1. In the United States, 4,066 TB cases were reported in Hispanics in 2006, representing 29.5% of the total 13,779 TB cases in the nation. The incidence of tuberculosis in Hispanics was 9.2 cases per 100,000 population.¹

2. In California, 1,068 TB cases were reported in Hispanics in 2006, representing 38.4% of the total 2,779 TB cases in the state. This represented an 5.2% decrease in the number of Hispanic cases compared to the year 2005 (1,126 cases).²

3. In 2006, there were 885 TB cases reported in Los Angeles County (LAC). Of these, 394 were Hispanic, representing 44.5% 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 394 Hispanic TB cases reported in LAC in 2006, 257 (65.2%) were male and 137 (34.8%) were female.

5. The majority of Hispanic TB cases were in the 15-34 year old age group with 120 cases (30.5%), followed by the 35-44 year age group with 70 cases (17.8%), the 45-54 year age group with 65 cases (16.5%), the 55-64 year age group with 55 cases (14%), the 65 years and older age group with 53 cases (13.5%), the 0-4 year age group with 21 cases (5.3%), and the 5-14 year age group with 10 cases (2.5%).

6. Of the 394 Hispanic TB cases, 69 (17.5%) cases were born in the U.S. and 322 cases (81.7%) were foreign-born. Of these 322 foreign-born cases, 233 cases (72.4%) were born in Mexico, 35 cases (10.9%) in Guatemala, 23 cases (7.1%) in El Salvador, 9 cases (2.8%) in Peru, 8 cases (2.5%) in Honduras, and 14 cases were from 8 other countries.

7. Of the 394 Hispanic TB cases, 40 (10.2%) were co-infected with HIV. Hispanic HIV co-infected TB cases accounted for 60.6% of the total HIV co-infected TB cases in LAC (66 cases).

8. Of the 394 Hispanic TB cases, 22 (5.6%) were homeless. All of the 22 cases were male.

9. Two hundred eighty-three cases (71.8%) were diagnosed as pulmonary TB and 111 cases (28.2%) 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.