

# Can you Guess How Many Countries Have Zika?



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We all know you're adults and hate guessing games so I'll get right to the answer: 58.

Fifty eight countries/territories currently have active Zika transmission. That has to alarm you as much as it does me.

And those do not include those countries where someone brought it back home after becoming infected on a trip (such as France.) These 58 are the countries where a person in the country contracted Zika while in that country.

The breakdown is as follows:

- 1 country in Africa (Cape Verde)
- 8 in the Pacific Islands
- 48 in North, Central and South America

## Countries with locally transmitted cases of Zika virus

The mosquito-borne Zika virus is circulating in more than 50 countries.



Map courtesy of [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com) [1]

That's worrisome. Even more concerning than the number of countries, however, is a timeline of how quickly the virus has spread throughout the world. Below is the virus's spread in the last six months.

By February 2016, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported active transmission of Zika virus in 30 countries (mostly in the Americas). In the same month, the World Health Organization (WHO) declares a public health emergency of international concern.

### February (+6 countries)

- Aruba, Bonaire, Trinidad and Tobago, Marshall Islands, St. Maarten, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

### March (+3 countries)

- New Caledonia, Cuba, Dominica

### April (+5 countries)

- Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, St. Lucia, Belize



there are a total of 531 cases of Zika in the state, 489 of which have been verified as travel associated with the remainder pending verification. Out of those 531, 56 are pregnant mothers. These numbers alone show that Zika is doing a very good job wreaking havoc, even in areas that are very unlikely to have local transmission.

References:

[www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/active-countries.html](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/active-countries.html) [2]

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