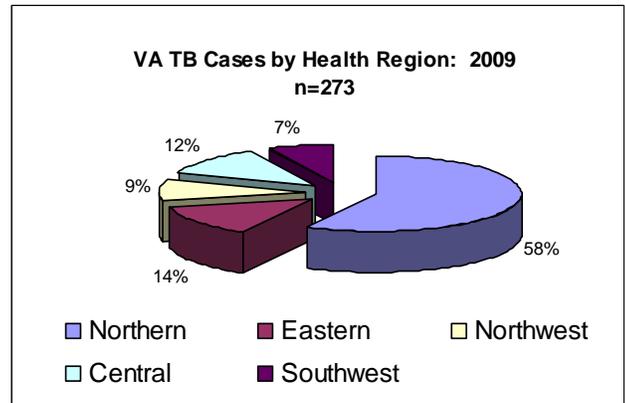


World TB Day March 24, 2010

World TB Day* is an occasion to recognize partnerships at the local, state, national and global levels that are dedicated to eliminating TB. These efforts include reaching those at highest risk for TB, and identifying and implementing innovative strategies to fight TB.

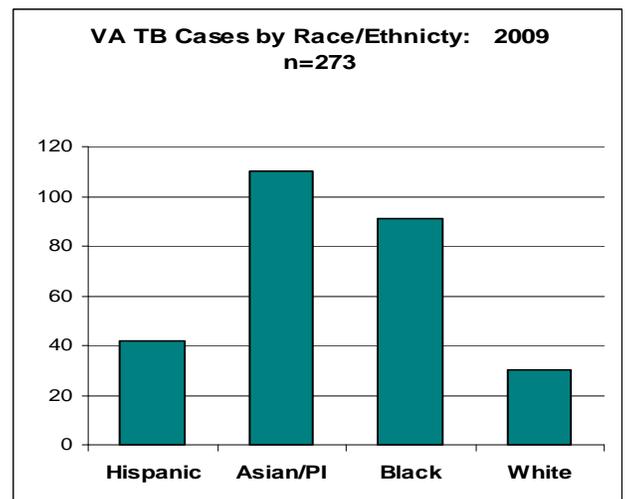
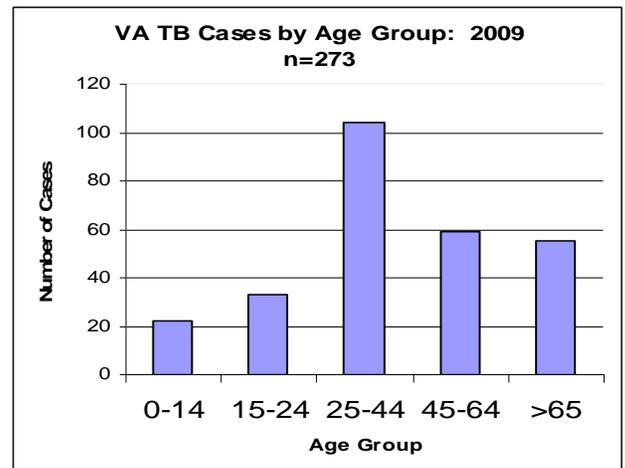
TB in the United States – 2009

- US reported 11,540 TB cases for a rate of 3.8/100,000
- This is the lowest recorded rate since TB surveillance began in 1953
- The greater than expected decline in TB cases is under investigation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



TB in Virginia – 2009

- Virginia reported 273 cases in 2009 for a rate of 3.5/100,000
- Overall TB cases in VA decreased 6.5% from 2008
- Foreign-born cases declined from 212 cases in 2008 to 190 in 2009
- TB among US-born African Americans increased from 37 cases in 2008 to 48 in 2009
- TB among US-born Whites decreased from 37 cases in 2008 to 25 in 2009
- There was an increase in cases among young children under age 4, from 6 in 2008 to 11 in 2009



* March 24 commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the organism that causes TB.