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Knowledge and Use of Folic Acid by Women of Childbearing Age — United States, 1997

Each year in the United States, approximately 4000 pregnancies are affected by spina bifida and anencephaly. Babies born with spina bifida usually survive, often with serious disability, but anencephaly is invariably fatal. The B vitamin folic acid can reduce the occurrence of spina bifida and anencephaly by at least 50% when consumed daily before conception and during early pregnancy. In 1992, the Public Health Service (PHS) recommended that all women of childbearing age who are capable of becoming pregnant consume 400 μ g of folic acid daily (1). Folic acid can be obtained from multivitamins or certain other supplements and from some fortified breakfast cereals. It is found naturally in orange juice, green leafy vegetables, and beans; however, it is difficult to obtain the recommended 400 μ g daily through diet alone. This report summarizes findings from a survey conducted during January and February 1997 that indicate modest increases since 1995 in knowledge about and consumption of folic acid among U.S. women aged 18–45 years and highlights the need for additional public health efforts to take full advantage of this prevention opportunity.

In 1997, the March of Dimes contracted The Gallup Organization to conduct a random-digit-dialed telephone survey of a proportionate, stratified national sample of 2001 women aged 18–45 years to assess knowledge about folic acid and use of vitamin supplements. The participation rate was 50%. Statistical estimates were weighted to reflect the total population of women aged 18–45 years in the contiguous United States residing in households with telephones. The margin of error for estimates based on the total sample size is plus or minus two percentage points. The question-naire and methods used in 1997 were identical to those used in a 1995 survey (2).

Overall, 30% of nonpregnant women (i.e., women who were not pregnant at the time of the survey) reported taking daily a multivitamin supplement containing folic acid; 19% of nonpregnant women aged <25 years reported taking vitamin supplements daily, compared with 33% of nonpregnant women aged ≥25 years. Among women who had had a pregnancy during the 2 years preceding the 1997 survey, 23% reported taking a daily vitamin containing folic acid before pregnancy.

A total of 66% of respondents said "yes" to the question "Have you ever heard or read anything about folic acid?"; 22% said they had heard of the PHS recommendation about folic acid. Of the survey respondents who knew about folic acid, 36% reported magazines and newspapers as the source of their knowledge about folic acid,

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22% reported radio and television, and 15% reported a health-care provider. Of women who were familiar with folic acid, 16% reported knowing that folic acid helps to prevent birth defects and 9% that folic acid should be taken before pregnancy. Twenty-two percent of women who had heard of folic acid knew that green leafy vege-tables are good sources of folic acid, 8% knew that broccoli is a good source, and 16% knew that orange juice is a good source.

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Editorial Note: The 1995 Gallup Organization–March of Dimes survey found a relatively low awareness of folic acid and of the PHS recommendation, illustrating the need for educational strategies to inform more women about the benefits of folic acid. One such strategy, the March of Dimes "Think Ahead" campaign conducted from June 1995 through January 1997, encouraged women to take 400 µg folic acid daily to reduce their risk for giving birth to a child with birth defects. The campaign included print and television public service advertising, outdoor and transit advertising, posters, and information printed on grocery bags and fast-food tray liners. In addition, the March of Dimes collaborated with the vitamin supplement and citrus industries that delivered folic acid and birth defects-prevention messages on product packaging, in-store displays, and paid print and television advertising. Because the survey in 1997 used the same methods as the survey in 1995, comparisons of the results from the two surveys provide rough measures of the effectiveness of educational campaigns conducted since the 1995 survey.

Overall, 30% of nonpregnant women reported taking a multivitamin containing folic acid on a daily basis in 1997, compared with 25% in 1995. Among women who had a pregnancy during the 2 years preceding the survey, the percentage who reported taking a daily vitamin containing folic acid before pregnancy increased only from 20% to 23%. Moreover, nonpregnant women aged <25 years were least likely to consume a multivitamin daily, with only 19% reporting that they did. These findings highlight the need for additional educational efforts targeted toward women aged <25 years, who account for approximately 39% of all births in the United States.

Awareness of folic acid has increased since 1995 among women of childbearing age: more women had heard or read about folic acid in 1997 than in 1995 (66% compared with 52%), and more women had heard about the PHS recommendation (22% compared with 15%) (2). Awareness that folic acid helps prevent birth defects increased among all respondents, from 5% in 1995 to 11% in 1997, and the proportion of women who knew that folic acid should be taken before pregnancy increased from 2% in 1995 to 6% in 1997.

The proportion of respondents reporting magazines and newspapers as the source of their knowledge about folic acid was similar in 1997 as in 1995. However, of all respondents, the proportion reporting radio and television increased from 6% in 1995 to 14% in 1997. This finding may be attributable to increased presentation of information about folic acid in the broadcast media (e.g., through television advertising campaigns and public service advertising) about the benefits of folic acid. There was little change in the percentage of respondents who reported their health-care provider as their source of information. To increase knowledge of and awareness about the bene-

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fits of folic acid, many state health departments are developing and implementing programs to encourage health-care providers to educate their patients.

In both the 1995 and 1997 surveys, when asked to name a food that is a good source of folic acid, approximately half of the women who had heard of folic acid were unable to do so. However, in 1997, 16% of those who had heard of folic acid identified orange juice as a good source, an increase from 6% in 1995. This increase is possibly a result of extensive advertising done by the citrus industry during the winter of 1996–97.

The findings described in this report are subject to at least one important limitation. The response rate for this telephone survey was low (50%, the same as for the 1995 survey). Knowledge and behavior patterns of nonparticipants may have been different from those of participants: participating women were more highly educated than the total U.S. population; therefore, the prevalence of use of vitamin supplements may have been higher among these women than among U.S. women in general because vitamin usage correlated positively with education (*3*).

The survey confirms the need for more public education strategies to increase awareness of the benefits of folic acid among women of childbearing age. However, the small behavioral change in comparison with the somewhat larger increase in awareness suggests that there may be a lag time between increased awareness and behavioral change. Further study is needed to identify effective approaches to increasing folic acid consumption and to evaluate approaches being used.

Further surveys will be needed to clarify reasons for the difference in the percentage of women who had had a pregnancy during the previous 2 years and who had taken vitamins before pregnancy (23%) and the percentage of nonpregnant women who reported taking vitamins (30%). A similar difference was observed in the 1995 survey.

In March 1996, the Food and Drug Administration issued regulations (4) requiring that folic acid be added to enriched cereal grain products, such as flours, corn meals, pasta, and rice, by January 1998. In addition, breakfast cereals can be fortified with up to 400 µg folic acid per serving; dietary supplements also can provide recommended levels of folic acid. These foods and their varying folic acid contents allow women of childbearing age several options for meeting the recommended daily intake of folic acid. Women should select diets with sufficient folic acid—either by following dietary guidelines for eating fortified breads and cereals or by using folic acid-containing breakfast cereals or dietary supplements. Educational programs are needed for women of childbearing age about the benefits of folic acid and the options for achieving adequate daily intakes.

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Landmine-Related Injuries, 1993–1996

During 1980–1993, the incidence of landmine-related injuries doubled, resulting in an estimated 2000 deaths or injuries each month (1). Approximately 120 million landmines are buried in 71 countries throughout the world, and 2–5 million new landmines are planted each year. Some countries, such as Afghanistan, Angola, and Cambodia, have approximately 10 million landmines each (2). Landmines can have profound medical, environmental, and economic consequences, particularly for the civilian populations of those countries burdened with landmines. However, the consequences of landmines extend beyond the borders of those countries. Health-care workers and nongovernmental organizations are increasingly asked to assist emergency-affected, displaced, and refugee populations in regional conflicts, resulting in their increased exposure to landmines. This report describes three cases of landmine-related injury and illustrates the public health consequences of those injuries and the potential role for public health workers in preventing those injuries.

Case Reports

Case 1. On December 13, 1993, a 31-year-old relief worker with the International Rescue Committee in Somalia suffered traumatic amputation of the right foot and blast and shrapnel injuries to both lower legs after his vehicle struck a landmine. The patient underwent emergency surgery in Kenya, where a below-the-knee amputation was performed on the right lower leg. He suffered profound blood loss, requiring 16–17 units of transfused blood. He was evacuated to Switzerland and subsequently to the United States, where he remained hospitalized for 2 months. During 1994–1996, he underwent seven surgical procedures to save his lower left leg. In February 1997, a below-the-knee amputation of his lower left leg was performed. Total medical expenses have exceeded \$300,000. The patient is undergoing rehabilitation.

Case 2. On October 29, 1995, a 53-year-old nursing coordinator with the American Refugee Committee working in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire) was traveling in a vehicle that struck a landmine. The blast hurled the vehicle approximately 25 feet, and the patient suffered traumatic amputation of both lower legs, a broken jaw, and shrapnel wounds to the trunk and face. She was evacuated to Kenya, where she underwent bilateral below-the-knee amputations and multiple blood transfusions. The patient has since undergone several surgical procedures for reconstruction of her face. Total medical costs have been approximately \$1 million.

Case 3. On March 16, 1996, a 38-year-old resident of Afghanistan working for CARE/ Afghanistan was driving a vehicle that struck a landmine. He suffered facial lacerations and a fracture of the left upper arm and lost an estimated 1500 cc of blood. The patient remained hospitalized for 6 weeks. He experienced profound memory loss and has been under psychiatric and neurologic care since his injury.

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Editorial Note: Both combatants and civilians, such as the local resident and relief workers described in this report, are at risk for landmine-related injuries. In many countries, most victims of landmines are civilian men, women, and children (*3*,*4*).

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The health consequences of landmines include deaths, injuries, subsequent disabilities, and investments in health-care resources they require. An estimated 800 persons die each month from landmine-related injuries, and 1200 persons are nonfatally injured (1,2). Approximately one third of surviving landmine victims require amputations and often require a disproportionate amount of health-care resources (5). Compared with patients with other war-related injuries, amputees require nearly three times as many units of blood and four times as many surgical procedures (6).

Environmental health consequences in areas with large quantities of landmines include limited access to safe drinking water and arable farmland, which can result in increased waterborne diseases and malnutrition (7). In addition, persons leaving landmine-contaminated rural areas can lead to overcrowding in urban areas, increasing the risk for transmission of infectious diseases. Finally, as health-care resources are directed toward the care and rehabilitation of landmine victims, they are diverted away from other public health priorities (e.g., vaccination, sanitation, nutrition, and vector-control programs), possibly resulting in higher death rates, particularly for women and children, through increased malnutrition and decreased vaccination coverage (7).

In addition to their health consequences, landmines also exact an economic toll. The most serious economic issues include the treatment and rehabilitation of landmine victims, their loss of productivity and quality of life, and the clearance of landmine-infested areas. Treating a landmine survivor costs an average of \$3000–\$5000, a substantial amount in developing countries (1). Treating all landmine victims worldwide would require \$750 million. Although landmines are relatively inexpensive to produce, ranging from \$3 to \$30, clearing a single mine can cost \$300–\$1000 (1,8). Many of the countries contaminated with landmines cannot provide for the costs of victim rehabilitation and mine clearance and have become increasingly dependent on the international community.

Because clearing all existing minefields is unlikely in the near future, efforts also should focus on preventing the devastating medical effects of existing landmines. Landmine-related injuries can be prevented by adapting health strategies that have been successful in decreasing the number of other injury-related problems (e.g., deaths caused by motor-vehicle crashes) (9).

Some prevention efforts are already in place, such as mine-awareness programs, in which residents are taught to identify landmines and to avoid areas that are known or suspected minefields. These programs should be supported and expanded by the public health community. For example, high-risk areas and populations can be identified through hospital surveillance and cluster surveys, thus facilitating the allocation of limited resources and the development of effective prevention strategies. Once these strategies are developed, health-care workers can assist in evaluating them and replicating those that are most effective.

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Asthma Hospitalizations and Readmissions Among Children and Young Adults — Wisconsin, 1991–1995

Asthma is the most frequent reason for preventable hospital admissions among children (1,2). During 1980–1993, national asthma surveillance demonstrated increasing rates of hospital admission for persons aged <25 years (3). These increasing rates could be attributed to an increase in either the number of persons admitted, readmitted, or both (4). To determine the number of persons with asthma sufficiently severe to require hospitalization and to characterize admission/readmission patterns for persons with asthma, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (WDHFS) analyzed data from the Wisconsin Asthma Surveillance System (WASS). This report summarizes the findings from WASS, which indicate that, during 1991–1995, an annual average of 18% of all asthma admissions among Wisconsin residents aged <25 years were readmissions.

WDHFS analyzed hospital discharge data from WASS to identify all hospital admissions for asthma during 1991–1995 among Wisconsin residents aged <25 years. In Wisconsin, all hospitals are required to report discharge data to the state health department. Admissions were considered asthma related if the primary diagnosis was asthma (International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification [ICD-9-CM], code 493) or if the primary diagnosis was respiratory illness (ICD-9-CM codes 460–496) with a second or third diagnosis of asthma. In this analysis, the number of asthma-related admissions does not equal the number of persons admitted to a hospital for asthma because some persons were readmitted for asthma during the specified time periods. An admission was classified as a readmission if two or more database entries matched on 1) hospital and medical record number or 2) encrypted patient identifier, date of birth, sex, and zip code. Transfer admissions were excluded from analysis. Race-specific analyses were restricted to blacks and whites because numbers for other racial groups were too small to calculate stable estimates. Rates were age adjusted to the 1990 Wisconsin census. Denominators for all rates were U.S. Bureau of the Census intercensal estimates for Wisconsin.

During 1991–1995, a total of 11,804 Wisconsin residents aged <25 years accounted for 17,678 hospital admissions for asthma. Of these admissions, 82% had a primary discharge diagnosis of asthma, 15% had a primary diagnosis of respiratory illness and a second diagnosis of asthma, and 3% had a primary diagnosis of respiratory illness

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and a third diagnosis of asthma. During this 5-year period, 33% of all asthma-related admissions were readmissions, and 26% of the persons admitted for asthma accounted for 51% of all asthma-related admissions.

During 1991–1995, the average annual number of asthma-related admissions among persons aged <25 years was 3535; of these, 616 (18%) were readmissions (Table 1). On average, blacks were five times more likely than whites to be admitted to a hospital for asthma (64 versus 13 per 10,000 persons aged <25 years, p<0.001). For blacks and whites, readmissions accounted for 23% and 15%, respectively, of all asthma-related admissions. In addition, blacks were approximately 50% more likely than whites to be readmitted to a hospital for asthma (19% versus 12%, p<0.001).

Based on age-specific data, the average annual number of asthma-related admissions was highest for persons aged 0-4 years (1661); of these, 384 (23%) were readmissions. In contrast, among persons aged 5-14 years and 15-24 years, 13% and 12% of all asthma-related admissions, respectively, were readmissions.

During 1991–1995, the annual asthma admission rate remained relatively unchanged (Table 2). For each year of this period, 17%-18% of all asthma-related admissions were readmissions.

Characteristic	No. admissions	No. persons admitted	Admission rate (events)	Admission rate (persons)	% Readmissions [§] (hospitalizations)	% Readmissions¶ (persons)
Race**						
Black	1118	864	82.4	63.7	22.8%	18.6%
White	2417	2055	14.8	12.6	14.9%	11.7%
Age group (yrs)						
0-4	1661	1277	48.8	37.5	23.1%	15.5%
5–14	1209	1058	16.3	14.3	12.5%	13.2%
15–24	665	584	9.7	8.5	12.2%	13.5%
Total**	3535	2919	20.0	16.5	17.5%	13.8%

TABLE 1. Average annual number and rate* of asthma-related admissions and percentage of readmissions for persons aged <25 years, by race^{\dagger} and age group — Wisconsin, 1991–1995

*Per 10,000 persons aged <25 years per year.

[†]Numbers for racial groups other than black and white were too small to calculate stable estimates. [§] Percentage of total. Admissions minus persons admitted divided by admissions.

[¶]Percentage of total during the year.

**Age-adjusted to the 1990 Wisconsin census.

TABLE 2.	Number	and rate	* of a	asthma-related	admissions	and	percentage	of
readmissi	ons for pe	ersons age	d <25	years, by year -	– Wisconsin,	1991-	-1995	

Year	No. admissions	No. persons admitted	Admission rate (events)	Admission rate (persons)	% Readmissions [†] (hospitalizations)	% Readmissions [§] (persons)
1991	3583	2941	20.4	16.7	17.9%	15.3%
1992	3712	3050	21.1	17.3	17.8%	14.8%
1993	3848	3175	21.7	17.9	17.5%	14.4%
1994	3127	2603	17.7	14.7	16.8%	10.5%
1995	3408	2825	19.3	16.0	17.1%	13.9%

Per 10,000 persons aged <25 years. Age-adjusted to the 1990 Wisconsin census.

¹ Percentage of total Admissions minus persons admitted divided by admissions. [§] Percentage of total during the year.

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Editorial Note: One national health objective for the year 2000 is to reduce asthma admissions to <19 per 10,000 persons (objective 11.1) (*5*). The data from WASS in this report indicate that Wisconsin's asthma admission rate during 1991–1995 was 20 admissions per 10,000 persons aged <25 years. However, using the number of persons admitted at least once for asthma in the numerator rather than the number of admissions, the average annual asthma admission rate during this period was 17 persons per 10,000. The percentage difference in these two rates (18%) resulted from readmission of persons previously admitted for asthma during the year.

Characterization of risk factors for asthma-related readmission can enable development of interventions to prevent readmissions. The high frequency of asthma- related admissions and the disporportionate number of readmissions among blacks suggest that efforts to reduce asthma-related admissions should target persons who have been hospitalized for asthma. Previous studies indicate that the race-specific differences in asthma admission rates are associated with socioeconomic status (*6*,*7*).

The findings in this report are subject to at least two limitations. First, erroneous data entry of any of the six variables used to identify persons admitted to a hospital for asthma could result in misclassification of an event as an incident admission instead of a readmission. Similarly, patients who move within the state may not be correctly identified as prevalent cases.

The findings from WASS highlight the importance of analyzing longitudinal, patient-specific data about asthma. Although most states collect hospital discharge data that can be used for asthma surveillance, few states have asthma surveillance programs (8).

Ongoing surveillance is necessary to assess the impact of practice guidelines and interventions (9) to prevent asthma hospitalizations. WASS can monitor the impact of intervention efforts on asthma admission and readmission rates and the number of persons requiring hospitalization for asthma. Patient-specific data provide more detailed information about the burden of asthma than admission data alone and can augment admission rates as a benchmark in assessing progress toward improved management of asthma.

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Notice to Readers

Satellite Broadcast on HIV Prevention

"HIV Prevention Update," a satellite broadcast, will be held Thursday, October 23, 1997, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. eastern daylight time. Cosponsors are the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors, CDC, and the Public Health Training Network. This forum, the second in the "HIV Prevention Update" series, will involve two topics: prevention case management and partner notification.

This broadcast is designed for staff and volunteers working in HIV prevention at community-based organizations; health departments; and community-planning groups, including educators and program administrators. Experts will identify the essential components of prevention case management and provide information about new guidance documents. The speakers will discuss current research findings and provide information about recently updated programmatic guidelines. Viewers will be able to submit questions before, during, or after the program.

Additional information is available through the CDC fax information system, telephone (888) 232-3299, by requesting document number 130012.

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Prevention 98 Conference: Translating Science into Action

Prevention 98, the 15th annual national preventive medicine meeting, will be sponsored by the American College of Preventive Medicine and the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine in collaboration with CDC and other national health agencies in San Francisco, California, April 2–5, 1998. The conference will examine preventive medicine expertise and explore ways to translate this expertise into ethical, effective, evidence-based action and policy. Information about registration and submission of abstracts is available from the Meeting Manager, Prevention 98, 1660 L Street, N.W., Suite 206, Washington, DC 20036-5603; telephone (202) 466-2569.

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The table "Notifiable Diseases—Reported Cases, by Geographic Division and Area, United States, 1996 (continued)" on page 718 contained an error. In the Congenital Syphilis column, the numbers of reported cases for Hawaii, New Mexico, Utah, and the Virgin Islands were incorrect. No cases of congenital syphilis were reported for these four jurisdictions, which should have been denoted by a dash ("–"). This error will be corrected when the *Summary of Notifiable Diseases, United States, 1996*, is published.



FIGURE I. Selected notifiable disease reports, comparison of provisional 4-week totals ending August 2, 1997, 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 August 2, 1997 (31st Week)

	Cum. 1997		Cum. 1997
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* [§]	37 3 2 783 5 7 - 1 1 64 11 25 150	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	1 21 176 979 23 190 26 70 4 166

-: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). ³Updated monthly to the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention–Surveillance and Epidemiology, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), last update July 29, 1997. ¹Updated from reports to the Division of STD Prevention, NCHSTP.

					Esche	erichia			Honatitis		
	All	DS	Chla	mydia	NETSS [†]	PHLIS [§]	Gono	rrhea	Hepa C/NA	ititis A,NB	
Reporting Area	Cum. 1997*	Cum. 1996	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	
UNITED STATES	34,732	39,797	248,683	240,068	1,071	573	155,630	176,961	1,843	2,106	
NEW ENGLAND	1,478	1,582	9,783	10,062	90	40	3,276	3,729	40	58	
N.H.	36 19	29 50	583 447	428	8 4	3	34 62	29 90	8	5	
Vt. Mass	23 533	14 739	228	251 3 879	4 58	1	32 1 322	34 1 260	1 24	16 32	
R.I.	99	113	1,145	1,200	2	-	260	300	7	5	
Conn.	768	637	3,171	3,771	14	-	1,566	2,016	-	-	
Upstate N.Y.	1,754	1,382	34,290 N	36,943 N	36	4	3,116	4,403	157	140	
N.Y. City	5,750 2 211	6,277 2 111	17,840 5 294	20,749 7 417	8 10	- 8	7,988 3 891	9,408 4 712	-	3	
Pa.	1,326	1,372	11,156	10,777	Ň	6	5,337	5,985	46	33	
E.N. CENTRAL	2,441	3,208	34,474	51,155	210	112	21,401	33,832	320	306	
Ind.	396	430	5,300	5,638	37	10	3,532	3,672	9	20	
III. Mich	899 460	1,396 521	6,337 10 649	14,581 12 556	42 82	- 63	3,096 7 734	9,867 8 841	49 251	60 219	
Wis.	161	170	5,078	6,297	N	19	2,169	2,849	-	-	
W.N. CENTRAL	650 128	919 169	13,796	18,430	220	137	6,577	8,559	100	62	
lowa	75	63	2,571	2,525	32	9	704	642	21	29	
Mo. N. Dak	275 9	462 11	6,710 473	7,645 559	26 8	22 5	4,426 35	4,937 17	63 2	14	
S. Dak.	4	8	750	760	11	-	81	106	-	-	
Kans.	92	141	2,194	2,671	15	5	405 926	252 1,224	2	12	
S. ATLANTIC	8,425	9,676	53,917	29,839	111	48	51,768	55,839	179	104	
Del. Md.	159 1,075	189 1,145	1,276 4,154	1,148 U	3 11	3	699 7,742	850 5,968	- 10	- 2	
D.C.	598	644	N 6 797	N 6 296	- N	- 19	2,600	2,646	- 19	-	
W. Va.	62	73	1,742	1,230	N	-	549	441	13	7	
N.C. S.C.	503 484	539 498	11,014 7,461	UU	35 2	19 2	10,649 6.651	11,021 6,474	34 27	30 16	
Ga.	1,064	1,413	7,621	7,137	26	- 2	8,391	12,366	U 77	-	
E.S. CENTRAL	1,193	4,550 1 <i>.</i> 306	19,002 19,193	17,815	53 61	26	19,074 19,117	18,930	218	379	
Ky.	211	209	3,884	4,068	21	-	2,453	2,457	10	21	
Ala.	285	364	4,736	4,835	30 7	- 20	6,793	7,822	6	3	
Miss.	196	236	2,991	1,197	3	-	3,558	1,963	50	67	
Ark.	3,615	3,934 169	34,174 735	15,469	37	5 1	1,568	2,503	265	4	
La.	622 188	908 166	5,260	3,987	4	3	4,936	4,302	127	123	
Tex.	2,674	2,691	23,767	5,964	26	-	11,943	3,641	132	83	
MOUNTAIN	1,022	1,189	13,585	14,887	125	71	4,200	4,724	239	369	
Idaho	34	25	828	917	15	8	63	65	34	88	
Wyo. Colo.	13 250	3 333	309 1.896	381 1.182	6 54	- 39	28 1.210	21 1.080	98 25	118 34	
N. Mex.	104	111	2,026	2,417	5	4	686	496	32	44	
Utah	255 82	342 114	5,427 954	6,638 862	28	14	1,607	2,298	23	43 14	
Nev.	258	239	1,501	1,742	7	6	439	583	11	17	
PACIFIC Wash.	4,867 421	6,840 445	35,471 5,428	43,468 5,886	163 33	113 22	7,738 1,138	13,645 1,279	279 18	441 36	
Oreg.	188	311	2,892	3,292	50	54	444	502	4	6 275	
Alaska	4,187	5,940	25,392	669	8	1	225	261	-	2/5	
Hawaii	35	122	949	1,056	N	5	276	285	92	122	
P.R.	∠ 1,199	4 1,337	3 I U	242 U	26	U	3 376	42 375	72	106	
V.I. Amer. Samoa	71	16	N	N	N N	U	-	-	-	-	
C.N.M.I.	1	-	Ν	Ν	N	Ŭ	17	11	2	-	

 TABLE II. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending August 2, 1997, and August 3, 1996 (31st Week)

N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable -: no reported cases C.N.M.I.: Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

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	Legion	ellosis	Lyme Disease		Ма	laria	Syp (Primary &	hilis Secondary)	Tubero	Rabies, Animal	
Reporting Area	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	Cum. 1997
UNITED STATES	492	466	3,098	6,251	866	813	4,650	6,781	9,664	11,045	4,375
NEW ENGLAND Maine N.H. Vt.	36 1 4 6	25 1 - 4	725 7 9 5	1,622 11 24 10	39 1 1 2	31 6 1 2	93 - -	103 - 1	247 11 10 3	248 16 8 1	661 127 25 90
Mass. R.I. Conn.	9 5 11	13 7 N	112 170 422	76 187 1,314	16 5 14	11 3 8	45 2 46	47 1 54	147 18 58	110 24 89	137 13 269
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City N.J. Pa	88 23 3 12 50	106 30 8 9 59	1,787 578 27 547 635	3,847 1,862 202 844 939	220 41 114 49 16	251 49 142 44 16	225 20 50 88 67	303 48 93 103 59	1,815 234 938 376 267	1,974 222 1,051 422 279	897 668 - 99 130
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio Ind. III. Mich. Wis.	150 76 27 5 36 6	158 53 36 22 29 18	44 29 13 2 U	262 13 13 8 6 222	77 12 8 27 24 6	102 9 51 21 12	373 116 85 38 72 62	1,106 425 142 307 109 123	1,002 177 88 510 157 70	1,172 168 108 638 199 59	90 64 8 6 11 1
W.N. CENTRAL Minn. Iowa Mo. N. Dak. S. Dak.	45 1 12 12 2 2	23 2 3 5 - 2	44 27 5 7 - 1	87 13 13 34 -	31 10 10 6 2	21 5 2 8 -	87 U 6 57 -	224 26 15 159 -	318 83 38 128 8 7	287 67 39 119 3 14	285 29 103 11 41 40
Kans.	4	9	3	26	2	2 4	21	8 16	42	32	60
S. ATLANTIC Del. Md. D.C. Va. W. Va. N.C. S.C. Ga. Ela	72 6 17 3 13 N 9 3 -	65 9 6 12 N 6 4 2 17	321 27 227 7 18 1 20 1 1 1	277 107 100 1 20 8 32 3 1 5	185 2 52 10 42 - 9 10 20 40	130 3 35 7 21 2 14 8 14 26	1,949 16 521 77 149 3 432 237 328 186	2,286 23 399 89 265 2 633 243 400 232	1,891 11 183 59 165 33 230 196 362 652	1,996 27 173 81 178 37 283 208 387 622	1,809 41 330 360 52 556 99 189 179
E.S. CENTRAL Ky. Tenn. Ala. Miss.	30 4 20 2 4	27 2 13 2 10	44 6 23 4 11	47 15 16 3 13	18 4 4 7 3	21 6 8 3 4	1,037 88 468 277 204	1,547 81 511 330 625	681 109 245 233 94	849 145 295 261 148	158 19 85 54
W.S. CENTRAL Ark. La. Okla. Tex.	13 - 2 3 8	5 1 1 3	40 11 2 9 18	56 19 1 33	7 2 5 -	16 - 2 - 14	674 67 225 70 312	746 165 325 118 138	1,252 118 - 107 1,027	1,306 118 8 104 1,076	222 27 2 69 124
MOUNTAIN Mont. Idaho Wyo. Colo. N. Mex. Ariz. Utah	29 1 2 1 8 1 7 6	26 1 - 3 7 1 7 2	11 2 2 4 - 1	4 - 3 - - 1	48 2 24 6 7 3	31 3 - 3 14 1 4 4 2	88 - - 4 8 65 4 7	93 2 24 4 49 2	298 7 8 2 57 16 149 13	375 14 5 3 51 56 142 34	88 25 20 8 32
PACIFIC Wash. Oreg. Calif. Alaska Hawaii	29 6 - 22 1	5 31 3 - 26 1 1	82 4 11 67	49 4 12 32 1	4 241 10 14 212 3 2	210 12 16 173 3 6	7 124 7 6 109 1 1	373 7 4 360 2	46 2,160 136 100 1,772 49 103	2,838 155 104 2,418 50 111	3 165 7 139 19
Guam P.R. V.I.	- -	1 - -	- -	- -	- 3 -	- 1 -	- 148 -	3 143 -	5 129 -	55 105 -	40
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 9	- 1	2	-	-

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending August 2, 1997, and August 3, 1996 (31st Week)

N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable -: no reported cases

	H. influ	ienzae,	Н	epatitis (V	iral), by ty	be		Measles (Rubeola)							
	inva	sive	1	4		В	Indi	genous	lmp	orted [†]	То	tal			
Reporting Area	Cum. 1997*	Cum. 1996	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	1997	Cum. 1997	1997	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996			
UNITED STATES	671	702	15,962	16,175	5,068	5,664	3	55	2	36	91	358			
NEW ENGLAND	36	22	386	191	91	129	-	10	-	5	15	12			
Maine N H	3	- 10	45 21	12	6 7	2	-	- 1	-	-	- 1	-			
Vt.	3	-	.7	4	5	10	-	-	-	-	-	1			
Mass. R.I.	22 2	11 1	145 92	96 9	34 11	41 7	-	9	-	4	13	10			
Conn.	1	-	76	61	28	61	-	-	-	1	1	1			
MID. ATLANTIC	76	143	1,172	1,094	730	896	-	12	-	5	17	32			
N.Y. City	21	35 37	439	338	259	320	-	2 4	-	3	5 5	10			
N.J. Pa	31 10	38 33	184 373	225 284	136 175	177 184	-	1	-	- 1	1	3 12			
Γα. Ε Ν. CENTRAI	111	120	1 523	1 471	519	654		5	-	3	8	12			
Ohio	65	68	213	526	54	83	-	-	-	-	-	2			
Ind. III.	11 24	7 32	184 338	188 376	62 124	86 196	-	- 5	-	- 1	- 6	- 3			
Mich.	10	8	701	254	261	231	-	-	-	2	2	2			
WIS.	1	5	8/	127	18	58	-	-	-	-	-	9			
Minn.	35 25	30 18	1,231	69	23	205	-	-	-	3	3	15			
lowa Mo	3	3	222 634	222	33 219	39 171	-	- 1	-	-	- 1	- 1			
N. Dak.	-	-	10	28	215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
S. Dak. Nebr	2	1	15 59	39 89	- 9	2 20	-	8	-	-	8	-			
Kans.	1	1	180	177	20	22	-	-	-	-	-	1			
S. ATLANTIC	116	127	1,001	640	736	766	1	3	1	8	11	8			
Del. Md.	46	42	158	8 116	4 109	6 103	-	-	-	2	2	1			
D.C.	2	5	16	20	24	26	-	-	-	1	1	-			
W. Va.	3	6	6	12	9	00 14	-	-	-	-	-	-			
N.C.	17	20	118	82	151	227	1	1	-	1	2	2			
Ga.	22	30	200	48	71	43	-	-	-	1	1	1			
Fla.	16	12	288	230	228	245	-	2	-	1	3	1			
E.S. CENTRAL Kv.	36 5	20 5	385 49	886 24	411 25	495 46	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Tenn.	23	8	242	595	277	274	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Ala. Miss.	- 8	6 1	59 35	120	68	40 135	-	-	-	-	-	-			
W.S. CENTRAL	33	30	3,439	3,165	686	677	-	3	1	3	6	19			
Ark. La	1 7	- 3	157 130	287 101	37 83	50 70	2	-	-	-	-	-			
Okla.	22	23	986	1,331	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	3	4	2,166	1,446	542	533	-	3	1	3	6	19			
Mont.	-	- 30	2,560	2,644 80	550 6	6/5 7	-	-	-	-	- -	-			
Idaho Wyo	1	1	85 21	145 25	17 23	67 27	-	-	-	-	-	1			
Colo.	9	11	266	262	108	74	-	-	-	-	-	7			
N. Mex. Ariz	8 28	9 12	201 1.305	272 1.013	179 123	230 157	-	- 5	-	-	- 5	8			
Utah	3	5	385	599	61	63	1	1		-	1	85			
Nev.	20	-	243	248	33	50 1.097	1	1	U	1	2	5			
Wash.	3	2	4,265 314	4,796 319	1,039	1,087	1	ь 1	-	8	14	37			
Oreg.	25	23	232	594 2 700	72	69 945	-	- 2	-	- 7	- 10	7			
Alaska	3	4	24	3,733	14	545 6	-	-	-	-	-	63			
Hawaii	7	2	80	53	8	8	-	2	-	1	3	2			
Guam P.R.	-	- 1	- 194	6 124	1 877	605	U -	-	U -	-	-	- 2			
V.I.	-	-	-	26	-	25		-	-	-	-	-			
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	- 6	10	- 1	- 1	34	- 5	U	- 1	U	-	- 1	-			

TABLE III. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases preventable by vaccination,
United States, weeks ending August 2, 1997,
and August 3, 1996 (31st Week)

N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable -: no reported cases

*Of 144 cases among children aged <5 years, serotype was reported for 79 and of those, 31 were type b. [†]For imported measles, cases include only those resulting from importation from other countries.

	Mening Dis	jococcal ease	Mumps				Pertussis		Rubella			
Reporting Area	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	1997	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	1997	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	1997	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1996	
UNITED STATES	2.170	2.121	7	353	431	56	2,860	2,484	2	99	200	
NEW ENGLAND	137	90	1	8	1	-	562	584	-	-	24	
Maine	15	10	-	-	-	-	6	20	-	-	-	
Vt.	3	3	-	-	-	-	180	40 13	-	-	2	
Mass.	69 11	34	- 1	2	1	-	287 12	506	-	-	20	
Conn.	26	30	-	1	-	-	12	5	-	-	2	
MID. ATLANTIC	196	233	-	32	56	4	183	160	-	3	9	
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	50 35	59 35	-	7	17 13	-	56 40	82 22	-	1	4	
N.J.	43	51	-	-	2	-	5	9	-	-	2	
Pa.	50 206	205	-	25	24	4	82	4/ 202	-	-	-	
Ohio	119	111	-	40 18	30	4	92	101	-	4	-	
Ind.	34	44	-	6	5 17	- 2	35	19 64	-	- 1	- 1	
Mich.	36	31	-	9	37	-	31	27	-	-	2	
Wis.	24	33	-	-	1	-	29	92	-	3	-	
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	162 24	169 23	-	13 5	11 3	1	180 120	92 59	-	-	-	
lowa	38	37	-	6	1	-	19	3	-	-	-	
No. N. Dak.	/5 1	62 3	-	-	4	-	27	1/	-	-	-	
S. Dak.	4	9	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	
Kans.	5 15	20	-	2 -	-	-	4 5	4 6	-	-	-	
S. ATLANTIC	389	337	2	50	67	7	288	254	-	61	89	
Del. Md.	5 36	2 39	-	- 4	- 23	- 4	- 87	14 96	-	-	-	
D.C.	1	5	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	
va. W. Va.	37 14	35 13	-	8	9	- 2	34 5	2/	-	-	- 2	
N.C.	72	58	-	7	14	-	80	47	-	50	75	
Ga.	44 75	100	-	5	5	-	9	17	-	9	-	
Fla.	105	44	1	16	14	1	59	38	-	1	10	
E.S. CENTRAL	172 37	147 20	-	16 3	18	1	65 15	161 130	-	-	2	
Tenn.	67	44	-	3	1	-	26	15	-	-	-	
Ala. Miss.	52 16	45 38	-	6 4	3 14	1	16 8	9 7	-	-	2 N	
W.S. CENTRAL	213	232	-	33	30	2	73	75	-	3	7	
Ark.	25 42	27 45	-	- 11	1 11	- 1	13 13	2	-	-	- 1	
Okla.	24	23	-	-	-	-	14	8	-	-	-	
lex.	122	137	-	22	18	1	33	59	-	3	6	
Mont.	8	6	-	48	- 18	30 5	15	242 12	-	5	- -	
Idaho Wyo	8	19	-	2	-	10	530	65 2	-	1	2	
Colo.	36	22	-	3	3	4	171	79	-	-	2	
N. Mex. Ariz	21 35	21 30	N	N 31	N 1	9	47 23	34 12	-	-	- 1	
Utah	12	12		6	3	1	10	10		-	-	
Nev.	10	13	U	5	11	U	9	28	U	-	1	
Wash.	464 56	482 63	4	113	140	4	474 216	220	2	23	60 12	
Oreg. Calif	95 309	84 327	N	N 86	N 102	-	18 227	35 342	- 2	- 10	1	
Alaska	1	5	-	2	2	-	227	1	-	-	-	
Hawaii	3	3	-	12	18	-	11	15	-	8	3	
Guam P.R.	- 9	4 10	U -	1 5	4 1	U -	-	2	U -	-	-	
V.I. Amor Samaa	-	-		-	1	-	-	-		-	-	
C.N.M.I.	-	-	U	- 4	-	U	-	-	U	-	-	

TABLE III. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases preventable
by vaccination, United States, weeks ending August 2, 1997,
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	A	II Cau	ses, By	Age (Y	ge (Years)					All Cau	ises, By	/ Age (Y	ears)		P&I [†]
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, Mass. New Haven, Conn. Providence, R.I. Somerville, Mass. Springfield, Mass.	531 139 33 U 12 62 23 12 25 37 49 49 55 24	375 87 25 U 12 39 17 10 22 25 32 2 40 21	95 30 7 U 14 5 1 3 7 11 2 7 3	33 15 1 U 4 1 - 3 1 - 4	12 4 - 2 - 1 2 - 1 2 - 1	16 3 - U - 3 - 1 3 - 3	40 13 3 U 1 2 3 1 1 - 7 2	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.	1,154 157 171 97 113 52 70 60 64 133 109 15	725 94 104 61 80 67 35 42 43 42 89 65 3	220 40 32 20 18 26 8 13 10 13 15 20 5	121 13 25 10 11 14 2 9 6 4 13 13 1	54 6 2 3 4 3 2 1 2 11 9 5	32 4 4 1 2 4 3 5 2	58 4 18 7 1 1 3 3 18 2 -
Worcester, Mass. MID. ATLANTIC Albany, N.Y. Allentown, Pa. Buffalo, N.Y. Camden, N.J. Elizabeth, N.J. Erie, Pa.	56 2,251 38 24 64 24 17 41	43 1,523 29 22 46 15 12 32	5 469 6 2 13 7 4 6	3 172 1 3 1 1 2	2 50 2 - - - - -	3 37 - 2 1 - 1	7 95 4 1 2 1	E.S. CENTRAL Birmingham, Ala. Chattanooga, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Lexington, Ky. Memphis, Tenn. Mobile, Ala. Montgomery, Ala. Nashville, Tenn.	771 171 42 93 71 144 85 23 142	503 111 63 43 95 58 13 89	154 28 6 18 21 28 14 6 33	66 18 3 7 4 11 8 3 12	17 5 1 2 1 3 1 - 4	30 8 1 3 2 7 4 1 4	40 11 2 6 8 10 - 3
New York City, N.J. New York City, N.Y. Newark, 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.	1,290 45 U 300 72 9 107 25 29 64 22 18 18	836 18 U 213 46 79 19 25 45 17 17	300 16 U 50 15 1 13 5 3 14 1 1	110 8 22 6 1 1 2 3 - 1	27 3 U 8 2 - 6 - 2 -	17 U 7 3 - 3 - 1 1	- 44 3 U 16 8 1 5 2 - 3 2 - 1	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.	1,375 93 58 73 179 50 106 384 57 U 216 65 94	877 62 39 53 95 34 74 214 39 U 157 49 61	288 19 10 12 43 11 21 98 13 U 32 8 21	129 12 6 5 18 2 5 52 4 U 14 4 7	50 1 16 2 2 16 1 U 8 1 3	31 2 3 7 1 4 4 U 5 3 2	70 4 9 1 4 24 U 10 7 5
E.N. CENTRAL Akron, Ohio Canton, Ohio Chicago, III. Cincinnati, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Columbus, Ohio Dayton, Ohio Detroit, Mich. Evansville, Ind. Fort Wayne, Ind	1,872 50 36 417 82 141 136 132 187 50 58	1,240 33 31 239 49 87 105 88 116 39 39	405 11 5 100 20 42 20 31 47 6 16	135 52 65 4 8 13 53	49 1 12 6 3 2 6	41 - 12 1 4 3 5	91 - 29 6 1 8 3 6 2 2	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.	898 97 42 . 43 99 182 24 147 24 120 120	588 66 25 31 65 114 17 84 19 79 88	181 21 10 21 41 7 34 20 13	81 5 1 10 17 - 12 2 12 17	28 2 - 2 7 - 9 - 6 2	19 3 1 1 3 - 7 1 3 -	49 31 369 - 6399
Gary, Ind. Grand Rapids, Mich Indianapolis, Ind. Lansing, Mich. Milwaukee, Wis. Peoria, III. Rockford, III. South Bend, Ind. Toledo, Ohio Youngstown, Ohio	10 74 165 34 95 39 46 43 77 U	5 53 113 28 69 28 30 32 50 U	2 13 32 6 19 4 11 6 14 U	3 6 11 2 3 2 1 6 U	- 3 3 3 3 3 1 U	2 6 2 1 1 U	1 6 2 6 2 3 3 0 U	PACIFIC Berkeley, Calif. Fresno, Calif. Glendale, Calif. Honolulu, Hawaii Long Beach, Calif. Los Angeles, Calif. Pasadena, Calif. Portland, Oreg. Sacramento, Calif.	1,719 18 74 19 58 69 462 19 137 164	1,198 9 44 14 36 44 331 15 86 117	321 4 16 4 19 9 76 4 30 30	116 3 7 1 7 32 - 12 8	55 7 4 14 9 8	27 2 - 2 5 9 - 1	132 5 4 5 3 25 4 6 16
W.N. CENTRAL Des Moines, Iowa Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Mo. Lincoln, Nebr. Minneapolis, Minn. Omaha, Nebr. St. Louis, Mo. St. Paul, Minn. Wichita, Kans.	771 86 30 31 97 28 178 123 54 66	552 65 24 20 61 20 141 49 87 43 42	138 12 5 6 24 7 27 17 20 5 15	40 5 1 4 1 7 4 7 4 3	17 1 2 1 3 5 1 3	17 2 - 2 5 4 1 3	40 6 3 - 5 2 2 2 8 - 3 1	San Diego, Calif. San Francisco, Calif San Jose, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Seattle, Wash. Spokane, Wash. Tacoma, Wash. TOTAL	137 f. 117 165 31 112 64 73 11,342 [¶]	94 86 110 23 81 51 57 7,581	27 23 38 4 16 12 9 2,271	9 7 14 4 9 2 893	2 - 4 5 332	3 1 2 - 2 2 250	11 12 13 6 5 6 11 615

TABLE IV. Deaths in 122 U.S. cities,* week ending August 2, 1997 (31st Week)

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.

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