Annual reported case counts for India are shown below, with this year to date appearing to have a major reduction in reported cases from prior years. <http://www.who.int/vaccines/casecount/afpextractnew.cfm>.

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Within India, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are endemic states where poliovirus transmission has not been interrupted. In addition, an outbreak of polio in Karnataka that began in mid-2003 has led to cases in Karnataka in 2004 and additional cases in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (National Polio Surveillance Project <http://www.npspindia.org/>).

Mumbai is located in Maharashtra state, which borders with Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. It is a disappointing setback to have re-seeding of geographic areas that had previously interrupted wild poliovirus circulation.

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