

# Puerto Rico reports 10,690 Zika cases amid ongoing epidemic

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In this May 23, 2016, file photo, an *Aedes aegypti* mosquito sits inside a glass tube at the Fiocruz institute where they have been screening for mosquitos naturally infected with the Zika virus in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The U.S. surgeon general is urging Puerto Rico on Thursday, Aug. 11, to step up its public education campaign against Zika as he warned that 25 percent of the island will be infected with the mosquito-borne virus by year's end. (AP Photo/Felipe Dana, File)

The U.S. territory of Puerto Rico has reported 1,914 new Zika cases

over the past week.

Health Secretary Ana Rius said Friday there are 10,690 cases altogether, including 1,035 involving pregnant women. Zika has been tied to severe birth defects.

Rius said 90 people have been hospitalized because of the [virus](#).

Officials also say 30 people have been diagnosed with a temporary paralysis condition known as Guillain-Barre that has been linked to Zika.

The newest statistics were released a day after the U.S. surgeon general visited Puerto Rico and said he expected 25 percent of people on the island will be infected by Zika by year's end.

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