



Tuberculosis in Blacks

TB Elimination: Now Is the Time!

Black, non-Hispanic persons continue to have a disproportionate share of tuberculosis (TB) in the United States.

- **In 2006, TB was reported in 3,737 black, non-Hispanic persons —27% of all persons reported with TB nationally.**
- **In 2006, the rate of TB in black, non-Hispanic persons was 10.2 cases per 100,000 population, which is more than 8 times higher than the rate of TB in white, non-Hispanic persons (1.2 cases per 100,000 population).**

The proportion of TB in black, non-Hispanic persons is even greater if only U.S.-born persons reported with TB are examined.

- **U.S.-born persons represented 43% of all TB cases reported in the United States in 2006.**
- **And among these U.S.-born persons reported with TB, 44% were black, non-Hispanic persons.**

Although rates of TB in both blacks and whites have declined substantially over the past decade, the disparity remains. We must better target our efforts to prevent and control TB in this minority population.



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