



Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Program

2006 Epidemiology Fact Sheet Hispanic Tuberculosis Cases

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.

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