



Division of Infectious Disease and Epidemiology
Animal Rabies Surveillance Report
 January 2021 to June 2021

Report at a glance:

- All animals tested for rabies have been described according to time, place, and species concerned.
- A total of **260** specimens were tested for animal rabies. Approximately 3.5% of all specimens tested were positive for rabies virus.
- The month with the highest number of samples submitted for tested was **June (33%)**, followed by March (18%), February (16%), May (14%), April (10%), and January (9%). Refer to Graph 1.
- Although most submissions (55%) came from **Providence County**, the majority of submissions that tested **positive** came from **Washington County** (44%). Refer to Table 1.
- **Bats** were the most commonly submitted species (54% of all submissions). Approximately 66% percent of the bat submissions came from **Providence County**.
- The highest rate of positive tests was in **raccoons** (24%), followed by **groundhogs** (5%), and **bats** (2%). Refer to Table 2.
- Animals positive for rabies were found in **eight Rhode Island towns**.

Graph 1. Animal Rabies Testing Submission Results, January-June 2021, RI

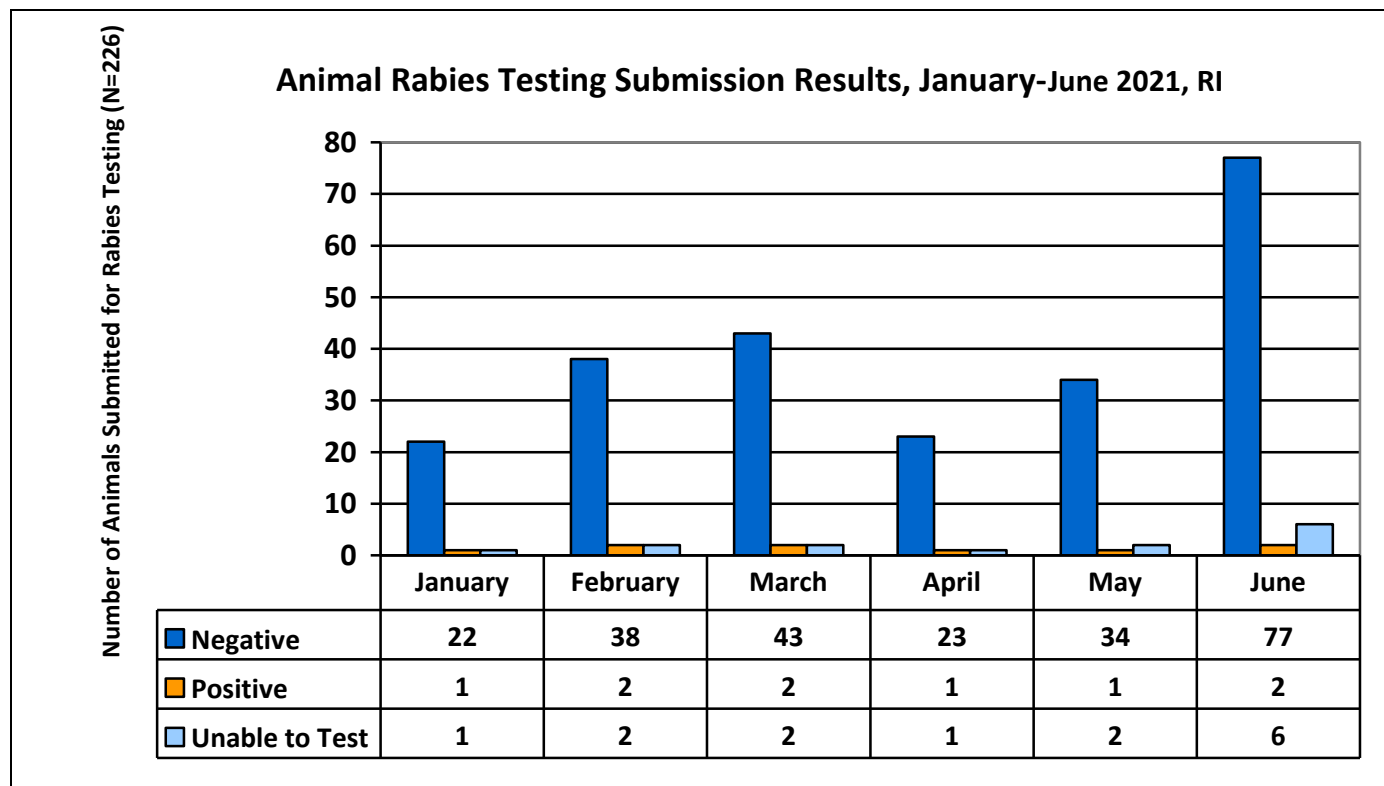


Table 1. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by County, January-June 2021, RI

County	Number of Positives	% of Total Positives
Kent	3	33%
Newport	1	11%
Providence	1	11%
Washington	4	44%
Total	9	n/a

Table 2. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by Species, January-June 2021, RI

Species	# Positive	% Positive by Species (Number of this species positive/ number of this species tested)	% Positive Overall (Number positive for this species / Number of all positive tests)
Bat	3	2%	33%
Equine	0	0%	0%
Fox	0	0%	0%
Groundhog	1	5%	11%
Raccoon	5	24%	55%
Skunk	0	0%	0%

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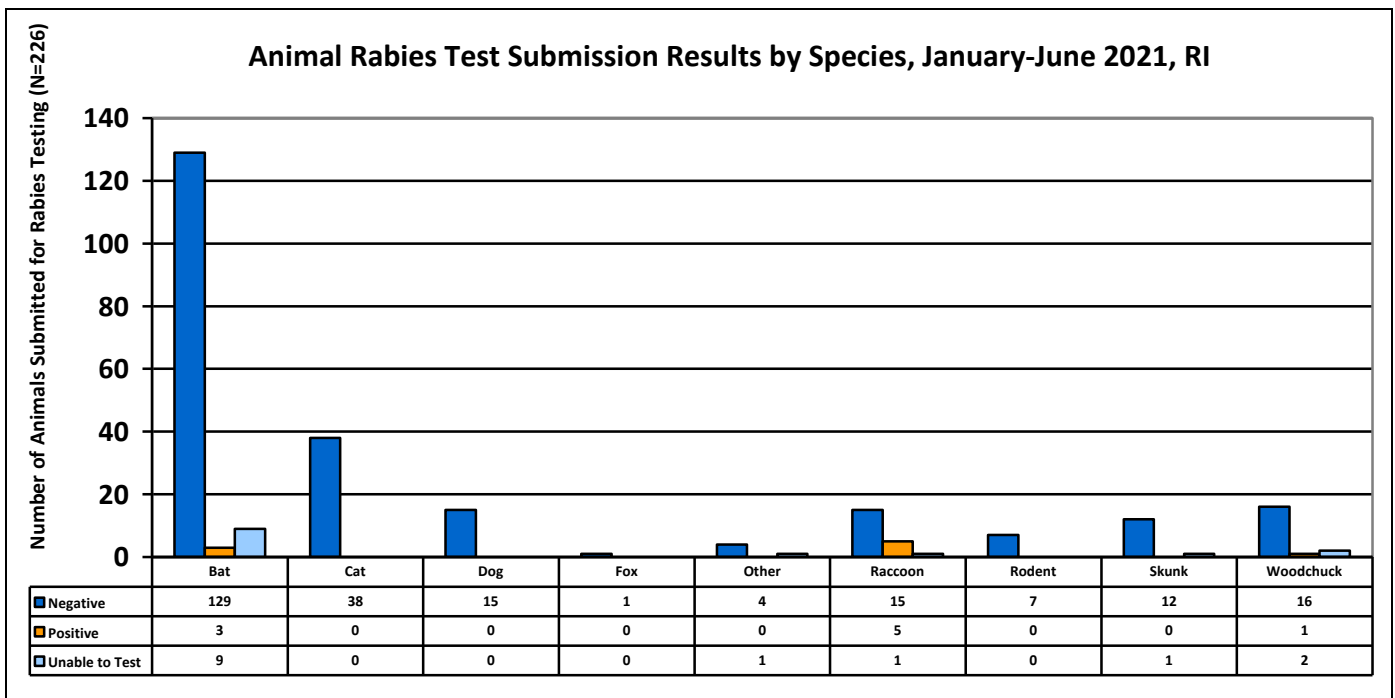


Table 3. Animals Submitted for Rabies Testing by Species and Locale, January-June 2021, RI

City	Species	Negative	Positive	Unable to Test	Total
Barrington	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	2	0	0	2
Bristol	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	4	0	0	4
Burrillville	Bat	1	0	0	1
Central Falls	Bat	1	0	0	1
Charlestown	Bat	1	0	0	1
Coventry	Bat	4	0	0	4
	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Raccoon	0	1	0	1
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
Cranston	Bat	15	0	0	15
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	2	0	0	2
	Skunk	0	0	1	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Cumberland	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
East Greenwich	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Cat	8	0	0	8
	Dog	4	0	0	4
	Woodchuck	0	1	0	1
East Providence	Bat	3	0	0	3
	Cat	1	0	0	0
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Exeter	Cat	1	0	0	1
Foster	Horse	1	0	0	1
Glocester	Bat	1	0	0	1
Jamestown	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Johnston	Bat	7	0	0	7
	Dog	1	0	0	1

	Raccoon	0	0	1	1
Lincoln	Bat	0	1	2	3
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
Middletown	Dog	1	0	0	1
Narragansett	Bat	3	0	0	3
Newport	Bat	3	1	0	4
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
North Kingstown	Cat	3	0	0	3
	Raccoon	0	2	0	2
North Providence	Bat	5	0	2	7
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	1	2
North Smithfield	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Rodent	3	0	0	3
Pawtucket	Bat	9	0	1	10
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
Portsmouth	Bat	2	0	0	2
Providence	Bat	35	0	1	36
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	4	0	0	4
	Sheep	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Richmond	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	0	1	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Scituate	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Donkey	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Smithfield	Bat	4	0	1	5
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Rodent	1	0	0	1
South Kingstown	Bat	3	0	1	4
	Raccoon	0	1	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Tiverton	Bat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
Warren	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Opossum	1	0	0	1

	Red Fox	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Warwick	Bat	7	1	0	8
	Cat	2	0	0	2
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	2	0	0	2
	Rodent	2	0	0	2
	Woodchuck	2	0	0	2
West Greenwich	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
West Warwick	Bat	6	0	0	6
	Woodchuck	0	0	1	1
Westerly	Bat	8	0	1	9
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Dog	1	0	0	1
	Opossum	0	0	1	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	1	0	0	1
Woonsocket	Bat	2	0	0	2
	Cat	1	0	0	1
	Raccoon	1	0	0	1
	Skunk	2	0	0	2
	Woodchuck	1	0	0	1
Connecticut	Cat	3	0	0	3
Massachusetts	Dog	1	0	0	1
Total	All Species	237	9	14	260

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