

Subsection 2.—Notifiable Diseases*

Three categories on the notifiable list established by the Dominion Council of Health continued to predominate in 1966—venereal diseases (23,455 cases), scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat (20,022 cases), and infectious and serum hepatitis (5,835 cases).

The rate of venereal disease notifications, which had risen from 97.3 per 100,000 population in 1959 to 121.6 in 1964, dropped to 117.6 in 1965 and to 117.2 in 1966. Infectious and serum hepatitis have declined consistently over a number of years to a rate of 29.2 per 100,000 population as compared to 33.7 in the previous year. Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat, on the other hand, are continuing an upward trend, increasing to 100.0 per 100,000 population from 69.4 in 1965 and 55.1 in 1964. There were varying decreases in incidence rates in 1966 over 1965 of epidemic diarrhoea of the newborn, diphtheria, dysentery, infectious encephalitis, food poisoning, viral or aseptic meningitis, pemphigus neonatorum and tuberculosis as compared to the slight increases from 1964 to 1965. Incidence rates of brucellosis and typhoid and paratyphoid fever decreased from 1965 to 1966, but rates for meningococcal infections and pertussis increased.

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16.—Reported Cases of Selected Notifiable Diseases and Rates per 100,000 Population, 1963-66

International List No.	Disease	Cases				Rates per 100,000 Population			
		1963	1964	1965	1966	1963	1964	1965	1966
		No.	No.	No.	No.				
044	Brucellosis (undulant fever)...	57	54	38	21	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
764	Diarrhoea of the newborn, epidemic.....	98	114	128	140	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.7
055	Diphtheria.....	75	25	51	37	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.2
045, 046, 048	Dysentery ¹	4,166	3,891	4,017	3,422	22.0	20.2	20.5	17.1
046	Amoebic.....	20	50	51	47	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2
045	Bacillary.....	1,448	1,348	1,827	1,914	7.7	7.0	9.3	9.6
082.0	Encephalitis, infectious.....	58	5	91	4	0.5	2	0.5	2
049.0, 042.1, 049.2	} Food poisoning.....	1,116	1,582	1,728	1,728	9.0	12.5	13.5	8.6
092, N958.5	Hepatitis, infectious (including serum hepatitis).....	10,080	8,218	6,601	5,835	53.3	42.7	33.7	29.2
080.2, 082.1	Meningitis, viral or aseptic....	298	163	313	136	1.6	1.3	2.5	0.7
057	Meningococcal infections.....	111	115	88	85	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5
766	Pemphigus neonatorum (impetigo of the newborn).....	3	11	39	10	2	0.1	0.3	2
056	Pertussis (whooping cough)....	6,134	4,844	2,472	4,549	32.5	25.2	12.6	22.7
080.0, 080.1	Poliomyelitis, paralytic.....	122	19	3	3	0.6	0.1	2	2
050, 051	Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat.....	9,592	10,605	13,591	20,022	52.5	55.1	69.4	100.0
001-019	Tuberculosis.....	5,705	4,541	4,803	4,517	30.2	23.6	24.5	22.6
040, 041	Typhoid and paratyphoid fever	147	195	158	127	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.6
	Venereal diseases ¹	22,199	23,401	23,016	23,455	117.5	121.6	117.6	117.2
030-034	Gonorrhoea.....	19,411	20,628	20,458	21,479	102.7	107.2	104.5	107.5
020-021.3, 023, 024, 026-029	} Syphilis.....	2,785	2,771	2,560	1,970	14.7	14.4	13.1	9.8

¹ Includes other cases and cases where type not specified.

² 0.05 per 100,000 population or less.