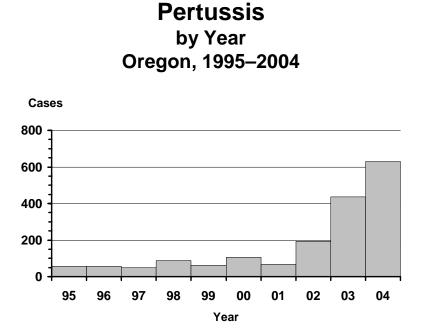
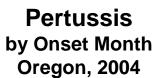
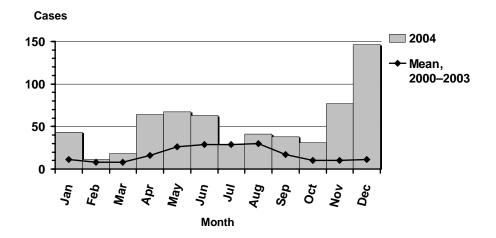
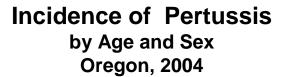
## Pertussis

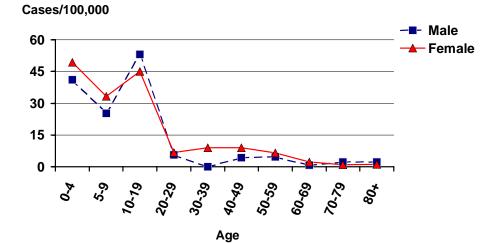
Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory disease that is transmitted from person to person through contact with respiratory secretions (droplet transmission). Despite increasing immunization rates in Oregon children, pertussis holds the dubious distinction of being the only vaccine-preventable disease increasing in incidence. While pertussis is often a mild but lingering illness in adults, it poses significant risk for hospitalization and death of infants (<6 months). In 2004, reported cases continued to increase reaching the highest level since 1959. Benton, Clackamas, Douglas and Lane Counties reported more than 80% of all cases. We'll see how the adolescent pertussis booster vaccine effects Oregon's pertussis rate since those over age 10 now comprise more than 2/3 of reported cases.



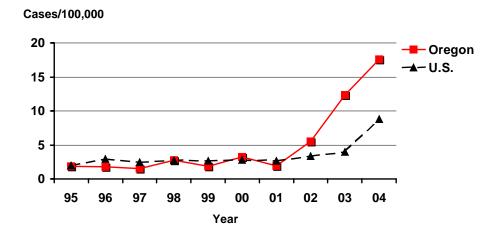








Incidence of Pertussis Oregon vs. Nationwide 1995–2004



## Incidence of Pertussis by County of Residence, Oregon 2004

