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Trends in Infant Mortality Attributable to Birth Defects — United States, 1980–1995

Infant mortality has declined in the United States because of advances in public health and clinical medicine. Birth defects are the leading cause of infant mortality (1), but infant mortality attributable to birth defects (IMBD) has not declined as rapidly as overall infant mortality. From 1968 to 1995, the proportion of IMBD increased from 14.5% to 22.2% (2,3). To help focus efforts to reduce IMBD, CDC examined trends in IMBD, highlighting demographic, geographic, and defect-specific mortality rates. This report summarizes the results of this analysis, which indicate variation in rates for IMBD by sex, race/ethnicity, and state of residence.

The underlying cause-of-death for all infants (children aged <1 year) was obtained from U.S. public-use, multiple-cause mortality data tapes maintained by CDC. Birth defects in this study were classified according to the *International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification, Ninth Revision*, codes 740–759. The number of live births per year by the child's race and sex and mother's state of residence (including the District of Columbia) was determined from published natality statistics. The number of live births was 3,612,258 in 1980 and 3,899,589 in 1995 (*3*). Only births and deaths to U.S. residents were included in the analyses.

During 1980–1995, IMBD declined 34.2%, and overall infant mortality declined 39.8% (Table 1). The proportion of overall infant mortality caused by birth defects increased from 20% to 22%. Among females, the decrease in IMBD was greater and the rate of IMBD was lower than among males. Among whites and Asians/Pacific Islanders, the decreases in IMBD were greater than those among blacks and American Indians/ Alaskan Natives. As a result, by 1995, the gap between IMBD in whites and in both blacks and American Indians/Alaskan Natives increased.

The decline in IMBD varied by organ system (Table 2). Deaths associated with defects of the cardiovascular, central nervous, musculoskeletal, genitourinary, and digestive systems declined substantially. Deaths associated with trisomies 13 and 18, reduction defects of the brain, and defects of the respiratory system increased.

From 1980 to 1995, IMBD declined in every state and the District of Columbia; however, IMBD was consistently higher in the South and parts of the Midwest than in other regions (Figure 1). This geographic variation persisted when the analysis was restricted by race. Hawaii, Maryland, Oregon, and Vermont had the greatest decline in

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		% Change in		
Characteristic	1980	1995	% Change [†]	infant mortality
Sex				
Female	2.4	1.6	-35.4%	-39.2%
Male	2.7	1.8	-33.0%	-40.2%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	2.5	1.6	-35.1%	-42.1%
Black	2.7	2.0	-26.6%	-31.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander American Indian/	2.1	1.2	-42.5%	-42.9%
Alaskan Native [§]	2.5	2.0	-20.1%	-43.2%
Hispanic¶	* *	1.6 ^{††}	**	**
Total	2.6	1.7	-34.2%	-39.8%

TABLE 1. Rate* of infant mortality attributable to birth defects (IMBD) and percent
change in IMBD and overall infant mortality, by sex and race/ethnicity — United States,
1980 and 1995

*Per 1000 live-born infants.

[†]Percent change was based on the exact rates rather than the rounded rates presented here. [§]Two-year averages (1979–1980 and 1994–1995) are used because of small and unstable numbers in individual years.

[¶]The race groups white, black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander include persons of Hispanic origin, and persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**Not calculated because only 22 states reported Hispanic origin on birth certificates in 1980. ^{††}Includes only the 50 reporting areas with Hispanic origin both on the birth certificate and death certificate in 1995.

IMBD, moving from the highest category (2.7–3.2 per 1000 live-born infants) to the lowest (1.1–1.4).

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Editorial Note: The findings in this report document a large decline in IMBD but substantial variations in IMBD across populations and geographic areas. Efforts to reduce IMBD should focus on identifying reasons for these variations. The causes of most birth defects are unknown, and the causes of deaths from birth defects require further study.

Cardiovascular defects are the single largest contributor to IMBD. The largest specific cause of cardiovascular IMBD was hypoplastic left heart syndrome, the rate of which declined slightly during 1980–1995. Other important causes of cardiovascular IMBD (e.g., transposition of the great vessels and ventricular septal defect) declined substantially, probably because of improvements in treatment.

The second largest contributor to IMBD was central nervous system defects. The birth prevalence of these defects is affected by primary prevention (e.g., increased intake of folic acid initiated before conception), changes in prenatal diagnosis patterns, and the availability and use of pregnancy termination services following a prenatal diagnosis of a serious defect. These factors probably account for some of the decline in anencephalus and hydrocephalus. IMBD attributable to reduction defects of

	1980	1995	% Change [†]
Cardiovascular defects	105.5	58.8	- 44.3%
drome Transposition of great vessels Ventricular septal defect	14.3 5.2 4.6	13.6 3.3 1.8	- 4.7% - 36.4% - 60.7%
Central nervous system defects Anencephalus Congenital hydrocephalus Reduction defects of brain	46.7 21.8 9.0 1.3	21.9 <i>8.9</i> <i>3.2</i> <i>3.2</i>	- 53.1% - 59.5% - 64.4% +153.7%
Chromosomal defects Trisomy 18 Trisomy 13 Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome)	18.1 7.2 5.4 3.4	23.0 10.0 6.4 2.3	+ 26.8% + 39.0% + 18.6% - 33.7%
Respiratory defects	17.8	25.2	+ 42.2%
Musculoskeletal defects Anomalies of diaphragm Anomalies of abdominal wall Osteodystrophies	17.8 10.7 1.9 1.6	12.1 <i>8.2</i> <i>0.9</i> <i>1.1</i>	- 32.1% - 23.9% - 51.0% - 33.4%
Genitourinary defects Renal agenesis/Dysgenesis/ Hypoplasia Cystic kidney disease	12.5 8.8 2.0	10.0 <i>7.6</i> <i>1.3</i>	- 20.5% - <i>13.5%</i> - <i>35.7%</i>
Digestive system defects Anomalies of gallbladder, bile ducts, and liver Tracheoesophageal fistula, esophageal atresia, and stenosis	8.0 2.4 1.0	2.2 0.5 0.2	- 71.9% - <i>79.0%</i> - <i>82.0%</i>
All other defects	28.7	14.9	- 48.2%
Total	255.2	168.1	- 34.2%

TABLE 2. Rate* of infant mortality associated with birth defects, by specific organ systems — United States, 1980–1995

*Per 100,000 live-born infants.

[†]Percent change was based on the exact rates rather than the rounded rates presented here.

the brain has increased dramatically, most likely because of increasing use of sophisticated imaging techniques that make diagnosis of this defect more common.

The increase in IMBD attributable to chromosomal defects includes increases in both trisomies 13 and 18 and a decrease in trisomy 21. Increases in rates of trisomy 13 and 18 are probably a result of increased use of diagnostic karyotyping. In comparison, the decline in deaths attributed to trisomy 21 (Down syndrome) is probably related to improved treatment for the congenital heart defects that are the leading cause of deaths among these infants, and increased use of prenatal diagnosis. The increase in IMBD attributable to respiratory defects may be associated with an increasing use of the diagnostic code for lung agenesis/hypoplasia/dysplasia.

IMBD attributable to musculoskeletal and digestive system defects has declined dramatically, most likely because of advances in surgical treatments. In one children's





^{*}Per 1000 live-born infants.

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hospital, survival rates for infants with congenital diaphragmatic hernia improved from 42% during 1970–1983 to 79% during 1989–1997 (4). In Japan, esophageal atresia survival increased from an estimated 28% in the late 1950s and early 1960s to 80% since 1980 (5).

Previous studies have documented substantial racial differences in the incidence of birth defects and IMBD (6,7), although the magnitude of these differences vary by the method of assigning the child's race (8). Higher IMBD in some racial/ethnic populations may reflect reduced access to perinatal and other health care associated with disadvantaged socioeconomic status and other factors that may affect mortality trends. Males consistently have higher rates of IMBD than females, probably because of the higher incidence of many birth defects among males (9).

Poverty and access to health care also may affect geographic variations in IMBD. During 1995, 10 of the 12 states (83%) with IMBD \geq 1.9 per 1000 live-born infants were above the U.S. median for percent of population in poverty (10). In comparison, only six states would have been above the median if there was no relation between poverty and IMBD.

The findings in this report are subject to at least two limitations. First, the reliability of data on IMBD is limited by the accuracy of demographic and cause-of-death data included on infant death certificates. In addition, changes in administrative and diagnostic practices also may affect the validity of the data.

The correlation between poverty and high IMBD suggests that access to healthcare services also may be an important factor limiting declines in IMBD. Unlike the effect of race and sex, the effect of poverty on IMBD can be changed. Improving access to perinatal and other preventive and health-care services is a key factor in reducing IMBD and overall infant mortality.

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Progress Toward Poliomyelitis Eradication — India, 1998

In 1988, the World Health Assembly resolved to eradicate poliomyelitis globally by 2000 (1). In 1995, India began to accelerate implementation of polio eradication strategies by conducting annual National Immunization Days (NIDs)* (2,3). In 1997, an active surveillance system for polio using acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) as a screening case definition was established. This report summarizes progress toward polio eradication, focusing on the implementation of supplemental vaccination activities and the establishment of sensitive surveillance. The findings suggest that NIDs in India have decreased previously widespread poliovirus circulation.

Since 1995, NIDs have been conducted biannually during a single day each in December and in January (the low season for poliovirus transmission). NIDs in 1995 targeted children aged <3 years (three birth cohorts); however, the 1996–97 and 1997–98 NIDs have targeted children aged <5 years (five birth cohorts). These NIDs reached >79 million children in 1995 and 134 million children in 1998 (Table 1). The Indian NIDs were synchronized with NIDs in other countries of south and east Asia, including Pakistan and China (4–7).

In India in 1997, routine coverage of children aged 12–23 months with three doses of oral poliovirus vaccine was previously estimated as 89% nationally. However, more precise estimates available from surveys indicated national coverage was 73%, ranging from 5% in Bihar to >95% in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and several smaller states and union territories.

National surveillance for AFP began in April 1997 and was enhanced by the posting of 59 surveillance medical officers (SMOs) in October 1997. These officers provide training, technical assistance, and logistic support to each of the 556 districts of India. By July 1998, approximately 7500 health-care institutions had been enrolled in a

*Mass vaccination campaigns over a short period (usually days to weeks) in which two doses of oral poliovirus vaccine are administered to all children aged <5 years, regardless of previous vaccination history, with an interval of 4–6 weeks between doses.

NIDs	Round (Date)	Target age group	No. vaccinated	Coverage with 2 doses [†]	Coverage with >1 dose [†]
1995–96	1 (December 9)	<3 years	79,300,000	85.5%	98.4%
	2 (January 20)		85,400,000		
1996–97	1 (December 7)	<5 years	117,400,000	93.3%	98.3%
	2 (January 18)		127,400,000		
1997–98	1 (December 7)	<5 years	127,000,000	92.1%	96.6%
	2 (January 18)		134,000,000		

TABLE 1. Number of children vaccinated and percentage of oral poliovirus vaccine coverage achieved during National Immunization Days (NIDs)* — India, 1995–1998

*Mass vaccination campaigns over a short period (usually days to weeks) in which two doses of oral poliovirus vaccine are administered to all children aged <5 years, regardless of previous vaccination history, with an interval of 4–6 weeks between doses.

[†]Proportion of targeted children as estimated by survey.

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weekly reporting network, collecting epidemiologic and virologic information for each reported AFP case. Stool specimens collected from persons reported with AFP are forwarded to a network of nine World Health Organization (WHO)-accredited laboratories for poliovirus isolation studies; two of these laboratories also serve as reference laboratories for intratypic differentiation of poliovirus as wild or vaccine-derived strains.

From January through July 1998, the surveillance network reported 3950 AFP cases (Table 2). Of these, 3432 (87%) were investigated within 48 hours of reporting, and 2233 (57%) had two stool specimens collected for virus culture within 14 days of illness onset. Of 5890 stool specimens collected, 5710 (97%) arrived in the laboratory in good condition for virologic studies.[†]

The results of clinical follow-up and virus isolation studies are used to classify AFP cases as polio or nonpolio. As of September 10, 1998, 2032 (72%) of 2813 persons with AFP cases eligible for 60-day follow-up (those with onset of illness during January–June 1998) have been examined for residual paralysis: 867 (43%) had no residual paralysis, 867 (43%) had residual paralysis, 73 (4%) were lost to follow-up, and 225 (11%) died. The reported annualized nonpolio AFP rate for January–June 1998 was 0.83 cases per 100,000 children aged <15 years, excluding 21% of AFP cases pending classification (Table 2).

The number of reported polio cases decreased from 4729 in 1994 (before NIDs began) to 1005 in 1996, and increased to 2262 in 1997 (Figure 1). The increase in 1997 probably was due to improved surveillance and a large outbreak of polio in Uttar

	No. polio or AFP cases	No. confirmed	Overall AFP reporting	Nonpolio AFP reporting	No. polio or AFP cases with stool	Serotyp wild po	e distribu liovirus is	tion of olated
Year	reported	cases*	rate [†]	rate [†]	specimens§	P1	P2	P3
1995	3263	3263	0.95	0	NA¶	117**	44**	60**
1996	1005	1005	0.29	0	NA	95**	6**	17**
1997	3050	2262	0.89	0.23	1370	398††	3 ^{††}	50††
1998	3950 ^{§§}	8 29 §§	1.92 ^{¶¶}	0.83***	2503	162††	1††	20 ^{††}

TABLE 2. Number and rate of	reported poliomyelitis ar	nd acute flaccid p	aralysis (AFP)
cases, nonpolio AFP rate, and	d stool specimen results, l	by year — India, '	1995–1998

*All polio cases reported before 1997 were confirmed by attending physicians with no standard case definition.

[†]Per 100,000 children aged <15 years.

[§]One or two specimens within 14 days of onset.

¶Not available.

**Aggregate data indicating the number of isolates reported to the World Health Organization, not the number of cases with wild poliovirus isolated.

^{††}Number of cases with wild poliovirus isolated.

§§ January–July, as of September 10, 1998.

[¶]Annualized rate.

***Annualized from cases reported during January–June (allows 60 days for classification); does not include 21% of AFP cases pending classification.

[†]Good condition means that on arrival, 1) ice or frozen icepacks or a temperature indicator (showing <46 F [<8 C]) is in the container, 2) the specimen volume is adequate (>5 g), 3) no evidence of leakage or desiccation is present, and 4) appropriate documentation (laboratory request/reporting form) is completed.

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*Data as of September 10, 1998.

[†]National Immunization Days are mass vaccination campaigns over a short period (usually days to weeks) in which two doses of oral poliovirus vaccine are administered to all children aged <5 years, regardless of previous vaccination history, with an interval of 4–6 weeks between doses.

Pradesh with 1150 reported cases. As of September 10, 1998, 849 AFP cases reported in 1998, representing 281 districts, have been confirmed as polio.

Poliovirus types 1 and 3 continue to circulate, but preliminary results of genetic sequencing show a substantial decrease in their genetic biodiversity, suggesting that many independent lineages of poliovirus genotypes are being eliminated (Dr. J.M. Deshpande, Enterovirus Research Center, Haffkine Institute, Mumbai, personal communication, 1998). Four isolates of type 2 poliovirus were last isolated in India in 1996. As of September 10, there were 183 isolates of wild poliovirus in 1998, with 162 (89%) identified as type 1, one (1%) as type 2, and 20 (11%) as type 3. In addition, 180 isolates are pending differentiation as wild or vaccine strains. Of 374 isolates differentiated in 1998, 278 (74%) have been wild strains.

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Editorial Note: Progress toward polio eradication in India, the second most populous country in the world, is critical for the success of the global polio eradication initiative. India has completed 3 years of successful NIDs—representing the largest public health campaigns ever conducted in a single country—followed by reduction in genetic biodiversity of circulating poliovirus types 1 and 3. The persistance of poliovirus

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type 2 and wide distribution of the remaining type 1 and 3 strains suggest that substantially increased efforts will be required to eradicate polio by 2000.

Routine vaccination coverage in some areas must be improved, and the intensity of vaccination efforts during NIDs will need to increase to reach areas with children missed by previous NIDs. As the circulation of polioviruses becomes more focal (especially during the low transmission season), identification and targeting of these areas for supplemental vaccination activities, especially house-to-house vaccination, increasingly will depend on sensitive and timely surveillance. Surveillance data were used for the first time to target areas in three districts of Maharashtra State for supplemental vaccination activities during April–May 1998.

To prepare for NIDs in 1998–99, SMOs are assisting state immunization officers in obtaining sufficient resources for planning, vaccine, and operational costs of house-to-house vaccination in districts identified as at risk for continuing wild poliovirus transmission. This intensified NID strategy should accelerate progress toward the final stage of polio eradication.

Although the experience in other countries suggests that it takes 3–4 years to develop an adequate AFP surveillance system, the experience in India suggests that this period can be shortened substantially if sufficient resources and trained personnel are made available.

Fewer than 850 days remain to reach the target for global polio eradication. Globally, further progress is dependent on expanding the polio eradication strategies to all remaining countries where polio is endemic and providing adequate funding[§] in support of these strategies (*8*). The progress reported from India, the world's largest country where polio remains endemic, indicates that polio eradication can be achieved worldwide by 2000.

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Incidence of Foodborne Illnesses — FoodNet, 1997

Each year, millions of persons become ill from foodborne diseases, though many cases are not reported. The Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (Food-Net), the primary foodborne diseases component of CDC's Emerging Infections Program (1), was developed to better characterize, understand, and respond to foodborne illnesses in the United States. This report describes FoodNet surveillance data from 1997, the second year of surveillance, and compares findings with data from 1996. The findings demonstrate regional and seasonal differences in the reported incidence of certain bacterial and parasitic diseases and that substantial changes occurred in the incidence of illnesses caused by some pathogens (e.g., *Vibrio* and *Escherichia coli* O157:H7) but the overall incidence of illness caused by the seven diseases under surveillance in both years changed little.

Active bacterial surveillance for laboratory-confirmed cases of *Campylobacter*, *E. coli* O157:H7, *Listeria*, *Salmonella*, *Shigella*, *Vibrio*, and *Yersinia* infections was initiated on January 1, 1996, in Minnesota, Oregon, and two counties in California, three in Connecticut, and eight in Georgia (expanding to 20 counties in 1997). In 1997, surveillance for laboratory-confirmed cases of *Cryptosporidium* and *Cyclospora* infections was added statewide in Minnesota, Connecticut, and eight counties (including the two counties with bacterial surveillance) in California. To identify cases, surveillance personnel contacted each clinical laboratory in their catchment areas either weekly or monthly, depending on the size of the clinical laboratory. Annual incidence was calculated using the number of laboratory-confirmed cases ascertained in the catchment area as the numerator and 1997 postcensus estimates in the same areas as the denominator (*2*). Monthly incidence was calculated based on date of specimen collection.

1997 Surveillance

In 1997, 8576 laboratory-confirmed cases were identified: 3974 of campylobacteriosis, 2205 of salmonellosis, 1273 of shigellosis, 468 of cryptosporidiosis, 340 of *E. coli* O157:H7 infections, 139 of yersiniosis, 77 of listeriosis, 51 of *Vibrio* infections, and 49 of cyclosporiasis. Seasonal variation in isolation rates was seen for several pathogens; 52% of *E. coli* O157:H7, 35% of *Campylobacter*, and 32% of *Salmonella* were isolated in summer months (June–August) (Figure 1). Organisms were isolated from normally sterile sites, including blood and cerebrospinal fluid, in 99% of reported *Listeria* cases, 7% of *Salmonella* cases, 3% of *Yersinia* cases, and <1% of *Shigella* and *Campylobacter* cases. Overall, 1270 (15%) of 8576 patients with laboratoryconfirmed infections were hospitalized; the proportion of persons with cases hospitalized was highest for listeriosis (88%), *E. coli* O157:H7 infections (29%), and salmonellosis (21%). Thirty-six patients with laboratory-confirmed infections died: 15 with *Listeria*, 13 with *Salmonella*, four with *E. coli* O157:H7, two with *Cryptosporidium*, one with *Campylobacter*, and one with *Shigella*.

All-site incidence was highest for campylobacteriosis (24.7 per 100,000 population), salmonellosis (13.7), and shigellosis (7.8). The incidence of campylobacteriosis varied from 13.7 in Georgia to 49.3 in California. Although overall salmonellosis incidence was similar among the sites, the incidence of infections with *Salmonella* serotype Enteritidis varied, from 0.6 in Georgia to 5.8 in Connecticut. Shigellosis incidence varied from 2.9 in Minnesota to 15.9 in Georgia. Incidence differed by site for *E. coli*

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FIGURE 1. Monthly incidence* of selected pathogens — FoodNet,[†] 1996–1997

*Per 100,000 population.

[†]Laboratory-confirmed cases of *Campylobacter, Escherichia coli* O157:H7, and *Salmonella* infections were identified in Minnesota, Oregon, and selected counties in California (two), Connecticut (three), and Georgia (eight in 1996 and 20 in 1997).

O157:H7 infections and yersiniosis: *E. coli* O157:H7 infections varied from 0.2 in Georgia to 4.2 in Minnesota; yersiniosis varied from 0.5 in Oregon to 1.2 in Georgia.

Annual incidence also varied by age; for example, the incidence among children aged <1 year was 56 per 100,000 for campylobacteriosis (range: 18 in Georgia to 159 in California) and 111 per 100,000 for salmonellosis (range: 66 in Oregon to 174 in California) (Figure 2).

Comparison with 1996 Surveillance Data

Overall, incidence of illness caused by the pathogens under surveillance changed little from 1996 to 1997 (Table 1). The largest percentage change occurred in cases of illness caused by *Vibrio* (from 0.1 in 1996 to 0.3 in 1997). *E. coli* O157:H7 showed the next largest percentage change (from 2.7 to 2.1, a decrease of 27%). From 1996 to 1997, Minnesota and Oregon reported an overall increase in the incidence of illnesses caused by the pathogens under surveillance; California, Connecticut, and Georgia reported decreases.

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Editorial Note: The findings from FoodNet in 1997 document regional and seasonal differences in the incidence of bacterial foodborne diseases. Although the pathogens under surveillance can be transmitted many ways (e.g., through water and person-to-person), they are often transmitted by food. The primary goals of FoodNet are to better characterize, understand, and respond to foodborne illness in the United States.

Some of the variation in the incidence of bacterial foodborne diseases might be explained by differences in levels of contamination of specific food items and differences in foodhandling practices. The variation in the regional incidence of *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella* is unlikely to be a result of different laboratory culturing practices because the proportion of specimens tested for these pathogens remained consistently high across the sites (>99%). The possible role of differences in requests for cultures by physicians resulting in the regional variation in the incidence of disease is under investigation.

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	All sites					
Organism	anism 1996					
Campylobacter	23.5	24.7				
Escherichia coli 0157:H7	2.7	2.1				
Listeria	0.5	0.5				
Salmonella	14.5	13.7				
Shigella	8.9	7.9				
Vibrio	0.1	0.3				
Yersinia	1.0	0.9				
Cryptosporidium	§	2.8				
Cyclospora	§	0.3				
Overall	51.2	50.1¶				

TABLE	1. Incidence*	of selected	d pathogens,	by year — I	FoodNet,	^r 1996–1997
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*Per 100,000 population.

[†]In 1996, laboratory-confirmed cases of *Campylobacter, Escherichia coli* O157:H7, *Listeria, Salmonella, Shigella, Vibrio,* and *Yersinia* infections were identified in Minnesota, Oregon, and two counties in California, three in Connecticut, and eight in Georgia (expanding to 20 in 1997). In 1997, surveillance for laboratory-confirmed cases of *Cryptosporidium* and *Cyclospora* infections was added statewide in Minnesota and Connecticut and in eight counties (including the two counties with bacterial surveillance) in California.

[§]Not reported in 1996.

[¶]Excludes Cryptosporidium and Cyclospora.

More data are needed to assess whether the variations in rates for specific pathogens reflect year-to-year variation or are part of longer-term trends. For *Vibrio*, the increase in incidence is the result of a large outbreak during the summer of 1997 of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* infections linked to raw oyster consumption in the Pacific Northwest (3). The decrease in the incidence of *E. coli* O157:H7 infections in 1997 probably is linked to fewer cases associated with known outbreaks in FoodNet catchment areas. Changes in the pathogens under surveillance (e.g., the development of fluoroquinolone resistance in *Campylobacter* [4]) are not reflected in annual incidence data. Additional investigations—including laboratory, physician, and population surveys and pathogen-specific case-control studies (5)—are under way to further characterize annual differences in incidence.

Preliminary data (using 1997 population estimates as the denominator) reported to FoodNet through the first 6 months of 1998 show a decrease in *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella* infections and an increase in *E. coli* O157:H7, *Vibrio*, and *Yersinia* infections compared with the first 6 months of 1996 and 1997. Final data will be available when the annual number of cases is known (usually available by April, allowing for auditing) and the postcensus population estimates are released (typically by mid-year). A preliminary report will be available in early 1999.

FoodNet was initiated in 1995 as a collaborative effort among CDC, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, and the California, Connecticut, Georgia, Minnesota, and Oregon state health departments. In 1997, the catchment area included 16.1 million persons, 6.0% of the U.S. population. Two new sites (selected counties in Maryland and in New York) joined FoodNet in 1997; data from these sites will be included in subsequent reports. An eighth site will be added in 1998. Continued monitoring of the incidence of foodborne illnesses and analysis of FoodNet

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data will provide a more accurate description and a better understanding of foodborne illness in this country. Additional information about FoodNet, which includes the 1997 summary report, is available on the World-Wide Web at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/foodnet/foodnet.htm.

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Notice to Readers

Unlicensed Use of Combination of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b Conjugate Vaccine and Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine for Infants

The only licensed combination vaccine containing *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine and diphtheria and tetanus toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP) is for use in children aged 15–18 months. The Food and Drug Administration and CDC's National Immunization Program have received reports from state health departments that in certain clinical settings, licensed Hib conjugate vaccines and DTaP vaccines are being combined for administration as a single injection in infants aged 2, 4, and 6 months. These vaccines (DTaP/Hib) have not been licensed for combination use in the primary vaccination series in infants. Clinical studies in infants conducted under Investigational New Drug applications have demonstrated that using some combination vaccine products containing Hib vaccine may induce a suboptimal immune response to the Hib vaccine component. Additional information about further vaccination actions that may be required for the infant who received an unlicensed DTaP/Hib combination product is available from CDC's Immunization Hotline, telephone (800) 232-2522.



FIGURE I. Selected notifiable disease reports, comparison of provisional 4-week totals ending September 19, 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 September 19, 1998 (37th 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* [§]	39 7 3 2,391 2 49 3 2 - 85 17 50 164	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	6 1 30 217 1,638 40 268 30 95 9 9 237

-: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). [§] Updated monthly to the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention–Surveillance and Epidemiology, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), last update August 30, 1998. [¶] Updated from reports to the Division of STD Prevention, NCHSTP.

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	All	DS	Chla	mydia	NETSS [†]	PHLIS [§]	Gono	rrhea	C/N	A,NB
Reporting Area	Cum. 1998*	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997
UNITED STATES	31,523	40,204	378,895	319,775	2,043	1,217	228,605	202,696	2,732	2,513
NEW ENGLAND	1,194	1,732	13,698	12,375	254	193	3,937	4,165	37	46
N.H.	22	42 26	692 666	560	29 33	36	49 70	41 72	-	-
Vt. Mass	17 604	31	298 5 917	284	12	7	26 1 525	37	- 24	2
R.I.	88	113	1,634	1,423	11	1	265	330	3	7
Conn.	435	922	4,491	4,370	46	36	1,992	2,160	-	-
Upstate N.Y.	8,893 1,014	12,414 1,931	45,639 N	40,763 N	209	60 -	3,923	26,621 4,468	280 216	234 173
N.Y. City	5,005	6,451	24,987	19,111	5	10	11,028	9,713	-	-
Pa.	1,219	1,434	13,086	14,652	N	10	6,244	6,999	64	61
E.N. CENTRAL	2,276	3,016	62,857	42,462	316	215	43,838	27,839	382	430
Ind.	485 379	663 408	4,656	6,461	87 73	48 38	2,974	4,308	4	14
III. Mish	888	1,176	18,087	U	78	14	14,882	U	24	72
Wis.	390 134	188	7,107	7,729	78 N	49 66	3,042	3,302	- 347	24
W.N. CENTRAL	599	778	21,792	22,422	322	228	10,956	9,859	228	47
Minn. Iowa	119 51	136 78	4,360 2.063	4,616 3.051	135 84	98 42	1,623 660	1,625 803	9 7	3 23
Mo.	282	377	8,475	8,413	26	46	6,235	5,194	206	8
N. Dak. S. Dak.	4 13	10 7	616 1,105	598 903	10 22	13 21	51 175	40 97	-	2
Nebr.	56	71	1,428	1,703	26	-	505	676	2	2
S. ATI ANTIC	7.960	99.668	3,745 77,081	65,916	175	0 114	63.804	64,987	4 139	9 166
Del.	104	174	1,799	-	-	2	1,002	858	-	-
Md. D.C.	914 635	1,167 717	5,336 N	5,028 N	2/	12	5,942 2,588	8,161 3,086	-	4-
Va.	650	769	9,420	8,131	N	38	6,242	5,672	11	21
N.C.	536	597	15,541	12,084	43	36	13,482	11,958	18	38
S.C. Ga	507 846	535 1 161	12,980 16 173	8,874 11 545	8 56	5	8,403 14 401	8,289 13 470	3 9	32
Fla.	3,708	4,471	13,992	18,170	32	16	11,198	12,839	85	58
E.S. CENTRAL	1,273	1,366	27,675	24,322	84	28	27,239	24,333	152	264
Tenn.	434	570	9,405	8,947	38	24	8,254	7,655	127	176
Ala. Miss	372 272	334 225	7,174 6,619	5,902 4,880	21	2	9,308 7,116	8,272 5,499	5	7 70
W.S. CENTRAL	3,799	4,171	58,582	41,753	102	12	33,993	28,045	491	323
Ark.	136	159	2,599	2,120	8	6	1,247	3,463	9	10 152
Okla.	224	216	7,054	5,295	12	4	3,854	3,518	9	7
Tex.	2,785	3,063	38,078	27,709	77	-	19,581	14,779	440	153
Mont.	1,052	33	14,864 924	20,677 734	266 14	1/8	5,654 30	5,488 34	298 7	214 16
Idaho Wwo	19	37	1,217	1,110	30 51	7	119	92 41	87 70	44
Colo.	209	292	10	4,870	59	45	1,616	1,396	22	23
N. Mex. Ariz	166 385	112 269	2,508 7 537	2,689 7 568	17 21	13 25	623 2 724	614 2 492	74	40 24
Utah	91	93	1,527	1,193	64	21	163	186	21	3
Nev.	161	278 5.932	742 56 707	2,099	10 315	14	301	633 11 359	725	13 789
Wash.	303	454	7,569	6,380	65	56	1,297	1,357	15	21
Oreg. Calif.	128 3.919	222 5.170	4,062 42,125	3,432 36,982	86 160	86 35	587 10.691	526 8,839	5 650	3 643
Alaska	17	42	1,332	1,064	4	-	228	278	1	- 100
Guam	110	44 2	1,619	1,227	IN N	12	334	359 27	54	122
P.R.	1,246	1,381	U	U	6	Ū	263	432	-	-
V.I. Amer, Samoa	19	74	N U	N	N N	U	U	U	U	U
C.N.M.I.	-	1	Ň	Ň	Ň	Ŭ	28	17	-	2

TABLE II. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending September 19, 1998, and September 13, 1997 (37th Week)

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, [†]National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance.
[§]Public Health Laboratory Information System.

	Legion	ellosis	Lyı Dise	me ease	Ма	laria	Syp (Primary &	hilis Secondary)	Tuberculosis		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	846	652	8,415	8,288	900	1,308	5,121	6,025	10,177	12,546	5,021
NEW ENGLAND Maine N.H. Vt. Mass. R I	54 1 3 4 24 13	57 2 6 10 21 5	2,147 6 32 8 590 346	2,234 8 21 6 262 277	45 4 - 15 4	70 1 8 2 25 5	54 1 4 35 1	110 - - 54 2	327 5 9 2 187 39	309 17 10 4 172 27	1,039 151 47 50 375 67
Conn.	9	13	1,165	1,660	18	29	12	54	85	79	349
MID. ATLANTIC Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City N.J. Pa.	205 68 23 11 103	133 38 14 19 62	5,235 3,030 18 808 1,379	4,717 1,937 141 1,431 1,208	219 64 97 34 24	387 54 241 71 21	183 24 46 55 58	291 29 64 116 82	2,014 254 1,044 422 294	2,224 304 1,120 459 341	1,151 809 U 142 200
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio Ind. III. Mich. Wis.	258 99 47 25 58 29	206 79 30 18 50 29	80 57 17 5 1 U	420 29 23 11 22 335	89 10 10 27 37 5	122 16 12 52 30 12	693 94 150 262 141 46	462 156 119 U 102 85	845 75 78 444 245 3	1,273 216 101 660 209 87	107 48 9 11 30 9
W.N. CENTRAL Minn. Iowa Mo. N. Dak. S. Dak. S. Dak. Nebr.	59 5 8 20 - 3 16	37 1 9 7 2 2 12	156 127 20 1 - 3	82 56 5 15 - 1 2	68 39 8 10 2 - 1	42 19 8 2 - 1	94 6 - 72 - 1 4	131 15 6 83 - 2	272 104 28 88 7 16 11	396 106 46 156 9 9 14	533 97 120 19 108 109 6
Kans. S. ATLANTIC Del. Md. D.C. Va. W. Va. N.C. S.C.	7 102 9 22 6 16 N 8 7	4 86 9 14 3 19 N 11 4	5 590 12 430 4 50 9 42 4	3 575 104 372 7 39 4 25 2	8 212 63 14 39 1 18 5	4 229 4 70 12 55 - 13 11	11 2,099 17 471 53 116 2 543 214	25 2,475 17 682 82 176 3 617 280	18 1,424 U 208 78 187 30 278 195	56 2,349 23 224 75 220 45 310 238	74 1,476 17 351 - 427 62 136 104
Ga. Fla. E.S. CENTRAL Ky. Tenn.	7 25 50 23 15	26 42 8 25	5 34 66 13 38	1 21 67 12 31	27 43 23 4 12	25 39 28 8 7	524 159 872 79 406	393 225 1,305 102 556	360 70 815 126 243	432 782 936 122 334	223 156 218 28 115
Ala. Miss. W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	5 7 19	2 7 12 1	14 1 22 6	5 19 60 16	5 2 24 1	10 3 17 4	210 177 758 80	332 315 880 120	287 159 1,509 90	306 174 1,817 134	73 2 125 29
La. Okla. Tex.	2 8 9	2 1 8	3 2 11	2 12 30	11 4 8	8 5 -	302 72 304	257 87 416	106 126 1,187	159 152 1,372	- 96 -
MOUNTAIN Mont. Idaho Wyo. Colo. N. Mex. Ariz. Utah Nev.	48 2 1 13 2 10 17 1	43 1 1 16 2 9 8 4	12 - - 3 4 - - 2	8 - 3 1 - 1 1 - 2	43 1 7 15 11 8 1	59 2 26 8 9 3 9	154 1 1 19 119 3 3	121 1 10 5 91 5 9	286 16 8 4 U 43 138 43 34	411 6 7 2 66 43 185 26 76	153 44 53 19 5 12 19 19 1
PACIFIC Wash. Oreg. Calif. Alaska Hawaii	51 9 - 40 1 1	36 6 29 1	107 6 14 86 1 -	125 6 16 103 -	177 16 13 144 1 3	354 18 18 309 3 6	214 23 5 184 1 1	250 8 5 235 1 1	2,685 154 99 2,278 35 119	2,831 226 114 2,293 60 138	219 3 193 23
Guam P.R. V.I. Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	2 - U U	U U U	U U U	- U U	1 - U U	5 U U	1 148 U U 164	3 175 U U 9	36 68 U U 77	13 164 U U 2	39 U U

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States,weeks ending September 19, 1998, and September 13, 1997 (37th Week)

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

*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.

	H. influ	uenzae,	Н	epatitis (V	iral), by ty	ре		Measles (Rubeola)				
	inva	sive		4		В	Indi	genous	Imp	orted [†]	То	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	776	800	15,404	19,637	5,790	6,606	-	31	-	20	51	114
NEW ENGLAND	51	45	189	486	126	122	-	1	-	2	3	19
Maine N.H.	2 7	4	16 8	47 22	2 13	6 9	-	-	-	-	-	1
Vt.	5	3	13	9	4	6	-	-	-	1	1	
Mass. R.I.	33	28 2	67 13	200 111	32 57	52 12	-	1	-	1	2	16
Conn.	1	2	72	97	18	37	-	-	-	-	-	1
MID. ATLANTIC	108	122	1,032	1,527	794	971	-	8	-	5	13	23
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	45 21	38	258 241	240 681	214 198	204 355	-	1	-	1	2	5 7
N.J.	37	37	238	223	144	181	U	7	U	1	8	3
	5	15	295	383	238	231	-	-	-	3	3	8
Ohio	42	73	2,300	2,026 240	57	1,064	-	-	-	3 1	14	-
Ind.	35	13	118	216	74	77	-	2	-	1	3	
Mich.	45 4	32 15	1,439	549 873	338	313	-	9	-	- 1	10	2
Wis.	4	-	124	148	26	413	-	-	-	-	-	1
W.N. CENTRAL	74	39	1,041	1,558	294	347	-	1	-	-	1	16
lowa	2	5	381	324	50	26	-	1	-	-	- 1	-
Mo. N. Dak	8	4	430	796	174	253	-	-	-	-	-	1
S. Dak.	-	2	21	18	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	8
Nebr. Kans	-	1	29 82	72 205	9 21	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
	160	124	1 354	1 206	835	868	_	3	_	5	8	11
Del.	-	-	3	23	-	5	-	-	-	1	1	-
Md. D.C.	43	45	235 42	143 17	118 10	119 25	-	-	-	1	1	2
Va.	15	12	160	162	75	91	-	-	-	2	2	1
W. Va. N.C.	4 23	3 19	4 90	8 147	5 159	11 180	-	-	-	-	-	- 2
S.C.	3	4	24	77	27	79	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ga. Fla.	34 38	23 18	407 389	266 363	125 316	95 263	-	1 2	-	-	2	1 3
E.S. CENTRAL	42	40	290	459	276	507	-	-	-	2	2	1
Ky.	7	6	18	60	32	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ala.	23 10	24	56	280	50	328 50	-	-	-	1	1	- 1
Miss.	2	2	43	52	1	101	-	-	-	-	-	-
W.S. CENTRAL	46	36	3,009	3,918	1,013	811	-	1	-	-	1	7
La.	22	8	64	149	75	105	-	1	-	-	1	-
Okla. Tex	21	24	417 2 45 1	1,126 2 472	69 800	35 609	-	-	-	-	-	- 7
MOUNTAIN	76	70	2,255	3.089	596	632	_	-	-	-	-	, 8
Mont.	-	-	74	58	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
ldaho Wvo.	- 1	1 3	197 32	102 24	27	27	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colo.	17	13	228	309	85	115	-	-	-	-	-	-
N. Mex. Ariz.	6 41	28	109 1,371	249 1,562	246 138	188 148	Ū	-	Ū	-	-	- 5
Utah	4	3	156	461	57	73	-	-	-	-	-	1
Nev.	/	15	88	324	32	52	U	-	U	-	-	2
Wash.	89 7	191	3,934 771	5,368 394	1,244	1,284	-	ю -	-	3 1	9 1	2
Oreg.	34	29	274	269	80	82	-	-	-	-	- 7	-
Alaska	40	147	2,839	4,572	1,073	1,131	-	5 1	-	-	1	- 13
Hawaii	7	7	35	108	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	4
Guam PB	- 2	-	-	- 222	2	3	U	-	U	-	-	-
V.I.	Ű	Ū	49 U	223 U	U 319	557 U	Ŭ	U	U	Ū	Ū	U
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	U -	U 6	U 3	U 1	U 53	U 34	U U	U	U U	U	U -	U 1

TABLE III. Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases preventable by vaccination,
United States, weeks ending September 19, 1998,
and September 13, 1997 (37th Week)

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

 * Of 184 cases among children aged <5 years, serotype was reported for 102 and of those, 39 were type b.

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

	Mening Dise	jococcal ease		Mumps			Pertussis		Rubella				
Reporting Area	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	1998	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	1998	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997	1998	Cum. 1998	Cum. 1997		
UNITED STATES	1,963	2,430	11	352	438	94	3,773	3,809	3	319	135		
NEW ENGLAND	76	150	-	4	8	15	636	687	-	38	1		
Maine N.H.	5 4	17 12	-	-	-	2	5 62	7 85	-	-	-		
Vt.	1	4	-	-	-	2	65 462	190	-	-	- 1		
R.I.	3	15	-	-	5	-	403	12	-	1	-		
Conn.	25	28	-	2	1	-	34	17	-	29	-		
Upstate N.Y.	46	250 68	-	19	47 10	7	403 210	296 119	-	130	4		
N.Y. City	20 47	42 47	, i	4	3	4	23	58 12	- Li	14 4	27		
Pa.	66	93	-	9	27	-	165	107	-	1	-		
E.N. CENTRAL	296	360	-	59	53	5	391	398	-	-	6		
Ind.	51	40	-	23 5	7	-	83	39	-	-	-		
III. Mich	73 34	105 52	-	10 21	8 16	2 1	49 51	55 47	-	-	2		
Wis.	25	31	-	-	3	-	17	148	-	-	4		
W.N. CENTRAL	166	173	-	25 12	14	8	304 184	286 184	-	27	-		
lowa	31	39	-	9	7	, 1	56	23	-	-	-		
Mo. N. Dak.	59 5	73	-	3 1	-	-	22 2	51 1	-	2	-		
S. Dak.	6	4	-	-	- 1	-	8 10	4	-	-	-		
Kans.	27	18	-	-	1	-	22	18	-	25	-		
S. ATLANTIC	342	413	5	42	53	9	228	327	2	15	62		
Md.	24	38	-	-	- 1	-	40	101	-	- 1	-		
D.C. Va.	- 28	7 42	-	- 6	- 9	-	1 19	3 34	-	-	1 1		
W. Va.	12	14	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	50		
S.C.	47	43	-	6	10	-	22	20	-	-	52 6		
Ga. Fla.	75 106	78 108	- 5	1 19	8 16	- 8	18 48	11 62	-	- 3	- 2		
E.S. CENTRAL	178	184	-	13	23	-	83	103	-	2	1		
Ky. Tenn	22 56	38 62	-	- 1	3	-	25 31	42 31	-	- 1	-		
Ala.	76	61	-	7	7	-	24	20	-	1	1		
WISS.	24	23 231	-	5 53	10 53	-	3 254	10	-	- 88	-		
Ark.	26	26	-	7	1	1	53	19	-	- 1	-		
Okla.	32	29	-	-	-	1	5 19	25	-	-	-		
Tex.	122	129	3	37	40	4	177	111	-	87	4		
Mont.	4	141	-	- 29	51	- 29	700	886 15	-	5	-		
Idaho Wyo.	9 6	8	-	4 1	2 1	24	225 8	482 6	-	-	2		
Colo.	22	37	-	7	3	3	147	249	-	-	-		
N. Mex. Ariz.	35	24 37	N U	N 5	N 31	Ū	78 142	75 31	Ū	1	5		
Utah Nev	11 5	11 15	1 U	5 7	7 7	2	67 26	14 14	- U	2	-		
PACIFIC	383	528	2	, 108	, 136	11	774	656	-	14	23		
Wash. Oreg	53 65	66 100	- N	7 N	14 N	5	236	267 31	-	9	5		
Calif.	258	354	2	80	96	3	451	326	-	3	10		
Alaska Hawaii	3 4	2 6	-	2 19	6 20	-	13 6	16 16	-	2	- 8		
Guam	1	1	U	2	1	U	-	-	U	-	-		
P.R. V.I.	6 U	8 U	U U	1 U	7 U	U U	3 U	- U	U U	- U	- U		
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	Ŭ -	Ŭ -	Ŭ U	Ú 2	Ŭ 4	Ŭ U	Ū 1	Ŭ -	Ŭ U	Ŭ	Ŭ		

TABLE III. (Cont'd.) Provisional cases of selected notifiable diseases preventable
by vaccination, United States, weeks ending September 19, 1998,
and September 13, 1997 (37th Week)

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

	All Causes, By Age (Years)						P&I [†]		All Causes, By Age (Years)						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.	553 118 47 26 30 54 17 13 43 66 31 31	382 72 29 21 23 37 11 9 13 27 50 3 20 20	102 31 10 4 10 5 1 4 6 10 5 4	46 12 5 1 3 3 - 2 1 7 2 - 6 2	12 2 1 1 2 2 - - 2 2 2 -	11 1 - - - 1 2 -	39 4 3 6 2 3 1 2 2 6 2 ⁻ 2 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.	1,278 156 248 110 123 111 47 71 63 64 184 91 10	813 900 140 80 84 75 31 41 35 49 133 50 5	277 36 72 19 24 25 7 15 18 7 33 20 1	121 26 25 4 8 8 6 8 5 4 10 13 4	38 3 8 1 4 2 1 5 3 1 4 6	29 13631 22234 2	70 2 24 13 2 2 3 2 3 2 14 6
Worcester, Mass. MID. ATLANTIC Albany, N.Y. Allentown, Pa. Buffalo, N.Y. Camden, N.J. Elizabeth, N.J. Erie, Pa	56 2,112 41 16 92 31 8 55	42 1,465 29 14 59 23 6 45	8 387 5 2 19 2 2 6	2 174 5 11 2 3	2 53 1 - 2 3 -	2 33 1 - 1 1 1	5 117 5 3 5 - 1	E.S. CENTRAL Birmingham, Ala. Chattanooga, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Lexington, Ky. Memphis, Tenn. Mobile, Ala. Montgomery, Ala. Nashville, Tenn.	759 170 78 63 58 158 43 58 131	515 106 57 48 40 103 32 44 85	141 33 16 12 11 26 7 12 24	61 16 5 2 4 17 3 1 13	24 8 1 1 10 - 4	15 4 - 2 2 1 1 5	54 9 6 4 5 19 - 4 7
Jersey 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.	27 1,165 51 200 91 18 123 19 28 95 13 18 U	20 799 22 15 120 66 15 102 13 22 70 8 17 U	4 227 13 3 43 15 1 23 5 21 3 1 U	2 100 11 2 21 7 1 3 3 1 1 1 1 U	22 4 1 12 2 1 4 - 1 - 1 - U	1 17 1 4 1 - 2 - 2 1 - U	52 2 14 8 1 12 5 8 1 U	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.	1,477 67 44 52 193 69 105 369 140 225 25 99	931 35 20 37 106 46 67 224 63 83 157 17 76	286 19 14 9 45 10 27 70 11 27 39 6 9	151 10 6 5 26 7 8 47 9 15 10 8	63 1 2 1 7 5 1 7 3 11 10 2 3	46 2 9 1 2 11 3 4 9 3	72 4 2 2 7 31 5 12 2 5
E.N. CENTRAL Akron, Ohio Canton, Ohio Chicago, III. Cincinnati, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Columbus, Ohio Dayton, Ohio Detroit, Mich. Evansville, Ind. Fort Wavne, Ind.	1,611 46 33 U 122 158 210 125 212 45 51	1,121 31 29 U 89 106 139 92 112 34 36	318 10 4 20 31 50 22 66 10 11	106 4 - 9 14 12 6 20 1 2	37 1 U 2 4 4 9 - 2	29 - - 2 5 5 1 5 -	86 3 15 4 10 6 5 2 4	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.	981 81 35 . 58 87 234 35 194 21 110 126	663 61 27 39 60 156 23 125 13 68 91	187 14 2 11 15 57 3 8 5 20 22	72 4 2 3 9 14 6 11 12 10	29 1 3 3 1 4 2 7 5 3	29 1 2 2 1 13 2 5	46 6 2 8 7 1 5 8 9
Gary, Ind. Grand Rapids, Mich Indianapolis, Ind. Lansing, Mich. Milwaukee, Wis. Peoria, III. Rockford, III. South Bend, Ind. Toledo, Ohio Youngstown, Ohio	6 53 159 52 140 58 47 43 U 51	3 42 111 34 110 50 33 34 U 36	2 5 33 12 18 4 5 5 U 10	1 2 8 4 8 - 7 4 U 4	2 5 1 3 1 - U	2 2 1 3 2 U	1 13 15 1 2 U 2	PACIFIC Berkeley, Calif. Fresno, Calif. Glendale, Calif. Honolulu, Hawaii Long Beach, Calif. Los Angeles, Calif. Pasadena, Calif. Portland, Oreg. Sacramento, Calif.	1,876 22 78 20 72 73 417 28 147 201	1,321 10 61 15 50 51 296 18 108 139	353 10 11 5 17 18 76 7 23 37	124 2 4 2 2 29 3 8 11	43 1 2 1 10 4 7	35 1 1 1 6 - 4 7	151 1 3 10 8 24 2 5 31
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.	863 59 26 21 121 35 205 97 122 79 98	594 44 22 16 72 28 145 65 70 66 66	163 12 3 4 25 5 35 19 32 11 17	55 2 1 10 1 12 8 10 2 9	17 1 2 1 5 2 5 - 1	23 1 3 6 3 5 5	57 11 3 2 8 3 14 4 2 7 3	San Diego, Calif. San Francisco, Cali San Jose, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Seattle, Wash. Spokane, Wash. Tacoma, Wash. TOTAL	161 113 215 39 154 41 95 11,510 [¶]	108 79 161 28 103 29 65 7,805	28 21 37 8 27 8 20 2,214	11 10 14 2 19 1 6 910	7 1 2 5 2 - 316	7 2 1 - 1 4 250	25 8 12 7 4 2 3 692

TABLE IV. Deaths in 122 U.S. cities,* week ending September 19, 1998 (37th 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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