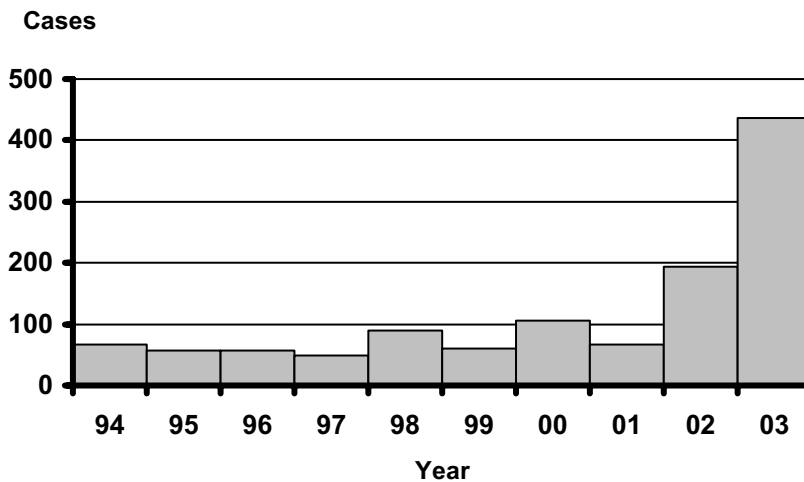


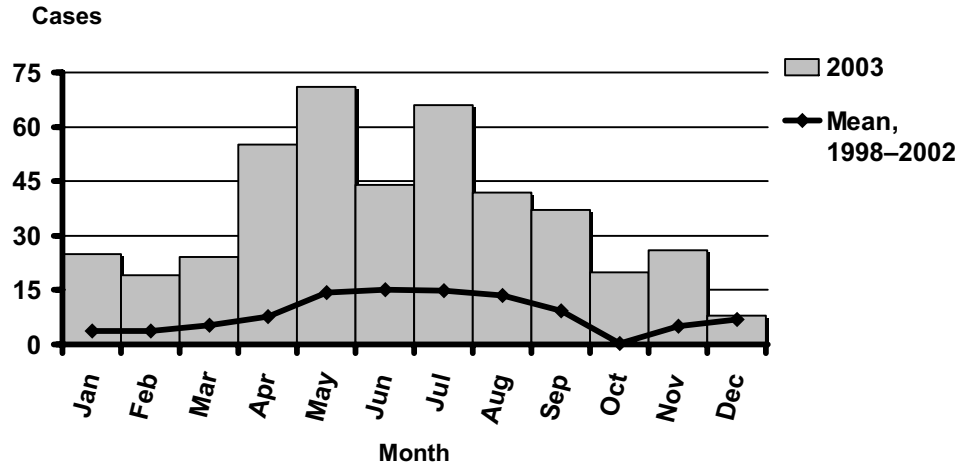
# Pertussis

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 2003, Oregon experienced a forty-year high in the number of pertussis cases reported. Numerous outbreaks occurred in communities along the I-5 corridor.

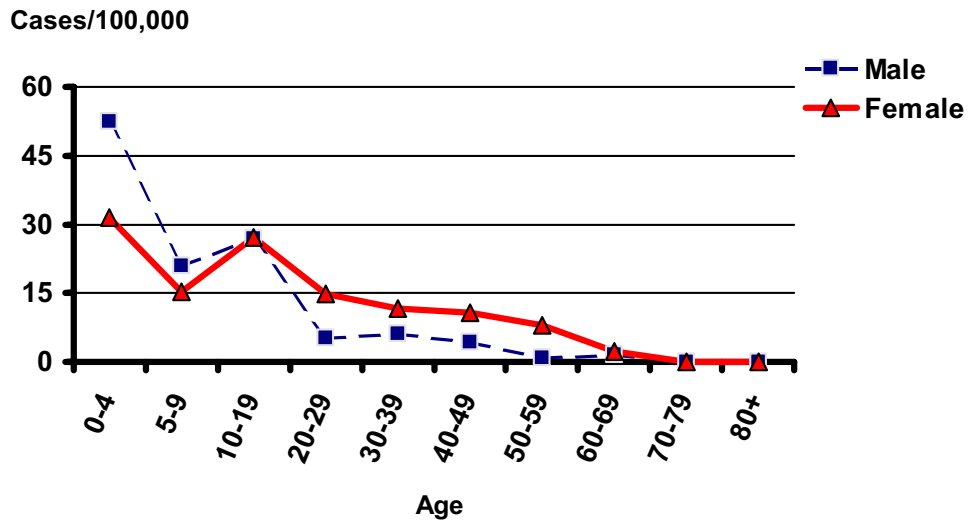
**Pertussis  
by Year  
Oregon, 1994–2003**



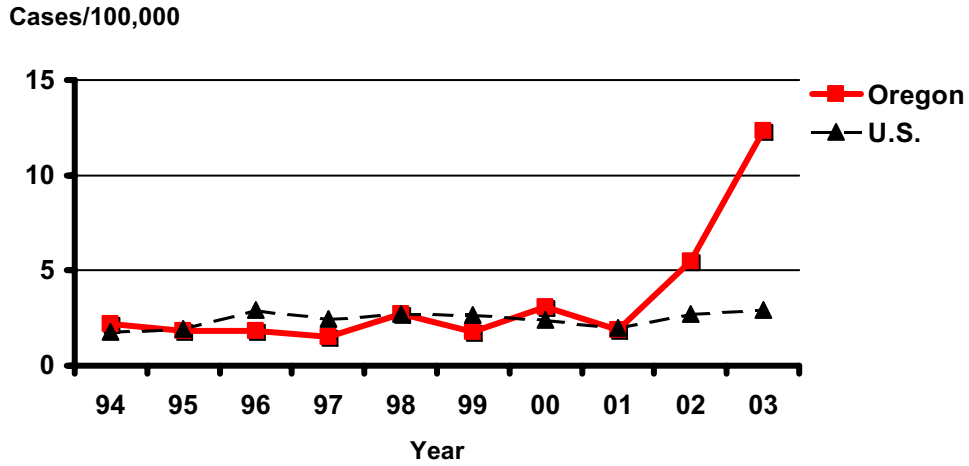
## Pertussis by Onset Month Oregon, 2003



## Incidence of Pertussis by Age and Sex Oregon, 2003



# Incidence of Pertussis Oregon vs. Nationwide 1994–2003



# Incidence of Pertussis by County Oregon, 2003

