

CHANGES IN DISEASE INCIDENCE

Incidence rates for several diseases monitored by Disease Control Programs in 1997 were markedly different from those in 1996. The percent change in incidence during 1997 compared to 1996 is presented in Table F for those diseases where at least 10 cases were reported in either 1996 or 1997, and substantial change was observed.

Table F. Percent Change in Incidence of Selected Notifiable Communicable Diseases, Los Angeles County, 1997

Disease	1996	1997	Percent Change
Legionellosis	0.14	0.35	161.6
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	0.05	0.11	145.3
Hansen's Disease (Leprosy)	0.10	0.20	96.2
Pertussis	1.35	0.35	-73.8
Strongyloidiasis	0.12	0.04	-64.3
Listeriosis, Nonperinatal	0.34	0.15	-54.2
Brucellosis	0.14	0.07	-51.0
Syphilis (Primary & Secondary)	2.40	1.20	-50.0
Cryptosporidiosis	1.68	0.85	-49.3
Coccidioidomycosis	0.78	0.44	-43.1