

Two babies in Puerto Rico born with Zika-related defects

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Puerto Rico's health secretary says two babies have been born with defects as a result of a Zika infection.

Ana Rius made the announcement Friday and said that a total of seven babies have now been affected by the mosquito-borne virus. She declined further comment.

The U.S. territory is fighting a Zika epidemic with 35,870 cases reported, including 2,880 pregnant women. Officials said 314 people have been hospitalized.

Five people have died, including at least two who developed complications from a paralysis condition linked to Zika known as Guillain-Barre.

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