

Belgium

Tuberculosis case notifications, 2006

Total number of cases	1 127
Notification rate per 100 000	10.8
Sex ratio (M:F)	1.7
Median age-group, nationals	45-54 years
Median age-group, non-nationals	25-34 years
Foreign citizens	575 (51.0%)
New (not previously diagnosed)	831 (73.7%)
Culture positive	889 (78.9%)
Pulmonary	777 (68.9%)
of which smear positive*	377 (48.5%)
HIV positive TB cases	55 (4.9%)
TB deaths per 100 000	-

Drug Resistance Surveillance, 2006

Geographic coverage	National
International proficiency testing	Yes
Case-linked data reporting	Yes
Cases with DST results	818
Cases resistant to isoniazid	56 (6.8%)
Cases resistant to rifampicin	23 (2.8%)
MDR cases	18 (2.2%)
Cases resistant to ethambutol	13 (1.6%)
Cases resistant to streptomycin	-

Treatment Outcome Monitoring, 2005

Geographic coverage	National
Outcome cohort	All pulmonary culture positive
Case-linked data reporting	Yes
Cases included in cohort	658
Success	435 (66%)
Died	73 (11%)
Failed	1 (0%)
Still on treatment	16 (2%)
Lost to follow up	133 (20%)

*Including smear of specimens other than sputum

