



Zika “scarier” than first thought

Top U.S. health officials are urging Congress to unblock \$1.9 billion in funding to fight the mosquito-borne Zika virus that is linked to birth defects, warning that its impact on the U.S. could be greater than predicted

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Mosquitoes that carry virus present in around 30 states, rather than 12 as previously thought

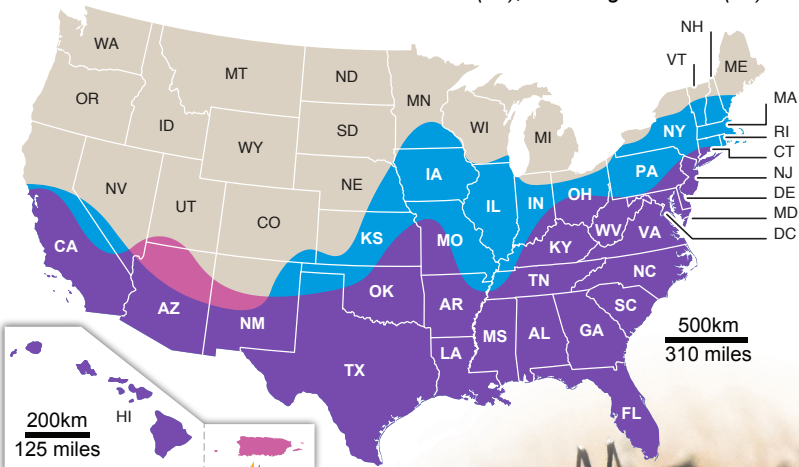
 *Aedes aegypti*
 *Aedes albopictus*

ZIKA CASES (as of Apr 6)

U.S. States U.S. Territories

Travel-associated [†]	346	3
Locally acquired [‡]	0	351*

**Puerto Rico (325), American Samoa (14), U.S. Virgin Islands (12)*



Puerto Rico: Potentially hundreds of thousands of infections by year end, with hundreds of babies affected

[†] Travellers returning from affected areas, sexual partners, or infants infected in utero

[‡] Presumed local mosquito-borne transmission

