

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

DISEASE ABSTRACT

- Of all reportable diseases acquired through close personal contact, meningococcal disease is the least common in Riverside County. In 2005, four cases were reported, for an incidence rate of 0.21 cases per 100,000 population.
- Young children and young adults are at high-

TRENDS

Since 1996, the rate of meningococcal disease in Riverside County has remained below the Healthy People 2010 objective of one new case per 100,000 population.

Figure 4.2: Meningococcal Disease Incidence Rates by Year, 1995-2005

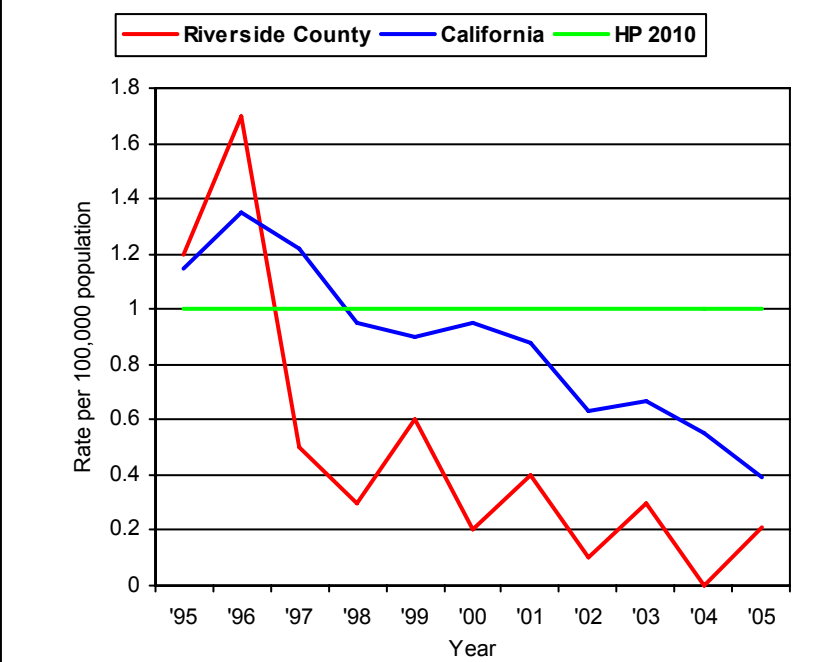
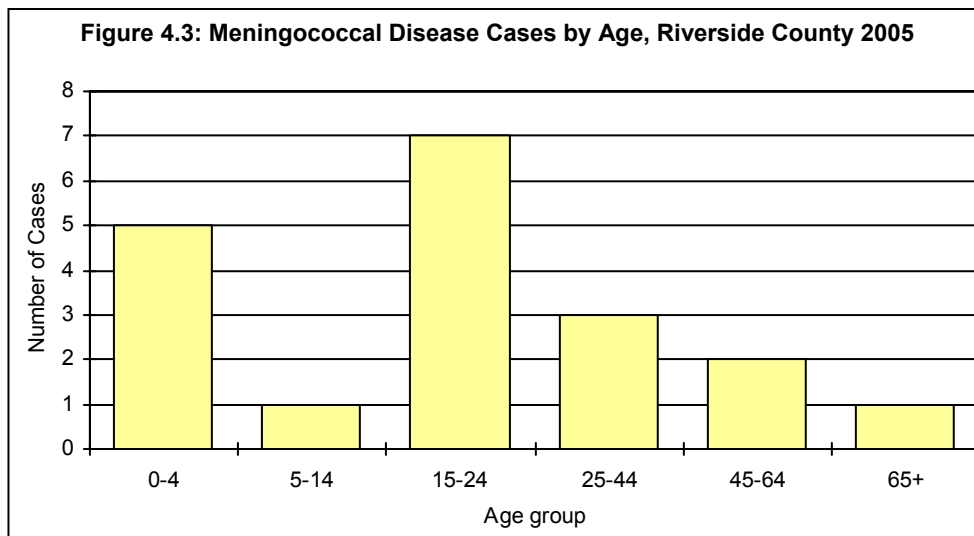


Figure 4.3: Meningococcal Disease Cases by Age, Riverside County 2005



AGE

Meningococcal disease primarily occurs in young children and young adults. In the last six years, persons under five or between 15 to 24 years contributed 63 percent of all reported cases in Riverside County. Young children and young adults may be more likely to engage in high risk behaviors, such as sharing of drinks or other communal items that