

**15.—Reported Cases of Selected Notifiable Diseases and Rates per 100,000
Population by Province 1956—concluded**

Int. List No.	Disease	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yu- kon	Canada
086	Rubella (German measles)	36.9	2	133.7	2	481.9	296.8	20.0	1.5	87.4	807.8	1,114.8	337.7
050, 051	Scarlet fever ¹	45.0	760.3	257.4	8.7	50.3	86.4	21.8	27.3	58.3	58.3	16.4	72.7
084	Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
001-019	Tuberculosis ²	92.7	44.3	16.1	104.4	75.9	24.7	76.1	40.3	95.4	95.2	57.4	58.4
001, 002	Pulmonary	92.5	31.2	14.7	97.7	73.4	24.7	72.6	31.2	87.4	86.3	57.4	70.8
003-019	Non-pulmonary	0.2	13.1	1.3	6.7	2.5	—	3.5	8.7	7.9	8.9	—	4.6
040, 041	Typhoid and paratyphoid	4.3	—	—	2.3	4.9	1.7	0.1	1.2	2.4	4.6	—	2.8
044	Undulant fever	—	—	—	—	2.0	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	—	0.9
020-039	Veneral diseases	114.4	41.3	72.5	40.4	81.3	41.5	169.9	144.1	266.0	260.5	377.0	103.6
020-029	Syphilis	10.4	4.0	12.7	6.0	21.4	7.1	10.2	12.3	12.9	13.9	32.8	13.0
030-035	Gonorrhoea	104.1	37.3	59.9	34.4	59.9	34.4	159.5	131.5	253.0	246.1	336.1	90.6
036-039	Other veneral diseases ³	—	—	—	—	7	—	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	—	0.1
056	Whooping cough	37.1	540.8	25.0	25.6	85.2	23.4	47.3	41.8	48.1	70.6	—	53.0

¹ Exclusive of the Northwest Territories.

Includes cases where type was not specified.

² Disease not reportable in provinces indicated.

³ Includes cases of septic sore throat (epidemic).

⁴ Includes chancroid, granuloma inguinale and lymphogranuloma venereum.

⁵ Type not specified.

⁶ Less than 0.05 per 100,000 population.

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⁸ Type

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⁹ Less

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Subsection 4.—Visiting Nursing Services

Annual statistics on home nursing and health counselling services based on the experience of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada have been compiled and published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics beginning with the year 1952. This survey does not provide a complete picture of such services in Canada because a number of other agencies, though smaller in size and coverage, are engaged in home nursing. The Victorian Order of Nurses, the only national organization of its kind, had 116 branches located in nine provinces in 1956. The Order provides visiting nursing services in the area of maternity care as well as care for medical and surgical cases. In addition, a number of community services such as classes for expectant mothers, industrial nursing, etc., are operated by the Order.

The services of the Order are always rendered under the direction of the patient's physician on a visit basis, and include bedside nursing, prenatal, postnatal and newborn care, and health instruction. The services are designed to meet the needs of patients who cannot or need not go to hospital, and patients who are awaiting admission to hospital, as well as those returning from hospital and still requiring nursing service such as dressings, treatments or other care. Part of the nurses' duties are the demonstration and supervision of nursing care to be carried out by members of the patient's family.

Since 1952 an increasing number of *visits* by the nurses was recorded each year; in 1956 over one million (1,041,782) visits were made, an increase of almost 16 p.c. over 1952. However, because of the trend toward the treatment of more and more chronic cases, the number of *cases* attended decreased between 1952 and 1954 and rose only slightly again in 1955 and 1956. The medical and surgical group, excluding normal maternity and other health instruction cases, was mainly responsible for the increase in visits during the five-year period. This group recorded an increase of 29.1 p.c. in visits but a decrease