

LDA: 2015 US Lyme Cases Approaching 400,000



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The Lyme Disease Association (LDA) reports that the total number of Lyme cases in the US is now approaching 400,000 per year.

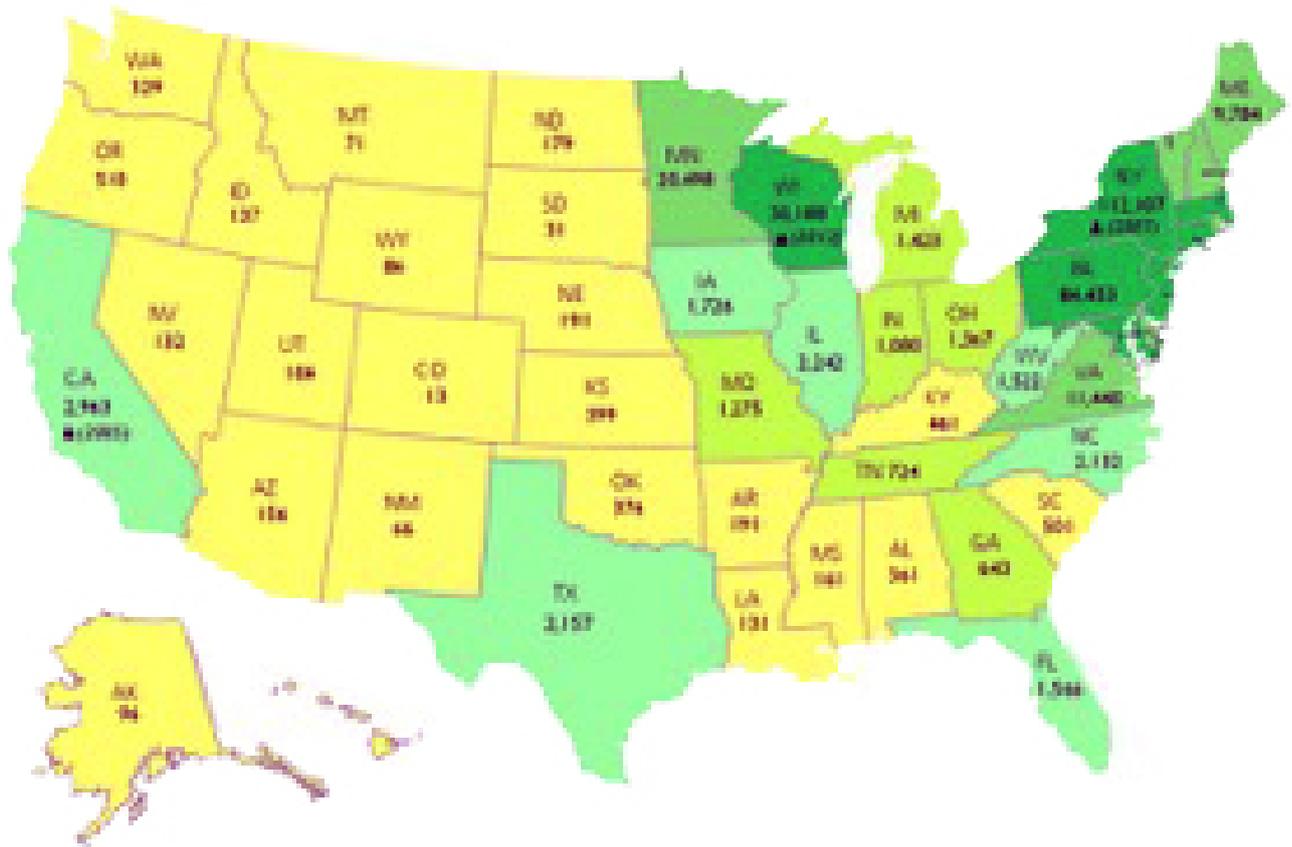
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The table below has state, followed by CDC reported number, and the number adjusted by a factor of 10 for underreporting.

Total US 38,069 ————— 380,690

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es 1990-20141. Pennsylvania 9,048————— 90,480

2. New Jersey 4,855————— 48,550

3. New York 4,314 (combined NYC & upstate) *—— 43,140

4. Massachusetts 4,224————— 42,240

5. Connecticut 2,541————— 25,410

6. Wisconsin 1,894————— 18,940

7. Minnesota 1,805————— 18,050

8. Maryland 1,728————— 17,280

9. Virginia 1,539—————15,390

10. Maine 1,201————— 12,010

11. Rhode Island 904————— 9,040

12. Vermont 710————— 7,100

13. New Hampshire 529————— 5,290

14. Delaware 435————— 4,350

15. Iowa 318————— 3,180

* Many counties (19 in 2014) in New York State investigated a sample of positive laboratory results. The number of Lyme cases was then extrapolated to generate estimates of the total number of cases in that particular county. The CDC says it cannot publish averages, thus many counties in NY do not have their numbers reported out by CDC. The LDA does not know how many NY counties in 2015 are contained in the CDC numbers above.

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