

# NATIONAL NOTIFIABLE DISEASES SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2013

A summary of diseases currently being reported by each jurisdiction is provided in Table 1. There were 55,328 notifications to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) with a notification received date between 1 October to 31 December 2013 (Table 2). The notification rate of diseases per 100,000 population for each state or territory is presented in Table 3.

**Table 1: Reporting of notifiable diseases by jurisdiction**

Disease	Data received from:
<b>Bloodborne diseases</b>	
Hepatitis (NEC)	All jurisdictions
Hepatitis B (newly acquired)	All jurisdictions
Hepatitis B (unspecified)	All jurisdictions
Hepatitis C (newly acquired)	All jurisdictions except Queensland
Hepatitis C (unspecified)	All jurisdictions
Hepatitis D	All jurisdictions
<b>Gastrointestinal diseases</b>	
Botulism	All jurisdictions
Campylobacteriosis	All jurisdictions except New South Wales
Cryptosporidiosis	All jurisdictions
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome	All jurisdictions
Hepatitis A	All jurisdictions
Hepatitis E	All jurisdictions
Listeriosis	All jurisdictions
STEC, VTEC*	All jurisdictions
Salmonellosis	All jurisdictions
Shigellosis	All jurisdictions
Typhoid	All jurisdictions
<b>Quarantinable diseases</b>	
Cholera	All jurisdictions
Highly pathogenic avian influenza in humans	All jurisdictions
Plague	All jurisdictions
Rabies	All jurisdictions
Severe acute respiratory syndrome	All jurisdictions
Smallpox	All jurisdictions
Viral haemorrhagic fever	All jurisdictions
Yellow fever	All jurisdictions
<b>Sexually transmissible infections</b>	
Chlamydial infection	All jurisdictions
Donovanosis	All jurisdictions
Gonococcal infection	All jurisdictions
Syphilis - congenital	All jurisdictions
Syphilis <2 years duration	All jurisdictions
Syphilis >2 years or unspecified duration	All jurisdictions

**Table 1 continued: Reporting of notifiable diseases by jurisdiction**

Disease	Data received from:
<b>Vaccine preventable diseases</b>	
Diphtheria	All jurisdictions
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	All jurisdictions
Influenza (laboratory confirmed)	All jurisdictions
Measles	All jurisdictions
Mumps	All jurisdictions
Pertussis	All jurisdictions
Pneumococcal disease (invasive)	All jurisdictions
Poliomyelitis	All jurisdictions
Rubella	All jurisdictions
Rubella - congenital	All jurisdictions
Tetanus	All jurisdictions
Varicella zoster (chickenpox)	All jurisdictions except New South Wales
Varicella zoster (shingles)	All jurisdictions except New South Wales
Varicella zoster (unspecified)	All jurisdictions except New South Wales
<b>Vectorborne diseases</b>	
Arbovirus infection (NEC)	All jurisdictions
Barmah Forest virus infection	All jurisdictions
Dengue virus infection	All jurisdictions
Japanese encephalitis virus infection	All jurisdictions
Kunjin virus infection	All jurisdictions
Malaria	All jurisdictions
Murray Valley encephalitis virus infection	All jurisdictions
Ross River virus infection	All jurisdictions
<b>Zoonoses</b>	
Anthrax	All jurisdictions
Australian bat lyssavirus	All jurisdictions
Brucellosis	All jurisdictions
Leptospirosis	All jurisdictions
Lyssavirus (NEC)	All jurisdictions
Ornithosis	All jurisdictions
Q fever	All jurisdictions
Tularaemia	All jurisdictions
<b>Other bacterial infections</b>	
Legionellosis	All jurisdictions
Leprosy	All jurisdictions
Meningococcal infection	All jurisdictions
Tuberculosis	All jurisdictions

\* Infections with Shiga-like toxin (verotoxin) producing *Escherichia coli*.

NEC Not elsewhere classified.

Table 2: Notifications of diseases received by state and territory health authorities, 1 October to 31 December 2013, by date of diagnosis\*

Disease	State or territory						Total 4th quarter 2013	Total 3rd quarter 2012	Total 4th quarter 2012	Last 5 years mean 4th quarter	Year to date 2013	Last 5 years YTD mean
	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas						
<b>Bloodborne diseases</b>												
Hepatitis (NEC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Hepatitis B (newly acquired) <sup>†</sup>	0	9	3	12	1	0	7	12	44	34	53.4	0.8
Hepatitis B (unspecified) <sup>‡</sup>	28	663	60	258	63	15	470	185	1,742	1,887	1,590	1.1
Hepatitis C (newly acquired) <sup>†</sup>	5	8	0	NN	14	2	47	36	112	99	118	1.1
Hepatitis C (unspecified) <sup>‡</sup>	36	900	49	653	121	51	553	243	2,606	2,773	2,412	1.0
Hepatitis D	0	1	0	3	0	0	6	3	13	8	10	7.8
<b>Gastrointestinal diseases</b>												
Botulism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0
Campylobacteriosis	82	NN	47	1,256	392	237	1,821	635	4,470	3,520	3,894	4,405.8
Cryptosporidiosis	6	147	14	176	27	9	137	59	575	420	438	392.6
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	2	5	5.0
Hepatitis A	0	10	0	14	4	0	5	0	33	45	47	85.4
Hepatitis E	1	4	0	2	0	0	2	0	9	2	8	6.6
Listeriosis	0	4	2	0	0	0	7	2	15	15	28	19.4
STEC, VTEC <sup>§</sup>	1	8	0	7	10	0	1	2	29	78	34	32.8
Salmonellosis	43	929	84	1,066	230	48	680	308	3,388	2,249	2,823	2,635.8
Shigellosis	3	51	24	15	9	2	39	27	170	128	132	145.2
Typhoid	3	13	0	5	2	0	12	2	37	16	31	27.6
<b>Quarantineable diseases</b>												
Cholera	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0.8
Highly pathogenic avian influenza in humans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Plague	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Rabies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Severe acute respiratory syndrome	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Viral haemorrhagic fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Yellow fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0

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<b>Sexually transmissible infections</b>												
Chlamydial infection <sup>¶,  </sup>	306	5,279	758	4,934	1,112	354	4,718	2,751	20,212	20,419	19,785	17,391.6
Donovanosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Gonococcal infection <sup>¶,  </sup>	29	1,012	451	626	161	22	796	521	3,618	3,622	3,521	2,640.6
Syphilis – congenital	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1.0
Syphilis < 2 years duration <sup>¶,  </sup>	1	138	6	78	13	4	179	20	439	462	393	311.2
Syphilis > 2 years or unspecified duration <sup>¶,  </sup>	4	98	14	71	30	1	149	24	391	474	322	324.6
<b>Vaccine preventable diseases</b>												
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	8	3	3.8
Influenza (laboratory confirmed)	79	1,078	199	1,488	1,694	114	1,202	600	6,454	16,983	3,070	2,485.0
Measles	1	15	0	32	13	0	16	10	87	44	30	20.0
Mumps	0	17	3	8	2	1	5	3	39	44	40	36.0
Pertussis	84	633	19	844	284	37	821	471	3,193	2,978	5,975	9,105.0
Pneumococcal disease (invasive)	6	94	11	54	27	11	91	45	339	554	354	363.2
Pollonyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Rubella	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	6	11	6	6.2
Rubella – congenital	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.0
Tetanus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.8
Varicella zoster (chickenpox)	7	NN	16	56	119	10	330	124	662	569	515	586.2
Varicella zoster (shingles)	15	NN	74	14	508	60	356	360	1,387	1,137	1,215	904.8
Varicella zoster (unspecified)	36	NN	3	1,467	34	26	858	321	2,745	2,712	2,295	1,908.8
<b>Vectorborne diseases</b>												
Abovirus infection (NEC)	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	8	1	2.8
Barmah Forest virus infection	0	63	33	283	1	0	6	73	459	798	654	424.4
Dengue virus infection	1	70	10	61	24	6	78	84	334	512	229	247.2
Japanese encephalitis virus infection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.0	4
Kunjin virus infection**	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	15.0
Malaria	2	19	5	19	3	1	17	17	83	107	96	105.8
Murray Valley encephalitis virus infection**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.2	414
Ross River virus infection	1	92	88	379	36	3	42	322	963	680	707	840.6

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<b>Zoonoses</b>												
Anthrax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.2
Australian bat lyssavirus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Brucellosis	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	1	7	0.6
Leptospirosis	0	3	2	11	1	0	5	0	22	23	12	21.4
Lyssavirus (NEC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Ornithosis	0	1	0	1	0	0	12	1	15	9	31	24.8
Q fever	0	53	1	52	3	0	8	3	120	116	86	89.2
Tularemia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.0
<b>Other bacterial infections</b>												
Legionellosis	2	22	4	36	22	2	14	23	125	172	98	86.0
Leprosy	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	3	2	2.6
Meningococcal infection <sup>††</sup>	0	14	0	10	3	0	5	2	34	49	41	54.6
Tuberculosis	4	118	10	30	20	1	99	45	327	336	378	383.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>11,577</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>14,038</b>	<b>4,986</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>13,598</b>	<b>7,334</b>	<b>55,328</b>	<b>64,114</b>	<b>51,495</b>	<b>224,363</b>

\* The date of diagnosis is the onset date or where the date of onset was not known, the earliest of the specimen collection date, the notification date, or the notification receive date. For hepatitis B (unspecified), hepatitis C (unspecified), leprosy, syphilis (> 2 years or unspecified duration) and tuberculosis, the public health unit notification receive date was used.

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§ Infection with Shiga toxin/verotoxin-producing *Escherichia coli*.

|| Includes *Chlamydia trachomatis* identified from cervical, rectal, urine, urethral and throat samples, except for South Australia, which reports only cervical, urine and urethral specimens. From 1 July 2013 case definition changed to exclude all ocular infections.

¶ The national case definitions for chlamydial, gonococcal and syphilis diagnoses include infections that may be acquired through a non-sexual mode (especially in children – e.g. perinatal infections, epidemic gonococcal conjunctivitis).

\*\* In the Australian Capital Territory, Murray Valley encephalitis virus infection and Kunjin virus infection are combined under Murray Valley encephalitis virus infection.

†† Only invasive meningococcal disease is nationally notifiable. However, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory also report conjunctival cases.

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Totals comprise data from all states and territories. Cumulative figures are subject to retrospective revision so there may be discrepancies between the number of new notifications and the increment in the cumulative figure from the previous period.

**Table 3: Notification rates of diseases, 1 October to 31 December 2013, by state or territory.  
(Annualised rate per 100,000 population)\*,†**

Disease	State or territory								Aust.
	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas.	Vic.	WA	
<b>Bloodborne diseases</b>									
Hepatitis (NEC)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hepatitis B (newly acquired)‡	0.0	0.5	5.1	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	2.0	0.8
Hepatitis B (unspecified)§	29.9	36.3	102.0	22.6	15.2	11.7	33.4	30.4	30.7
Hepatitis C (newly acquired)‡	5.3	0.4	0.0	NN	3.4	1.6	3.3	5.9	2.5
Hepatitis C (unspecified)§	38.4	49.3	83.3	57.2	29.2	39.8	39.3	40.0	45.9
Hepatitis D	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.2
<b>Gastrointestinal diseases</b>									
Botulism	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Campylobacteriosis	87.5	NN	79.9	110.0	94.7	185.0	129.4	104.4	116.0
Cryptosporidiosis	6.4	8.1	23.8	15.4	6.5	7.0	9.7	9.7	10.1
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Hepatitis A	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.2	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6
Hepatitis E	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2
Listeriosis	0.0	0.2	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.3
STEC, VTEC¶	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.6	2.4	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5
Salmonellosis	45.9	50.9	142.9	93.4	55.5	37.5	48.3	50.6	59.7
Shigellosis	3.2	2.8	40.8	1.3	2.2	1.6	2.8	4.4	3.0
Typhoid fever	3.2	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.3	0.7
<b>Quarantinable diseases</b>									
Cholera	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Human pathogenic avian influenza in humans	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Plague	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rabies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Severe acute respiratory syndrome	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Smallpox	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Viral haemorrhagic fever	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Yellow fever	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Sexually transmitted infections</b>									
Chlamydial infection¶,**	326.5	289.2	1,289.2	432.3	268.6	276.4	335.3	452.3	356.0
Donovanosis	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gonococcal infection**	30.9	55.4	767.1	54.8	38.9	17.2	56.6	85.7	63.7
Syphilis – congenital	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Syphilis < 2 years duration**	1.1	7.6	10.2	6.8	3.1	3.1	12.7	3.3	7.7
Syphilis > 2 years or unspecified duration§,**	4.3	5.4	23.8	6.2	7.2	0.8	10.6	3.9	6.9
<b>Vaccine preventable diseases</b>									
Diphtheria	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Influenza (laboratory confirmed)	84.3	59.1	338.5	130.4	409.1	89.0	85.4	98.7	113.7
Measles	1.1	0.8	0.0	2.8	3.1	0.0	1.1	1.6	1.5
Mumps	0.0	0.9	5.1	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.7
Pertussis	89.6	34.7	32.3	73.9	68.6	28.9	58.3	77.4	56.2
Pneumococcal disease (invasive)	6.4	5.1	18.7	4.7	6.5	8.6	6.5	7.4	6.0
Poliomyelitis	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rubella	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Rubella – congenital	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Tetanus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas.	Vic.	WA	
<b>Vaccine preventable diseases cont'd</b>									
Varicella zoster (chickenpox)	7.5	NN	27.2	4.9	28.7	7.8	23.4	20.4	17.2
Varicella zoster (shingles)	16.0	NN	125.9	1.2	122.7	46.8	25.3	59.2	36.0
Varicella zoster (unspecified)	38.4	NN	5.1	128.5	8.2	20.3	61.0	52.8	71.3
<b>Vectorborne diseases</b>									
Arbovirus infection (NEC)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Barmah Forest virus infection	0.0	3.5	56.1	24.8	0.2	0.0	0.4	12.0	8.1
Dengue virus infection	1.1	3.8	17.0	5.3	5.8	4.7	5.5	13.8	5.9
Japanese encephalitis virus infection	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kunjin virus infection††	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Malaria	2.1	1.0	8.5	1.7	0.7	0.8	1.2	2.8	1.5
Murray Valley encephalitis virus infection††	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ross River virus infection	1.1	5.0	149.7	33.2	8.7	2.3	3.0	52.9	17.0
<b>Zoonoses</b>									
Anthrax	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Australia bat lyssavirus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Brucellosis	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Leptospirosis	0.0	0.2	3.4	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4
Lyssavirus (NEC)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ornithosis	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.3
Q fever	0.0	2.9	1.7	4.6	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.5	2.1
Tularaemia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Other bacterial diseases</b>									
Legionellosis	2.1	1.2	6.8	3.2	5.3	1.6	1.0	3.8	2.2
Leprosy	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Meningococcal infection‡‡	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.6
Tuberculosis	4.3	6.5	17.0	2.6	4.8	0.8	7.0	7.4	5.8

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