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### Typhoid Fever Annual Incidence Rate by Year and Region, NYS (excluding NYC), 2011-2015

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Most cases of typhoid fever occurred among those under 30 years of age. A higher proportion of cases were reported in males (57.5%) compared to females.

The highest incidence rate of disease per 100,000 population was among children under the age of five.

Typhoid fever is highly associated with international travel, and occurs worldwide, predominantly in developing countries. International travel within 30 days of symptom onset was reported by 81% of cases. Of the 73 cases, 40% reported travel to India and with an additional 12% having traveled to Pakistan and 4% to Bangladesh where typhoid is endemic.