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Testing for HIV in the Public and Private Sectors – Oregon, 1988–1991

Counseling and testing persons for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection is a key component of the public health strategy for reducing transmission of HIV in the United States (1,2). In 1991, the federal government allocated \$100 million to state and local health agencies to provide counseling and testing programs in public clinics for at-risk persons, including persons who may not otherwise use public health services. However, the relative contribution of HIV-testing in public clinics to HIV testing in the private sector is unknown. To compare HIV testing in Oregon public clinics to overall HIV testing, the Health Division (HD) of the Oregon Department of Human Resources, in cooperation with CDC, reviewed data collected from September 1, 1988, through August 31, 1991, on public and private HIV testing in Oregon. This report summarizes findings for HIV testing rates and assesses the importance of publicly funded testing in identifying HIV-seropositive persons.

Oregon law requires that all blood samples to be tested for HIV antibody be accompanied by certification that informed consent was obtained from the person being tested. The certification form, completed by the health-care provider, includes general demographic information about the person tested, reason for testing, previous HIV test results (if any), and the specimen collection date; the patient's name is not reported. Because HIV testing certificates do not include names, the data represent tests and not individual persons. Licensed laboratories (both public and private sector) are required to forward this information, along with test results, to the Oregon HD. For a specimen to be considered positive for HIV, enzyme immunoassay (EIA)-positive results must be confirmed by Western blot or immunofluorescent assay.

During the 3-year period, 125,159 HIV tests were reported to the Oregon HD. The annual number of reported tests increased steadily from 34,525 in 1989 (12 per 1000 residents) to 50,351 in 1991 (18 per 1000) (Table 1). Testing rates varied by persons' age, race/ethnicity, and place of residence. The highest testing rate was for persons

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aged 20–29 years (31 per 1000 state residents); testing rates were higher for blacks (40 per 1000) and Hispanics (28 per 1000) than for whites (13 per 1000). Testing was more common for residents of Oregon's Portland metropolitan area counties (17 per 1000) than for residents of other urban (12 per 1000) or rural (9 per 1000) counties.

In Oregon, publicly funded testing is done at 57 sites, primarily in county health departments. During the study period, 46,259 (37%) tests were publicly funded, and 78,900 (63%) were privately funded (Table 1). The proportion of all tests that were

		Α	II HIV tes	ts		Newly positive HIV tests						
	Public se	ector	Private s	ector		Public	sector	Private :	sector			
Category	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	Total	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	Total		
Period												
9/88-8/89	11,127	(32)	23,398	(68)	34,525	213	(41)	310	(59)	523		
9/89-8/90	15,089	(37)	25,194	(63)	40,283	271	(37)	461	(63)	732		
9/908/91	20,043	(40)	30,308	(60)	50,351	455	(56)	350	(44)	805		
Sex												
Male	23,127	(39)	36,697	(61)	59,824	849	(48)	920	(52)	1,769		
Female	22,505	(38)	37,102	(62)	59,607	69	(41)	98	(59)	167		
Unknown	627	(00)	5,101	(02)	5,728	21	(41)	103	(00)	124		
Age group (yrs)												
<13	168	(11)	1,314	(89)	1,482	2	(10)	18	(90)	20		
13–19	5,125	(44)	6,537	(56)	11,662	11	(38)	18	(62)	29		
20-29	17,499	(44)	22,223	(56)	39,722	362	(56)	285	(44)	64		
30-39	14,528	(40)	21,463	(60)	35,991	384	(50)	383	(50)	76		
40-49	6,306	(35)	11,867	(65)	18,173	136	(38)	225	(62)	36		
≥50	2,048	(19)	8,639	(81)	10,687	29	(22)	102	(78)	13		
Unknown	585	(10)	6,857	(01)	7,442	15	\/	90	(, 0,	10		
Race/Ethnicity												
White	38,072	(39)	59,004	(61)	97,076	771	(47)	867	(53)	1,63		
Black	3,104	(56)	2,412	(44)	5,516	66	(55)	54	(45)	12		
Hispanic	2,377	(25)	7,105	(75)	9,482	45	(54)	38	(46)	8		
Other	1,565	(38)	2,551	(62)	4,116		(56)	22	(44)	5		
Unknown	1,141	(00)	7,828	(02)	8,969		(00)	140	(• • •	16		
Residence												
Portland	23,077	(38)	38,031	(62)	61,108	671	(47)	763	(53)	1,43		
Other urban	15,993	(39)		(61)	40,744		(48)	199	(52)	38		
Rural	5,912	(37)		(63)	15,881		(46)	71	(54)	13		
non-Oregon	727	(20)		(80)	3,705		(22)	39	(78)	5		
Unknown	550	(==)	3,171	(00)	3,721		(22)	49	(70)	6		
Reason for test												
Symptomatic	568	(10)	5,060	(90)	5,628	83	(15)	482	(85)	56		
Asymptomatic [*]			• •	(54)	98,416		(65)	470	(35)	1.32		
Third party [†]	373			(97)	14,747		(3)	33	(97)	.,		
Unknown	0/0		6,368	(0.7	6,368		, 0/	136	(37)	13		
Total	46,259	(37) 78,900	(63)	125,159	939	(46)	1,121	(54)	2.00		

TABLE 1. Number and percentage of HIV-antibody tests and newly positive HIVantibody tests, by public and private test sites and by sex, age group, race/ethnicity, residence, and reason for testing – Oregon, September 1, 1988–August 31, 1991

*Persons who initiated testing of their own accord.

[†]Asymptomatic persons referred by a third party (e.g., an insurance company).

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publicly funded increased from 32% in 1989 to 40% in 1991. Of persons tested, those aged 13–39 years were more likely to be tested at publicly funded test sites (43%) than were those aged <13 years or \geq 40 years (28%). Blacks were more likely to be tested at publicly funded sites (56%) than were whites (39%) or Hispanics (25%).

Test providers classified persons being tested as 1) symptomatic; 2) asymptomatic and initiating testing of their own accord, or 3) asymptomatic and being referred by a third party (e.g., an insurance company). A minority of tests from symptomatic persons (10%) and third-party referred (3%) were performed at public sites. However, nearly half (46%) of tests from asymptomatic persons were performed at public sites.

Overall, 2667 (2%) tests were positive for HIV antibody. Newly diagnosed HIV infections were defined as positive tests for persons who had no history of a positive HIV-antibody test (i.e., persons who were tested for the first time or who had a previously negative test, or those for whom no previous testing history was available). Of positive HIV tests, 2060 (77%) represented newly diagnosed infections. Of tests for which age, sex, race/ethnicity, and place of residence of the person were reported, most newly diagnosed infections were among persons aged 20–49 years (91%), men (91%), whites (87%), and persons from the Portland metropolitan area (72%).

Rates of newly diagnosed infections varied by demographic characteristics: 1769 (3.0%) tests among males were newly positive, compared with 167 (0.3%) among females. The highest rate by age group was among persons aged 30–49 years (2.1%), followed by those aged 20–29 years (1.6%), and those aged \geq 50 years (1.2%). Rates also varied by race/ethnicity: 2.2% of tests among blacks were newly positive, 1.7% among whites, and 0.9% among Hispanics. Tests from the Portland metropolitan area were more likely to be newly positive (2.3%) than were those from other urban (0.9%) or rural areas (0.8%).

Samples submitted by the public and private sectors each accounted for approximately half of the newly diagnosed HIV infections (Table 1). The overall rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections was greater for the public (2.0%) than private (1.4%) sector. Of all tests for which reason for testing was known, most (69%) newly diagnosed HIV infections were among asymptomatic persons who self-initiated testing, 29% of new diagnoses were among symptomatic persons, and 2% were among third-party referrals. Of all tests representing newly diagnosed HIV infections among asymptomatic persons who self-initiated testing, 65% were performed in the public sector. Fewer newly diagnosed HIV infections among symptomatic persons and third-party referrals were diagnosed through public-sector testing (15% and 3%, respectively).

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Editorial Note: The findings in this report indicate that from 1988 through 1991, nearly half of newly diagnosed HIV infections in Oregon were diagnosed through public-sector testing. In addition, the overall rate of HIV testing and the proportion of tests conducted in the public sector increased during this time.

Asymptomatic persons who are unaware of their HIV infection are an important target group for prevention programs aimed at reducing transmission of HIV through counseling and testing; however, unlike symptomatic persons, asymptomatic persons may need to be convinced through various education efforts to seek testing. In Oregon, public clinics performed only 37% of all tests but diagnosed nearly two thirds

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(65%) of new HIV infections among asymptomatic persons who self-initiated testing. Asymptomatic persons seeking testing at public clinics were twice as likely to have a newly diagnosed HIV infection as asymptomatic persons seeking testing in private clinics. These findings suggest that the cumulative impact of community education, case-finding, and outreach programs have been effective in encouraging high-risk, asymptomatic persons to be counseled and tested at public clinics. These findings also suggest that, in Oregon, publicly funded HIV counseling and testing is increasingly important in identifying persons with undetected HIV infection.

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Misclassification of Infant Deaths – Alaska, 1990–1991

In June 1991, the Alaska Section of Vital Statistics reported that nine deaths of Alaskan Native infants occurred in seven villages in southwestern Alaska from January 1990 through June 1991. In comparison, seven Alaskan Native infant deaths occurred in these villages during 1986–1989. Two of the deaths during 1990–1991 had been attributed to acute viral myocarditis (*International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision* [ICD-9], code 422.9) and three to viral or unspecified pneumonitis (ICD-9 codes 480.9 and 486), while from 1985 through 1989, one infant death in these villages had been attributed to either of these causes. An examination of the clinical histories of these nine infants by the Alaska Division of Public Health (ADPH) suggested some of the diagnoses might be inaccurate. This report summarizes an investigation by the ADPH to assess the accuracy of the immediate cause of death recorded on the death certificates for the nine infants.

The nine infants who died ranged in age from 26 days to 8 months and were unrelated. Six had been found dead by caretakers, two died while receiving care at the regional hospital, and one had a respiratory arrest at a village clinic after presenting with cyanosis and periodic apnea. For eight of the infants, a pathologist determined cause of death after postmortem examination; no autopsy was performed on the ninth infant, and cause of death was determined by a physician familiar with the case history.

The ADPH formed an infant death review team consisting of a medical epidemiologist, pediatricians, a consulting pediatric pathologist, other physicians, and public health nurses who reviewed clinical records and pathologic specimens for each death. For two of the infants, there was no information about the scene of death and limited clinical information.

The review team offered a consensus cause of death for each infant. This was compared to the cause of death listed on the death certificate for each of the nine infants (Table 1). The review team reported that for the two infants with acute viral myocarditis listed as the cause of death on the death certificate, the cause was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) for one and unknown for the other (Table 1). Similarly, for two infants with pneumonitis listed as cause of death on the death certificate, the review team reported the cause as SIDS for one and unknown for the other. Overall,

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five deaths had been inappropriately attributed to myocarditis or pneumonitis and at least two were due to SIDS. Both deaths that had been attributed on the death certificates to SIDS were considered accurate by the review team (Table 1) (1).

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Editorial Note: The findings of this investigation revealed that the cause of death listed on the death certificates for five of the nine infants was inaccurate. In particular, the underdiagnosis of SIDS indicated in this investigation suggests the possibility that the SIDS rate for Alaska (2.7 per 1000 live births) (2,3)-approximately twice the overall rate for the United States (U.S. rate: 1.4 per 1000 live births [CDC, unpublished data, 1979–1988])-may be higher than previously considered.

A variety of determinants may influence the accuracy and quality of data derived from death certificates. These include 1) differences in the interpretation of the causes of death by those entering this information on death certificates (e.g., understanding definitions of underlying, intermediate, and immediate cause of death), 2) incomplete clinical and laboratory information available at the time death certificates are completed, 3) variations in coding the underlying cause of death, and 4) the level of training and experience of those determining cause of death (4,5). Misclassification of cause of death on death certificates may bias epidemiologic studies, misdirect prevention efforts and services, and prompt inappropriate action within the justice system.

Although reports have suggested that use of autopsy information will improve the accuracy of vital statistics data (4-7), findings from this investigation indicate that autopsies alone may not improve the accuracy of such data for infant deaths. The findings in this report suggest that infant death review teams may improve the accuracy of causes of death for infants (8). Since this investigation, the ADPH, in cooperation with the Alaska Area Native Health Service, plans to investigate and review all infant deaths that occur in Alaska. An infant death review committee similar to the one assembled to conduct this investigation in Alaska should be considered in other locales to periodically review infant deaths, including parental interviews and death scene investigations, to improve cause-of-death reporting for infants (8).

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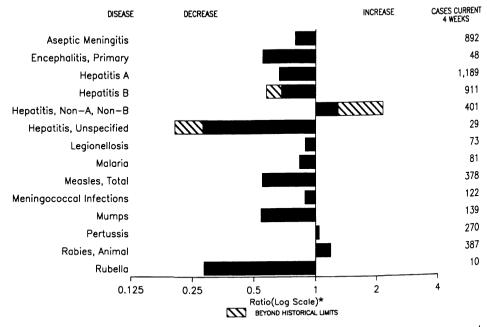
Infant age at death	Death certificate cause of death	Consensus cause of death
26 days	Acute pneumonitis	Acute bronchopneumonia
1 month	Acute viral pneumonitis	Unknown
1 month	Acute viral myocarditis	Unknown
2 months	SIDS*	SIDS
3 months	Viral bronchiolitis/pneumonitis	SIDS
6 months	SIDS	SIDS
6 months [†]	Meningitis/sepsis	Meningitis/sepsis due to Streptococcus pneumoniae
6 months	Sepsis due to viral pneumonitis/myocarditis	Sepsis due to Haemophilus influenzae type b
8 months	Acute viral myocarditis	SIDS

TABLE 1. Age at death, death certificate cause of death, and consensus cause of death for nine infants - Alaska, 1990–1991

*Sudden infant death syndrome.

[†]No autopsy performed.

FIGURE I. Notifiable disease reports, comparison of 4-week totals ending August 8, 1992, with historical data - United States



*Ratio of current 4-week total to the mean of 15 4-week totals (from previous, comparable, and subsequent 4-week periods for the past 5 years). The point where the hatched area begins is based on the mean and two standard deviations of these 4-week totals.

TABLE I. Summary - cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, cumulative, week ending August 8, 1992 (32nd Week)

	Cum. 1992		Cum. 1992
AIDS* Anthrax Botulism: Foodborne Infant Other Brucellosis Cholera [†] Congenital rubella syndrome Diphtheria Encephalitis, post-infectious Gonorrhea Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease) Hansen Disease Leptospirosis Lyme Disease	27,377 10 32 2 45 92 7 3 87 296,150 922 114 19 3,732	Measles: imported indigenous Plague Poliomyelitis, Paralytic ⁵ Psittacosis Rabies, human Syphilis, primary & secondary Syphilis, congenital, age < 1 year ¹ Tetanus Toxic shock syndrome Trichinosis Tuberculosis Tularemia Typhoid fever Typhus fever, tickborne (RMSF)	98 1,574 3 20,885 697 10 149 17 13,353 92 199 228

*Updated monthly; last update August 1, 1992. ¹Delayed reports from California.

Two cases of suspected poliomyelitis have been reported in 1992; six of the nine suspected cases with onset in 1991 were confirmed and 5 of the 8 suspected cases with onset in 1990 were confirmed; all were vaccine associated. Updates for first guarter 1992.

			Encor	halitis			•				<u> </u>	
	AIDS*	Aseptic Menin-		Post-in-	Gond	orrhea		1	(Viral), by	type Unspeci-	Legionel-	Lyme
Reporting Area	Cum.	gitis Cum.	Primary Cum.	fectious Cum.	Cum	Cum.	A Cum.	B Cum.	NA,NB Cum	fied	losis Cum.	Disease
• <u> </u>	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992	1991	1992	1992	1992	Cum. 1992	1992	Cum. 1992
UNITED STATES	27,377	4,073	334	87	296,150	358,306	11,921	9,517	4,476	407	765	3,732
NEW ENGLAND	906	171 14	20	:	6,278	8,762	350	357	50	16	37	827
Maine N.H.	35 30	9	2 2	-	51 91	105 154	23 25	21 24	5 12	1	1 3	4 22
Vt.	13	8	3	-	15	32	5	10	9		2	3
Mass. R.I.	492 67	78 62	10 3	-	2,280 457	3,816 716	176 83	272 17	21 3	15	21 10	90 130
Conn.	269	-	-		3,384	3,939	38	13	-	-	-	578
MID. ATLANTIC	6,806	419	16	8	30,859	43,134	909	1,239	228	14	221	2,118
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	752 3.901	200 81	4	1	5,988 10,148	7,539 16,548	218 349	302 222	137 4	7	87 3	1,321
N.J. [′]	1,362	-	-	-	4,528	7,258	148	311	67		27	319
Pa.	791	138	12	7	10,195	11,789	194	404	20	7	104	470
E.N. CENTRAL	2,520	564	87	26	55,827	66,351	1,717	1,436	806	24	177	72
Ohio Ind.	454 262	156 86	25	2 11	16,443 5,257	20,348 6,673	272 512	142 493	59 390	4 8	79 21	34 24
III.	1,155	123	32	6	18,519	19,656	315	156	42	4	12	6
Mich. Wis.	500 149	190 9	19 2	7	13,279 2,329	14,989 4,685	88 530	374 271	268 47	8	41 24	8
		•				17,638	1,414	387	164	21	49	176
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	762 138	225 24	19 3	6	13,165 1,706	1,720	423	45	13	2	49	68
lowa	54	30	-	3	963	1,253	23	25	5	2	14	14
Mo.	387 8	97 1	8		7,256 39	10,753 44	503 73	253 1	125 3	15 1	17 1	71 1
N. Dak. S. Dak	8	÷	1	1	110	211	182	3	-	-		i
Nebr.	34	10	2	2	8	1,151	111	15	.7	1	12	10
Kans.	135	56	5	•	3,083	2,506	99	45	11		2	11
S. ATLANTIC	6,452 79	761 31	69 6	35	92,900 1,077	108,996 1,593	733 25	1,570 149	613 131	58 1	110 16	274 112
Md.	757	94	11		9,390	11,026	141	233	23	5	20	62
D.C.	423	14	1		4,145	5,935	13 61	52 108	233 25	20	7 10	2
Va. W.Va.	392 34	114 10	21 6	9	10,441 577	10,584 749	5	36	25	12	10	52 4
N.C.	436	100	20	•	15,355	22,052	65	276	60	-	20	22
S.C. Ga.	221 842	7 95	2	•	6,879 28,070	8,829 26,233	17 97	34 175	58	1	16 5	1 2
Fla.	3,268	296	2	26	16,966	21,995	309	507	82	19	16	17
E.S. CENTRAL	860	240	12	-	28,253	35,034	180	808	1,369	2	42	45
Ky.	128	76	7 2	•	2,936 8,785	3,666	49 81	47 673	3	•	18	14
Tenn. Ala	265 313	56 67	2		9,457	12,443 10,246	29	85	1,354 11	1	18 6	24 7
Miss.	154	41	Ĩ		7,075	8,679	21	3	1	1	•	
W.S. CENTRAL	2,566	541	35	4	33,416	39,825	1,151	1,224	81	95	13	80
Ark.	127 466	7 39	7 3	1	4,641 9,471	4,859 9,490	53 97	49 112	7 35	4	i	10 4
La. Okla.	147		3	2	3,214	4,164	126	119	23	3	;	21
Tex.	1,826	495	22	1	16,090	21,312	875	944	16	86	5	45
MOUNTAIN	788	146	13	4	7,345	7,610	1,744	432	162	33	58	8
Mont. Idaho	14 19	2 19	1	1	63 65	66 85	53 37	25 56	26		9 4	2
Wyo.	2	-	1	•	33	59	3	2	10		i	ī
Colo.	264 66	49 10	6 3	1	2,764 548	2,231 678	493 180	68 118	60 15	17 7	10 2	4
N. Mex. Ariz.	254	45	1		2,543	2,812	729	90	20	4	18	4
Utah	54	2	1	1	158	202	194	10	19	5	2	1
Nev.	115	19	-	•	1,171	1,477	55	63	12	•	12	•
PACIFIC Wash.	5,717 314	1,006	63 1	4	28,107 2,312	30,956 2,784	3,723 464	2,064 208	1,003 88	144	58 8	132 6
Oreg.	161				1,037	1,250	219	179	50	8	•	• •
Calif.	5,146	943	59	3	24,031	25,988	2,870	1,657	699	121	49	125
Alaska Hawaii	11 85	9 54	3	1	445 282	473 461	33 137	8 12	2 164	1 7	1	1
Guam		2	_		48	5	5	1		6	•	1
P.R.	877	120	1		123	386	28	280	125	16	1	-
V.I.	2	-	-	•	67	265	2	6	-	•	•	-
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	-	-	•	:	26 51	29 48	1	1	-		:	-
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TABLE II. Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending August 8, 1992, and August 10, 1991 (32nd Week)

N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable C.N.M.I.: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands *Updated monthly; last update August 1, 1992.

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	Malaria		Meas	les (Rub	Deola)		Menin-								
Reporting Area		Indig	jenous	Impo	orted*	Totai	gococcal Infections	Mu	imps	l'	Pertussi	S	1	Rubella	
	Cum. 1992	1992	Cum. 1992	1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1991	Cum. 1992	1992	Cum. 1992	1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1991	1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1991
UNITED STATES	532	138	1,574	1	98	8,168	1,446	74	1,758	75	1,144	1,444	2	124	1076
NEW ENGLAND Maine	29	-	51	-	7	65	90	-	11	9	101	208	-	6	4
N.H.	3	:	2 15	-	2	2	8 5	-	3	-	4 27	46 17	-	1	1
Vt. Mass.	15	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-
R.I.	4	:	11 23		3	32 2	37 1	-	2	5	45	123	-	- 4	2
Conn.	7		-	-	4	24	35	-	6	4	23	19	-	1	1
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y.	148 21	:	175 79	-	12	4,484	166	2	120	2	100	141	-	16	563 537
N.Y. City	82	:	/9 42	-	3 8	383 1,625	81 14	2	50 21	1	29 15	80 19	-	11	537 2
N.J. Pa.	24 21	-	49	-	ī	1,020	25	-	9		16	10	-	2	2 22
E.N. CENTRAL	34	-	5	-	-	1,456	46	-	40	1	40	32	-	3	22 176
Ohio	6	-	23	-	13 6	78 3	221 57	-	229 82	2	93 32	287 75	-	7	147
Ind. III.	9	-	20	-	-	2	34	-	7	-	17	50	-	-	2
Mich.	9 8	-	1 2	-	4 2	25 39	57 57	-	75 57	2	13 8	55 24	-	7	6 20
Wis.	2	-		-	1	39	16	-	57	-	23	24 83	-	-	1
W.N. CENTRAL	27	-	6	-	8	40	65	-	60	3	100	108	-	4	16
Minn. Iowa	13 2	-	5	-	5 3	10 15	9	-	19	-	32	47	-	-	6 5
Mo.	8	-		-	-	15	20	-	10 23	1	3 36	12 33		-	5
N. Dak. S. Dak.	1	-	:	-	-	•	1	-	2	-	10	2	-	-	
Nebr.	-	-	:	-	-	1	1 13	-	4	-	5 8	3 5	-	-	- 1
Kans.	3	-	1	-	-	13	14	-	2	2	6	6	-	4	•••
S. ATLANTIC Del.	100 5	1	118	-	11	440	264	56	679	12	96	144	1	15	7
Md.	27	-	3 9	-	7	21 173	2 26	-	4 60	-	3 16	33	- 1	6	1
D.C. Va.	7 23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	1	-	-	1	1
W. Va.	1	-	10	-	4	28	38 14	-	38 22	2	6 6	16 8	-	1	2
N.C. S.C.	8	-	25	-	-	39	61	55	181	8	21	22	-	2	2
Ga.	5	-	29	-	-	12 14	18 38	1	48 56	1	11 8	9 24	-	-	3
Fla.	24	1	42	-	-	153	64	-	265	1	24	32	-	5	
E.S. CENTRAL Ky.	13	-	445	-	17	2	91	3	44	-	19	45	-	1	100
Tenn.	1 8	-	444	-	1	1 1	28 27	1	14	-	- 5	16	-	1	100
Ala. Miss.	4	-	-	-	-	-	27	2	10	-	13	25	-	:	:
WISS. W.S. CENTRAL	-		1	-	16	-	9	-	20	-	1	• 4	-		5
Ark.	18	131	646	-	2	159 5	105 10	7	296 6	2	38 10	40 4	-	:	1
La. Okla.	1	-	-	-			24	1	17	-	2	10	-	:	
Okla. Tex.	5 12	131	11 635	-		- 154	13 58	- 6	15 258	2	26	20 6	:	-	4
MOUNTAIN	18	6	12	-	8	963	74		100	10	221	150	-	5	6
Mont. Idaho	-	-	•	-	-	-	13	-	2	-	3	2	-	- 1	
Wyo.	-	:	- 1	:	-	398 3	8 2	:	3	1	24	21 3	:	2	
Colo. N. Mex.	5	6	9	-	7	5	14	-	14		25	80	-	-	i
Ariz.	2 8	:	2	2	1	98 312	8 16	N	N 56	9	53 91	16 8	2	2	- / -
Utah Nev.	2	-	•	-		129	4		18	-	24	18	-	1 1	4
	1	-	-	-	-	18	9	-	7	•	1	2	-	י 70	199
PACIFIC Wash.	145 8	:	98	1	22 10	1,937 61	370 55	6	219 9	35 8	376 106	321 84	1	6	82
Oreg. Calif.	10		4	-	1	68	51	N	Ň	1	22	41	-	2 41	181
Alaska	119 1	-	54 8	1†	3	1,785 3	253 6	1	191 1	25 1	229 5	145 12	1	-	1
Hawaii	7	-	32	-	ż	20	5	5	18	-	14	39	-	21	'
Guam	1	υ	10	U	-	-	-	U	8	U	-		U	1	1
P.R. V.I.	-	:	293	:	:	92 2	3	-	1 17	-	8	32	-		:
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	-		:	-		24		-		-	6	-	-	:	-
	-	U	1	U	1	-	-	U	-	U	1	-	U	-	-

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending August 8, 1992, and August 10, 1991 (32nd Week)

*For measles only, imported cases includes both out-of-state and international importations. N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable ¹International ^{\$}Out-of-state

T	A	igust 8, 1			0, 1991	(32na	vveek)		r
Reporting Area	(Primary 8	philis k Secondary)	Toxic- shock Syndrome		culosis	Tula- remia	Typhoid Fever	Typhus Fever (Tick-borne) (RMSF)	Rabies, Animal
	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1991	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1991	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992
UNITED STATES	20,885	25,683	149	13,353	13,582	92	199	228	4,910
NEW ENGLAND Maine	413 2	680	10	246 17	364 27	1	22	7	463
N.H.	38	12	6	3	5	-	1	-	1
Vt. Mass.	1 198	1 322	3	3 106	4 179	1	13	3	18 5
R.I. Conn.	21 153	37 308	1	34 83	33 116	:	8	2 2	439
MID. ATLANTIC	3,140	4,603	19	3,120	3,178	-	53	17	1,487
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	199 1,712	414 2,294	8	214 1,951	298 1,942	-	7 23	6 3	816
N.J. Pa.	399 830	790 1,105	11	555 400	521 417	-	16 7	4	460 211
E.N. CENTRAL	3,081	2,994	40	1,337	1,363	1	22	22	82
Ohio Ind.	474 169	400 94	12 9	202 101	196 112	-	3 1	12 4	8 10
III.	1,412	1,393	5	686	721	1	15	2	13
Mich. Wis.	622 404	770 337	14	296 52	271 63		2 1	1 3	8 43
W.N. CENTRAL	730	440	26	308	322	38	3	19	801
Minn.	51	45	5	74	61	-	1	•	121
lowa Mo.	31 553	40 307	5 5	23 149	47 138	28	1	17	138 9
N. Dak.	1	1	1	2	6 24	8	•	1	106
S. Dak. Nebr.	1	11	3	15 13	11	1	-	-	95 8
Kans.	93	35	7	32	35	1	-	1	324
S. ATLANTIC Del.	5,792 136	7,614 97	14 3	2,468 25	2,559 17	4	16	56 4	1,100 137
Md.	417	615	2	178	237	1	4	7	324
D.C. Va.	265 442	478 586	1	79 169	118 221	2	1	1	13 190
W. Va.	11	20	1	58	42	-	1	3	24
N.C. S.C.	1,491 785	1,182 938	3 1	323 249	339 248	1	1	25 5	18 95
Ga. Fla.	1,170 1,075	1,871 1,827	1 2	546 841	522 815	-	8	5	229
E.S. CENTRAL	2,637	2,790	1	886	913	5	3	2 39	70 93
Ky.	89	53	•	236	219	1	-	5	50
Tenn. Ala.	709 993	942 1,019	1	245 238	257 242	4	•	31 3	43
Miss.	846	776	-	167	195	-	3		~
W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	3,766 505	4,557 386	1	1,434 106	1,570 141	21 13	6	58	487
Ark. La.	1,561	1,552	-	108	140			8	25 5
Okla. Tex.	177 1,523	111 2,508	- 1	95 1,125	106 1,183	8	6	50	233 224
MOUNTAIN	234	352	13	350	375	20	2	6	102
Mont. Idaho	7 1	6 3	1	14	6 4	10	-	3	12
Wyo.	i	5	-	- 14	3	2	1	1	23
Colo. N. Mex.	34 27	56 21	4 2	29 47	35 49	3 5	1	:	9
Ariz.	117	225	2	166	203	-		1	5 49
Utah Nev.	6 41	5 31	3	52 42	30 45	•	•	1	1 3
PACIFIC	1.092	1,653	25	3.204	2.938	2	72	4	3 295
Wash.	49	115	-	187	185	•	4	-	
Oreg. Calif.	26 1,008	49 1.481	1 24	80 2,757	69 2.515	1	65	1 3	2 280
Alaska	4	4	-	33	46	i	-	-	13
Hawaii Guam	5	4	-	147	123	•	3	-	•
P.R.	2 195	291	-	34 135	6 141		3 1	-	31
V.I. Amer. Samoa	43	75	•	3	2	-	•	-	
C.N.M.I.	5	2	-	38	8	:	1	•	-

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending August 8, 1992, and August 10, 1991 (32nd Week)

U: Unavailable

_		All Cau	uses, B	y Age	(Years)		P&I		T	All Cau	uses, B	y Age	(Years)		aat
Reporting Area	All Ages	≥65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1	Total	Reporting Area	All Ages	≥65		25-44	1-24	<1	P&l [†] Total
NEW ENGLAND	492	344	78	41	13	16	41	S. ATLANTIC	1,271	763	270	139	I	45	58
Boston, Mass.	151	88	32	19	5	7	22	Atlanta, Ga.	123	62			54 7	45	50 7
Bridgeport, Conn.	31	23	3	3	1	1	-	Baltimore, Md.	253	146			14	11	15
Cambridge, Mass. Fall River, Mass.	18	14	3	1	-	-	3	Charlotte, N.C.	76	49		1	2	5	4
Hartford, Conn.	18 35	13 26	5 6	2	-		-	Jacksonville, Fla.	116	81			5	2	3
Lowell, Mass.	19	16	3	2	-	1	1	Miami, Fla.	101	63			4	3	1
Lynn, Mass.	18	16	ž	-	-		2	Norfolk, Va. Richmond, Va.	56	41 34			2	1	6 3
New Bedford, Mass.	19	14	1	3	1	-	1	Savannah, Ga.	67 33	20			4	3 2	3
New Haven, Conn.	42	26	8	3	1	4	5	St. Petersburg, Fla.	48	37			1	3	-
Providence, R.I.	23	19	2	1	1	-	-	Tampa, Fla.	141	94			2	6	7
Somerville, Mass. Springfield, Mass.	9 41	6 25	1	1	1	-	-	Washington, D.C.	237	121			11	8	9
Waterbury, Conn.	23	25	6 2	7	2	1	2	Wilmington, Del.	20	15	i 4	1	-	-	•
Worcester, Mass.	45	40	4		1	1 1	1	E.S. CENTRAL	697	467	126	50	22	32	46
MID. ATLANTIC	2.692						4	Birmingham, Ala.	115	74			2	8	4
Albany, N.Y.	2,692	1,719 39	558 17	304	62	49	128	Chattanooga, Tenn.		59	7	5	2	2	4
Allentown, Pa.	14	10	2	2	-	4	2	Knoxville, Tenn.	48	33		2	2	:	4
Buffalo, N.Y.	101	68	20	9	1	3	1	Lexington, Ky.	70	47		7	1	2 9	15
Camden, N.J.	35	17	10	ő	i	1	2	Memphis, Tenn. Mobile, Ala.	160 67	100 46		11 9	5 2	9	4
Elizabeth, N.J.	20	15	3	1	-	i	-	Montgomery, Ala.	39	40			3	4	1
Erie, Pa.§	57	41	12	-	4	-	3	Nashville, Tenn.	123	85			5	3	6
Jersey City, N.J. New York City, N.Y.	44	31 872	4	2	-	7	1	W.S. CENTRAL	1,254	746		142	52	35	62
Newark, N.J.	56	25	299 20	205	31	17	57	Austin, Tex.	1,254	/40 34		142	2	- 35	6
Paterson, N.J.	30	21	20	8 4	-	3	5	Baton Rouge, La.	47	30		7	-	-	2
Philadelphia, Pa.	392	261	84	30	11	6	27	Corpus Christi, Tex.	58	38		4	5	1	-
Pittsburgh, Pa.§	53	38	10	4	1		4	Dallas, Tex.	224	130	43	28	13	10	4
Reading, Pa.	21	15	3	2	i	-	2	El Paso, Tex.	65	32		8	3	1	5 2
Rochester, N.Y. Schenectady, N.Y.	118	81	24	8	3	2	4	Ft. Worth, Tex.	75	48		5	2	8	26
Scranton, Pa.§	27 22	18 21	5	1	3	-	-	Houston, Tex. Little Rock, Ark.	316 70	178 44		55 5	12 2	8	25
Syracuse, N.Y.	120	81	1 23	- 8	5	-	1	New Orleans, La.	40	21		5	1	1	-
Trenton, N.J.	40	24	- 23	6	5	3 2	7	San Antonio, Tex.	178	113		6	ģ	4	5
Utica, N.Y.	17	15	2		-	-	-	Shreveport, La.	55	32		5	1	1	3 4
Yonkers, N.Y.	39	26	6	6	1	-	5	Tulsa, Okla.	75	46		6	2	1	4 48
E.N. CENTRAL Akron, Ohio	1,974	1,231	385	212	94	52	83	MOUNTAIN Albuquerque, N.M.	753	522		71	21	17 1	40
Canton, Ohio	43 34	34 21	5	2	1	1	2	Colo. Springs, Colo.	. 76 . 43	45		13 4	2 2		4
Chicago, III.	410	138	9 100	3 111	1	-	1	Denver, Colo.	. 43	30 57		10	1	2	3
Cincinnati, Ohio	116	81	23	6	54 3	7 3	11	Las Vegas, Nev.	131	86		14	ż	2	6
Cleveland, Ohio	135	88	30	9	5	3	3	Ogden, Utah	21	19		-	-	-	3
Columbus, Ohio	145	98	34	9	3	1	ž	Phoenix, Ariz.	153	106		10	7	10	18 1
Dayton, Ohio Detroit, Mich.	94	68	15	8	2	1	4	Pueblo, Colo.	24	20		-		:	5
Evansville, Ind.	215 46	130 38	41 4	22	9	13	7	Salt Lake City, Utah Tucson, Ariz.	83 136	61 98		9 11	4 3	2	7
Fort Wayne, Ind.	40 58	41	4 9	3 2	6	1	1	PACIFIC							87
Gary, Ind.	20	13	4	ŝ		:	6	Berkeley, Calif.	1,728	1,142		201	57	41 2	2
Grand Rapids, Mich.	64	50	6	2	2	4	8	Fresno, Calif.	21 66	12 43		3 5	3	2	7
Indianapolis, Ind.	159	114	27	11	2	5	9	Glendale, Calif.	15	14			-	-	2
Madison, Wis.	31	22	8	1	-	-	1	Honolulu, Hawaii	76	56		6	-	2	7
Milwaukee, Wis. Peoria, III.	118 39	84 27	23 10	4	2	5	6	Long Beach, Calif.	91	69	8	9	1	4	9
Rockford, III.	39	26	6	3	1	1	3	Los Angeles, Calif.	408	242		54	26	10	11 5
South Bend, Ind.	43	30	7	3	i	2	1	Pasadena, Calif. Portland, Oreg.	30	24		3	÷	1	5
Toledo, Ohio	102	79	13	7	i	2	ż	Sacramento, Calif.	136 169	99 108	19 35	12 15	5 4	4	16
Youngstown, Ohio	65	49	11	3	-	2	1	San Diego, Calif.	128	80		21	6	4	8
W.N. CENTRAL	736	537	105	46	29	19	35	San Francisco, Calif	. 142	89		30	ĩ	1	-
Des Moines, Iowa	71	55	7	5	2	2	6	San Jose, Calif.	146	102		13	4	5	10
Duluth, Minn.	29	24		1	-	-	-	Santa Cruz, Calif.	29	21	4	4	-	-	:
Kansas City, Kans.	29	22	5		1	1	-	Seattle, Wash. Spokane, Wash.	138 48	98 35	25 4	13	2	1	1
Kansas City, Mo.	112 28	71	19	11	4	7	6	Tacoma, Wash.	48 85	35 50	4 21	76	1 4	4	4
Lincoln, Nebr. Minneapolis, Minn.	155	21 113	4 31	3 7	3	1	13	TOTAL							
Omaha, Nebr.	91	72			3		13	IUTAL	11,597 [¶]	7,471	2,207	1,206	404	306	588
St. Louis, Mo.	116	80	17	ĕ	9	4	- 5								
St. Paul, Minn.	53	41		1	3	3	3								
Wichita, Kans.	52	38	3	6	4	1	2								

TABLE III. Deaths in 121 U.S. cities,* week ending August 8, 1992 (32nd Week)

*Mortality data in this table are voluntarily reported from 121 cities in the United States, most of which have populations of 100,000 or more. A death is reported by the place of its occurrence and by the week that the death certificate was filed. Fetal deaths are not included.

†Pneumonia and influenza.

Secause of changes in reporting methods in these 3 Pennsylvania cities, these numbers are partial counts for the current week. Complete counts will be available in 4 to 6 weeks. ¶Total includes unknown ages. U: Unavailable

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Ectopic Pregnancy – United States, 1988–1989

Although the number and rate of ectopic pregnancies in the United States increased from 1970 through 1987, they stabilized from 1987 through 1989 (1). This report presents data regarding the number and rate of ectopic pregnancies and ectopic pregnancy-related deaths in the United States from 1988 through 1989 and compares those data with information reported since 1970.

Data were obtained from the National Hospital Discharge Survey (NHDS), conducted by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Information on deaths was obtained from death certificate data compiled by NCHS. Estimates of hospitalization for ectopic pregnancy are rounded to the nearest 100.

During 1989, an estimated 88,400 (95% confidence interval [CI] = 70,600-106,100) U.S. women were hospitalized for ectopic pregnancy, a 10% increase over the 1988 estimate of 80,700 (95% CI = 67,200-94,200) but approximating the estimate for 1987. From 1970 (when surveillance of ectopic pregnancy began) through 1989, the rate of ectopic pregnancies per 1000 reported pregnancies* increased almost fourfold, from 4.5 to 16.1 (Table 1). Similarly, the rate of ectopic pregnancies per 1000 live births increased almost fivefold, from 4.8 to 22.0, while the rate per 10,000 reproductive-aged women (aged 15–44 years) increased more than threefold, from 4.2 to 15.5 (Table 1).

From 1988 through 1989, the highest rate of ectopic pregnancy occurred for women aged \geq 30 years, the same as in previous years (1). The rate for black and other minority women was 32% higher than that for white women. When rates were calculated by geographic region, the highest rate of ectopic pregnancy occurred in the South[†], the same as reported during 1985–1987 (1,2); the lowest rate occurred in the Midwest.

^{*}Includes live-born infants, legally induced abortions, and ectopic pregnancies.

[†]Regions defined by the Bureau of the Census.

Ectopic Pregnancy - Continued

Although the risk for death associated with ectopic pregnancy decreased from 1970 through 1987 (Figure 1), slight increases occurred in 1988 and 1989. From 1970 through 1989, the case-fatality rate decreased 90%, from 35.5 to 3.8 deaths per 10,000 ectopic pregnancies.

In 1988, 44 women died from complications of ectopic pregnancy[§] – 14 more than reported in 1987 (1) (case-fatality rate: 5.4 deaths per 10,000 ectopic pregnancies). In 1989, 34 deaths occurred as a result of ectopic pregnancy complications (case-fatality rate: 3.8 deaths per 10,000 ectopic pregnancies).

For black women and women in other minority groups, the risk for death from ectopic pregnancy was more than three times that for white women in 1988 and almost five times the risk in 1989. The racial disparity during 1988 and 1989 increased from figures reported in 1986 and 1987 and was similar to figures reported from 1983 through 1985 (2)—when fourfold higher rates occurred among black women and women in other minority groups (Figure 1).

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Editorial Note: In the United States, complications from ectopic pregnancy are the leading cause of pregnancy-related death during the first trimester (3,4). Factors

[§]Ectopic pregnancy mortality data were obtained from death certificate data compiled by NCHS.

			Rate	
Year	No.*	Reported pregnancies [†]	Live births ^s	Reproductive-aged women ¹
1970	17,800	4.5	4.8	4.2
1971	19,300	4.8	5.4	4.4
1972	24,500	6.3	7.5	5.5
1973	25,600	6.8	8.2	5.6
1974	26,400	6.7	8.4	5.7
1975	30,500	7.6	9.8	6.5
1976	34,600	8.3	11.0	7.2
1977	40,700	9.2	12.3	8.3
1978	42,400	9.4	12.8	8.5
1979	49,900	10.4	14.3	9.9
1980	52,200	10.5	14.5	9.9
1981	68,000	13.6	18.7	12.7
1982	61,800	12.3	17.0	11.5
1983	69,600	14.0	19.2	12.6
1984	75,400	14.9	20.6	13.6
1985	78,400	15.2	20.9	14.0
1986	73,700	14.3	19.7	12.8
1987	88,000	16.8	23.1	15.3
1988	80,700	15.1	20.7	14.4
1989	88,400	16.1	22.0	15.5
Total	1,047,900	11.3	14.8	10.3

TABLE 1. Number and rates of ectopic pregnancy, by year – United States, 1970–1989

*Estimated from the National Hospital Discharge Survey conducted by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics; rounded to the nearest 100.

[†]Per 1000 reported pregnancies.

⁵Per 1000 live births.

[¶]Per 10,000 women aged 15–44 years.

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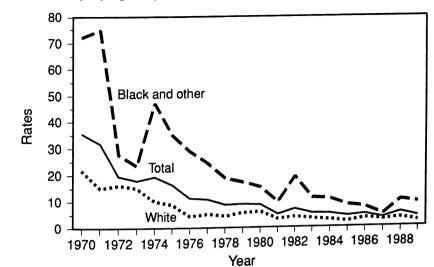


FIGURE 1. Ectopic pregnancy death rates*, by race - United States, 1970-1989

*Per 10,000 ectopic pregnancies.

accounting for the decreased occurrence of ectopic pregnancy in 1988 include heightened awareness of ectopic pregnancy among health-care providers and patients, earlier diagnosis, and more frequent use of conservative ambulatory therapy (5-8). In addition, this decrease may also reflect changes in the NHDS sampling frame implemented in 1988. However, variability of the data, as indicated by wide confidence intervals, does not permit meaningful conclusions about changes in the estimates of ectopic pregnancies for 1988 and 1989.

The increase in case-fatality rates in 1988 resulted from the simultaneous increase in the number of deaths reported and the decrease in the estimated number of women hospitalized with ectopic pregnancy. Although the race-specific risk for death associated with ectopic pregnancy requires further assessment, all rates employing race-specific estimates must be interpreted cautiously because race was unreported for almost 10% of ectopic pregnancy cases during the time interval of the report.

CDC is analyzing data from a case-control study that will increase knowledge about risk factors for ectopic pregnancies among a predominantly black population. In addition, CDC will be analyzing data from the National Prospective Maternal Mortality Surveillance System, initiated in 1987, to assess deaths due to complications of ectopic pregnancy during 1987–1990.

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Notices to Readers

First International Latex Conference

CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will cosponsor the first International Latex Conference November 5–7, 1992, in Baltimore. The conference will provide an opportunity for health-care professionals, scientists, industry, and regulatory agencies to present data and exchange information about the issues of hypersensitivity reaction to latex medical devices. The program will include speakers, oral and poster presentations, and a panel discussion. Topics will include latex chemistry, clinical studies, protein quantification and identification, epidemiology of latex hypersensitivity, diagnostic testing methods, prevention strategies, and approaches of manufacturers and producers.

Additional information is available from the FDA International Latex Conference, in care of Crosspaths Management Systems, Inc., Two Wisconsin Circle, Suite 660, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; telephone (800) 5CPATHS ([800] 527-2847).

Training Courses for Hospital Epidemiologists

CDC, the Society for Hospital Epidemiology of America, and the American Hospital Association (AHA), will cosponsor two training courses for hospital epidemiologists. One is scheduled for September 17–20, 1992, in Atlanta; the other, November 19–22, 1992, in Park City, Utah.

The courses, intended for infectious disease fellows and new hospital epidemiologists, will emphasize hands-on exercises in which participants work in small groups to detect, investigate, and control epidemiologic problems encountered in the hospital setting. These working sessions are supplemented with lectures and seminars covering fundamental aspects of hospital epidemiology.

Course information is available from Gina Pugliese, AHA, 840 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611; telephone (312) 280-6404; fax (312) 280-6228.

Announcement of Meeting About Revising the AIDS Surveillance Case Definition

On September 2, 1992, CDC will hold an open meeting in Atlanta to review information on illnesses that have been suggested for addition to the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) surveillance case definition. Data relevant to expansion of the AIDS surveillance case definition and to public health reporting and surveillance will be heard. Information from this meeting will be considered by CDC

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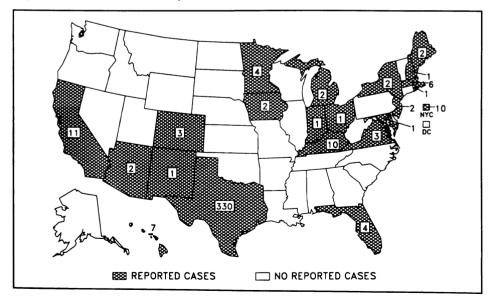
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In the article "Arboviral Disease – United States, 1991," in the first paragraph on page 545, the first sentence should read "During 1991, state and local health departments reported 128 cases of human arboviral encephalitis to CDC." In the second paragraph on page 545, the third sentence should read "Additional sporadic SLE cases were confirmed from Arkansas (three), California (three), Florida (one), Louisiana (one), North Dakota (one), Texas (two) and Washington (one)." In the second paragraph on page 546, the fourth sentence should read "Six additional human cases occurred in Georgia (two), Michigan (two), Louisiana (one) and Rhode Island (one)."

On page 555, in Table 1 of the article "Trends in Ischemic Heart Disease Mortality – United States, 1980–1988," the age-adjusted death rate in 1980 for men in Indiana should read 839.3.



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