The mission of San Francisco Tuberculosis Control is to control, prevent and finally eliminate tuberculosis in San Francisco by providing compassionate, equitable, and supportive care of the highest quality to all persons affected by this disease.

In 2017, 107 new TB cases were reported in San Francisco for an incidence rate of 12.2 cases per 100,000 population. This represents a 7% increase from 2016 (100 cases). The rate of TB in San Francisco is more than four times the national rate of 2.8 cases per 100,000 and nearly twice the California rate of 5.2 cases per 100,000. See Figure 1.

The largest proportion of cases reported annually is of Asian/Pacific Islander (API) descent. See Figure 3. This group was also older than the other ethnic groups, with 45% being age 65 or older.

Incidence rates for each racial/ethnic group are as follows: 0.77 cases per 100,000 for White, 8.19 cases per 100,000 for Hispanic, 14.9 cases per 100,000 for Black, and 28.25 cases per 100,000 for API.

**Sex, Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Country of Birth**

Forty (37%) cases were assigned female sex at birth. The age range of persons with TB disease in 2017 was 2-99 years, and the median age was 60 years, which is an increase from 2016, in which the median age was 58 years and the age range was 14-92 years. In 2017, 36% of the cases were age 65 or over. See Figure 2. Two pediatric cases (0-14 years old) were diagnosed this year.
A majority (92%) of all persons with TB disease were born in another country. Similar to prior years, the majority of API (99%) and Hispanic cases (91%) were born in another country. See Figure 4.

Other countries of birth include: United States, Honduras, Nepal, Burma, Cameroon, Congo, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Nigeria, Oman, and Thailand.

**Homelessness**

The number of persons with TB disease who were experiencing homelessness increased from 10 in 2016 to 13 in 2017. See Figure 5.

At the time of this publication, there were 10 deaths among persons diagnosed with TB disease in 2017 (9% mortality). One patient died before being able to receive TB treatment and seven deaths were directly related to TB disease.

**TB Drug Resistance**

There was an increase in the diagnoses of multidrug resistant TB (MDR-TB) in 2017 with 5 patients diagnosed with MDR-TB, 2 of which had extensively drug resistant TB (XDR-TB). In 2016, only 1 case of MDR-TB was reported. Mono-resistance to first-line anti-TB medications was observed: Isoniazid (3.7%), Streptomycin (2.8%), and Pyrazinamide (1.9%). Resistance to two or more anti-TB medications (excluding MDR-TB) was observed in 4.7% of cases.

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