



**Adult**  
(5.5 mm long)  
Take repeated blood meals over several weeks.  
Females lay up to 5 eggs per day, continuously.



**Fifth Stage Larva**  
(4.5 mm long)  
Takes a blood meal then molts.



**First Stage Larva**  
(1.5 mm long)  
Takes a blood meal then molts.



**Second Stage Larva**  
(2 mm long)  
Takes a blood meal then molts.



**Third Stage Larva**  
(2.5 mm long)  
Takes a blood meal then molts.



**Fourth Stage Larva**  
(3 mm long)  
Takes a blood meal then molts.

### Life Cycle of the Bed Bug

*Cimex lectularius*