1. In the United States, 4,043 TB cases were reported in Hispanics in 2005, representing 29% of the total 14,097 TB cases in the nation. The incidence of tuberculosis in Hispanics was 9.5 cases per 100,000 population.¹

2. In California, 1,126 TB cases were reported in Hispanics in 2005, representing 38.8% of the total 2,903 TB cases in the state. This represented an 4.0% decrease in the number of Hispanic cases compared to the year 2004 (1,173 cases).²

3. In 2005, there were 906 TB cases reported in Los Angeles County (LAC). Of these, 426 were Hispanic, representing 47% of the total TB cases in LAC. Hispanics make up the racial/ethnic group with largest number of TB cases in LAC.³

4. Of the 426 Hispanic TB cases reported in LAC in 2005, 263 (61.7%) were male and 163 (38.3%) were female.

5. The majority of Hispanic TB cases were in the 15-34 year old age group with 132 cases (31.0%), followed by the 35-44 year old age group with 90 cases (21.1%), the 45-54 year old age group with 72 cases (16.9%), the 65 years and older age group with 66 cases (15.5%), the 55-64 year old age group with 37 cases (8.7%), the 0-4 year old age group with 19 cases (4.5%), and the 5-14 year old age group with 10 cases (2.3%).

6. Of the 426 Hispanic TB cases, 77 (18.1%) cases were born in the U.S. and 349 cases (81.9%) were foreign-born. Of these 349 foreign-born cases, 249 cases (71.3%) were born in Mexico, 38 cases (10.9%) in Guatemala, 29 cases (8.3%) in El Salvador, 10 cases (2.9%) in Peru, 9 cases (2.6%) in Honduras, and 14 cases were from 9 other countries.

7. Of the 426 Hispanic TB cases, 41 (9.6%) were co-infected with HIV. Hispanic HIV co-infected TB cases accounted for 63.1% of the total HIV co-infected TB cases in LAC (65 cases).

8. Of the 426 Hispanic TB cases, 17 (4.0%) were homeless. Of these 17, 16 cases (94.1%) were male and 1 case (5.9%) was female.

9. Three hundred seven cases (72.1%) were diagnosed as pulmonary TB and 119 cases (27.9%) as extra-pulmonary TB only.


Note: TB cases in Pasadena and Long Beach are not included in the report because these two cities have their own TB Control Programs.