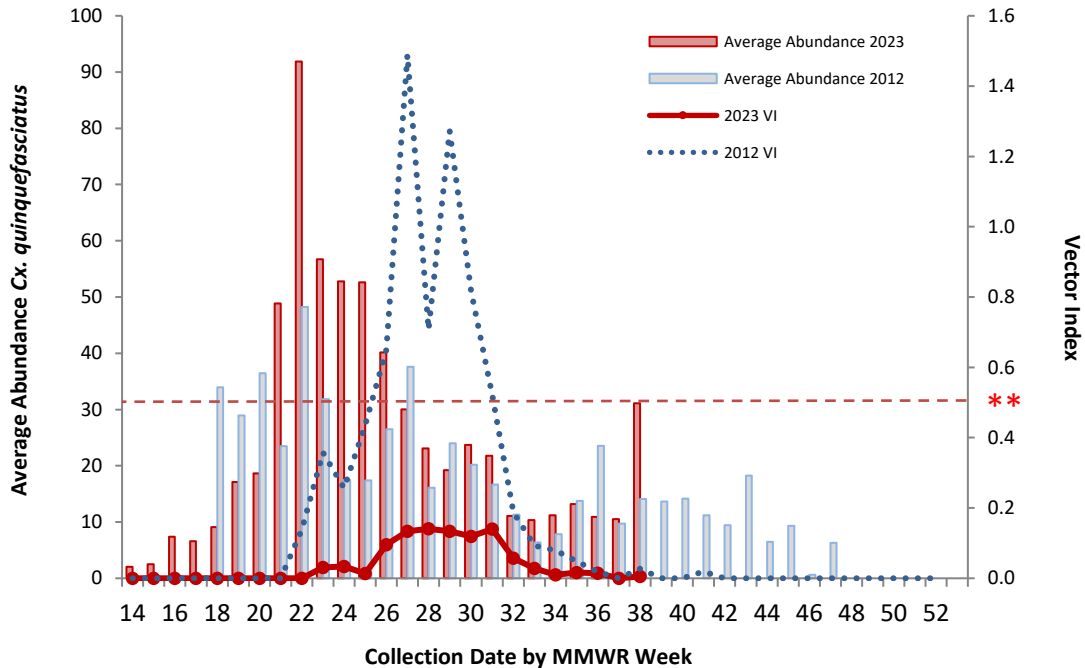


**Figure 4:** Trap Counts of Female *Cx. quinquefasciatus* from 2023 Season: Weeks 1-38\*



\*Figure 4 only shows traps for which results were available; malfunctioning traps were excluded. Almost all traps are at fixed sites.  
**Note:** Most recent 1-2 weeks data are preliminary and subject to change following receipt of data still pending.

**Figure 5:** Average Numbers of Female *Cx. quinquefasciatus* per Trap-night and WNV Vector Index by Week: 2012 Season and 2023 Season (through Week 38\*)



\*\* Vector Index of 0.50 is the historical threshold associated with larger local epidemics of WNV illnesses in humans.  
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Figure 6: WNV Vector Index by Week: 2012 - 2023 Seasons

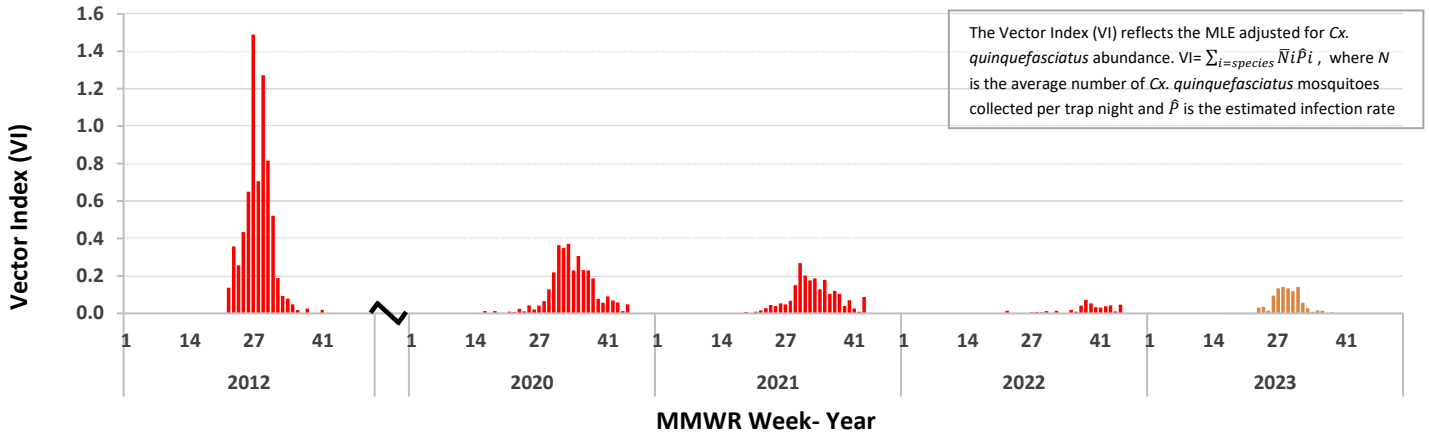


Figure 7: Average Numbers of Female *Cx. quinquefasciatus* per Trap-night by Week: 2012 - 2023 Seasons

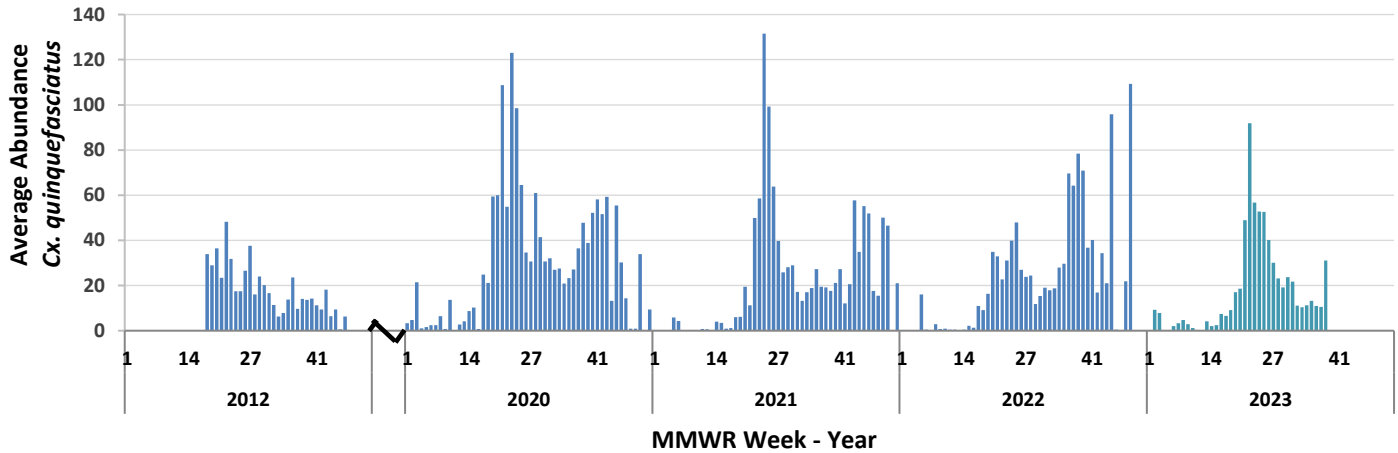
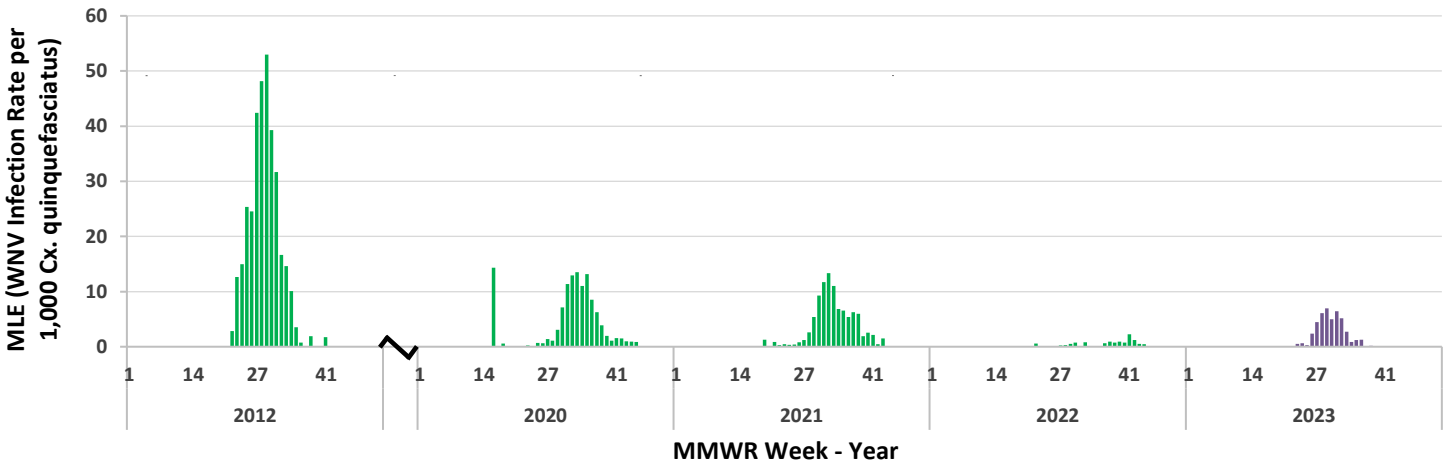


Figure 8: MLE (WNV Infection Rate per 1,000 *Cx. quinquefasciatus*) by Week: 2012 - 2023 Seasons

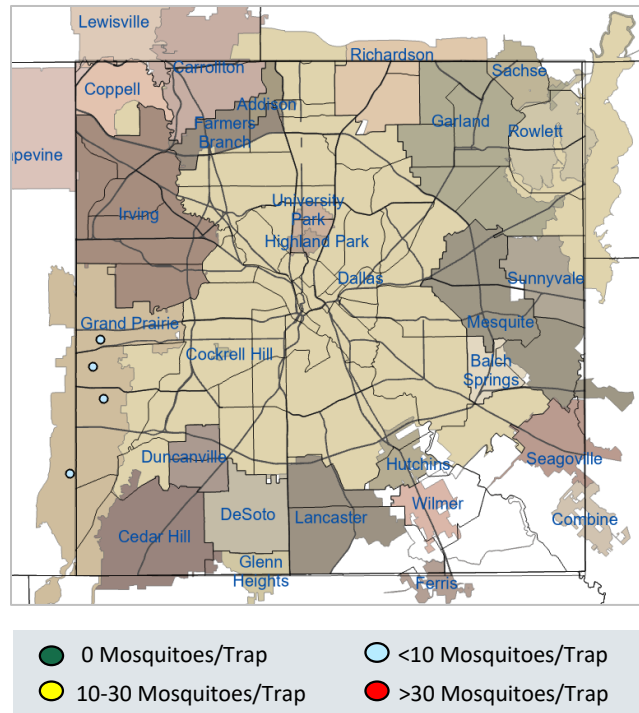


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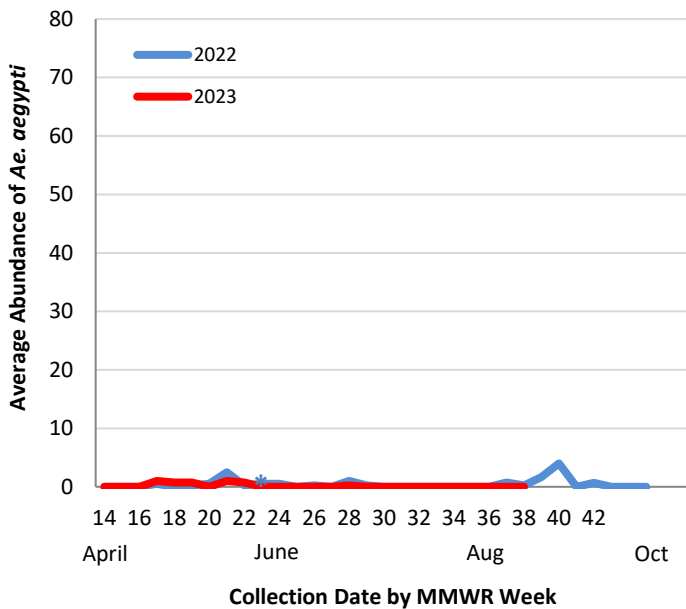
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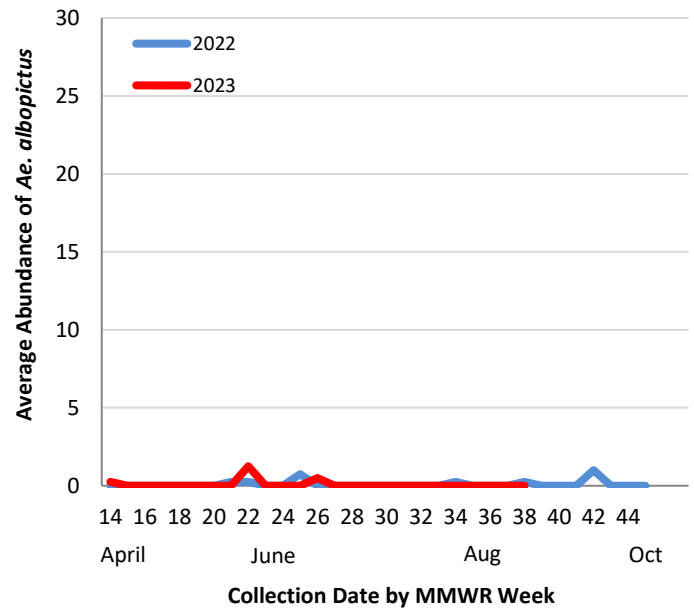
**Figure 9:** BG-Sentinel Trap Counts of Female *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* during 2023: Weeks 14 through 38<sup>†</sup>



**Figure 10:** Average Numbers of *Ae. aegypti* per Trap-night: 2022 and 2023 Seasons\*<sup>†</sup>



**Figure 11:** Average Numbers of *Ae. albopictus* per Trap-night: 2022 and 2023 Seasons\*<sup>†</sup>



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<sup>†</sup>Routine *Aedes* BG-Sentinel trapping was conducted during week 14-38 in 2023

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