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### Region

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### Chart

Incidence Rate (Cases per 100,000 pop.)

![Incidence Rate Chart](image)
Over the five year period cases of babesiosis were much higher for males and those age 30 and over. The highest burden of babesiosis is found in adults 50 years of age and older. This may, at least in part, be due to the fact that babesiosis is more likely to be asymptomatic in younger individuals as compared to older persons.

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