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The Face of TB in Hamilton County

- 152 cases of TB (2001-2006)
- 10.5% homeless
- 5% resident of correctional facility at diagnosis
- 7% resident of long-term care facility at diagnosis
- 1% injected drug within past year
- 7% non-injected drug within past year
- 26% excess alcohol use within past year

TB Today

Starting in the 1940s, scientists discovered the first of several medicines now used to treat TB. As a result, TB slowly began to decrease in the United States. But in the 1970s and early 1980s, the country let its guard down and TB control efforts were neglected. As a result, between 1985 and 1992, the number of TB cases increased. However, with increased funding and attention to the TB problem, the U.S. has had a steady decline in the number of persons with TB since 1992. But TB is still a problem; more than 14,000 cases were reported in 2005 in the United States.

TB is still a problem in Hamilton County, amongst other areas, due to the increasing incidence of HIV and the rising number of foreign-born people residing in the area from countries in which TB disease is common.