

# Annual Summary of Infectious Diseases, Ohio

## Introduction

To provide a perspective on the infectious diseases reported each year. This summary presents reported diseases by year for the past 5 years, along with the median and mean number of cases per year for the 5 year period. Data are also presented by age group of those infected and by month of report. In addition, the frequency of reports for each disease is shown by county. Also included are tables showing the distribution of salmonella serotypes. Beginning in 2000 gender specific tables were added. Readers are encouraged to review the Technical Notes, provided to assist in interpreting the data compiled within the summary.

The sources of these data are individual case and laboratory reports provided by clinicians, clinical institutions, laboratories, and local health departments throughout the state. Although disease notification is both authorized and required by statute and regulation, all who use this summarized data are most appreciative of the diligence and efforts of those who provide the original reports. The efforts of providers and local health departments in responding to these cases has been essential to maintaining the health of Ohioans. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.

Questions or comments regarding the Annual Summary are welcomed, and may be directed to the Bureau of Health Surveillance, Information, & Operational Support at 614/466-1388.