

Annual Notifiable Infectious Diseases Summary Report 2001

This report issued by the Disease Surveillance Unit of the Department of Public Health is a tabulated summary of reported notifiable infectious diseases in Malta.

Table A: Individual case reports, by sex and by quarter
(Q1 – Jan-Mar; Q2 – Apr-Jun; Q3 – Jul-Sep; Q4 – Oct-Dec)

Notifiable Disease	Total	M	F	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<i>Acute Flaccid Paralysis</i>	2	2	0	1	0	0	1
	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Acute Viral Encephalitis</i>	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>AIDS</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Chickenpox</i>	174	92	82	57	51	44	22
	3	2	1	0	2	1	0
<i>Shingles, Herpes zoster</i>	12	3	9	4	1	4	3
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Food Poisoning, Campylobacter</i>	24	13	11	8	10	6	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Food Poisoning, E. coli</i>	1	3	2	1	0	0	2
	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Food Poisoning, Salmonella</i>	28	16	12	2	5	8	13
	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Food Poisoning, Toxic</i>	3	0	3	0	0	1	2
	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
<i>Food Poisoning, Unspecified</i>	2	54	25	29	14	11	18
	16	10	6	0	2	8	6
<i>Hepatitis B, acute</i>	5	3	2	1	1	1	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Legionnaire's Disease</i>	4	3	1	0	0	3	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Leishmaniasis, Cutaneous</i>	8	3	5	3	3	2	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Leishmaniasis, Visceral</i>	5	1	4	2	1	2	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Leptospirosis</i>	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Malaria</i>	3	3	0	2	1	0	0
	4	3	1	0	0	2	2
<i>Measles</i>	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Meningitis, (other bacterial)</i>	4	9	4	5	2	3	1
	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Meningitis, Meningococcal</i>	7	1	6	3	0	1	3
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Septicaemia, Meningococcal</i>	14	8	6	7	2	4	1
	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Mumps</i>	7	3	4	2	2	1	2
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Scarlet Fever</i>	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Tetanus</i>	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Tuberculosis, Non-Pulmonary</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
<i>Tuberculosis, Pulmonary</i>	10	6	4	4	1	1	4
	3	2	1	0	1	1	1
<i>Typhus, Murine</i>	36	24	12	4	4	19	9
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Typhus, Tick-borne</i>	14	12	2	1	2	5	6
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Whooping cough</i>	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes:

1: of these, two cases were diagnosed as *E. coli* 0157, one of which occurred in a non-resident

2: of these, two cases were acquired from abroad, one of which by a non-resident.

3: of these, all cases were acquired from abroad.

4: of these, one case acquired from abroad by a non-resident.

Table B: Cases involved in outbreaks, by sex and by quarter

(Q1 – Jan-Mar ; Q2 – Apr-Jun ; Q3 – Jul-Sep ; Q4 – Oct-Dec)

Outbreak Type	Total	M	F	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Food Poisoning, <i>E. coli</i>	7 (2)	3	4	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (2)	0 (0)
	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Food Poisoning, <i>Salmonella</i>	105 (3)	46	59	0 (0)	0 (0)	105 (3)	0 (0)
	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Food Poisoning, <i>Toxic</i>	18 (3)	10	8	0 (0)	0 (0)	18 (3)	0 (0)
	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Food Poisoning, Unspecified	97 (24)	47	50	11 (4)	32 (8)	6 (3)	48 (9)
	14 (4)	5	9	2 (1)	0 (0)	6 (2)	6 (1)
Typhus, <i>tick-borne</i>	2 (1)	1	1	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	0 (0)
	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Notes:

The figures in brackets indicate the number of implicated outbreaks.

Table C: Reported deaths from notifiable infectious diseases

During 2001, three reports of deaths attributed to notifiable infectious diseases; all occurred in Maltese residents.

Notifiable Disease	Total number of deaths
Septicaemia, <i>Meningococcal</i>	1
Hepatitis B (chronic hepatic disease)	3

This report has been compiled by the Disease Surveillance Unit. Notifiable infectious diseases are reported to the Disease Surveillance Unit by medical practitioners, the Microbiology and Virology Laboratories at St. Luke's Hospital and other diagnostic laboratories. Deaths attributed to notifiable infectious diseases are also notified to the Disease Surveillance Unit through the Department of Health Information, which processes all death certificates.

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