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**ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS & DEFINITIONS**

**Active TB: (see TB Disease)**

**AIDS:** Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

**DOT:** Directly observed therapy. Healthcare personnel watch patients take their anti-tuberculosis medications to ensure adherence to therapy.

**Extrapulmonary TB:** A person with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection outside of the lungs, the pleural space, and the larynx (voice box). A person with extrapulmonary disease can also have pulmonary TB (see below).

**HIV:** Human immunodeficiency virus, the virus that can lead to AIDS.

**I-NEDSS:** I-NEDSS stands for Illinois-National Electronic Disease Surveillance System. I-NEDSS is a web-based application that establishes a secure and real-time communication link between hospitals, laboratories and other health care providers with state and local health department staff for the purposes of reporting and managing communicable disease information. All TB cases in suburban Cook County are reported to the Illinois Department of Public Health using I-NEDSS.

**MDR-TB:** Multi-drug resistant TB. MDR-TB is defined as TB resistant to isoniazid and rifampin, the two most important first line anti-tuberculosis medications.

**National Tuberculosis Indicators Project (NTIP):** monitoring system for tracking the progress of U.S. tuberculosis (TB) control programs toward achieving the national TB program objectives.

**Pulmonary TB:** A person with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection of the lungs, pleural space or the larynx (voice box). A person with pulmonary TB can also have extrapulmonary TB.

**TB:** Tuberculosis

**TB Disease:** A person with TB infection who is contagious to others; a person with TB disease can have pulmonary TB, extrapulmonary TB, or both.

**XDR-TB:** Extensively drug resistant TB. XDR-TB is defined as MDR-TB plus TB that is resistant to any fluoroquinolone plus resistance to one of the three injectable drugs (i.e., amikacin, kanamycin, or capreomycin).

## OVERVIEW

### Epidemiologic Summary

- Eighty four (84) new cases of TB were reported in suburban Cook County in 2018. This represents a rate of 3.4 cases per 100,000, the same rate reported in 2017 (Figure 1, Table 1).
- The North District had the highest TB rate (4.2 per 100,000) of the four public health districts in suburban Cook County (Table 8).

### TB Burden in Foreign-born Persons

- The proportion of TB cases in foreign-born persons was 75% in 2018 (Figure 2).
- Three countries accounted for 63% of all foreign-born cases: Mexico (29%), India (22%), and the Philippines (13%; see Figure 4).
- Among foreign-born persons diagnosed with TB, 73% arrived 5 or more years prior to receiving a diagnosis of TB disease (Figure 45).

### Drug Resistance

- In 2018, one case of MDR-TB was identified (Table 5).

### Coinfection with HIV

- Five (5) TB cases were coinfecting with HIV (Table 5); these persons are defined, per AIDS case definition, as having AIDS.

### Directly Observed Therapy

- In 2018, 100% of patients with pulmonary TB received DOT (Figure 6).

### Completion of Therapy

- For TB cases diagnosed in 2016, the most recent year for which complete data on completion of tuberculosis therapy are available, 100% of persons with TB disease who were eligible\* completed treatment (Figure 7).
- Among persons diagnosed in 2016 and who were eligible\* to complete TB treatment in 12 months, 91.2% of cases did so. This is slightly below the Healthy People 2020 goal of 93% and below the National Tuberculosis Indicators Project target of 95% (Figure 7).

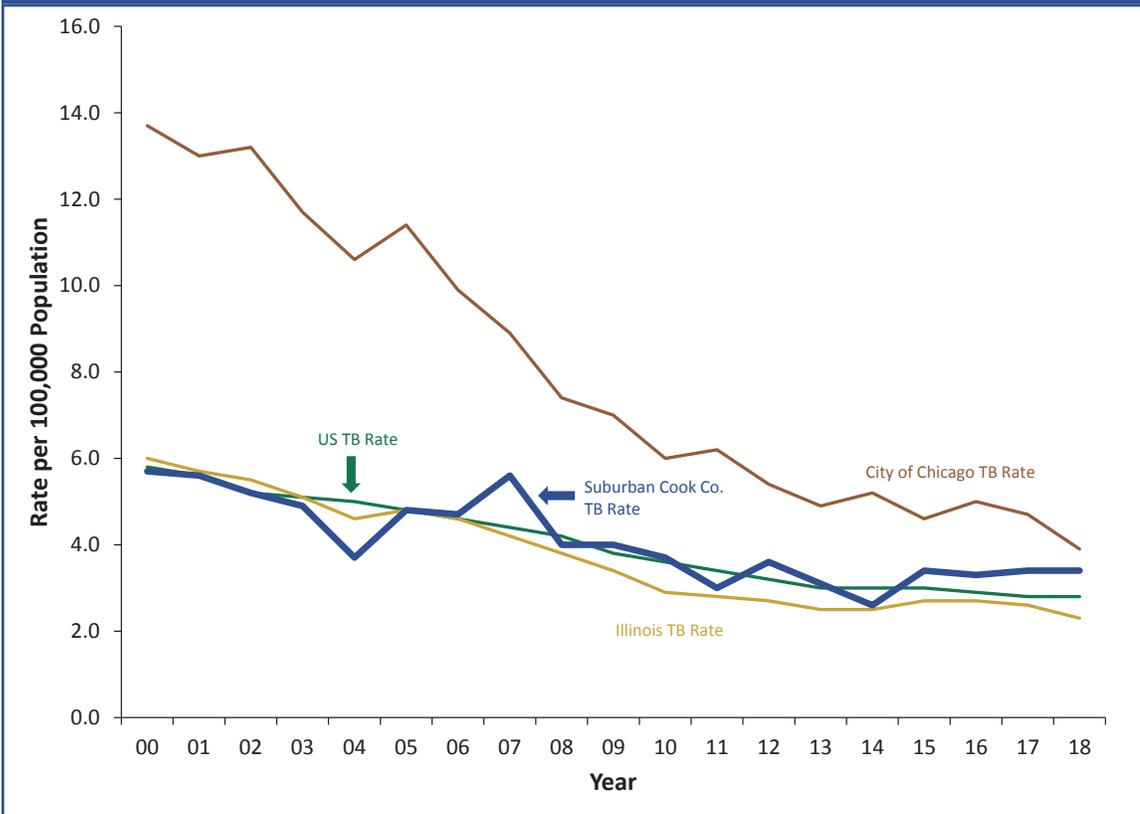
### Poverty and TB Rates

- There was no trend and only minor variations between TB rates and percentage of census tract residents living below the federal poverty level (Table 6).

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\* Eligible cases are persons who were alive at the time of TB diagnosis and did not die during therapy, and excludes persons with TB resistant to rifampin and pediatric cases (<15 years) with a diagnosis of meningeal, bone/joint, or miliary TB.

Figure 1. Rates of Reported Tuberculosis Cases by Selected Jurisdictions, 2000-2018



◀ **Figure 1.** In suburban Cook County, TB rates have been steady since 2015, at 3.4 cases per 100,000. In order to lower rates of active TB in suburban Cook County, all providers must identify and treat cases of latent TB infection.

Table 1. Number and Rate (per 100,000 population) of Reported Tuberculosis Cases by Selected Public Health Jurisdictions, 2000-2018

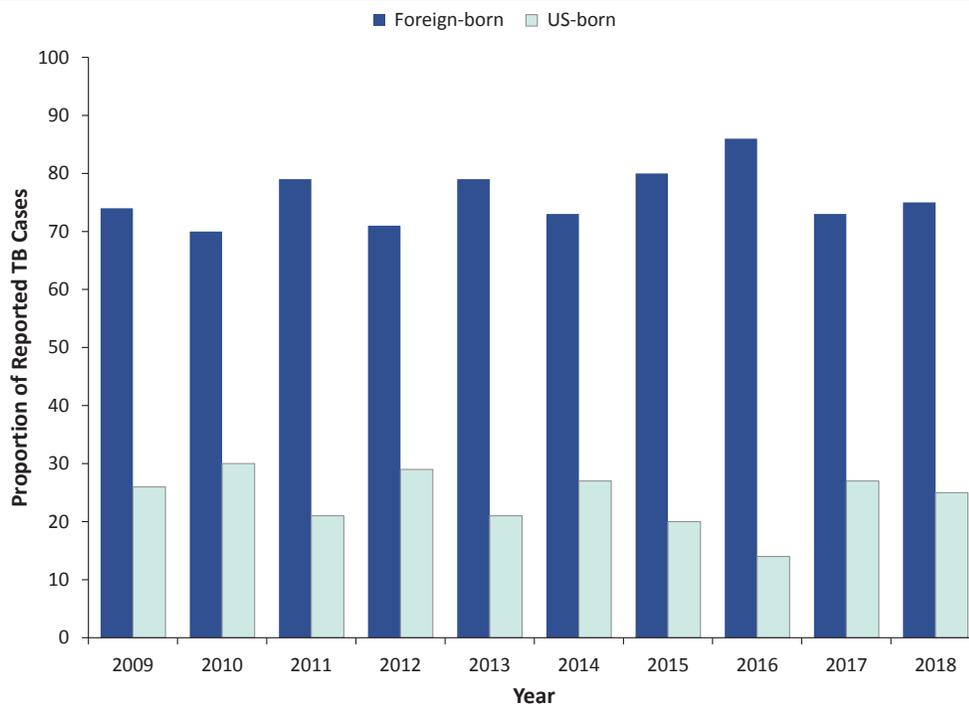
Year	Suburban Cook County		City of Chicago		Illinois		USA	
	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate†
2000	141	5.7	398	13.7	743	6.0	16,310	5.8
2001	139	5.6	377	13.0	707	5.7	15,945	5.6
2002	130	5.2	382	13.2	680	5.5	15,056	5.2
2003	122	4.9	339	11.7	633	5.1	14,836	5.1
2004	91	3.7	308	10.6	569	4.6	14,500	5.0
2005	120	4.8	329	11.4	596	4.8	14,067	4.8
2006	116	4.7	287	9.9	569	4.6	13,727	4.6
2007	139	5.6	258	8.9	521	4.2	13,288	4.4
2008	100	4.0	214	7.4	469	3.8	12,904	4.2
2009	100	4.0	202	7.0	418	3.4	11,540	3.8
2010	93	3.7	161	6.0	372	2.9	11,181	3.6
2011	75	3.0	166	6.2	359	2.8	10,521	3.4
2012	89	3.6	146	5.4	347	2.7	9,951	3.2
2013	78	3.1	131	4.9	319	2.5	9,588	3.0
2014	64	2.6	141	5.2	320	2.5	9,421	3.0
2015	85	3.4	125	4.6	344	2.7	9,563	3.0
2016	83	3.3	135	5.0	342	2.7	9,256	2.9
2017	86	3.4	128	4.7	337	2.6	9,093	2.8
2018	84	3.4	105	3.9	293	2.3	9,029	2.8

**Table 2. Number and Percentage of Reported Tuberculosis Cases by Selected Characteristics, Suburban Cook County, 2009-2018**

Characteristic	2009		2010		2011		Year 2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)
<b>Sex</b>																				
Male	47	(47)	51	(55)	41	(55)	50	(56)	45	(58)	36	(56)	47	(55)	45	(54)	48	(56)	40	(48)
Female	53	(53)	42	(45)	34	(45)	39	(44)	33	(42)	28	(44)	38	(45)	38	(46)	38	(44)	44	(52)
<b>Age Groups (Y)</b>																				
<5	2	(2)	2	(2)	1	(1)	4	(4)	0	(0)	3	(5)	0	(0)	2	(2)	3	(3)	9	(11)
5-14	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(3)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(2)	1	(1)	2	(2)	1	(1)	0	(0)
15-24	13	(13)	9	(10)	6	(8)	10	(11)	10	(13)	8	(13)	8	(9)	5	(6)	12	(14)	10	(12)
25-44	40	(40)	24	(26)	24	(32)	18	(20)	27	(35)	17	(27)	25	(29)	28	(34)	20	(23)	24	(29)
45-64	22	(22)	29	(31)	21	(28)	34	(38)	23	(29)	21	(33)	24	(28)	24	(29)	15	(17)	18	(21)
65+	23	(23)	29	(31)	21	(28)	23	(26)	23	(29)	14	(22)	27	(32)	22	(27)	35	(41)	23	(27)
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>																				
White, not Hispanic	15	(15)	14	(15)	10	(13)	22	(25)	7	(9)	13	(20)	14	(16)	8	(10)	9	(10)	9	(11)
Black, not Hispanic	10	(10)	11	(12)	13	(17)	13	(15)	16	(21)	8	(13)	8	(9)	15	(18)	9	(10)	16	(19)
Hispanic	24	(24)	31	(33)	20	(27)	15	(17)	16	(21)	21	(33)	18	(21)	19	(23)	25	(29)	28	(33)
Asian	49	(49)	37	(40)	32	(43)	39	(44)	39	(50)	22	(34)	44	(52)	40	(48)	42	(49)	30	(36)
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Two or More Races	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(1)	0	(0)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>(100)</b>

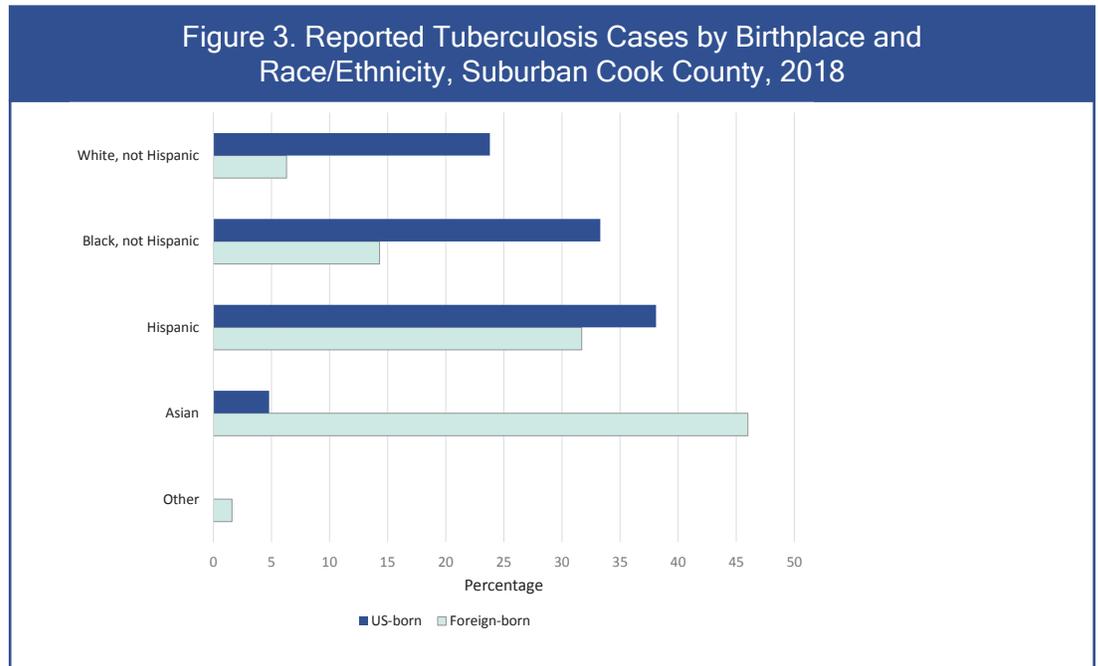
▲ **Table 2.** In 2018, 52% of TB cases were female; 77% were aged 25 years or older; 36% were Asian. There were 9 pediatric cases (<5 years of age) diagnosed in 2018 in suburban Cook County.

**Figure 2. Proportion of Reported Tuberculosis Cases by Birthplace, Suburban Cook County, 2009-2018**



◀ **Figure 2.** The proportion of TB cases in the foreign-born population in suburban Cook County in 2018 was 75%.

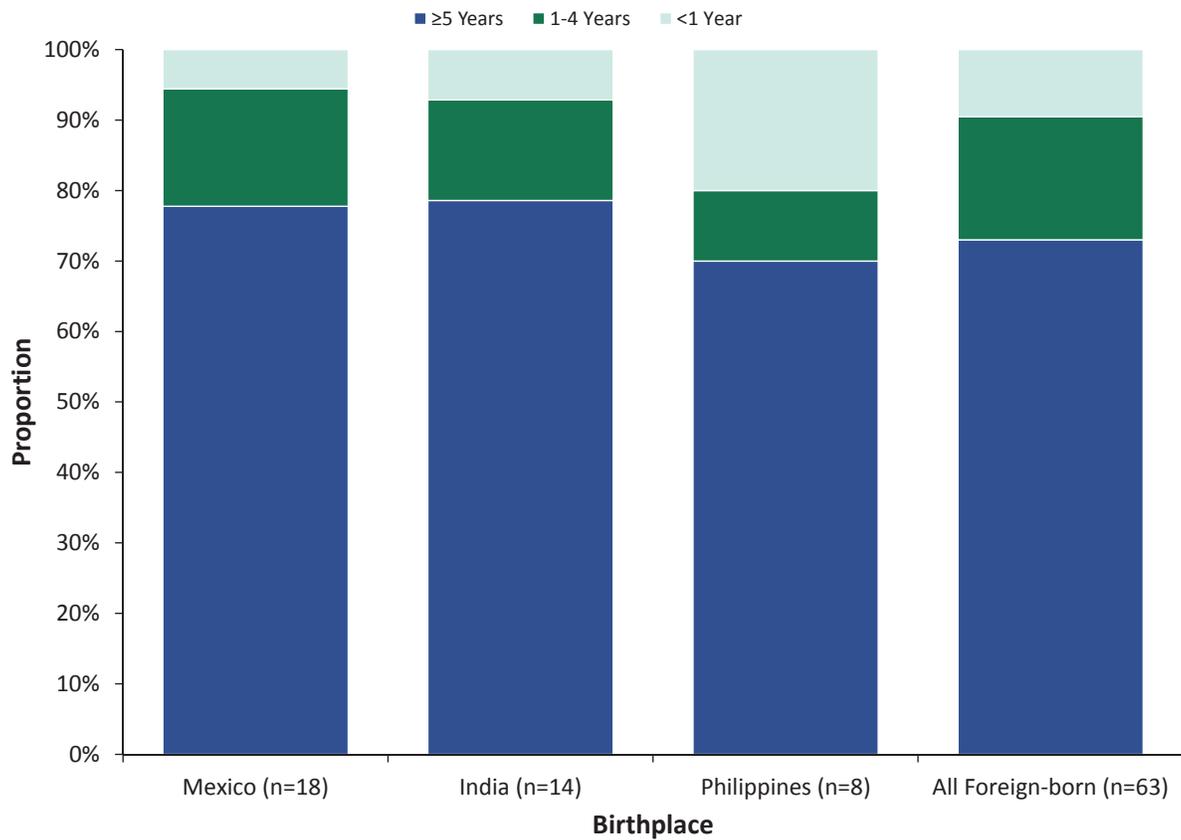
► **Figure 3.** Important race/ethnicity differences exist in the distribution of cases by birthplace. Among foreign-born persons, Asians accounted for the majority (46%) of cases. By comparison, in U.S.-born persons, only 4.8% were Asian. Also, a greater proportion of TB cases were White, not Hispanic among US-born persons relative to those born overseas (24% vs, 6.3%, respectively). Similarly, a greater proportion of TB cases were Black not Hispanics among US-born persons relative to those born overseas (33% vs. 14%, respectively).



**Figure 4. Countries of Origin for TB Cases Reported in Suburban Cook County, 2018**



Figure 5. Number of Years Living in the United States Prior to Receiving a Diagnosis of Tuberculosis Disease, Suburban Cook County, 2018



◀ **Figure 5.** Among all foreign-born TB cases reported in 2018, 73% arrived in the U.S. 5 or more years prior to receiving a diagnosis of TB disease.

Table 3. Number and Proportion of Reported Tuberculosis Cases by Site of Disease and Laboratory Results, Suburban Cook County, 2018

Site of Disease	Total Cases	Sputum Smear Positive		Sputum Culture Positive	
	No.	No.	(%)	No.	(%)
Pulmonary Only	51	15	(29)	25	(49)
Extrapulmonary Only	25	0	(0)	0	(0)
Both	8	1	(13)	5	(63)
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>(19)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>(36)</b>

◀ **Table 3.** Fifty nine (59) reported TB cases in 2018 had pulmonary TB; 25 cases had extrapulmonary only TB (no pulmonary involvement). Fifty three percent (51%) of pulmonary TB cases were culture positive.

▶ **Table 4.** Fifty (50) cases in 2018 had susceptibility testing performed. There was one case of MDR-TB in suburban Cook County in 2018. No extensively drug resistant TB (XDR-TB) case was identified.

Table 4. Tuberculosis Susceptibility Results by Birthplace, Suburban Cook County, 2018

Birthplace	Cases with Susceptibility Results	Any Drug Resistance		INH-Resistant*		MDR-TB	
	No.	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)
Foreign-born	38	5	(13)	3	(8)	1	(3)
US-born	12	3	(25)	2	(0)	0	(0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(2)</b>

\* Alone or in combination with other drugs excluding rifampin.

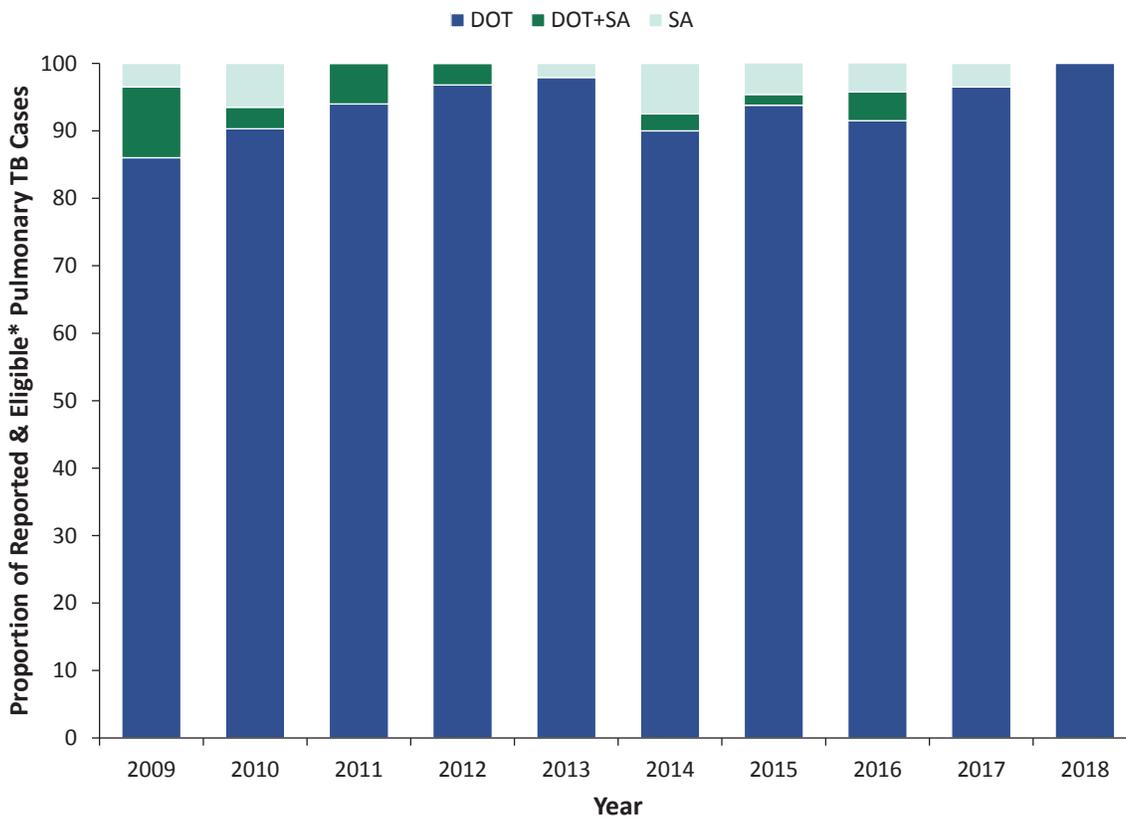
► **Table 5.** In 2018, 100% of reported TB cases had HIV results available or were tested for HIV. Five TB cases were coinfecting in 2018. Persons with TB and HIV coinfection are classified, by AIDS surveillance case definition, as having AIDS.

**Table 5. Trends in the Number of Reported Tuberculosis Cases, HIV Testing and Coinfection with HIV, Suburban Cook County, 2009-2018**

Year	TB Cases	Tested for HIV		Coinfected with HIV*	
	No.	No.	(%)	No.	(%)
2009	100	77	(77)	5	(6)
2010	93	72	(77)	0	(0)
2011	75	67	(89)	†	†
2012	89	78	(88)	5	(6)
2013	78	76	(88)	†	†
2014	64	64	(100)	5	(8)
2015	85	83	(98)	†	†
2016	83	82	(99)	†	†
2017	86	85	(99)	†	†
2018	84	84	(100)	5	(6)

\* Persons with HIV who receive a TB diagnosis are defined as having AIDS.  
 † Cells with small counts (1-4) have been suppressed.

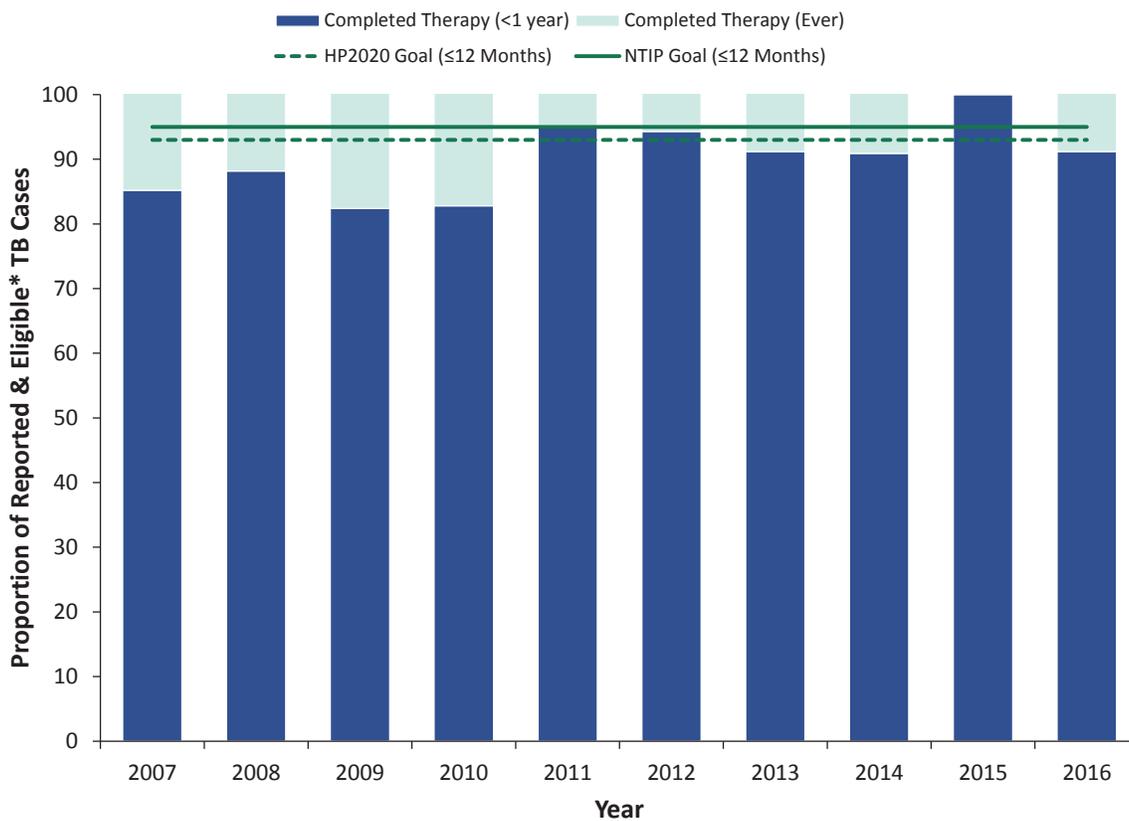
**Figure 6. Mode of Treatment Administration in Reported Pulmonary Tuberculosis Cases, Suburban Cook County, 2008-2017**



◀ **Figure 6.** In 2018, the proportion of pulmonary TB cases receiving directly observed therapy (DOT) was 100%.

\* Percentage includes cases alive at diagnosis, who did not die during therapy, who did not move overseas, with one or more anti-tuberculosis drugs prescribed and excludes persons with missing or unknown information regarding mode of treatment administration.

Figure 7. Completion of Tuberculosis Therapy, Suburban Cook County, 2007-2016



\* Eligible cases are persons who were alive at the time of TB diagnosis and did not die or move overseas during therapy, and excludes persons with TB resistant to rifampin and pediatric cases (<15 years) with a diagnosis of meningeal, bone/joint, or miliary TB.

◀ **Figure 6.** In 2016, the most recent year for which completed data on completion of tuberculosis therapy are available, 100% of reported TB cases who were eligible\* completed treatment.

In 2016, 91.2% of eligible\* persons completed treatment in less than one year. This is below the Department of Health and Human Services Healthy People 2020 goal of 93% and the National Tuberculosis Indicators Project target of 95%.

Table 6. Tuberculosis Rates by Percent of Census Tract Residents Living Below Federal Poverty Level, Suburban Cook County, 2018

Percentage of Census Tract (CT) Residents Below Federal Poverty Level (Number of CTs)*	Number of TB Cases†	TB Rate per 100,000 Population¶
0-4.9% (8 CTs)	10	22.7
5-9.9% (21 CTs)	23	20.7
10-19.9% (22 CTs)	28	26.8
20-100% (12 CTs)	21	27.4

\* Census tracts in which at least one case of TB lived.

† Census tract data missing for 2 cases.

¶ Rates calculated using population data from affected census tracts only.

▲ **Table 7.** In 2018, TB rates varied little by poverty level in suburban Cook County. For many other diseases, there is a clear “dose-response” relation whereby the greater the percentage of the population living below the federal poverty level, the greater the rate of the disease. However, that does not appear to be the case with TB in suburban Cook County in 2018.

Table 7. Reported Tuberculosis Case Rates (per 100,000 population) by District and Municipality, Suburban Cook County, 2018

NORTH			WEST			SOUTH			SOUTHWEST		
City	No.	Rate	City	No.	Rate	City	No.	Rate	City	No.	Rate
Arlington Heights	0	0.0	Bellwood	1	5.2	Burnham	0	0.0	Alsip	0	0.0
Barrington	0	0.0	Bensenville	0	0.0	Calumet City	1	2.7	Bedford Park	0	0.0
Barrington Hills	0	0.0	Berkeley	0	0.0	Chicago Heights	2	6.6	Blue Island	2	8.4
Bartlett	1	6.0	Berwyn	1	1.8	Country Club Hills	0	0.0	Bridgeview	1	6.1
Buffalo Grove	0	0.0	Broadview	0	0.0	Dixmoor	0	0.0	Burbank	1	3.5
Des Plaines	10	17.1	Brookfield	0	0.0	Dolton	0	0.0	Calumet Park	0	0.0
Elgin	1	4.2	Burr Ridge	0	0.0	East Hazel Crest	0	0.0	Chicago Ridge	0	0.0
Elk Grove Village	1	3.0	Cicero	6	7.2	Flossmoor	0	0.0	Chicago	1	9.1
Evanston	3	4.0	Countryside	0	0.0	Ford Heights	0	0.0	Evergreen Park	1	5.0
Glencoe	0	0.0	Elmwood Park	1	4.0	Glenwood	1	11.1	Forest View	0	0.0
Glenview	1	2.2	Forest Park	0	0.0	Harvey	0	0.0	Hickory Hills	0	0.0
Golf	0	0.0	Franklin Park	1	5.5	Hazel Crest	1	7.1	Hometown	0	0.0
Hanover Park	2	9.7	Harwood Heights	0	0.0	Homewood	1	5.2	Justice	0	0.0
Hoffman Estates	1	1.9	Hillside	0	0.0	Lansing	0	0.0	Lemont	0	0.0
Inverness	0	0.0	Hinsdale	0	0.0	Lynwood	0	0.0	Merrionette Park	0	0.0
Kenilworth	0	0.0	Hodgkins	0	0.0	Markham	0	0.0	Oak Lawn	3	5.3
Lincolnwood	0	0.0	Indian Head Park	0	0.0	Matteson	0	0.0	Orland Hills	0	0.0
Morton Grove	2	8.6	La Grange	0	0.0	Midlothian	5	33.7	Orland Park	1	1.8
Mount Prospect	4	7.4	La Grange Park	0	0.0	Oak Forest	1	3.6	Palos Heights	0	0.0
Niles	0	0.0	Lyons	0	0.0	Olympia Fields	0	0.0	Palos Hills	0	0.0
Northbrook	1	3.0	Maywood	2	8.3	Park Forest	2	10.7	Palos Park	0	0.0
Northfield	0	0.0	McCook	0	0.0	Phoenix	1	50.9	Stickney	0	0.0
Palatine	3	4.4	Melrose Park	4	15.7	Posen	0	0.0	Summit	0	0.0
Park Ridge	1	2.7	Norridge	0	0.0	Richton Park	0	0.0	Willow Springs	0	0.0
Prospect Heights	0	0.0	North Riverside	0	0.0	Riverdale	0	0.0	Worth	0	0.0
Rolling Meadows	0	0.0	Northlake	0	0.0	Robbins	0	0.0			
Roselle	0	0.0	Oak Park	2	3.9	Sauk Village	0	0.0			
Schaumburg	3	4.0	River Forest	0	0.0	So. Chicago Hts	0	0.0			
Skokie	3	4.6	River Grove	0	0.0	South Holland	0	0.0			
South Barrington		0.0	Riverside	0	0.0	Steger	0	0.0			
Streamwood	1	2.5	Rosemont	0	0.0	Thornton	0	0.0			
Wheeling	0	0.0	Schiller Park	0	0.0	Tinley Park	1	2.0			
Wilmette	0	0.0	Stone Park	1	20.2	University Park	0	0.0			
Winnetka	1	8.2	Westchester	0	0.0						
			Western Springs	0	0						
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2.7</b>

Rates per 100,000 population per year. Rates calculated using 2010 Census data. Use caution when interpreting rates where the count is < 20.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

### **Surveillance Methodology**

Healthcare providers and laboratories in suburban Cook County are required to report the following results within 24 hours: (1) sputum or tissue smears positive for acid-fast bacilli (AFBs); (2) cultures positive for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*; (3) mycobacterial drug susceptibility results; (4) any other tests positive for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. In addition, confirmed TB cases must be reported to CCDPH within 7 days.

TB case reports are entered into I-NEDSS and provide the basis for the information presented in this report. This report includes all cases of tuberculosis reported during the year in which the case was confirmed. Confirmed TB cases who may have moved into suburban Cook County from another jurisdiction are not reflected in the data presented herein; such cases are counted in the jurisdiction that reported the case. Likewise, confirmed TB cases reported in suburban Cook County who may have moved out of suburban Cook County are included in the data presented herein.

### **Reported TB Case Rates**

Suburban Cook County, Chicago and Illinois TB rates between 2000-2009 were calculated using 2000 census data. Suburban Cook County, Chicago and Illinois TB rates after 2009 were calculated using 2010 census data. National TB rates were calculated using national intercensal estimates.