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West Nile Virus: Case Counts

The following information regarding West Nile Virus (WNV) case counts is provided for your information.

CDC will report official WNV case counts at approximately 3:00 pm ET. Updates will be posted to the CDC West Nile Virus Web Site:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>

For consistency, the following information will always be included with the CDC report of WNV cases:

"As of [TIME], [DATE] these are the human case totals for 2002 that have been reported to CDC/Arbonet or compiled in direct communication with state or local health officials:

Arbonet is the national, electronic surveillance system established by CDC to assist states in tracking West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne infections."

Here is the update for Monday, August 12, 2002:

As of **10:00 AM (MDT), August 12, 2002** these are the human case totals for 2002 that have been reported to CDC/Arbonet or compiled in direct communication with state or local health officials:

■ Total Laboratory Positive Human Cases

Alabama	02
District of Columbia	01
Illinois	02
Indiana	01
Louisiana	85
Mississippi	41
Texas	13
Total human cases:	145
Total human fatalities:	008 (LA=7; MS=1)

* Median age of human cases: 54 years

* Age range of human cases: 3 - 94 years

* Number of cases by month of onset:

June 015

July 108

August 005

**These numbers are derived from cases that have been reported and verified to CDC/Arbonet. Arbonet is the national, electronic surveillance system established by CDC to assist states in tracking West Nile and other mosquito-borne viruses.*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national and international organizations.

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