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Response to Increases in Cigarette Prices by Race/Ethnicity, Income, and Age Groups — United States, 1976–1993

Tobacco use, particularly cigarette smoking, remains the leading cause of preventable illness and death in the United States (1). Studies have shown that increases in the price of cigarettes will decrease the prevalence of smoking and the number of cigarettes smoked both by youth and adults (1,2). However, the potential impact of price increases on minority and lower-income populations is an important consideration (3,4). This report summarizes the analysis of data for 14 years from the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), which indicates that lower-income, minority, and younger populations would be more likely to reduce or quit smoking in response to a price increase in cigarettes.

Data from the NHIS from 1976 to 1980, 1983, 1985, and 1987 to 1993 were pooled to conduct the analysis. The NHIS was administered to a nationally representative multistage probability sample of the noninstitutionalized civilian population aged ≥18 years. Smoking histories were obtained for these years in supplements to the NHIS; the overall response rate for these supplements was approximately 80%. Before 1992, participants were asked, "Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?" and "Do you smoke cigarettes now?" In 1992 and 1993, participants were asked, "Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?" Current smokers were persons who reported having smoked ≥100 cigarettes during their lifetimes and who currently smoked cigarettes. Current smokers were asked, "On average, how many cigarettes do you smoke per day?" Information on race/ethnicity, income, age, and other demographic factors were obtained from the core of the NHIS questionnaire. Using data reported by the Tobacco Institute (5), the average price of a pack of cigarettes for each state, adjusted for inflation, was merged into the NHIS data by year and state of residence. The 14 cross-sections of the NHIS have 367,106 respondents; of these, 355,246 respondents had complete demographic and price data (approximately 24,000 respondents per year).

Two types of multiple regression models were estimated. A probit (limited dependent variable) model was used with the full sample (n=355,246) to estimate the change in the probability of smoking (one for current smokers and zero for all other respondents) for a change in the inflation-adjusted price (1982–1984 dollars). An ordinary least squares model, restricted to current smokers (n=112,657) with self-reported number of cigarettes smoked per day as the dependent variable, was used to estimate

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the relation between inflation-adjusted price and quantity of cigarettes consumed. Both models controlled for year, region of the country (Northeast, South, Midwest, and West)*, age, sex, race/ethnicity, education, marital status, family income, and urbanicity (based on residence in a metropolitan statistical area [MSA] central city, MSA city, or rural area). Separate subpopulation models were estimated by race/ethnicity (Hispanics, non-Hispanic blacks, and non-Hispanic whites), by age group (aged 18–24, 25–39, and ≥40 years), and by income group. Self-reported family incomes from all survey years were inflation-adjusted to 1982–1984 dollars, and the sample median was computed for all respondents reporting family income data. Respondents with incomes equal to or below the median were compared with those above the median income (\$33,106 in 1997 dollars). All subpopulation models included the control variables used in the full models.

For all models, the effect of price is expressed as price elasticities. Price elasticity is a standardized measure indicating the percentage change in the dependent variable (i.e., smoking prevalence or number of cigarettes consumed per day) for a 1% change in the inflation-adjusted price of cigarettes (independent variable) (6). Prevalence price elasticity, using price coefficients from the probit regression models, is the percentage reduction in the prevalence of smoking that would be predicted from a 1% price increase. Consumption price elasticity, using price coefficients from the linear regression models, is the percentage reduction in the average number of cigarettes smoked by persons who continue to smoke after a 1% price increase. Total price elasticity is the sum of smoking prevalence and cigarette consumption price elasticities.

For all respondents, the models estimated a prevalence price elasticity of –0.15 and a consumption price elasticity of –0.10, yielding a total price elasticity estimate of –0.25 (Table 1). Therefore, a 50% price increase could cause a 12.5% reduction in the total U.S. cigarette consumption (i.e., 50% X –0.25=–12.5%), or approximately 60 billion fewer cigarettes smoked per year. In the age-specific model, younger smokers were more likely than older smokers to quit smoking, and after controlling for income, education, and other nonprice variables, Hispanic smokers and non-Hispanic black smokers were more likely than white smokers to reduce or quit smoking in response to a price increase. This pattern was consistent for all age groups (Figure 1). Among both non-Hispanic blacks and Hispanics, smokers aged 18–24 years were substantially more price-responsive than smokers aged ≥40 years. Lower-income populations also were more likely to reduce or quit smoking than those with higher incomes. The total price elasticity was –0.29 for lower-income persons compared with –0.17 for higher-income persons.

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^{*} Northeast=Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Midwest=Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; South=Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia; and West=Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Models including state-specific controls yielded results similar to those obtained with controls for region of the country. Because sample sizes in subpopulation analyses were smaller, region of the country rather than state-specific controls were used in all models.

TABLE 1. Prevalence, consumption, and total price elasticities* using a probit regression model and least squares model to estimate response to increases in cigarette prices[†], by selected characteristics — United States, 1976–1993

			Probit model								
Characteristic	No.	% Smokers	Coefficient	(95% CI [§])	Prevalence elasticity¶	No.	Mean no. cigarettes	Coefficient	(95% CI)	Consumption elasticity**	Total elasticity ^{††}
Race/Ethnicity§§											
White, non-Hispanic	281,482	29.4	-0.04	±0.06	-0.05	90,829	21.49	-1.90	±1.0	-0.09	-0.14
Black, non-Hispanic	43,141	32.8	-0.31	±0.15	-0.36	14,158	14.12	0.50	±1.9	0.04	-0.32
Hispanic	21,926	24.5	-0.76	± 0.26	-1.31	5,736	14.00	-7.50	±4.1	-0.58	-1.89
Age group (yrs)											
18–24	46,884	29.6	-0.29	±0.15	-0.37	13,875	16.03	-3.34	±1.9	-0.21	-0.58
25–39	119,510	34.2	-0.22	± 0.09	-0.25	42,177	19.49	-3.15	±1.2	-0.17	-0.42
≥40	188,521	26.2	-0.04	±0.07	-0.06	56,515	21.28	-0.73	±1.2	-0.04	-0.10
Family income¶¶											
≤Median income	154,602	31.7	-0.16	±0.08	-0.20	51,780	19.24	-1.65	±1.1	-0.09	-0.29
>Median income	156,940	27.5	-0.03	±0.08	-0.05	48,422	20.82	-2.50	±1.3	-0.12	-0.17
Income not reported	43,704	26.1	-0.15	±0.14	-0.23	12,365	19.64	-0.60	±2.3	-0.02	-0.25
Sex											
Male	151,711	32.4	-0.18	±0.08	-0.18	54,417	22.17	-1.91	±1.2	-0.08	-0.26
Female	203,535	26.8	-0.07	±0.07	-0.09	58,150	17.89	-1.87	±1.0	-0.10	-0.19
Total	355,246	29.3	-0.12	±0.05	-0.15	112,657	19.96	-1.94	±0.8	-0.10	-0.25

^{*}Price elasticity is a ratio of the marginal change (i.e., per unit changes) between two variables and the average change between the same variables (7). This ratio is a standardized measure that indicates the percentage change in the dependent variable (i.e., smoking prevalence or number of cigarettes consumed per day) for a 1% change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjusted price of cigarettes (independent variable).

[†]Cigarette prices were denominated in constant 1982–1984 dollars for all price elasticity estimates.

Percentage reduction in prevalence of smoking for each 1% increase in the CPI adjusted price of cigarettes. The numerator (the marginal change) consists of the regression coefficient for price multiplied by the average probability (based on the regression coefficient for price and variance terms) that a person is a smoker. The denominator (the average change) is the ratio of the average number of surveyed persons who smoke (smoking prevalence) to the average sample price.

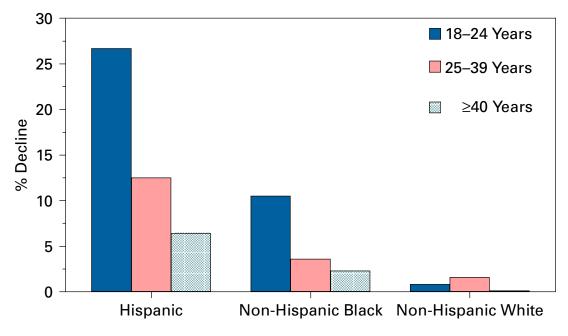
^{**}Percentage reduction in the number of cigarettes smoked per day for each 1% increase in the CPI adjusted price of cigarettes. The numerator is the coefficient on price and the denominator is the ratio of the average number of cigarettes consumed per day to the average sample price.

^{††}Calculated by summing the smoking prevalence and cigarette consumption price elasticities.

^{§§} Data for racial/ethnic groups other than non-Hispanic whites, non-Hispanic blacks, and Hispanics were too small for meaningful analysis. ¶¶ Family income data were denominated in constant 1982–1984 dollars for all price elasticity estimates.

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FIGURE 1. Percentage decline in smoking in response to a 10% price increase on cigarettes, by age and racial/ethnic group* — United States, 1976–1993



^{*}Data for racial/ethnic groups other than non-Hispanic whites, non-Hispanic blacks, and Hispanics were too small for meaningful analysis.

Editorial Note: The findings in this report indicate that lower-income and minority smokers would be more likely than other smokers to be encouraged to quit in response to a price increase and thus would obtain health benefits attributable to quitting. Other studies also have found that youth, young adults, and lower-income populations are the most price responsive (1,2,7). In this study, smokers with family incomes equal to or below the study sample median were more likely to respond to price increases by quitting than smokers with family incomes above the median (e.g., 10% quitting compared with 3% quitting in response to a 50% price increase). After controlling for income and education, Hispanics and non-Hispanic blacks are substantially more price responsive than other smokers. Data from this model suggest that Hispanic smokers were the most price responsive. Non-Hispanic black smokers would respond to price increases primarily by quitting rather than reducing the number of cigarettes smoked per day.

This study is subject to at least five potential limitations. First, because the analysis is based on pooled cross-sectional surveys, the estimates of price elasticity could underestimate the long-term response to price changes that would be observed from longitudinal surveys. Second, this analysis does not control fully for other factors unrelated to price (e.g., differences between states in social and policy environments) that could reduce demand and be confounded with the state's excise tax level. Third, because not all respondents for whom price data was available reported family income, the analysis by income categories could be less representative than other subpopulation analyses. Fourth, the sample sizes in subpopulation analyses by race and age (Figure 1) are reduced and make the estimation of price elasticities within

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specific age groups by race less stable. Nevertheless, the pattern and magnitude of the estimated parameters are consistent with those observed in previous studies, and parameters for the control variables remained stable across models. Finally, because of the changing composition (e.g., Mexican, Cuban, or Puerto Rican) and smaller size of the Hispanic samples within the 14 NHIS samples used in this analysis, the estimates for Hispanics are subject to greater error than those for non-Hispanic blacks and non-Hispanic whites.

Comprehensive measures for promoting cessation and reducing the prevalence of smoking include increasing tobacco excise taxes, enforcing minors' access laws, restricting smoking in public places, restricting tobacco advertising and promotion, and conducting counter-advertising campaigns. Because state tax increases are more effective when combined with a comprehensive tobacco prevention and control program (8), price increases should be combined with such programs to increase their public health impact. Court settlements with several states and other market factors have resulted in the tobacco industry increasing the wholesale price of cigarettes by 12.2% since January 1997 (9). Although this and potential future industry price increases will reduce smoking prevalence and consumption—particularly among adolescents and young adults (1)—most adult smokers will continue to smoke and pay the higher cigarette prices. Tobacco-use prevention and cessation programs should be made available to benefit those populations paying the greatest share of the increased prices. Smoking prevention will always remain a primary public health objective, but public health efforts encouraging cessation particularly are needed for smokers aged ≥40 years, who would be the most likely group to continue smoking and paying the higher cigarette prices. In addition, tobacco-use prevention and cessation programs should be directed toward lower-income and minority populations in which the burden of tobacco-related disease is high (10).

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Clinical Sepsis and Death in a Newborn Nursery Associated with Contaminated Parenteral Medications — Brazil, 1996

In October 1996, a total of 35 newborn infants died in a 26-bed nursery of a 200-bed hospital in Roraima, Brazil; these deaths represented a significant increase over the baseline mortality rate in the nursery (6.0 versus 1.7 per 100 live births; p<0.01). Twenty of the deaths were attributed to sepsis. Fatal episodes of sepsis began 24–72 hours after birth. Although an investigation by the Roraima Health Department resulted in an improvement of infection control, increased episodes of fever and clinical sepsis persisted. As a result, in November 1996, the Secretary of Health of Roraima, Brazil Ministry of Health, requested that CDC assist in the investigation. This report summarizes this investigation, which implicated locally produced intravenous (IV) solutions as the source of the outbreak and underscores the need to assure proper quality control of parenteral medications and the importance of nosocomial infection surveillance.

In November 1996, CDC conducted a cohort study to identify risk factors for the development of fever. A case was defined as fever of 100.4 F (38 C) without a recognized cause in any neonate who was admitted to the hospital nursery on October 1, 5, 15, or 25 (these dates were chosen to represent the entire month) and who received antimicrobial therapy for sepsis. Six of the 66 patients admitted to the nursery on these days met the case definition. When case- and non-case-patients were compared, neither sex, gestational age, birthweight, nor Apgar score at 5 minutes were associated with the development of fever. In comparison, Apgar scores at 1 minute of <8 (five of 23 versus one of 43; p=0.01) and insertion of a peripheral IV catheter with receipt of parenteral medications (six of nine versus zero of 57; p<0.01; relative risk [RR]=20) were associated with the development of fever. Because this cohort study strongly implicated the insertion of peripheral IVs and receipt of parenteral medications as risk factors for the development of fever, a second cohort study was conducted to determine whether IVs were associated with the development of fever before the time of the outbreak. This second cohort included all patients admitted to the hospital nursery on June 1, 5, 15, or 25, dates preceding the time of the increase in death rate. None of the 55 patients admitted to the nursery during the June dates developed fever, including 11 patients who had been exposed to parenteral medications. The attack rate for fever following exposure to parenteral medications was significantly higher on the four dates in October compared with the four dates in June (six of nine versus zero of 11; p<0.01; RR=undefined).

To identify risk factors for death attributed to clinical sepsis, CDC conducted a case-control study on infants admitted to the nursery during October 1996. The case definition was expanded to include death following the onset of fever and clinical sepsis. Twenty infants admitted to the nursery during October met the case definition; 40 birthdate-matched patients were included as controls. Case-patients were more likely than controls to have a lower birthweight (mean: 2.3 kg versus 3.3 kg; p=0.01), lower Apgar score at 1 minute (mean: 6.5 versus 7.7; p=0.01) or 5 minutes (mean: 8.0 versus 8.8; p=0.01), lower gestational age (mean: 33.8 versus 38.8 weeks; p=0.01), or a peripheral IV and to have received parenteral medications (20 of 20 versus zero of 40; p=0.01). Various parenteral medications (i.e., glucose, aminophylline, calcium gluconate, penicillin, sodium chloride, potassium, and sodium bicarbonate) were

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administered to case-patients; only glucose, aminophylline, and bidistilled water (used to reconstitute medications) were administered to all case-patients. All case-patients developed fever only after they were exposed to the parenteral medications. Thirteen of 14 blood cultures taken from case-patients ≤2 days after the onset of fever were negative for bacterial growth; one blood culture was positive for *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

Samples of parenteral fluids and medications used in the nursery were examined for bacterial and/or endotoxin contamination. Endotoxin was measured using the *limulus* amoebocyte assay. All cultures of these solutions were negative for bacterial growth. However, six of 13 unopened vials of bidistilled water for injection and 12 of 15 unopened vials of 25% glucose, manufactured by Hipolabor Farmaceutica Ltda. (Sabara, Minas Gerais, Brazil), had elevated endotoxin levels of 0.8–5.8 endotoxin units (EU)/mL (mean: 3.8 EU/mL) and 0.8–1.9 EU/mL (mean: 1.2 EU/mL), respectively. The United States Pharmacopeia (U.S.P.) endotoxin limit on water for injection is 0.25 EU/mL and for glucose (5%–70%) is 0.5 EU/mL. Caked amorphous-like material and bacterial cells were observed by scanning electron microscopy in samples of bidistilled water containing elevated levels of endotoxin.

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Editorial Note: The findings in the investigation described in this report implicated insertion of a peripheral IV line and receipt of parenteral medications as resulting in clinical sepsis and death during the outbreak. Laboratory results documented endotoxin contamination of unopened vials of parenteral medications administered to infants, suggesting intrinsic contamination of these products.

The release of endotoxin into the circulatory system is the initiating event of sepsis associated with gram-negative organisms. Subsequently, reactions may range from no detectable response to the onset of profound shock and death (1,2). Such reactions are highly dependent on the body mass of the patient (3). Because the minimal pyrogenic dose of endotoxin is 5 EU/kg (4), 2–3 mL of the contaminated bidistilled water (mean level of contamination: 3.8 EU/mL) would have been sufficient to evoke a pyrogenic reaction in an average 4 lbs, 8 oz (2000 g) infant. As a result, IV administration of these endotoxin-contaminated fluids (bidistilled water and/or 25% glucose) explained the increased number of febrile reactions detected during this outbreak. All infants receiving parenteral medications were receiving bidistilled water and glucose. Attack rates of 70% among these infants suggest that not all lots of bidistilled water and glucose were contaminated.

Exposure of the infants to parenteral fluids contaminated with endotoxin also may have been sufficient to cause the increased number of deaths during October. Previous studies on both humans and animals have demonstrated that endotoxin is capable of inducing clinical sepsis and death (5). Infants with low birthweight and gestational age were probably at increased risk for death because of the smaller amount of endotoxin required to cause serious pyrogenic reactions.

An investigation at the hospital described in this report previously had detected several breakdowns in aseptic technique and infection-control practices. Blood cultures collected and processed during October (mean: 8 days after the onset of fever) revealed the presence of bloodstream infection (BSI) in several infants. Exposure to

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endotoxins may have resulted in higher BSI rates by prolonging the exposure of infants to peripherally inserted IVs and breaks in aseptic technique during their manipulation. Despite a continued increase in episodes of unexplained fever, BSIs and deaths decreased in November after an improvement in infection-control practices.

Unopened vials of contaminated medication were undamaged and had no evidence of tampering, suggesting that contamination most likely occurred during the manufacturing process. Without appropriate manufacturing processes, endotoxin can contaminate solutions and reagents (6). Many gram-negative organisms, which can release endotoxin, require few nutrients and can grow in distilled water at 39.2 F (4 C). In addition, endotoxins can survive exposure to steam autoclaving, organic solvents, acids, ethanol, and sterilizing liquids. Only dry heat (\geq 482 F [\geq 250 C] for 30 minutes or \geq 356 F [\geq 180 C] for 3 hours) can assure the elimination of endotoxin (7).

The manufacturing plant in Minas Gerais, Brazil, where the medications implicated in this outbreak were made, was closed when inadequate quality-control testing was observed by the Secretary of Health of Minas Gerais. Although all Brazilian state secretaries of health were notified of the closure, no nationally coordinated product recall was performed. Based in part on the findings of this investigation, the Secretary of Health of Minas Gerais decided not to allow reopening of the manufacturing facility until quality-control measures were improved.

The routine surveillance of nosocomial infections at the hospital level is essential for the early detection and control of such epidemics. Clusters of pyrogenic reactions should always lead to an evaluation of possible product contamination. Surveillance also is important at a nationwide level. In this outbreak, contaminated medications were distributed widely throughout Brazil, and similar episodes of sepsis among neonates were reported from other nurseries around the country.

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Use of Clinical Preventive Services by Adults Aged <65 Years Enrolled in Health-Maintenance Organizations — United States, 1996

Health-maintenance organizations (HMOs) are accountable for the preventive care of approximately one quarter of the U.S. population (1), and public health agencies have an increasing role in assessing the quality of care for populations enrolled in HMOs (2–4). The Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS 3.0) (5) reports on the performance of HMOs and is sponsored and maintained by the not-for-profit National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).* This report summarizes state-specific HEDIS estimates for the delivery of four clinical preventive services: screening mammography and Papanicolaou (Pap) tests for women, screening retinal examinations for persons with diabetes, and advising smokers to quit. The advice-to-quit-smoking data from 12 states represented by HEDIS is then compared with data on insured respondents from the corresponding 12 states surveyed by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).[†] These findings underscore the potential public health importance of HEDIS data (e.g., creating the capacity to assess statewide prevention interventions) and highlights some of the methodologic issues of comparing performance measures from HEDIS to the BRFSS.

The HEDIS data used in this report are for commercial HMO enrollees only (i.e., persons who joined the HMO through an employer group policy or an individual or family policy [excluding Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries]). The 1996 HEDIS data used in this analysis were reported by 320 HMOs in 42 states and the District of Columbia; these HMOs are comparable to the 660 HMOs nationwide by HMO type, regional location, and tax status (5). Data for the measures on mammography, Pap tests, and retinal examinations for persons with diabetes were obtained from administrative data with optional medical record supplementation using standard HEDIS 3.0 methodology (5).§ To obtain data about the advice-to-quit-smoking measure, NCQA required HMOs to use independent contractors to administer and analyze a standardized mailed survey.¶ The median response rate was 41%. A "national" HEDIS prevalence rate for each measure was calculated by first adjusting for HMO plan size and then for state population size.

The BRFSS is an ongoing, state-based, random-digit—dialed telephone survey of noninstitutionalized persons aged ≥18 years in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. All persons responding to the BRFSS questionnaire were asked 1) whether they had health insurance, 2) what specific preventive health services they had received, and 3) the duration since they had received the service(s). BRFSS respondents reporting Medicare or Medicaid coverage or no insurance at all were excluded from the analysis. In 1996, a total of 12 states used the optional BRFSS module that contained

^{*}The source for data contained in this article is Quality CompassTM and is used with the permission of the NCQA.

[†]The estimates for mammography, Pap tests, and retinal examination rates from HEDIS were not compared with BRFSS because of the differences between records-based and self-reported measurement systems.

[§]The HEDIS data on advice to smokers, Pap tests, and retinal examinations were derived from members who were enrolled continuously in an HMO for at least 1 year. Calculation of HEDIS mammography coverage rates required at least 2 years of continuous enrollment. HEDIS does not permit more than one 45-day break in enrollment during the reporting year.

[¶]Within each HMO, the survey was mailed to 1860 randomly chosen commercial enrollees aged ≥18 years. Response rate was calculated as the number of completed surveys divided by the number of persons in the sample minus (the number of ineligible persons surveyed plus the number of persons who could not be contacted).

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the advice-to-quit-smoking question. Estimates were weighted to the states' age, sex, and race distribution of adults. Statistical Analysis System (SAS) software (6) was used to calculate point estimates, and SUDAAN (7) software was used to calculate 95% confidence intervals. The response rate for the BRFSS was estimated by the CASRO method as 63.8% (8). Standardization of HEDIS and BRFSS data to the same population was not possible because HEDIS provided only aggregated data.

Among women aged 52–64 years, a median of 71.9% (range: 61.9%–83.2%) of HEDIS HMO records showed receipt of a mammogram during the preceding 2 years (Table 1). The prevalence of mammography was highest in New England states and lowest in the east south central states (Table 2). Among women aged 21–64 years, a median of 72.7% (range: 51.5%–85.6%) of HMO records showed receipt of a Pap test during the preceding 3 years. The prevalences of Pap test receipt for the HEDIS population were highest in the New England states and lowest in the east south central states. Among persons with diabetes aged 31–64 years in the HEDIS population, a median of 39.5% (range 19.2%–67.7%) had had a retinal examination during the previous year. Among smokers aged 18–64 years who were examined by a health-care provider during the previous year, a median of 63.0% (range: 32.3%–71.8%) reported receiving advice to quit.

HEDIS data were compared with BRFSS data for the advice-to-quit measure for 12 states and the District of Columbia. Among HEDIS smokers aged 18–64 years who had been examined by a health-care provider during the previous year, a median of 63.2% (range: 56.2%–71.8%) reported receiving advice to quit; in comparison, among the insured BRFSS smokers who had been examined by a physician for a routine check-up during the previous year, a median of 62.4% (range: 49.9%–70.8%) reported receiving advice to quit (Table 3).

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Editorial Note: The findings in this report indicate that the prevalences of preventive-care practices of HMOs in the United States varied among the states and regions. HEDIS data represent a large-scale private-sector effort to provide data that could have valuable public health applications. HEDIS measures are potentially useful for public-sector assessment of the quality of care provided by HMOs, especially because HMOs are increasingly contracted by the states and the Health Care Financing Administration to care for Medicaid and Medicare populations. This report provides the first published state-specific estimates of HEDIS performance and comparison of private-sector HEDIS data to the BRFSS, a public-sector data set.

The findings in this report are subject to at least four limitations. First, it is unclear whether HEDIS is representative of a state's HMO population because the penetration of HMOs in each state's health-care system varies widely (1). Because there is no government or purchaser mandate to report data to HEDIS, HMOs can voluntarily choose to submit HEDIS performance data (5). HEDIS data for 1996 were not audited

TABLE 1. Estimated prevalence of use of selected clinical preventive services by adults aged <65 years enrolled in health-maintenance organizations (HMOs), by service and state — United States, Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS), 1996

	Man	nmograp	hy*	Pa	panicola smear [†]	ou		examinat s with dia		Receipt of advice to quit smoking [¶]			
State	No. HMOs reporting**	%	(95% CI ^{††})	No. HMOs reporting	%	(95% CI)	No. HMOs reporting	%	(95% CI)	No. HMOs reporting	%	(95% CI)	
Arkansas	2	71.7	(±5.0)	2	69.6	(± 4.8)	2	23.2	(± 6.0)	NA§§			
Arizona	8	75.1	(±1.3)	8	80.8	(± 2.8)	7	40.7	(± 2.8)	5	63.7	(± 3.3)	
California	6	74.7	(± 3.5)	6	73.1	(± 4.5)	6	51.6	(± 9.5)	6	61.4	(± 6.3)	
Colorado	8	74.2	(±3.2)	8	73.8	(± 2.9)	8	46.9	(± 6.7)	6	61.9	(± 8.2)	
Connecticut**	7	69.7	(±3.9)	7	70.7	(± 4.3)	7	42.5	(± 5.0)	6	61.7	(± 9.7)	
Delaware**	7	70.3	(± 0.5)	6	71.2	(± 0.2)	7	37.7	(± 0.7)	3	61.9	(± 4.7)	
District of													
Columbia**	3	76.5	(± 0.4)	3	82.9	(± 0.1)	3	56.5	(± 0.6)	4	66.5	(± 3.3)	
lorida	30	70.8	(± 0.8)	23	67.4	$(\pm \ 3.0)$	26	37.9	(± 2.9)	8	64.4	(± 3.2)	
Georgia	4	69.2	(± 6.3)	6	65.5	(± 7.1)	6	30.5	(± 5.0)	2	61.1	(±21.9)	
ławaii	1	77.7	(± 0.3)	1	76.3	(± 0.2)	1	67.7	(± 0.5)	1	65.9	(± 3.2)	
llinois**	7	66.6	(±4.9)	8	67.9	(± 6.6)	7	29.1	(± 7.8)	5	64.0	(± 5.1)	
ndiana**	5	75.6	(± 6.0)	6	76.4	(± 8.8)	5	39.1	(± 9.7)	4	64.2	(± 6.0)	
owa	1	78.2	(±3.3)	1	72.7	(± 0.5)	1	47.0	$(\pm \ 3.9)$	1	54.8	(± 6.2)	
Cansas	6	72.0	(±3.2)	6	71.3	(± 5.4)	5	48.0	(±14.4)	3	63.2	(±11.5)	
Kentucky	3	64.3	(±2.5)	3	69.3	(± 5.2)	3	43.3	(± 4.5)	NA			
.ouisiana	4	66.6	(± 3.0)	4	51.5	(±17.0)	4	26.9	(± 6.2)	3	56.2	(± 5.1)	
Maine	3	83.2	(±0.9)	3	83.7	(± 0.3)	3	56.0	(± 1.8)	3	71.8	(± 4.2)	
/laryland**	15	68.3	(± 0.3)	15	70.0	(± 0.1)	13	42.8	(± 2.2)	11	67.9	(± 2.4)	
/lassachusetts**	12	80.2	(± 0.2)	10	82.0	(± 0.9)	10	56.7	(± 2.1)	10	71.1	$(\pm \ 3.0)$	
/lichigan	12	75.3	(±2.3)	12	76.8	(± 3.2)	12	39.5	(± 5.8)	10	67.9	(± 2.6)	
/linnesota	2	77.9	(±9.2)	2	85.6	(± 1.8)	2	51.3	(± 22.4)	2	65.6	(± 5.1)	
/lissouri**	9	69.4	(±4.7)	9	68.5	(± 3.2)	12	32.3	(± 4.7)	5	62.8	(± 2.7)	
Nebraska	3	72.5	(±2.5)	3	76.6	(± 4.7)	3	19.2	(± 4.1)	3	62.5	(± 4.9)	
levada	1	61.9	(±1.3)	1	69.3	(± 0.4)	NA			NA			
New Hampshire	3	77.9	(± 0.8)	3	81.5	(± 0.3)	3	60.9	(± 1.5)	2	69.6	(± 4.6)	
lew Jersey**	9	65.8	(±4.8)	8	64.4	(± 3.9)	9	36.3	(± 6.1)	5	53.9	(± 7.8)	
lew Mexico	5	67.9	(± 3.6)	4	65.1	(± 7.7)	4	42.7	(± 6.6)	1	32.3	(± 2.2)	
lew York**	26	70.8	(±1.7)	27	74.2	(± 2.2)	27	50.2	(± 2.4)	14	62.1	(± 2.5)	
lorth Carolina	6	70.8	(±5.2)	8	74.1	$(\pm \ 3.4)$	8	36.9	(± 5.3)	4	63.3	(± 2.9)	
Ohio	16	70.6	(±2.9)	16	69.9	(± 2.8)	16	35.4	(± 4.7)	5	67.3	(± 5.2)	
Oklahoma	6	74.1	(±2.5)	6	73.5	(± 1.6)	6	34.9	(± 4.9)	3	56.4	(± 3.2)	
Oregon	7	74.2	(±1.0)	7	74.9	(± 1.9)	7	44.1	(± 2.9)	3	61.4	(±18.1)	
Pennsylvania**	23	73.4	(± 0.2)	21	72.7	(± 0.1)	23	35.4	(± 0.1)	10	66.5	(± 2.7)	
South Carolina**	5	74.7	(± 1.4)	5	66.3	(± 2.9)	5	25.7	(± 3.3)	3	58.5	(± 7.6)	

South Dakota	NA			1	66.2	(± 2.2)	NA			NA		
Tennessee	8	64.3	$(\pm \ 3.3)$	8	67.5	(± 2.5)	8	25.4	(± 6.2)	4	52.4	(± 6.2)
Texas	21	68.9	(± 2.5)	22	73.4	(± 2.4)	20	35.1	(± 2.6)	6	59.7	$(\pm \ 4.6)$
Utah	3	68.2	$(\pm \ 4.4)$	3	62.7	(± 2.5)	3	25.2	(± 4.3)	1	51.6	$(\pm \ 3.6)$
Vermont	1	81.0	(± 2.6)	1	84.4	(± 2.4)	1	59.4	$(\pm \ 3.2)$	NA		
Virginia**	5	63.5	(± 4.2)	7	66.9	$(\pm \ 3.5)$	5	27.7	(± 3.7)	5	64.6	$(\pm \ 3.5)$
Washington	10	76.4	(± 0.4)	10	77.5	(± 0.2)	10	56.6	(± 1.0)	7	60.8	(± 6.1)
West Virginia	1	69.2	(± 0.2)	1	71.4	(± 0.1)	1	32.4	(± 0.3)	1	69.1	(± 2.5)
Wisconsin**	6	75.2	(± 4.1)	6	78.1	(± 3.1)	6	59.7	(± 8.7)	4	64.5	(± 5.6)

^{*}Women aged 52–64 years who had documented receipt of the service during the 2 years preceding the inquiry.

†Women aged 21–64 years who had documented receipt of the service during the 3 years preceding the inquiry. Denominator may exclude women who had had a hysterectomy.

[§] Adults aged 31–64 years who had diabetes diagnosed and who had documented receipt of a retinal examination during the previous year. ¶Adults aged 18–64 years who reported having seen a health-care provider during the year preceding the inquiry; data are from the HEDIS membership

satisfaction survey.

**HMOs for which the primary service area could not be determined had their preventive service coverage rates reported for each of the multiple states served.

^{††}Confidence interval.

^{§§} Not available.

TABLE 2. Estimated prevalence of use of selected clinical preventive services, by region and service — United States, Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS), 1996

	Mamm	nography*		nicolaou near [†]		caminations with diabetes [§]	Receipt of advice to quit smoking [¶]		
Region	%	(95% CI**)	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)	
New England	77.5	(±1.3)	79.2	(±1.6)	53.4	(±2.3)	68.4	(±3.5)	
Middle Atlantic	70.6	(±1.2)	71.7	(± 1.3)	42.6	(±1.7)	61.8	(±2.2)	
East North Central	71.8	(±2.0)	72.7	(± 2.3)	37.9	(±3.5)	65.8	(± 2.0)	
West North Central	73.9	(±3.9)	74.7	(±3.2)	41.0	(±7.1)	62.2	(±2.8)	
South Atlantic	70.0	(±0.8)	69.1	(±1.4)	34.8	(±1.7)	63.8	(±1.5)	
East South Central	64.3	(±2.9)	68.3	(± 2.6)	33.0	(±6.7)	52.4	(±6.5)	
West South Central	69.4	(±1.8)	69.8	(± 2.6)	32.8	(±2.2)	58.7	(±2.8)	
Mountain	71.4	(±2.0)	72.7	(±3.3)	40.4	(±3.6)	56.5	(±5.7)	
Pacific	74.9	(±2.0)	73.9	(±2.7)	52.1	(±4.4)	61.4	(±5.5)	
National ^{††}	71.6	(±0.7)	72.1	(±0.9)	40.8	(±1.0)	62.3	(±0.7)	

^{*}Women aged 52–64 years with documented receipt of service during the preceding 2 years.

†Women aged 21–64 years with documented receipt of service during the preceding 3 years. Denominator may exclude women who had had a hysterectomy.

[§]Adults aged 31–64 years who had diabetes diagnosed and who had documented receipt of a retinal examination during the preceding year.

Smokers aged 18-54 years who had seen a health-care provider during the previous year and reported receipt of service.

^{**}Confidence interval.

^{††}National rate adjusted for participating states' population.

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TABLE 3. Estimated prevalence of receipt of advice to quit smoking for adults aged <65 years, by selected states — United States, Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS) and Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)*, 1996

	Reported receipt of advice to quit smoking [†]								
	Н	EDIS	BRFSS						
State	%	(95% CI [§])	%	(95% CI)					
Arizona	63.7	(± 3.3)	51.6	(± 9.8)					
Colorado	61.9	(± 7.0)	68.1	(± 8.5)					
Delaware¶	61.9	(± 4.7)	66.2	$(\pm \ 3.6)$					
District of Columbia [¶]	66.5	(± 3.9)	62.4	(±11.4)					
Kansas	63.2	(±11.5)	49.9	(± 8.4)					
Louisiana	56.2	(± 5.1)	51.5	(± 9.1)					
Maine	71.8	(± 4.2)	66.9	(± 9.4)					
Missouri	62.8	(± 2.5)	59.5	(± 9.1)					
New York [¶]	62.1	(± 2.8)	69.5	(± 6.7)					
North Carolina	63.3	(± 2.9)	64.5	(± 6.5)					
Oklahoma	56.4	(± 3.2)	59.2	(± 8.7)					
Virginia [¶]	64.6	(± 4.2)	70.8	(± 6.8)					
West Virginia [¶]	69.1	(± 2.5)	62.0	(± 7.4)					
Median	63.2		62.4						

^{*}Persons responding to the BRFSS questionnaire were asked, "Do you have any kind of health-care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as health-maintenance organizations (HMOs), or government plans such as Medicare?" Those responding "yes" were asked, "What type of health-care coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care?" Those reporting Medicare, Medicaid, or no insurance coverage were excluded from this analysis.

uniformly and may overrepresent HMOs in urban areas (5). Second, HEDIS and BRFSS populations could not be standardized to the same population. A county-by-county comparison of a large, multistate HMO population with the insured BRFSS population showed that HMO enrollees represented fewer minorities and were younger, were more likely to be married, and had higher income and education levels (9). Third, although the advice-to-quit-smoking measure in both populations was assessed by self-report, there were differences in both the mode of administration and wording of questions. BRFSS advice-to-quit rates may be overestimated because during routine checkups patients may be more likely to receive preventive advice than during other outpatient encounters. Finally, the low response rate for HEDIS may reflect nonresponse bias.

HEDIS is a potentially valuable means of tracking the use of clinical preventive services for a large proportion of the U.S. population. Of the four measures studied, the national health objective for 2000 has been met only for mammography for women

[†]Smokers aged 18–64 years who reported visiting a provider (HEDIS) or physician (BRFSS) during the preceding year and received advice to quit. The BRFSS asked the advice-to-quit smoking question in 12 states and the District of Columbia; the HEDIS data on this measure is from the same 12 states and the District of Columbia.

[§]Confidence interval.

[¶]HMOs whose primary service area could not be determined had their preventive service coverage rates reported for each of the multiple states served.

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aged 52–64 years. To track prevention interventions provided by various health-delivery systems, more comparable population-based performance measures need to be developed. Such measures would benefit both health departments and HMO managers by identifying areas for improvement for clinical preventive service delivery (2–4) and enable states to monitor the effectiveness of communitywide health programs.

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In the MMWR Recommendations and Reports, "Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents," on page 43, information was incorrectly presented in the summary section. The sentence beginning on the 10th line from the end of the summary should read, "In general, a protease inhibitor and two nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors should be used initially."

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In the article "Outbreak of Acute Febrile Illness Among Athletes Participating in Triathlons—Wisconsin and Illinois, 1998" on page 585, in the first sentence of the first paragraph the date was incorrect. The sentence should begin, "On July 14, 1998, ...".

In the article "Wild Poliovirus Transmission in Bordering Areas of Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey, 1997–June 1998," on page 589 in Figure 1, cases with onset in 1997 were omitted from provinces labeled A, F, I, and R. Following is the corrected figure.

FIGURE 1. Location of provinces/governorates on borders of Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey and distribution of virologically confirmed poliomyelitis cases, January 1997–June 1998

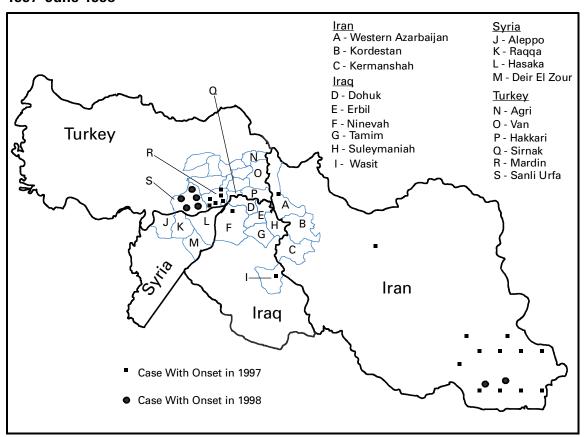
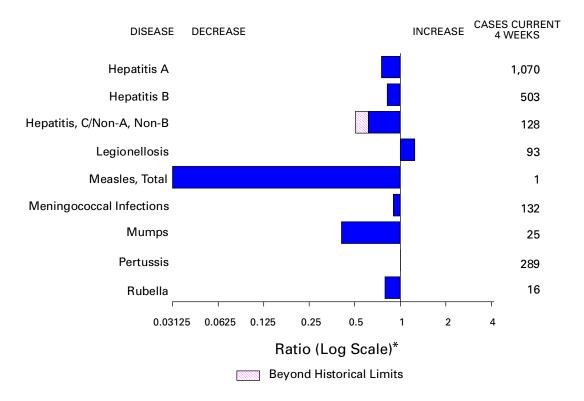


FIGURE I. Selected notifiable disease reports, comparison of provisional 4-week totals ending July 25, 1998, with historical data — United States



^{*}Ratio of current 4-week total to 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 — provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, cumulative, week ending July 25, 1998 (29th Week)

	Cum. 1998		Cum. 1998
Anthrax Brucellosis Cholera Congenital rubella syndrome Cryptosporidiosis* Diphtheria Encephalitis: California* eastern equine* St. Louis* western equine* Hansen Disease Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome* Hemolytic uremic syndrome, post-diarrheal* HIV infection, pediatric*	42 6 5 1,048 3 3 - - - 65 6 25	Plague Poliomyelitis, paralytic Psittacosis Rabies, human Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) Streptococcal disease, invasive Group A Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome* Syphilis, congenital** Tetanus Toxic-shock syndrome Trichinosis Typhoid fever Yellow fever	4 1 30 - 126 1,377 37 131 17 71 6 166

^{-:} no reported cases

^{*}Not notifiable in all states.

† Updated weekly from reports to the Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID). Supdated monthly to the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention–Surveillance and Epidemiology, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), last update June 28, 1998.

Updated from reports to the Division of STD Prevention, NCHSTP.

TABLE II. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending July 25, 1998, and July 19, 1997 (29th Week)

						richia			Hepatitis		
	Al	DS	Chlai	nydia	coli O NETSS [†]	157:H7 PHLIS [§]	Gono	rrhea	Hepa C/N/		
Reporting Area	Cum. 1998*	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	
UNITED STATES	23,929	32,521	291,740	252,518	1,156	592	169,556	157,755	2,149	1,908	
NEW ENGLAND	830	1,454	11,145	9,498	153	107	3,128	3,232	31	37	
Maine N.H.	18 22	36 19	570 513	547 431	16 22	25	39 49	31 60	-	-	
Vt.	10	24	224	214	8	6	19	27	-	2	
Mass. R.I.	386 67	526 83	4,618 1,347	3,929 1,086	81 5	60 1	1,121 195	1,232 256	28 3	31 4	
Conn.	327	766	3,873	3,291	21	15	1,705	1,626	-	-	
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y.	6,951 849	9,910 1,621	34,006 N	30,194 N	112 79	27	19,160 3,245	19,467 3,358	223 171	184 135	
N.Y. City	3,910	4,966	18,216	14,579	4	6	7,952	7,280		-	
N.J. Pa.	1,232 960	2,090 1,233	5,351 10,439	5,364 10,251	29 N	20 1	3,025 4,938	3,980 4,849	52	49	
E.N. CENTRAL	1,768	2,281	47,677	40,616	198	111	32,548	24,505	291	346	
Ohio	331	465 360	13,605	12,234	49 55	20	8,344	7,776	7 3	10	
Ind. III.	326 706	761	3,265 13,507	4,761 7,270	46	25	2,078 10,871	3,186 3,593	16	10 58	
Mich. Wis.	305 100	544 151	12,004 5,296	10,372 5,979	48 N	27 39	9,110 2,145	7,484 2,466	265	248 20	
W.N. CENTRAL	444	615	17,185	17,428	161	95	8,609	7,872	120	39	
Minn.	65	99	3,235	3,620	55	47	1,126	1,270	7	3	
lowa Mo.	49 209	69 296	2,063 6,580	2,575 6,473	51 15	7 21	660 4,986	690 4,291	12 96	19 5	
N. Dak.	4	6	290	470	2	6	29	32	-	2	
S. Dak. Nebr.	9 39	3 59	902 1,273	683 1,100	8 19	10 -	145 450	76 419	2	2	
Kans.	69	83	2,842	2,507	11	4	1,213	1,094	3	8	
S. ATLANTIC Del.	5,900 75	8,188 145	60,970 1,404	51,976	93	61 1	49,020 762	50,572 639	109	129	
Md.	718	1,071	4,713	3,917	14	4	5,431	6,435	5	3	
D.C. Va.	481 425	613 654	N 6,476	N 6,520	2 N	- 25	1,911 3,604	2,378 4,496	- 7	- 18	
W. Va.	57	62	1,485	1,605	5	3	432	504	4	11	
N.C. S.C.	390 386	429 422	12,003 10,270	9,350 6,935	15 4	20 1	10,095 6,642	9,035 6,223	14 3	33 27	
Ga.	616	972	13,486	9,647	33	-	11,212	11,019	9	-	
Fla. E.S. CENTRAL	2,752 936	3,820 1,074	11,133 19,940	14,002 18,787	20 59	7 25	8,931 18,930	9,843 18,743	67 93	37 203	
Ky.	127	1,074	3,438	3,636	16	-	1,959	2,320	16	9	
Tenn. Ala.	333 274	469 239	7,198 5,644	7,006 4,548	27 16	22 2	6,160 7,123	5,811 6,412	74 3	134 6	
Miss.	202	189	3,660	3,597	Ü	1	3,688	4,200	ŭ	54	
W.S. CENTRAL	2,899	3,546	42,636	30,152	72	8	24,282	20,242	534	247	
Ark. La.	104 512	130 610	1,939 7,863	1,598 4,904	6 3	3 2	1,190 6,485	2,652 4,581	3 17	9 118	
Okla. Tex.	170 2,113	165	5,459	4,077 19,573	10 53	3	3,011 13,596	2,560 10,449	7 507	5 115	
MOUNTAIN	831	2,641 935	27,375 11,698	15,576	153	61	4,369	4,237	244	170	
Mont.	15	26	696	580	8	-	26	25	5	12	
ldaho Wyo.	15 2	28 13	946 357	818 315	14 47	7	91 17	61 29	86 45	30 41	
Colo.	147	224	3	3,454	31	20	1,270	1,194	15	18	
N. Mex. Ariz.	130 329	80 227	2,083 6,081	2,089 5,731	13 13	6 12	500 2,201	478 1,819	56 3	32 22	
Utah	65	80	1,223	942	20 7	10	126	137	21	22 3 12	
Nev. PACIFIC	128 3,370	257 4,518	309 46,483	1,647 38,291	155	6 97	138 9,510	494 8,885	13 504	553	
Wash.	236	377	6,167	5,023	28	22	1,056	1,069	11	17	
Oreg. Calif.	93 2,962	162 3,914	3,136 35,123	2,702 28,832	38 87	34 35	440 7,643	421 6,908	2 436	2 440	
Alaska	12	28	1,039	797	2	-	168	219	1	-	
Hawaii	67	37	1,018	937	N	6	203	268	54	94	
Guam P.R.	1,001	2 1,019	8 U	193 U	N -	Ū	2 228	27 353	-	-	
V.I. Amer. Samoa	17	57	N U	N U	N N	Ü	Ü	Ü	U U	U U	
C.N.M.I.	-	1	N N	N	N N	Ü	14	17	-	2	

N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable

^{-:} no reported cases

C.N.M.I.: Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

^{*}Updated monthly to the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention—Surveillance and Epidemiology, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, last update June 28, 1998.

†National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance.

§Public Health Laboratory Information System.

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending July 25, 1998, and July 19, 1997 (29th Week)

	Legion	ellosis	Lyı Dise		Mai	laria		hilis Secondary)	Tubero	culosis	Rabies, Animal
Reporting Area	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998*	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998
UNITED STATES	611	471	4,563	3,318	638	885	3,909	4,669	7,016	8,836	3,861
NEW ENGLAND	35	33	1,675	734	41	44	40	95	232	244	730
Maine N.H.	1	1	6 26	7 7	4 3	1 2	1 1	-	4 6	16 9	120 35
Vt. Mass.	3 12	4 10	6 307	3 172	14	2 21	4 24	45	1 123	3 134	31 238
R.I. Conn.	8 8	5 9	165 1,165	53 492	2 18	4 14	10	2 48	31 67	17 65	42 264
MID. ATLANTIC	135	82	2,324	2,022	149	270	139	228	1,293	1,684	887
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	39 19	21 7	1,402 10	744 106	43 68	39 171	18 29	24 48	166 810	220 867	616 U
N.J. Pa.	7 70	14 40	412 500	562 610	22 16	45 15	49 43	97 59	317 U	335 262	109 162
E.N. CENTRAL	194	164	48	48	55	87	515	406	544	985	74
Ohio Ind.	82 36	71 28	40 7	15 11	3 6	11 8	76 112	120 89	U 76	169 82	40 4
III. Mich.	14 41	7 37	1	7 15	18 27	37 20	188 104	51 72	296 172	509 164	5 19
Wis. W.N. CENTRAL	21 41	21 32	U 42	U 42	1 48	11 28	35 82	74 98	U 203	61 296	6 444
Minn.	3	1	23	20	24	10	5	14	74	77	78
lowa Mo.	4 14	8 4	13 1	2 15	5 10	6 6	64	4 56	U 86	34 115	97 19
N. Dak. S. Dak.	2	2 2	-	-	2	2	1	-	3 14	6 7	89 90
Nebr. Kans.	15 3	12 3	3 2	2 3	1 6	1 3	4 8	1 23	8 18	12 45	3 68
S. ATLANTIC	74	63	338	318	146	138	1,720	1,860	1,089	1,772	1,171
Del. Md.	8 17	7 13	8 237	73 198	1 45	2 44	15 394	15 515	U 162	18 165	17 291
D.C. Va.	5 8	3 13	4 31	7 11	12 26	10 38	43 92	71 148	62 144	57 165	- 357
W. Va. N.C.	N 6	N 8	6 20	1 15	- 12	- 8	2 425	3 404	24 216	29 219	49 136
S.C. Ga.	5 2	3	3 2	1	4 15	9 15	170 455	222 308	181 230	194 323	92 106
Fla.	23	16	27	11	31	12	124	174	70	602	123
E.S. CENTRAL Ky.	30 15	31 7	43 10	46 8	16 2	19 5	606 67	1,014 85	362	700 103	138 21
Ténn. Ala.	11 4	17 2	22 11	20 4	10 4	4 7	315 145	430 258	200 162	258 221	85 32
Miss.	U	5	U	14	U	3	79	241	U	118	U
W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	20	8 1	10 5	36 11	18 1	10 2	511 67	681 106	64 64	1,402 118	109 21
La. Okla.	2 8	2 1	-	2 5	4 2	5 3	191 32	212 67	U U	102 122	- 88
Tex.	10	4	5	18	11	-	221	296	Ü	1,060	-
MOUNTAIN Mont.	35 1	29 1	7	6	29	45 2	123 -	91 -	231 12	321 6	94 32
ldaho Wyo.	- 1	2 1	1 -	2 1	3	2	1	-	8 2	8 2	43
Colo. N. Mex.	7 2	9 1	3 2	-	9 11	23 6	8 12	5 4	U 33	56 27	1 3
Ariz. Utah	7 16	7 5	-	1	5 1	5	97 3	72 3	114 33	145 13	9
Nev.	1	3	1	2	-	4	2	7	29	64	-
PACIFIC Wash.	47 7	29 6	76 2	66 2	136 9	244 9	173 12	196 7	2,998 144	1,432 169	214
Oreg. Calif.	- 39	22	8 65	10 54	11 114	13 214	3 158	5 182	66 2,672	94 1,014	1 193
Alaska Hawaii	- 1	 1	1	-	1	3	-	1	27 89	47 108	20
Guam	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	3	-	13	-
P.R. V.I.	Ū	Ū	Ū	Ū	Ū	3 U	118 U	134 U	46 U	129 U	30 U
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	U -	U -	U -	U -	U -	U -	U 98	U 9	U 54	U 2	U -

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^{*}Additional information about areas displaying "U" for cumulative 1998 Tuberculosis cases can be found in Notice to Readers, MMWR Vol. 47, No. 2, p. 39.

TABLE III. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases preventable by vaccination, United States, weeks ending July 25, 1998, and July 19, 1997 (29th Week)

-	H. influ	ienzae,	Н	epatitis (Vi	ral), by typ	ре			Meas	les (Rubec	ola)	
		sive	-	4	_ I		Indi	genous	lmp	orted [†]		tal
Reporting Area	Cum. 1998*	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	1998	Cum. 1998	1998	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997
UNITED STATES	624	666	12,053	15,445	4,496	5,149	-	26	-	14	40	90
NEW ENGLAND	34 2	36 3	150	395 45	74 2	95	-	1	-	2	3	13
Maine N.H.	6	5	13 8	21	10	6 6	-	-	-	-	-	1
Vt. Mass.	2 22	3 22	13 46	7 167	1 18	5 40	-	1	-	1 1	1 2	11
R.I. Conn.	2	2 1	10 60	80 75	43	9 29	-	-	-	-	-	- 1
MID. ATLANTIC	88	93	767	1,244	640	748	-	9	-	2	11	21
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	35 16	25 24	188 204	, 175 562	176 172	149 283	-	2	-	-	2	5 7
N.J.	32	30	160	187	105	148	-	7	-	1	8	3
Pa. E.N. CENTRAL	5 95	14 110	215 1,577	320 1,616	187 463	168 862	-	- 11	-	1 3	1 14	6 8
Ohio	35	60	194	207	43	48	-	-	-	1	1	-
Ind. III.	27 29	11 25	95 261	178 414	59 89	69 166	-	2	-	1 -	3	6
Mich. Wis.	- 4	14 -	914 113	696 121	250 22	250 329	-	9	-	1 -	10	2
W.N. CENTRAL	60	34	958	1,161	243	281	_	-	-	-	-	11
Minn. Iowa	46 1	25 3	78 382	104 193	21 37	23 21	-	-	-	-	-	2
Mo.	8	3	391	618	151	206	-	-	-	-	-	1
N. Dak. S. Dak.	-	2	3 17	10 14	4 1	3	-	-	-	-	-	8
Nebr. Kans.	- 5	1 -	23 64	49 173	9 20	8 20	-	-	-	-	-	-
S. ATLANTIC	132	105	1,016	864	640	625	-	2	-	5	7	8
Del. Md.	41	44	2 187	16 124	94	4 94	-	-	-	1 1	1 1	2
D.C. Va.	- 13	- 7	30 137	15 114	6 56	24 74	-	-	-	2	2	1 1
W. Va.	4	3	1	6	3	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
N.C. S.C.	18 4	17 3	59 18	113 69	119 21	134 62	-	-	-	-	-	1 -
Ga. Fla.	26 26	22 9	268 314	195 212	96 245	64 160	-	2	-	1 -	1 2	1 2
E.S. CENTRAL	36	38	206	372	220	380	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ky. Tenn.	4 24	5 23	13 144	46 229	24 163	25 255	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ala. Miss.	8 U	8 2	49 U	58 39	33 U	41 59	- U	- U	- U	- U	- U	1
W.S. CENTRAL	36	32	2,294	3,126	746	649	-	-	-	-	-	5
Ark. La.	16	2 7	58 46	134 117	52 57	47 82	-	-	-	-	-	-
Okla.	18	21	332	924	48	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tex. MOUNTAIN	2 69	2 63	1,858 1,876	1,951 2,352	589 490	498 483	-	-	-	-	-	5 7
Mont.	-	-	63	53	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
ldaho Wyo.	1	1 2	158 24	82 20	19 2	15 14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cólo. N. Mex.	15 5	10 7	148 88	252 183	62 211	91 159	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ariz.	38	26	1,199	1,154	126	111	-	-	-	-	-	5
Utah Nev.	4 6	3 14	127 69	365 243	42 25	56 32	Ū	-	Ū	-	-	2
PACIFIC	74	155	3,209	4,315	980	1,026	-	3	-	2	5	16
Wash. Oreg.	6 30	2 24	634 223	302 224	69 66	45 63	-	-	-	1 -	1 -	-
Calif. Alaska	30 1	121 2	2,315 14	3,682 24	834 6	899 11	-	3	-	1 -	4	12
Hawaii	7	6	23	83	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	4
Guam P.R.	2	-	- 28	- 191	- 257	3 435	U	-	U	-	-	-
V.I. Amer. Samoa	Ū	U U	Ü	Ü	Ü	Ü	U	U U	U U	U U	U U	U U
C.N.M.I.	-	6	1	1	28	34	Ü	-	U	-	-	1

N: Not notifiable

U: Unavailable

^{-:} no reported cases

 $^{^{*}}_{\cdot}$ Of 146 cases among children aged <5 years, serotype was reported for 79 and of those, 33 were type b.

[†]For imported measles, cases include only those resulting from importation from other countries.

TABLE III. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases preventable by vaccination, United States, weeks ending July 25, 1998, and July 19, 1997 (29th Week)

		ococcal	Mumps			29111 VV			Rubella			
Danie odćinim Anna	Cum.	Cum.	4000	Cum.	Cum.	4000	Pertussis Cum.	Cum.	1000	Cum.	Cum.	
Reporting Area	1998	1997	1998	1998	1997	1998	1998	1997	1998	1998	1997	
UNITED STATES NEW ENGLAND	1,653 75	2,145 134	5	266 1	376 7	71 17	2,519 456	2,946 592	2	287	121	
Maine	75 5	154	-	-	-	-	456 5	6	-	36	1 -	
N.H. Vt.	4 1	12 2	-	-	-	2	39 44	69 180	-	-	-	
Mass.	37	70	-	1	2	11	338	314	-	6	1	
R.I. Conn.	3 25	9 26	-	-	4 1	4	5 25	12 11	-	1 29	-	
MID. ATLANTIC	152	225	_	16	43	4	298	225	2	121	29	
Upstate N.Y.	38	62 40	-	3	9	3	149 9	83 53	2	107	5	
N.Y. City N.J.	18 41	43	-	1	3 7	1 -	5	11	-	9 4	24	
Pa.	55	80	-	8	24	-	135	78	-	1	-	
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio	251 92	318 116	3 1	46 20	47 18	4 3	216 79	284 85	-	-	5	
Ind.	46	35	-	5	4	-	68	33	-	-	-	
III. Mich.	60 29	91 47	1 1	3 18	8 14	1	16 36	35 31	-	-	1 -	
Wis.	24	29	-	-	3	-	17	100	-	-	4	
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	140 25	162 29	-	20 10	12 5	17 15	210 130	172 108	-	27	-	
lowa	23	37	-	6	6	-	40	9	-	-	-	
Mo. N. Dak.	53 2	70 1	-	3 1	-	-	16	31 1	-	2	-	
S. Dak.	6	4	-	-	-	1	6	3	-	-	-	
Nebr. Kans.	7 24	6 15	-	-	1 -	1 -	8 10	4 16	-	25	-	
S. ATLANTIC	292	362	_	37	45	6	147	262	_	8	56	
Del. Md.	1 23	5 35	-	-	- 1	-	2 29	- 82	-	-	-	
D.C.	-	5	-	_	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	
Va. W. Va.	24 9	35 14	-	5 -	7	-	7 1	32 5	-	-	1	
N.C.	42	69	-	9	7	-	50	73	-	5	49	
S.C. Ga.	41 64	40 72	-	4 1	10 6	1 -	17 6	11 8	-	-	6	
Fla.	88	87	-	18	14	5	34	48	-	3	-	
E.S. CENTRAL Ky.	116 17	155 38	-	1	19 3	2	58 22	60 16	-	-	1	
Tenn.	45	54	-	1	3	1	19	23	-	-	-	
Ala. Miss.	54 U	46 17	Ū	Ū	6 7	1 U	17 U	15 6	Ū	Ū	1	
W.S. CENTRAL	190	200	-	40	44	-	181	110	-	77	3	
Ark.	23	25	-	-	1	-	26	8	-	-	-	
La. Okla.	39 29	43 23	-	8 -	11 -	-	2 18	12 15	-	-	-	
Tex.	99	109	-	32	32	-	135	75	-	77	3	
MOUNTAIN Mont.	91 3	124 7	1 -	24	48	17 -	553 3	742 9	-	5	5 -	
Idaho	4	8	-	3	2	-	194	455	-	-	1	
Wyo. Colo.	4 19	1 33	1	1 6	1 3	9	7 120	5 194	-	-	-	
N. Mex.	16	20	N	N	N 31	2 4	69	39 20	-	1 1	- 4	
Ariz. Utah	32 10	31 11	-	5 3	6	2	118 30	10	-	2	-	
Nev.	3	13	U	6	5	U	12	10	U	1	-	
PACIFIC Wash.	346 47	465 55	1 -	81 6	111 13	4	400 153	499 210	-	13 9	21 5	
Oreg.	55	92	N	N	N	2 2	29	22 250	-	2	-	
Calif. Alaska	239 1	315 1	1 -	60 2	81 5	-	211 2	4	-	-	8 -	
Hawaii	4	2	-	13	12	-	5	13	-	2	8	
Guam P.R.	6	1 8	U	- 1	1 5	U -	2	-	U -	-	-	
V.I.	U	U	Ų	U	U	U	U	U	U	Ų	Ų	
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	U	U -	U U	U 2	U 4	U	U 1	U -	U	U -	U -	

N: Not notifiable

U: Unavailable

TABLE IV. Deaths in 122 U.S. cities,* week ending July 25, 1998 (29th Week)

	Į.	All Cau	ses, By	/ Age (Y	ears)		P&I [†]		,	All Cau	ıses, By	/ Age (Y	ears)		P&l [†]
Reporting Area	All Ages	>65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1	Total	Reporting Area	All Ages	>65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1	Total
NEW ENGLAND Boston, Mass. Bridgeport, Conn. Cambridge, Mass. Fall River, Mass. Hartford, Conn. Lowell, Mass. Lynn, Mass. New Bedford, Mas New Haven, Conn. Providence, R.I. Somerville, Mass. Springfield, Mass. Waterbury, Conn.		379 95 25 10 15 34 18 4 10 16 49 4 18	2 8 11 2 11	42 13 1 1 1 9 3 - 1 4 3 - 1 2	13 3 - - 1 1 2 2 2	11 3 1 - - 1 - - 1 1 - 1	32 10 3 1 2 - 1 1 1	S. ATLANTIC Atlanta, Ga. Baltimore, Md. Charlotte, N.C. Jacksonville, Fla. Miami, Fla. Norfolk, Va. Richmond, Va. Savannah, Ga. St. Petersburg, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Washington, D.C. Wilmington, Del.	951 U 126 85 140 100 41 66 40 47 164 129	626 U 68 61 102 70 34 40 27 34 114 69	196 U 37 13 24 19 3 13 10 8 29 35 5	84 U 13 6 11 9 2 8 1 3 16 14	24 U 5 1 1 1 1 4 1 2 4 4	21 U 3 4 2 1 1 1 1 7	49 U 10 10 5 - 1 2 4 2 12 3
Worcester, Mass. MID. ATLANTIC Albany, N.Y. Allentown, Pa. Buffalo, N.Y. Camden, N.J. Elizabeth, N.J. Erie, Pa. Jersey City, N.J. New York City, N.Y. Newark, N.J. Paterson, N.J. Philadelphia, Pa. Pittsburgh, Pa. Reading, Pa. Rochester, N.Y. Schenectady, N.Y. Scranton, Pa. Syracuse, N.Y. Trenton, N.J. Utica, N.Y. Yonkers, N.Y.	57 2,211 58 18 71 34 20 41 28	1,483 33 11 52 22 22 25 31 13 760 U 8 265 33 82 17 17 61 15 15	1 449 17 5 15 7 3 5 8 232 U 5 76 16 3 19 7	3 189 4 - 4 1 2 4 5 118 U 3 3 2 8 - 1 - 2	51 2 2 - 1 - 21 U - 15 - 2 14 11 1	392 - 3 - 123U 121 - 11 - 11 - U	10 88 4 - 7 - 3 31 10 - 22 31 32 - 9 21 10	E.S. CENTRAL Birmingham, Ala. Chattanooga, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Lexington, Ky. Memphis, Tenn. Mobile, Ala. Montgomery, Ala. Nashville, Tenn. W.S. CENTRAL Austin, Tex. Baton Rouge, La. Corpus Christi, Tex. Dallas, Tex. El Paso, Tex. Ft. Worth, Tex. Houston, Tex. Little Rock, Ark. New Orleans, La. San Antonio, Tex. Shreveport, La. Tulsa, Okla.	92 71 122 67 43 123 1,438 80 21	415 U 69 46 81 44 34 80 926 54 15 39 123 75 200 43 58 132 67 77	112 U 17 13 27 13 2 23 281 14 3 7 47 9 14 81 19 21 31 19	42 U 3 4 6 6 4 6 6 13 134 0 2 3 2 0 4 6 6 47 2 8 16 7 9	23 U 8 - 4 3 4 - 4 45 2 - 3 5 2 8 10 3 2 5 4 1	14 2 2 5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 3 13 4 2 3 10	28 U 5 10 2 9 1 1 91 4 5 3 9 5 4 15 10 12 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
Fonkers, N.Y. E.N. CENTRAL Akron, Ohio Canton, Ohio Chicago, III. Cincinnati, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Dayton, Ohio Detroit, Mich. Evansville, Ind. Fort Wayne, Ind. Gary, Ind. Grand Rapids, Mic Indianapolis, Ind. Lansing, Mich. Milwaukee, Wis. Peoria, III. Rockford, III. South Bend, Ind. Toledo, Ohio Youngstown, Ohio W.N. CENTRAL Des Moines, Iowa Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Mo. Lincoln, Nebr. Minneapolis, Minn. Omaha, Nebr. St. Louis, Mo. St. Paul, Minn. Wichita, Kans.	1,549 34 37 U 9 9133 190 106 180 39 610 174 35 104 51 39 48 103 55 764 64 39 40 68 68	1,101 27 29 91 130 77 108 32 45 43 126 27 79 90 30 39 742 523 43 24 135 51 70 63	250 4 6 U 14 24 38 15 39 3 11 4 4 24 7 19 6 3 4 11 10 15 10 4 37 13 13 17	9212U68815688121112 - 3 - 33882 4875336 - 132516	0 661 · U754311323181242252 251 · 331338 · 3	40 1 - U 7 7 5 3 3 5 4 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 2 2 1 1 3 3 3 8 8 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	0 914U5526315 ·458523442	MOUNTAIN Albuquerque, N.M. Boise, Idaho Colo. Springs, Colo Denver, Colo. Las Vegas, Nev. Ogden, Utah Phoenix, Ariz. Pueblo, Colo. Salt Lake City, Utah Tucson, Ariz. PACIFIC Berkeley, Calif. Fresno, Calif. Glendale, Calif. Honolulu, Hawaii Long Beach, Calif. Los Angeles, Calif. Pasadena, Calif. Portland, Oreg. Sacramento, Calif. San Diego, Calif. San Diego, Calif. San Jose, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Seattle, Wash. Spokane, Wash. Tacoma, Wash. TOTAL	939 73 43 43 113 225 22 173 38 111 19 1,875 18 127 52 83 68 594 U U 195	624 43 35 24 156 14 119 30 75 61 1,338 91 39 58 1444 12 U 137 68 78 131 27 95 42 51	170 15 5 8 26 39 3 3 6 19 26 331 2 21 11 19 12 100 3 U 28 28 21 37 4 25 8 8 12	94 100 1 1 7 14 166 2 19 2 14 9 132 2 2 37 1 U 22 9 11 10 3 14 2 4 857	335 - 22 111 3 6 - 22 2 2 - 5 - U 3 6 6 1 2 - 7 - 1 309	18 2 2 4 4 3 - 6 - 1 1 - 2 2 3 8 8 4 U 5 5 2 7 7 4 - 3 3 2 3 3 2 5 9	55 16 10 21 14 28 5 143 17 36 61 11 35 20 24 99 21 83 22 22 601

U: Unavailable -: no reported cases

*Mortality data in this table are voluntarily reported from 122 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.

Because of changes in reporting methods in this Pennsylvania city, these numbers are partial counts for the current week. Complete counts will be available in 4 to 6 weeks.

Total includes unknown ages.

Quarterly Immunization Table

To track progress toward achieving the goals of the Childhood Immunization Initiative (CII), CDC publishes quarterly a tabular summary of the number of cases of nationally notifiable diseases preventable by routine childhood vaccination reported during the previous quarter and the year to date (provisional data). In addition, the table compares provisional data with provisional data for the previous year and highlights the number of reported cases among children aged <5 years, who are the primary focus of CII. Data in the table are reported through the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance.

Number of reported cases of nationally notifiable diseases preventable by routine childhood vaccination — United States, April–June 1998 and January–June 1997 and 1998*

	No. cases, April–June	Total January	cases /–June	No. cases among children aged <5 years [†] January–June			
Disease	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998		
Congenital rubella							
syndrome	2	3	3	3	3		
Diphtheria	1	4	1	1	0		
Haemophilus influenzae§	275	588	544	113	132		
Hepatitis B¶	2122	4430	3809	39	37		
Measles	28	77	37	28	17		
Mumps	129	339	236	64	41		
Pertussis	1130	2537	2075	1021	818		
Poliomyelitis, paralytic**	0	2	1	1	1		
Rubella	147	64	251	7	13		
Tetanus	10	22	12	0	1		

^{*}Data for 1997 and 1998 are provisional.

[†]For 1997 and 1998, age data were available for ≥96% of cases.

[§]Invasive disease; *H. influenzae* serotype is not routinely reported to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System. Of 132 cases among children aged <5 years, serotype was reported for 74 cases, and of those, 32 were type b, the only serotype of *H. influenzae* preventable by vaccination.

Because most hepatitis B virus infections among infants and children aged <5 years are asymptomatic (although likely to become chronic), acute disease surveillance does not reflect the incidence of this problem in this age group or the effectiveness of hepatitis B vaccination in infants.

^{**}One case with onset in 1998 and three cases with onset in 1997 have been confirmed. All were associated with administration of oral poliovirus vaccine. One suspected case with onset in 1997 remains under investigation.

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