

2007 Tuberculosis Statistics

Bureau of Communicable Diseases—TB Program

Pennsylvania Department of Health

2007 TB Fact Sheet

In 2007, Pennsylvania reported 276 cases of TB.

The 2007 case rate for PA is 2.2 per hundred thousand.

Drug Resistance:

- Drug resistance to any of the four first line anti-tuberculosis medicines was found in 27 cases.
- Multi-drug resistance (MDR-TB) is resistance to isoniazid and rifampin. MDR-TB was found in 2 cases.

TB/HIV Co-Infection:

- 16 cases of co-infection were reported, representing 6% of all TB cases for 2007 in PA.

Tuberculosis: The Facts

- 2 billion people, equal to one third of the world's total population, are infected with TB bacilli, the microbe that causes TB.
- 55% of new TB cases are found in Asia and 31% in Africa, placing TB second only to HIV/AIDS in terms of the global burden of infectious disease.
- 1 in 10 people infected with TB bacilli will become sick with active TB disease in their lifetime; people co-infected with HIV are at a much greater risk.

Source: World Health Organization

Summary: This fact sheet provides statistics for tuberculosis (TB) disease in Pennsylvania for 2007. A TB case is considered an individual with active TB disease. Foreign-born is defined as a TB case living in the United States, but born outside the U.S. or its territories.

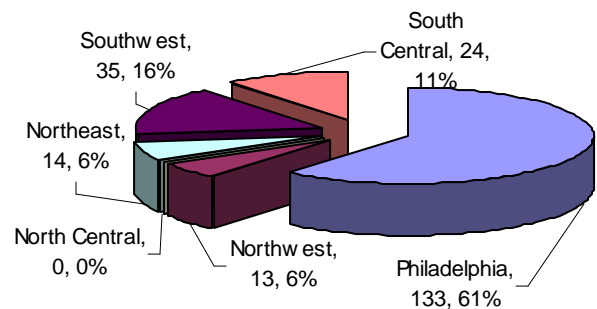
About Tuberculosis

Individuals at risk for contracting TB are persons who have been in close contact with an individual that has active TB, lived in a country where TB is common, or live/work in a congregate setting that is considered high risk.

TB Symptoms

- Cough lasting 3 weeks or more
- Unexplained weight loss/no appetite
- Chest pain
- Night sweats
- Fatigue/weakness
- Nausea
- Fever
- Coughing up blood or sputum
- Chills

TB Cases by Health District: PA, 2007



Place of Birth:

During 2007, 53% of the total cases for PA were among persons born outside the United States. The percentage of foreign-born cases is increasing yearly.

Percent Foreign Born Cases to Total Cases in a 3 year Period (2005-2007): PA, 2007

