# **Tuberculosis in WA 2024**

In 2024, there were 224 TB cases notified in Western Australia at the rate of 7.6 cases per 100,000 population. This represented a 39 percent increase from the numbers notified in 2023.

# WA NUMBERS AND RATES 39% increase in the number of TB cases from 2023 240 Rate 1 per 100,000 Number of cases 6 4 2 4 2

Number of TB cases notified in WA in 2023

7.6

WA TB rate per 100,000 population

# **CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

## 55% Male

45% Female

# **COUNTRY OF BIRTH**

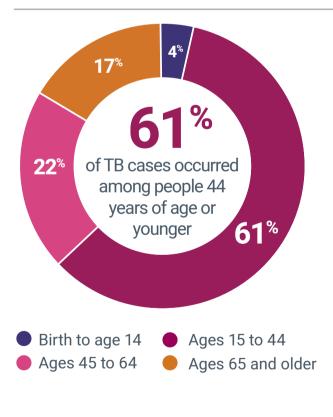
8% Australian born 92% Overseas born

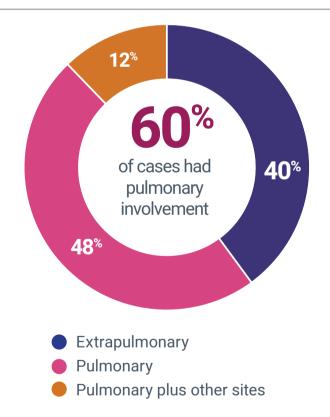
### **CONTACTS INVESTIGATION**

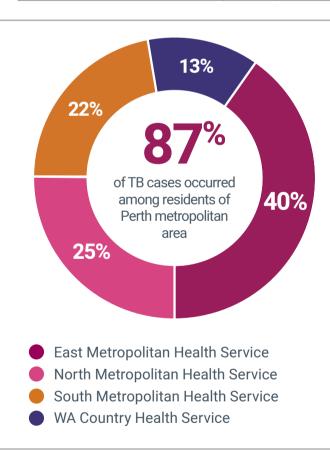
Total contacts identified	3460
No TB infection or disease	74%
TBI	20%
History of TB/TBI	4%
Secondary TB	0.4%

### TB INFECTION

Patient classification	No.	TOTAL
Healthcare worker screen	264	30%
Recent migrant	212	24%
TB Contacts	204	23%
Recently arrived refugee	85	10%
Immunosuppressed	74	8%
Other	30	4.0%







### **TREATMENT OUTCOME 2023**

97%

of all patients with TB disease in 2023 completed treatment

### **DRUG RESISTANCE**

29 patients who had drug resistant TB6 patients who had multidrug resistant TB(MDR-TB)<sup>1</sup>

1. defined as resistance to at least isoniazid and rifampicin

### **GENOME SEQUENCING**

98%

had whole genome sequencing identifying 29 cases with genomic linkage

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAM

The Western Australia Tuberculosis Control Program (WATBCP) is a state-wide specialised public health service providing outpatient services for the treatment, surveillance and prevention of tuberculosis (TB). The clinic, located at the Anita Clayton Centre, provides treatment and management of active TB and latent TB patients with a dedicated adult and paediatric clinic. A nurse-led case management approach is applied to all patients.