



STANDARD REPORT FORMAT

CRUDE DATA

Number of Cases: For most diseases, this number reflects new cases of the disease with an onset in 1996. If the onset was unknown, the date of diagnosis was used. For sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis, this number reflects cases reported and confirmed in 1996.

Annual Incidence Rates in Los Angeles County: Number of new cases in 1996 divided by 1996 county population estimate (8,880,054) multiplied by 100,000.

Annual Incidence Rates in the US and California: 1996 incidence rates for the US and California were taken from the previously cited *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. The *MWR* records diseases by date of report rather than date of onset.

Mean Age at Onset: Arithmetic average age of all cases.

Median Age at Onset: The age that represents the midpoint of the sequence of all case ages.

Range of Ages at Onset: Ages of the youngest and oldest cases in 1996. For cases under one year of age, less than one (< 1) was used.

Case Fatality: Number of deaths in 1996 due to disease (when data were available) divided by the number of new cases of the disease in 1996, expressed as a percentage. Note that deaths may be due to infections acquired prior to 1996.

ETIOLOGY: The causative agent(s).

DISEASE ABSTRACT: A synopsis of the disease activity in 1996.

STRATIFIED DATA

Trends: Any trends in case characteristics during recent years.

Seasonally: Number of cases that occurred during each month of 1996.

Age: Annual rate of disease for individual age groups. Race-adjusted rates are presented for some diseases.



Sex: Male-to-female rate ratio of cases.

Race/Ethnicity: Annual rate of disease for the five major racial groups. Cases of unknown race are excluded; thus, race-specific rates may be underestimates. Age-adjusted rates are presented for some diseases.

Location: Location presented most often is the health district of residence of cases. Note that "location" rarely refers to the site of disease acquisition. Age-adjusted rates by location are presented for some diseases.

PREVENTION: A description of county programs that address the disease, as well as personal control actions.

COMMENTS: Miscellaneous information not pertaining directly to any of the above items.