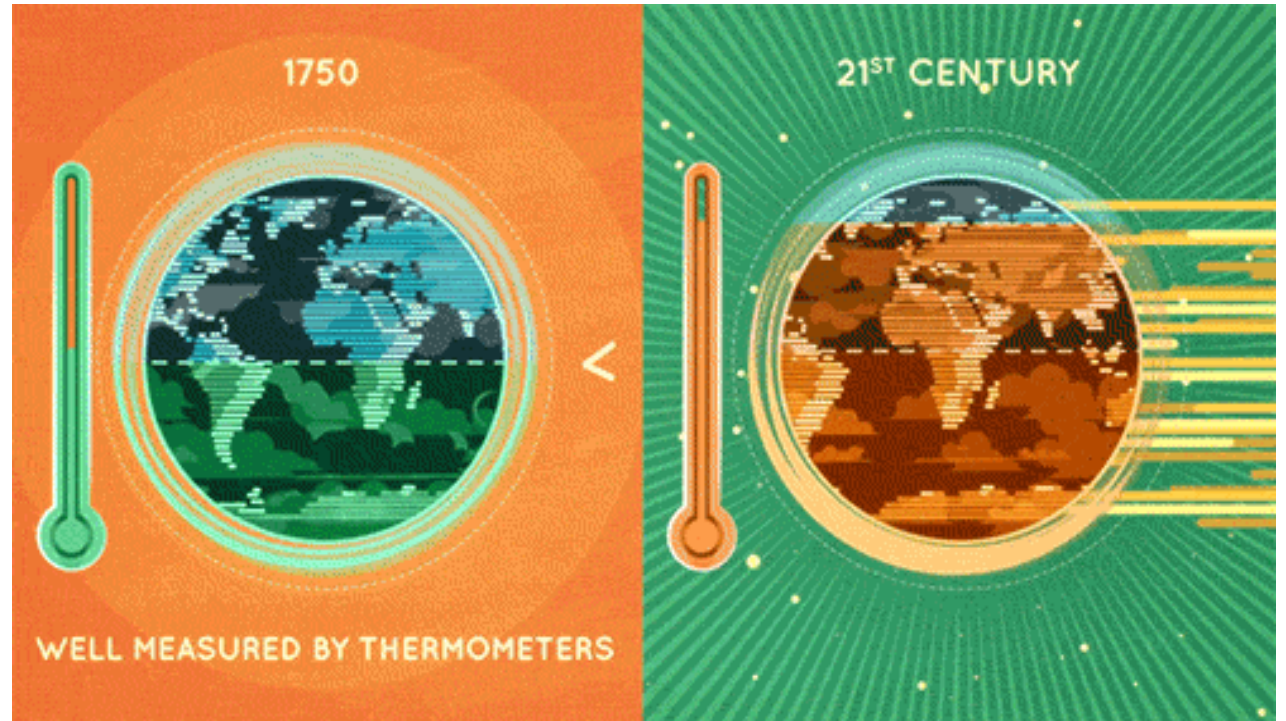


Coming in Hot



THE EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE
ON PREDICTED VIRAL
TRANSMISSION PATTERNS



Objectives

Review trends in global climate change and its predicted effect on vector borne diseases

Brainstorm personal, medical practice, and policy changes to help mitigate the effect of climate change

Clinical Case

HPI: 43 year old. 1 week of low grade fevers, myalgias, malaise.

Day 3: bilateral hand/foot swelling.

No recent travel, hiking, unprotected sex, sick contacts.

Pruritic centripetal rash.

ROS: +night sweats, +retro-orbital pain, headaches, nasal congestion. -n/v/d/chest pain.

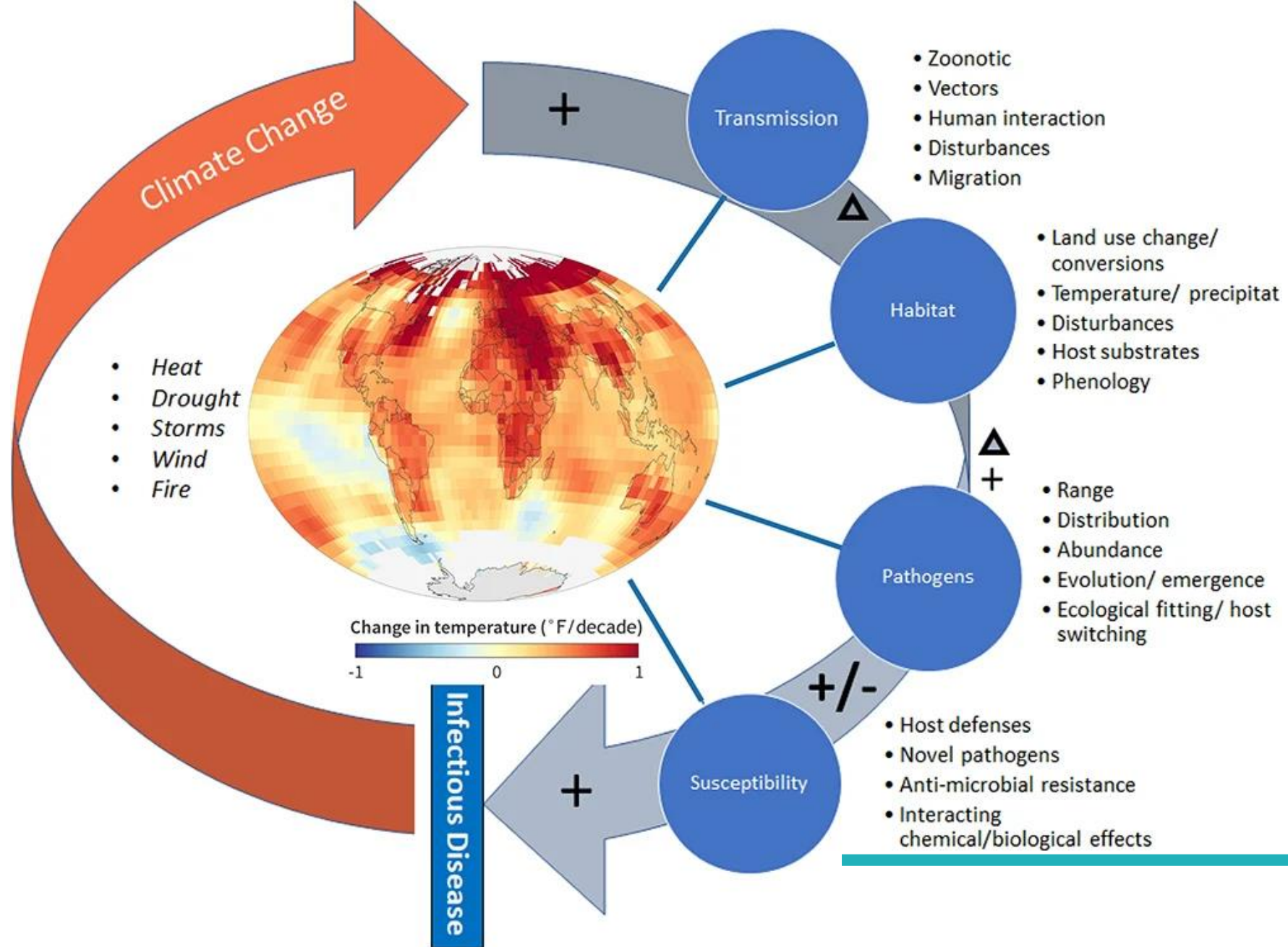
PMH: EBV at age 20, Dengue at age 12 while living in Colombia

SHx: MSM, no new sexual partners & negative STI 4 weeks before symptom onset

PE: VSS. Synovitis of PIP/DIP.

Labs: normal CXR/CBC. Negative BCs. neg GAS, Influenza, EBV, tuberculosis, STIs, ANA, hepatitis B/C/chikungunya, zika. CRP 96. ESR 34





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Dengue Epidemiology Changes Globally (1960s-2020)

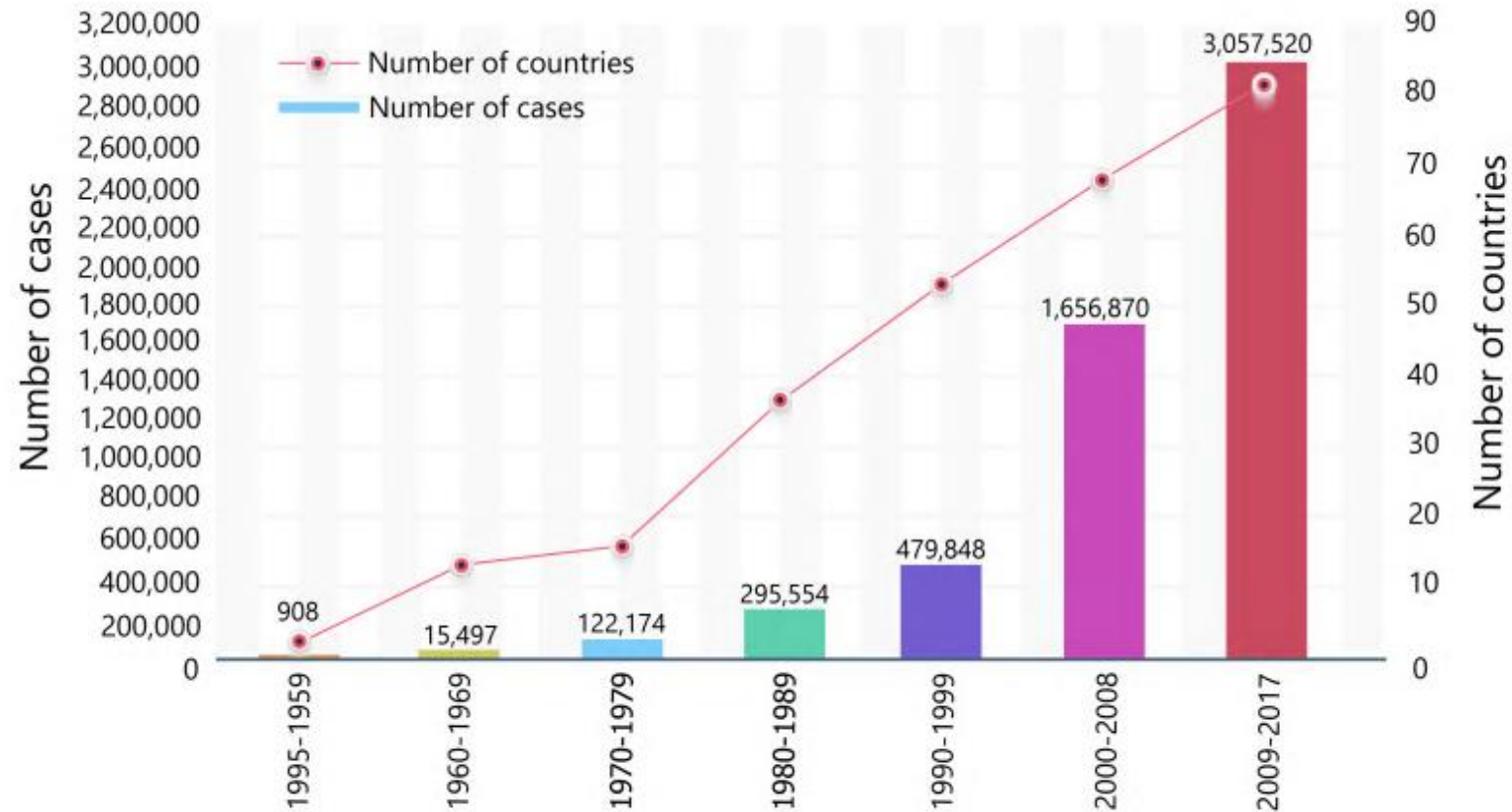


FIGURE 1. The number of reported dengue cases between 1950 – 2017.

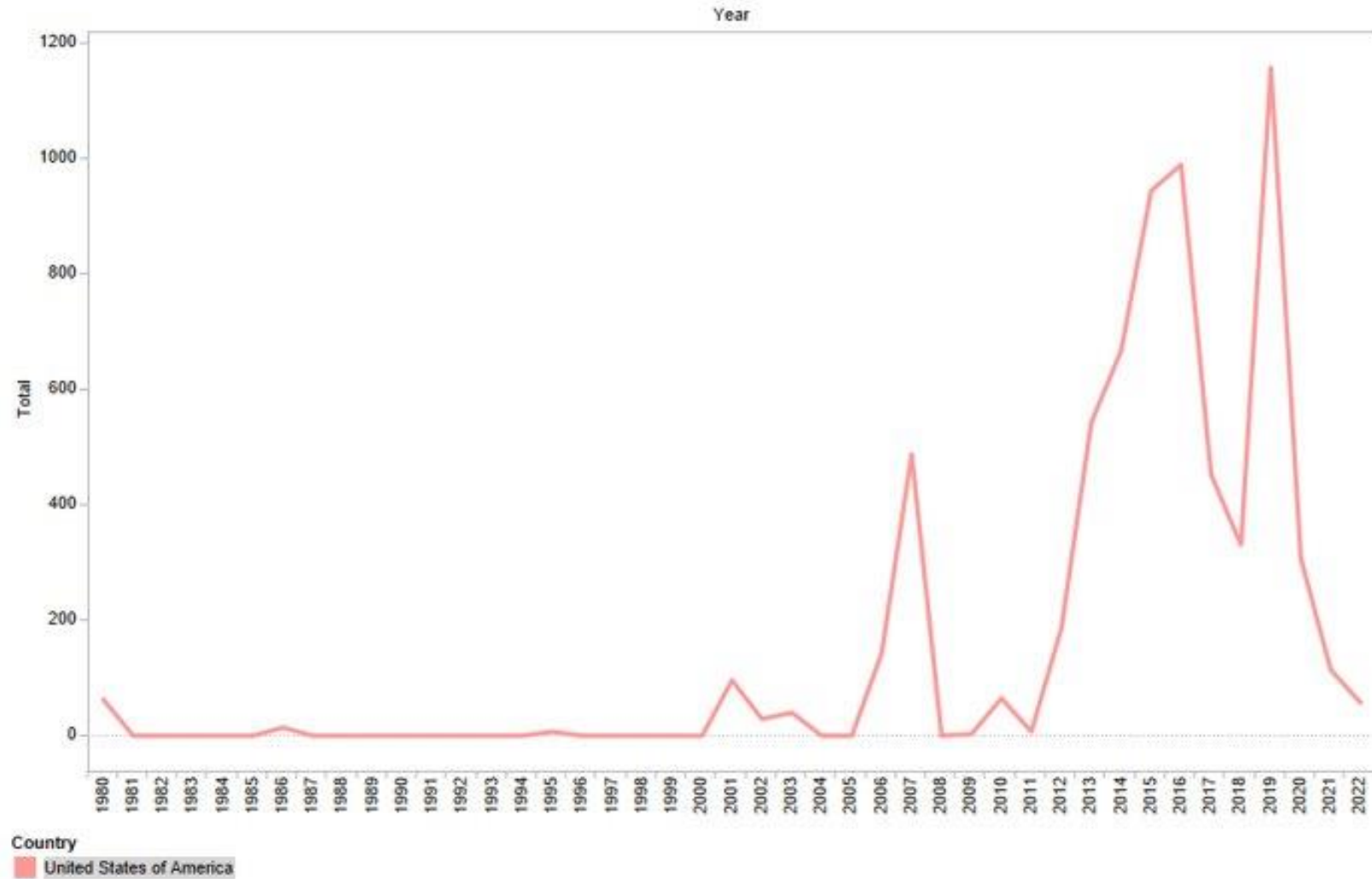
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Dengue Fever in The Americas

Number of Reported Cases by Country or Territory

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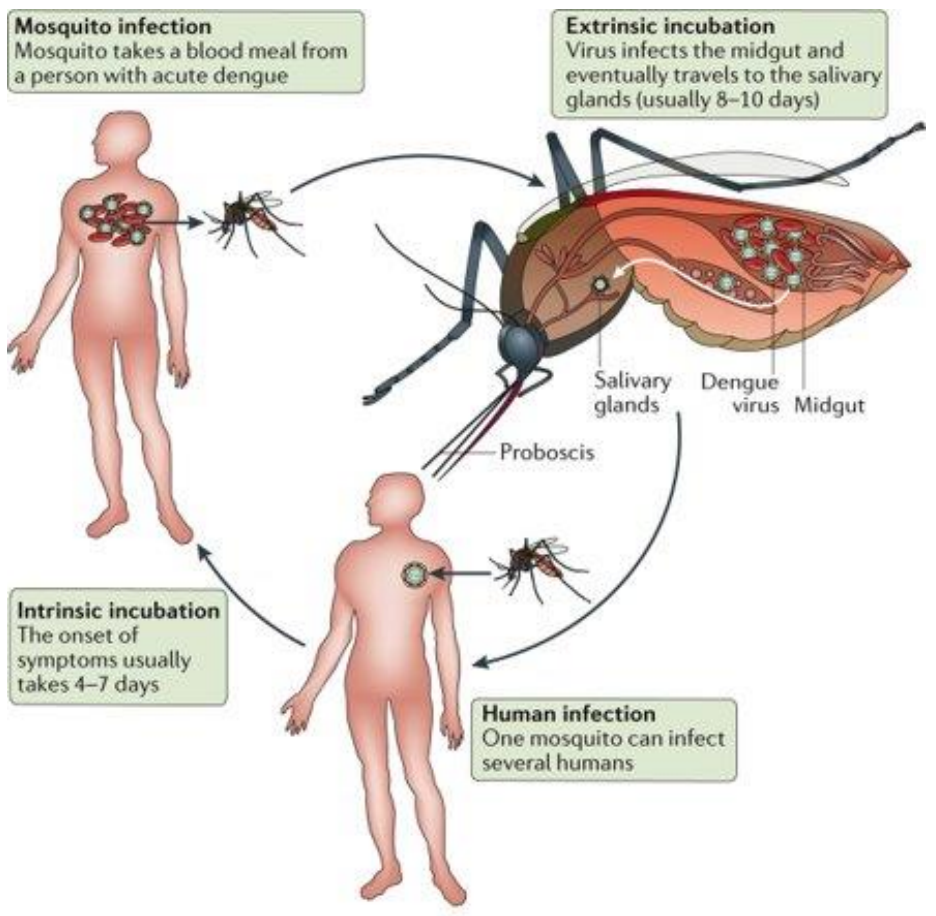


Pan American Health Organization

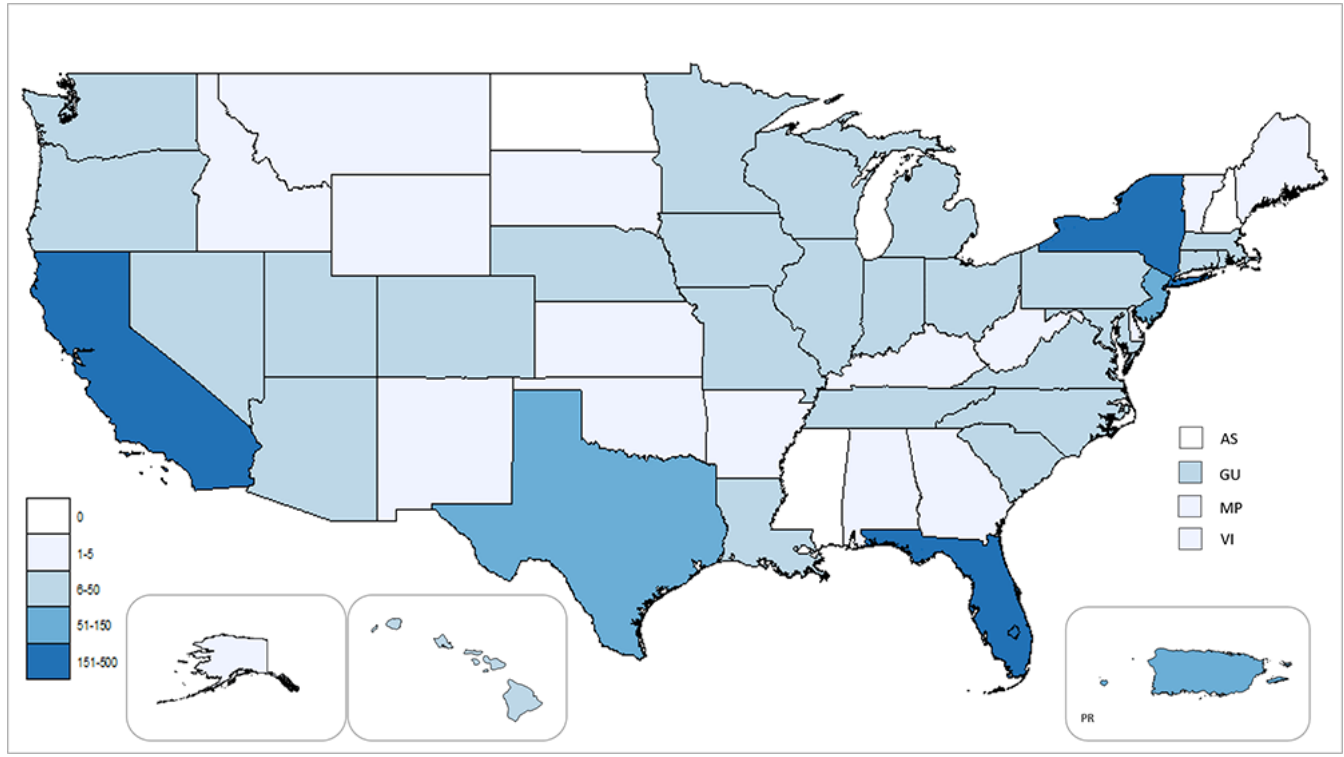
Source: Health Information Platform for the Americas (PLISA) - Data reported by Ministries & Institutes of Health.

Number of reported cases of dengue includes all dengue cases, suspected, probably, confirmed, non-severe, and severe cases/deaths.

States and territories reporting dengue cases – United States, 2019



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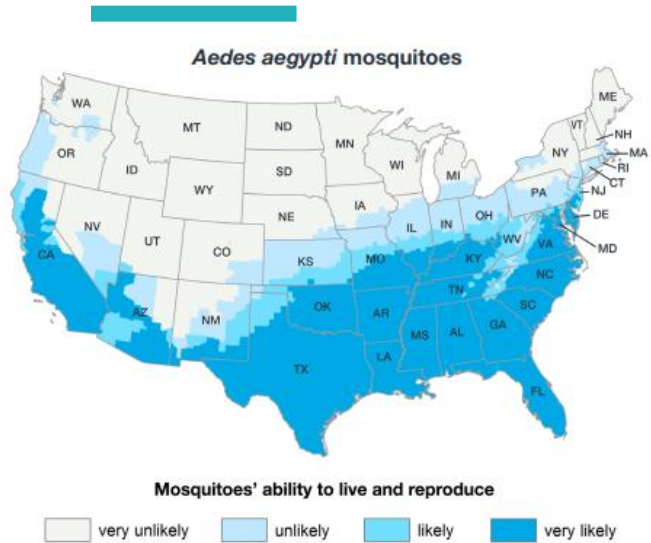
US States

- 1,475 dengue cases reported

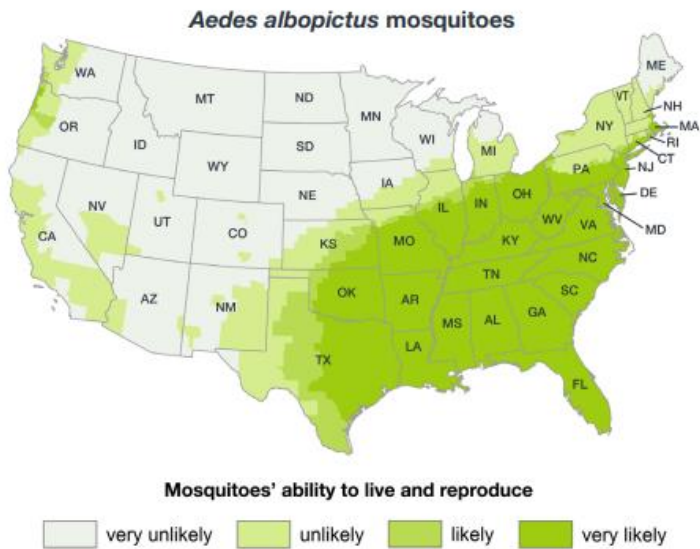
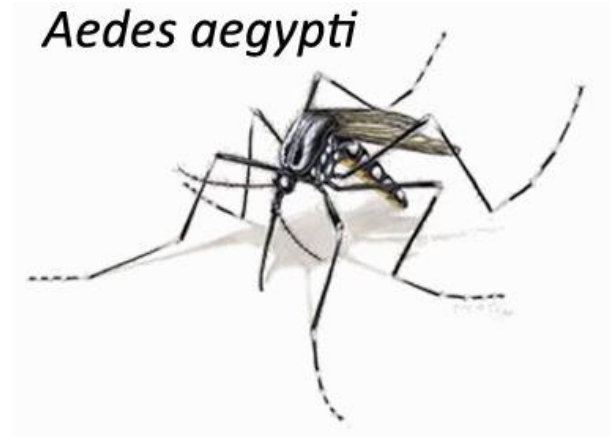
US Territories

- 118 dengue cases reported

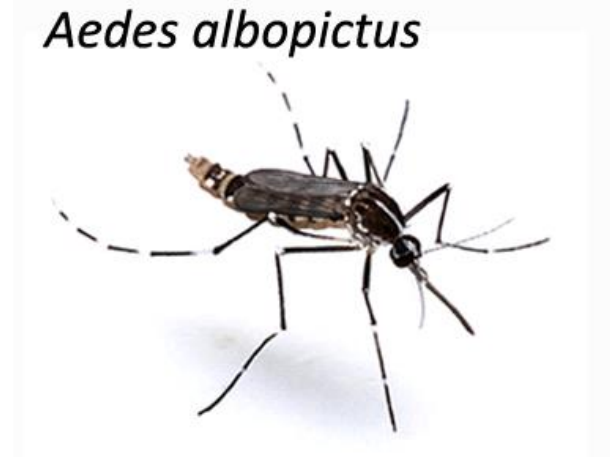
Dengue Transmission Mosquitos in the US



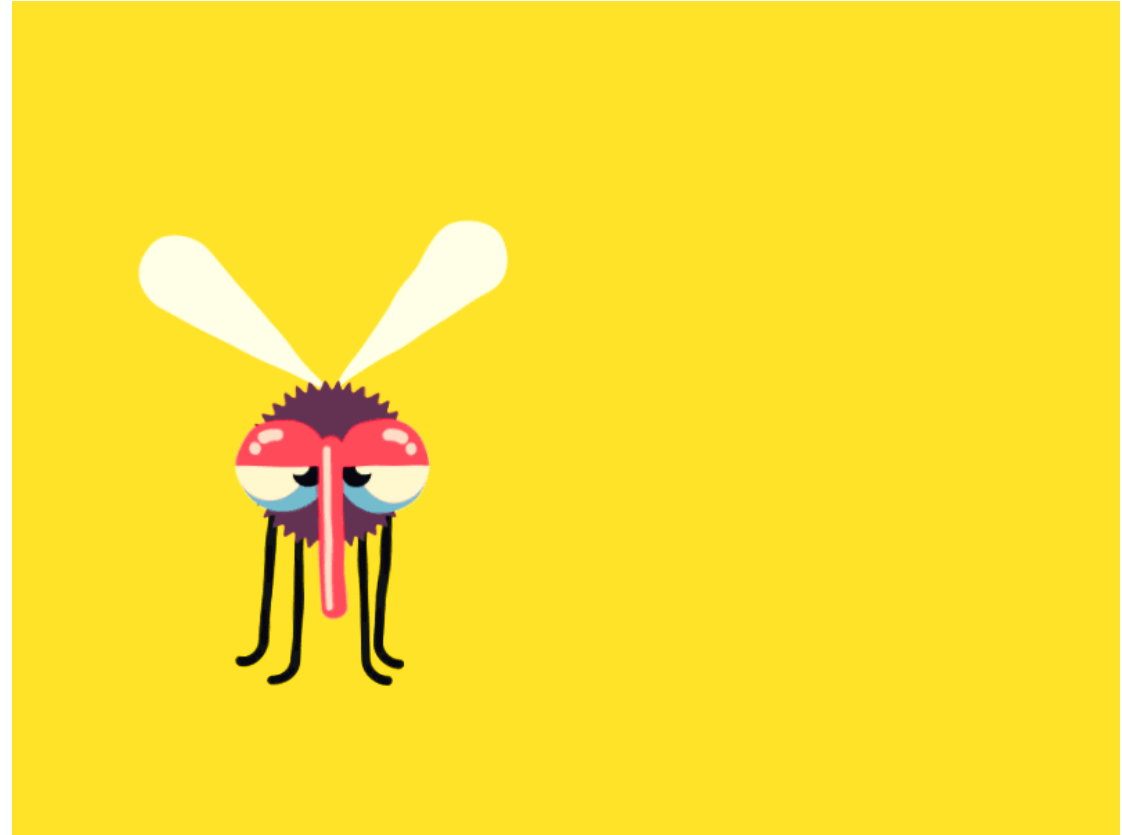
- *Aedes aegypti*
- Preferentially feeds off humans
- Transmits chikungunya, yellow fever, Zika, Dengue



- *Aedes albopictus*
- Secondary dengue vector
- Est. In urban areas
- Tolerates colder conditions

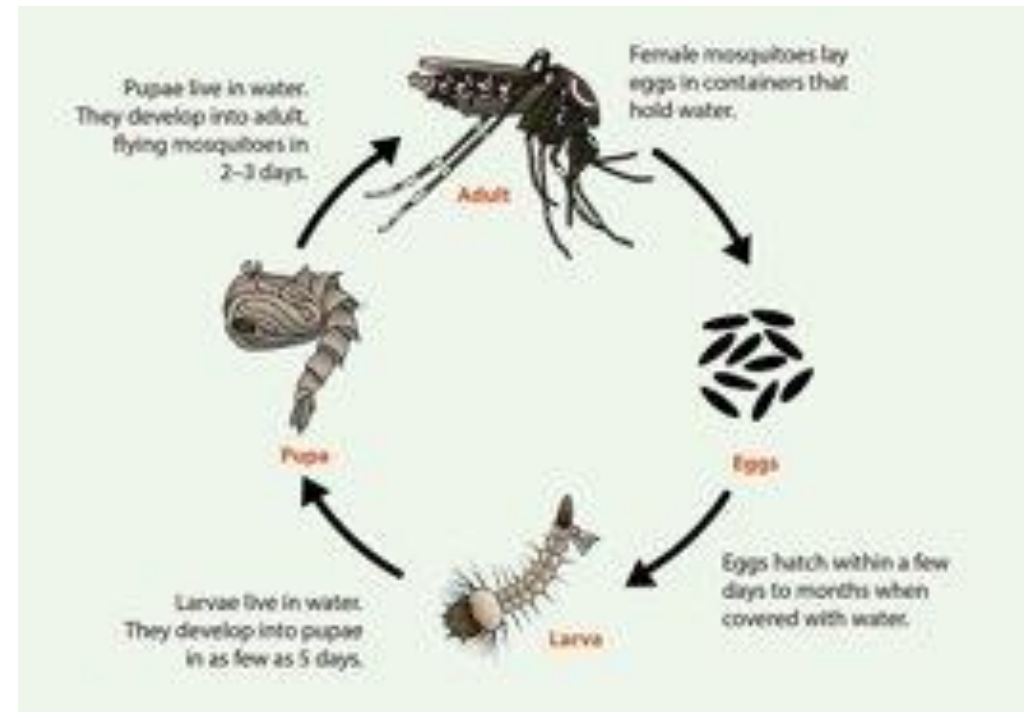


How does climate change affect dengue virus transmission and *Aedes Aegypti*?



Some like it hot.

- Ideal temperature range: 29C
- Below 15C, 0% eggs survive
- At 20C, 90% of eggs survive
- At 15C = 60 days between egg to maturity
- Between 27-34C: maturity within 6 days.
- Mosquitos must feed to breed
- Warmer temperatures = increased biting frequency





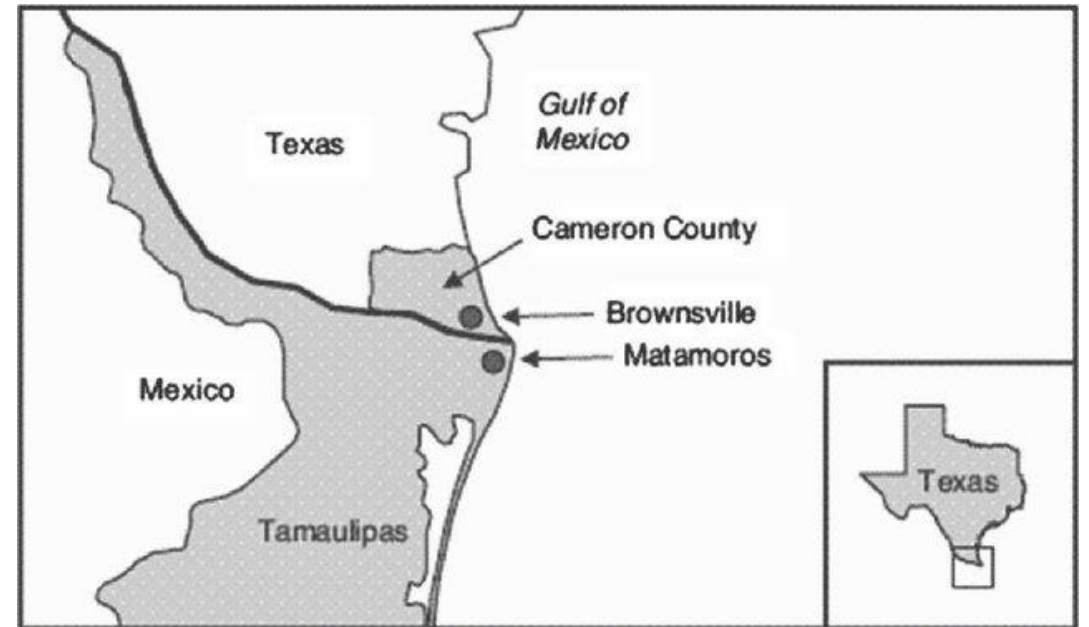
What does this mean for us?

“The risk depends on the public health measures.”

—MARINA ROMANELLO

Environmental responses matter

- Vector borne diseases disproportionately affect the poor
- **Matamoros** 32% seroprevalence for dengue
- **Brownsville** 4% seroprevalence for dengue
- Reduced access to air conditioning
- Smaller lot size
- Decreased use of insect repellants

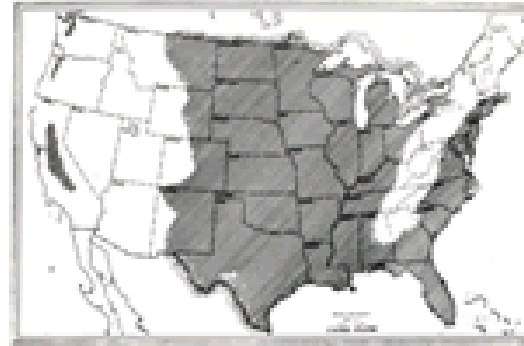


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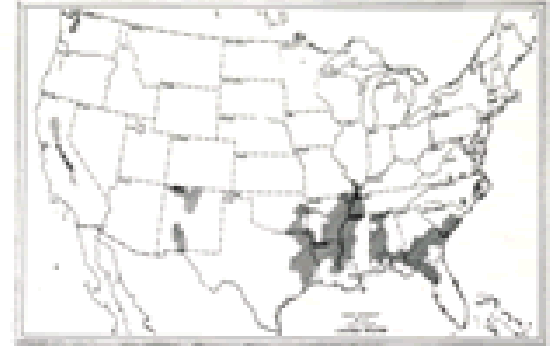
Malaria Eradication in the US

- In 1850, malaria was the leading cause of death in America
- In 1949, malaria "eradicated" from the US through public health measures

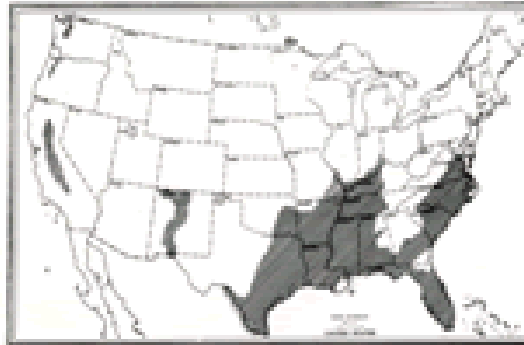
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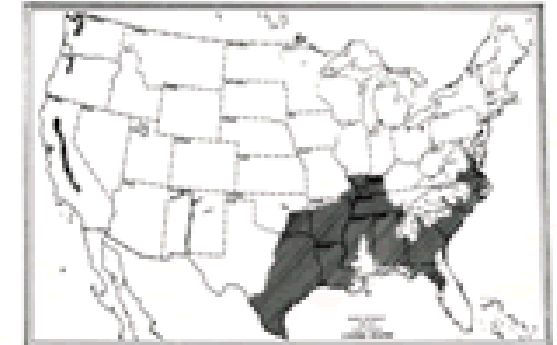
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1934-5



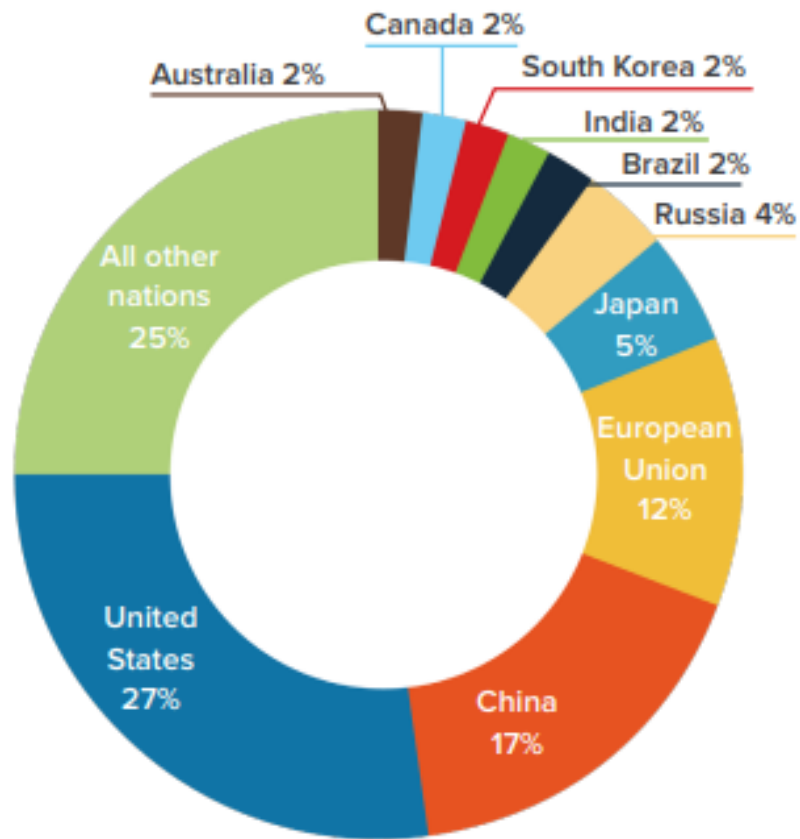


Figure 8: Top ten emitters as percentage of global health care footprint.

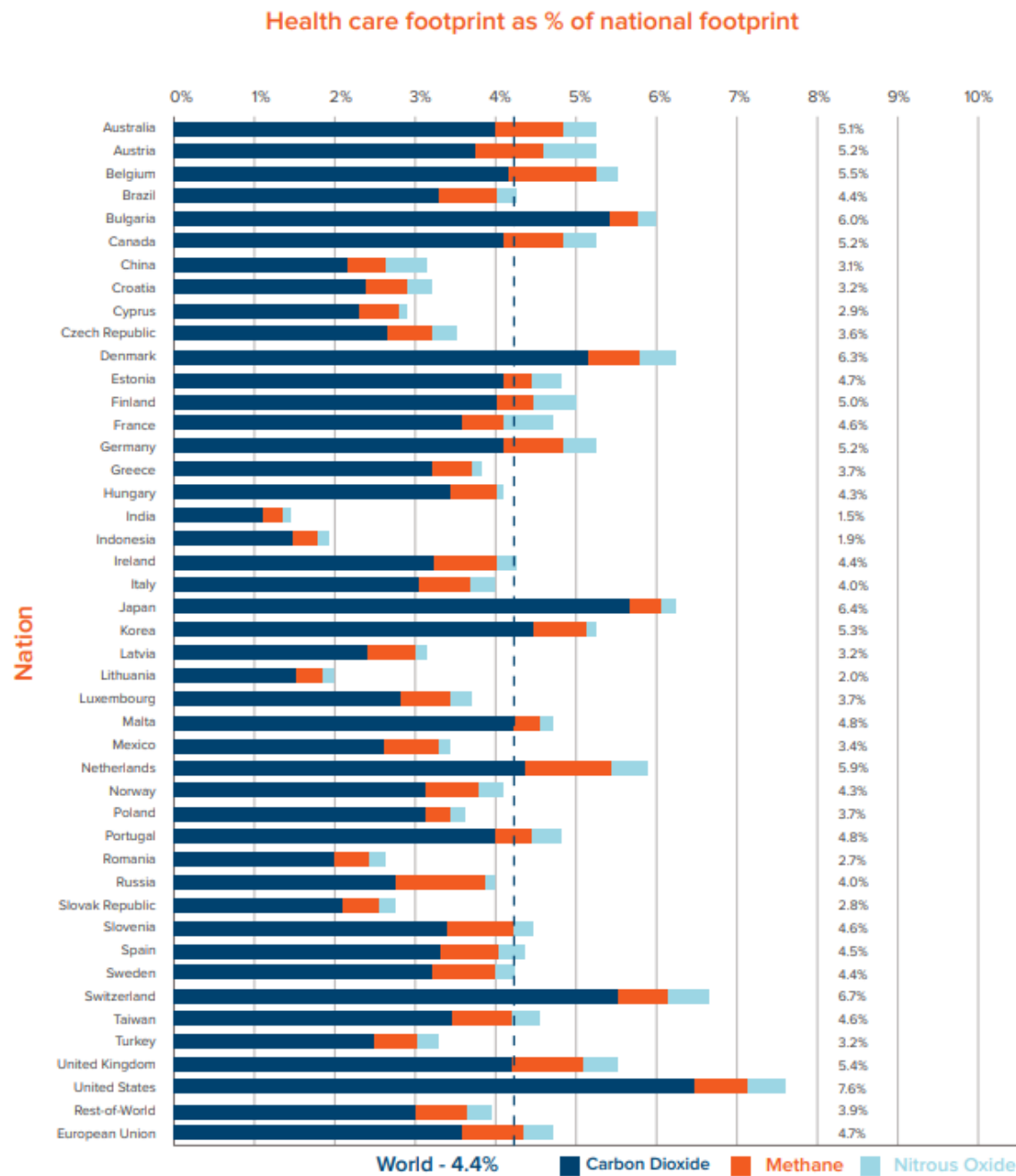


Figure 7: Health care footprint as a percentage of national emissions for all nations and regions covered in this study

Take-aways

- Climate change is complex
- Geographic range, pathogen prevalence, disease incubation periods, and seasonality of diseases may change
- Our differential must be broad
- Health care is a big contributor to greenhouse gases

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