1. In the United States, 3,872 TB cases were reported in Hispanics in 2007, representing 29.1% of the total 13,299 TB cases in the nation. The incidence of tuberculosis in Hispanics was 8.5 cases per 100,000 population.\(^1\)

2. In California, 993 TB cases were reported in Hispanics in 2007, representing 36.4% of the total 2,725 TB cases in the state. This represented a 7.0% decrease in the number of Hispanic cases compared to the year 2006 (1,068 cases).\(^2\)

3. In 2007, there were 816 TB cases reported in Los Angeles County (LAC). Of these, 358 were Hispanic, representing 43.9% 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 358 Hispanic TB cases reported in LAC in 2007, 232 (64.8%) were male and 126 (35.2%) were female.

5. The majority of Hispanic TB cases were in the 15-34 year old age group with 102 cases (28.5%), followed by the 45-54 year age group with 70 cases (19.6%), the 65 years and older age group with 64 cases (17.9%), the 35-44 year age group with 56 cases (15.6%), the 55-64 year age group with 39 cases (10.9%), the 0-4 year age group with 20 cases (5.6%), and the 5-14 year age group with 7 cases (2.0%).

6. Of the 358 Hispanic TB cases, 61 (17%) cases were born in the U.S. and 297 cases (83%) were foreign-born. Of these 297 foreign-born cases, 197 cases (66.3%) were born in Mexico, 36 cases (12.1%) in El Salvador, 34 cases (11.4%) in Guatemala, 9 cases (3.0%) in Honduras, 5 cases (1.7%) in Nicaragua, and 16 cases were from 9 other countries.

7. Of the 358 Hispanic TB cases, 41 (11.5%) were co-infected with HIV. Hispanic HIV co-infected TB cases accounted for 64.1% of the total HIV co-infected TB cases in LAC (64 cases).

8. Of the 358 Hispanic TB cases, 25 (7.0%) were homeless. Among the 25 TB cases, 24 were male and 1 was female.

9. Two hundred sixty-one cases (72.9%) were diagnosed as pulmonary TB only, 74 (20.7%) cases as extra-pulmonary TB only, and 23 (6.4%) cases as pulmonary and extra-pulmonary TB.

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\(^3\) Epidemiology Services, TB Control Program, Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County. Tuberculosis Epidemiology Assessment (TEAM) Report 2007.

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