



Tuberculosis Program

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Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease caused by TB bacteria that are spread from person to person through the air. TB usually affects the lungs, but can affect lymph nodes, bones, joints, and other parts of the body. One third of the world's population is infected with TB. Each year, over 8.6 million people around the world become sick with TB and there are nearly 1.3 million TB-related deaths worldwide.

In 2013, Washington State reported 209 cases of tuberculosis for a case rate of 3.0 per 100,000 persons. Only six of the 39 counties had five or more cases of TB. King County accounted for 114 cases (55 percent) of the 209 cases (incidence rate of 5.8 per 100,000).

The TB program is responsible for the coordination, control and prevention of TB in Washington State. The mission of the TB program is to contribute to a healthy environment in Washington State by reducing or eliminating TB through prevention of infection and controlling the spread of disease. To further this mission, the program assists state, local and community efforts with reducing the spread of the disease and preventing the emergence of drug-resistant strains of TB.

Services

The TB program coordinates TB prevention and control activities such as:

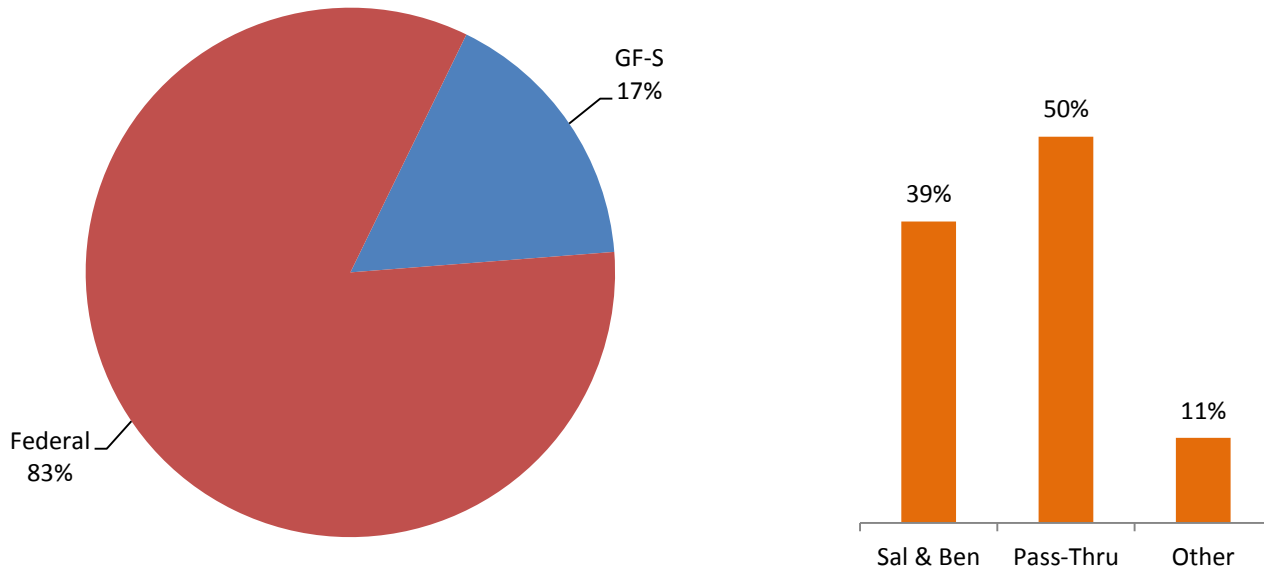
- Report (Washington is one of 68 TB reporting sites in the United States)
- Medical consultation and technical assistance to local health jurisdictions, health professionals, and communities
- Disease and laboratory surveillance; support TB control infrastructure in local health jurisdictions
- Oversight of case management
- Providing training and educational opportunities

Stakeholders

- Local health jurisdictions
- State agencies such as Department of Corrections and Department of Labor and Industries
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Health care providers
- American Lung Association – TB Advisory Council
- Schools of Nursing
- Homeless TB Coalition
- Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

2013-15 biennium

TB Program Fiscal Information



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Pass-Thru	Other
Total	491,000	2,477,000	0	0	2,968,000	1,148,000	1,490,000	330,000

Recent Funding History

- There have been federal budget cuts of 3.5 percent in 2013 with the anticipation of additional cuts in 2014.