

Pertussis Report

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California is currently experiencing a pertussis epidemic. Pertussis is cyclical and peaks every 3-5 years as the numbers of susceptible persons in the population increases due to waning of immunity following both vaccination and disease. The last epidemic in California occurred in 2010, however, the overall incidence of pertussis has increased since the 1990s. One reason for the increase is the use of acellular pertussis vaccines, which cause fewer reactions than the whole-cell vaccines that preceded them, but do not protect as long. Young infants are at greatest risk of hospitalization and death from pertussis, therefore pregnant women are encouraged to receive pertussis vaccine (Tdap) during the 3rd trimester of every pregnancy. Pertussis antibodies are transferred from vaccinated mothers to their infants and will help protect them until they are old enough to be vaccinated. The primary DTaP vaccine series is essential for reducing severe disease in young infants and should not be delayed. DTaP can be given to infants at an accelerated schedule with the first dose given as early as 6 weeks of age. Even one dose of DTaP may offer some protection against severe pertussis disease in infants.

9,935 cases with onset in 2014 have been reported to CDPH for a state rate of 26.0 cases per 100,000 population (Table 1).

- Pertussis activity is widespread throughout California (Figure 1).
- Pertussis incidence is higher than was reported in 2010 (Figures 2-3)
- 347 cases have been hospitalized; 80 (23%) of these required intensive care.
 - 214 (62%) of hospitalized patients were infants <4 months of age.
- One death has been reported with disease onset in 2014 in an infant who was 5 weeks old at time of disease onset.
 - Two additional deaths occurring in 2014 but with disease onset in 2013 have been reported. These cases will be attributed to 2013. Both infants were ≤ 2 months of age at disease onset.
- Of the 211 (50%) cases <4 months of age whose mothers vaccination history was available, 37 (18%) reported receiving Tdap during the third trimester of pregnancy between 27-36 weeks gestation, as is recommended by ACIP and ACOG.
- The majority of cases with known age have occurred in infants and children <18 years of age (7,539; 89%) and the peak ages are <1 year and 15 years old (Figure 4).
 - 611 (8%) of pediatric cases were infants <6 months of age.
 - 4,867 (65%) of pediatric cases were children/adolescents 7-16 years of age.
 - Among 6,420 (85%) of pediatric cases with vaccination history information, 658 (10%) had never received any doses of pertussis-containing vaccine.
- Elementary, middle and high school outbreaks have been reported from counties all over California.
- Overall pertussis rates are highest for infants <1 year of age and older children and adolescents and teens 10-17 years of age. Rates by race/ethnicity are highest for Hispanic infants <1 year of age and White, non-Hispanic adolescents and teens aged 10-17 years of age (Figure 5).

Table 1. Pertussis cases and rate* by year of onset and local health jurisdiction -- California, 2010-2014**

	2010†		2011†		2012†		2013†		2014**	
	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate
CALIFORNIA	9159	24.55	3016	8.03	1023	2.70	2537	6.64	9935	26.00
ALAMEDA	423	30.21	206	14.59	62	4.35	124	8.55	328	22.62
City of Berkeley‡	13	11.51	3	2.62	6	5.20	13	11.29	51	44.30
ALPINE	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
AMADOR	4	10.56	11	29.48	1	2.74	2	5.52	1	2.76
BUTTE	32	14.55	16	7.26	3	1.36	33	14.87	26	11.71
CALAVERAS	9	19.80	5	11.08	0	0.00	2	4.39	17	37.35
COLUSA	11	51.20	1	4.65	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
CONTRA COSTA	205	19.48	114	10.74	24	2.24	69	6.37	387	35.75
DEL NORTE	16	56.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	7.16
EL DORADO	54	29.85	11	6.09	3	1.64	4	2.18	25	13.63
FRESNO	550	58.99	58	6.17	16	1.69	44	4.59	381	39.73
GLENN	1	3.55	1	3.54	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	3.54
HUMBOLDT	58	43.07	15	11.09	1	0.74	5	3.71	111	82.33
IMPERIAL	9	5.13	3	1.69	8	4.49	3	1.68	8	4.47
INYO	8	43.17	0	0.00	1	5.29	0	0.00	0	0.00
KERN	376	44.70	49	5.77	2	0.23	31	3.58	136	15.69
KINGS	26	17.03	7	4.61	0	0.00	2	1.33	15	9.97
LAKE	5	7.74	3	4.66	2	3.11	3	4.66	3	4.66
LASSEN	1	2.85	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	15.28
LOS ANGELES	1303	14.12	612	6.61	209	2.24	342	3.63	1742	18.50
City of Long Beach‡	68	14.70	17	3.66	4	0.86	16	3.44	178	38.24
City of Pasadena‡	24	17.54	15	10.80	1	0.72	2	1.44	19	13.63
MADERA	120	79.30	8	5.26	0	0.00	10	6.53	46	30.06
MARIN	351	138.90	26	10.22	5	1.97	184	71.91	239	93.40
MARIPOSA	10	54.96	1	5.56	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
MENDOCINO	27	30.71	3	3.41	0	0.00	6	6.77	10	11.28
MERCED	131	51.19	27	10.42	0	0.00	1	0.38	8	3.04
MODOC	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	64.74
MONO	18	126.43	2	13.98	21	146.07	2	14.11	0	0.00
MONTEREY	132	31.71	38	9.05	17	4.03	49	11.54	122	28.73
NAPA	25	18.28	11	7.99	6	4.35	13	9.35	133	95.62
NEVADA	23	23.32	2	2.03	5	5.11	70	71.51	16	16.34
ORANGE	499	16.54	142	4.66	73	2.37	113	3.64	416	13.40
PLACER	80	22.84	19	5.33	11	3.05	86	23.55	115	31.50
PLUMAS	2	10.05	4	20.06	0	0.00	1	5.19	1	5.19
RIVERSIDE	467	21.31	166	7.48	46	2.04	80	3.53	405	17.86
SACRAMENTO	175	12.32	69	4.82	35	2.44	70	4.84	393	27.15
SAN BENITO	7	12.65	3	5.36	1	1.76	1	1.75	8	13.97
SAN BERNARDINO	182	8.93	115	5.60	54	2.62	39	1.88	174	8.38
SAN DIEGO	1140	36.74	398	12.73	162	5.14	408	12.82	1629	51.19
SAN FRANCISCO	141	17.49	70	8.61	30	3.65	59	7.10	110	13.23
SAN JOAQUIN	84	12.23	27	3.90	15	2.15	26	3.69	201	28.55
SAN LUIS OBISPO	371	137.54	15	5.55	14	5.17	17	6.25	42	15.45
SAN MATEO	191	26.54	58	7.97	23	3.13	104	14.00	123	16.56
SANTA BARBARA	66	15.57	18	4.23	11	2.58	28	6.48	101	23.37
SANTA CLARA	478	26.76	176	9.74	45	2.46	254	13.70	527	28.43
SANTA CRUZ	87	33.05	22	8.28	13	4.84	54	19.89	143	52.67
SHASTA	32	18.03	27	15.16	2	1.12	7	3.92	28	15.69
SIERRA	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
SISKIYOU	10	22.27	0	0.00	2	4.41	5	11.05	5	11.05
SOLANO	40	9.68	12	2.90	10	2.38	15	3.54	136	32.13
SONOMA	246	50.82	116	23.83	18	3.68	51	10.36	695	141.16
STANISLAUS	159	30.86	43	8.30	11	2.10	16	3.03	84	15.93
SUTTER	5	5.28	1	1.06	0	0.00	2	2.06	8	8.25
TEHAMA	10	15.75	1	1.57	0	0.00	0	0.00	39	61.48
TRINITY	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	37.21
TULARE	230	51.91	77	17.20	27	5.97	25	5.48	29	6.35
TUOLUMNE	32	58.03	4	7.27	1	1.85	2	3.68	17	31.32
VENTURA	372	45.09	163	19.63	15	1.80	36	4.28	335	39.87
YOLO	17	8.44	5	2.47	6	2.93	4	1.94	142	68.87
YUBA	3	4.15	0	0.00	1	1.37	4	5.46	8	10.92

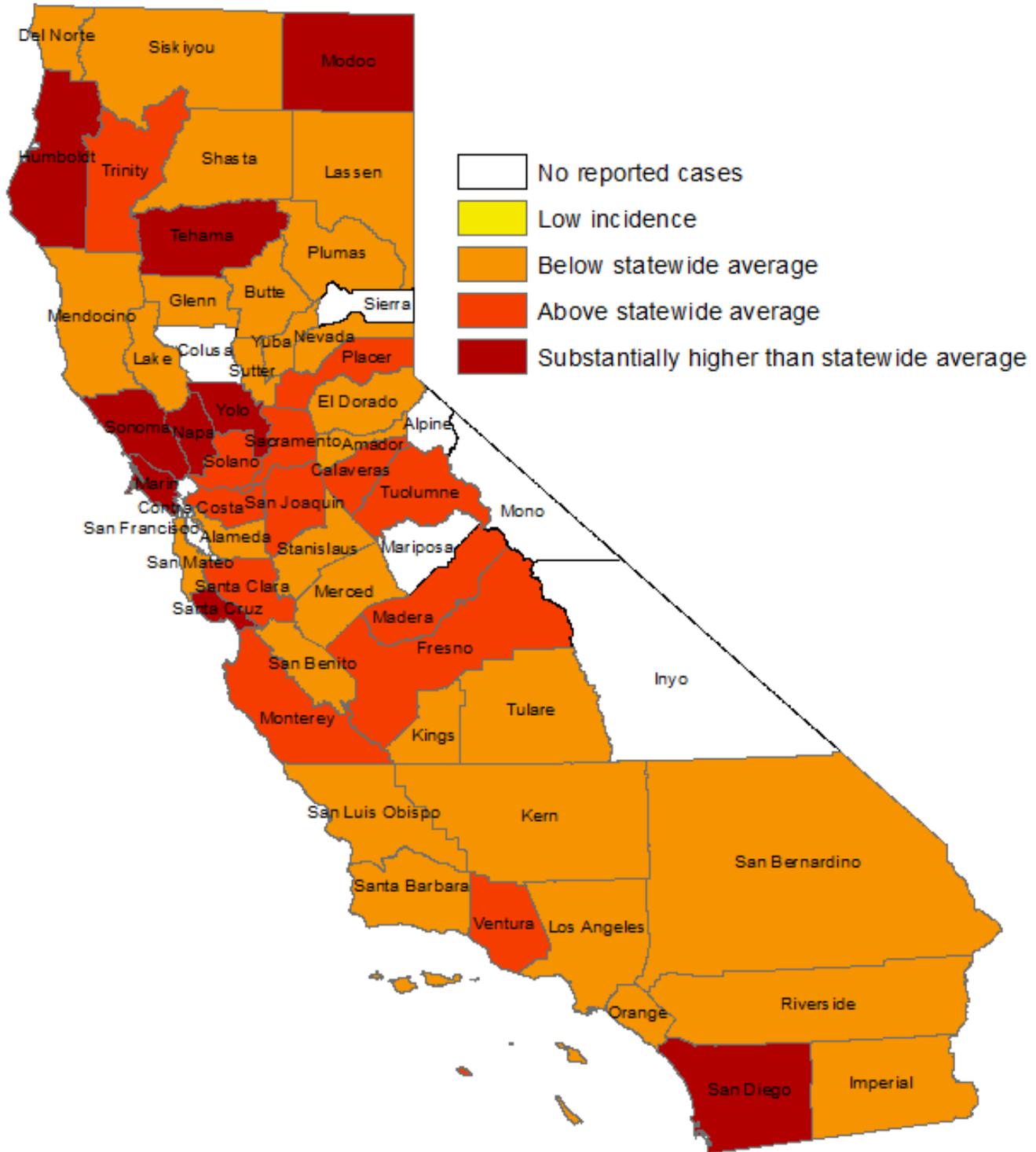
*Incidence rate per 100,000 persons

**Includes cases reported to CDPH as of 11/26/2014

†Data have been updated from previous reports; population denominator data from the Department of Finance have been standardized with 2010 Census data

‡City health jurisdictions not included in county total

Figure 1. Pertussis incidence per 100,000 population, by county – California, 2014*



*reported to CDPH as of 11/26/2014
 Corresponding category ranges: 0; 0.1-2.7; 2.8-26.0; 26.1-50.0; 50.1-141.2

Figure 2. Number and incidence of reported pertussis cases by year of onset -- California, 1946-2014*

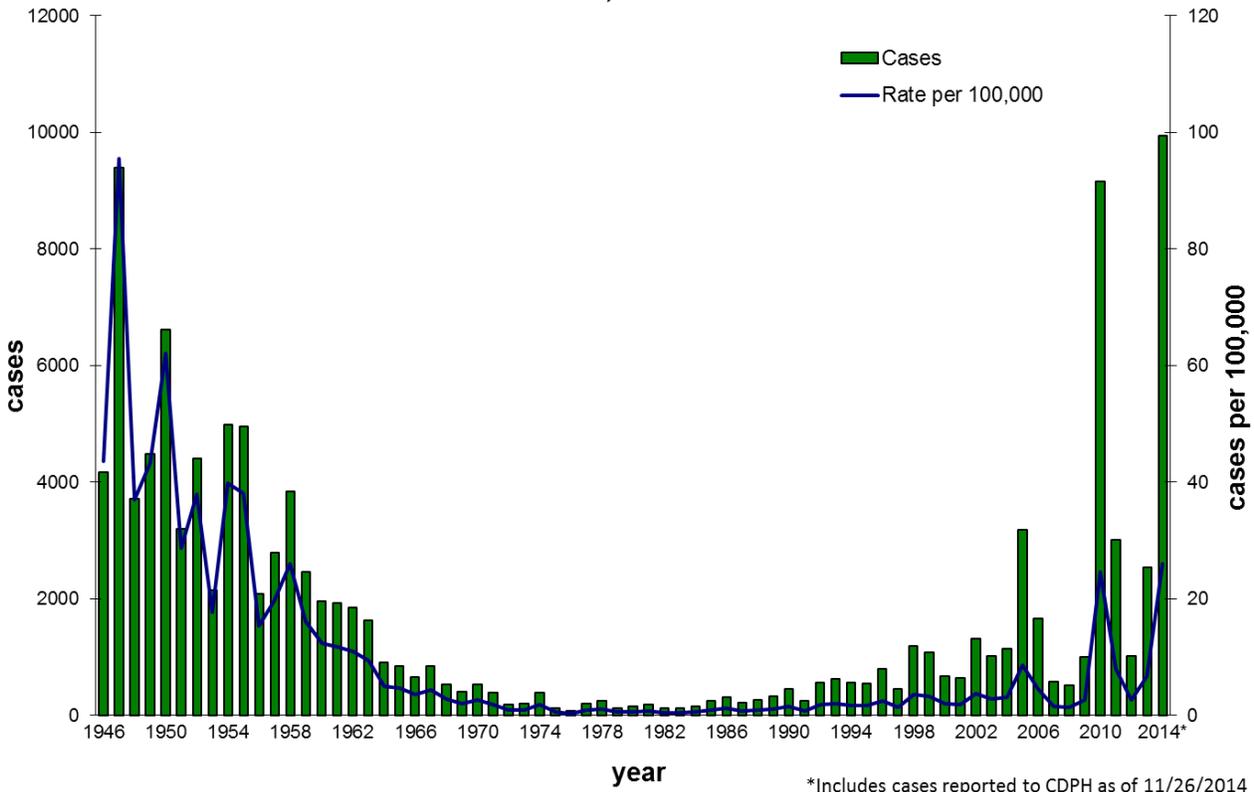


Figure 3. Pertussis cases by month of onset -- California, 2009-2014*

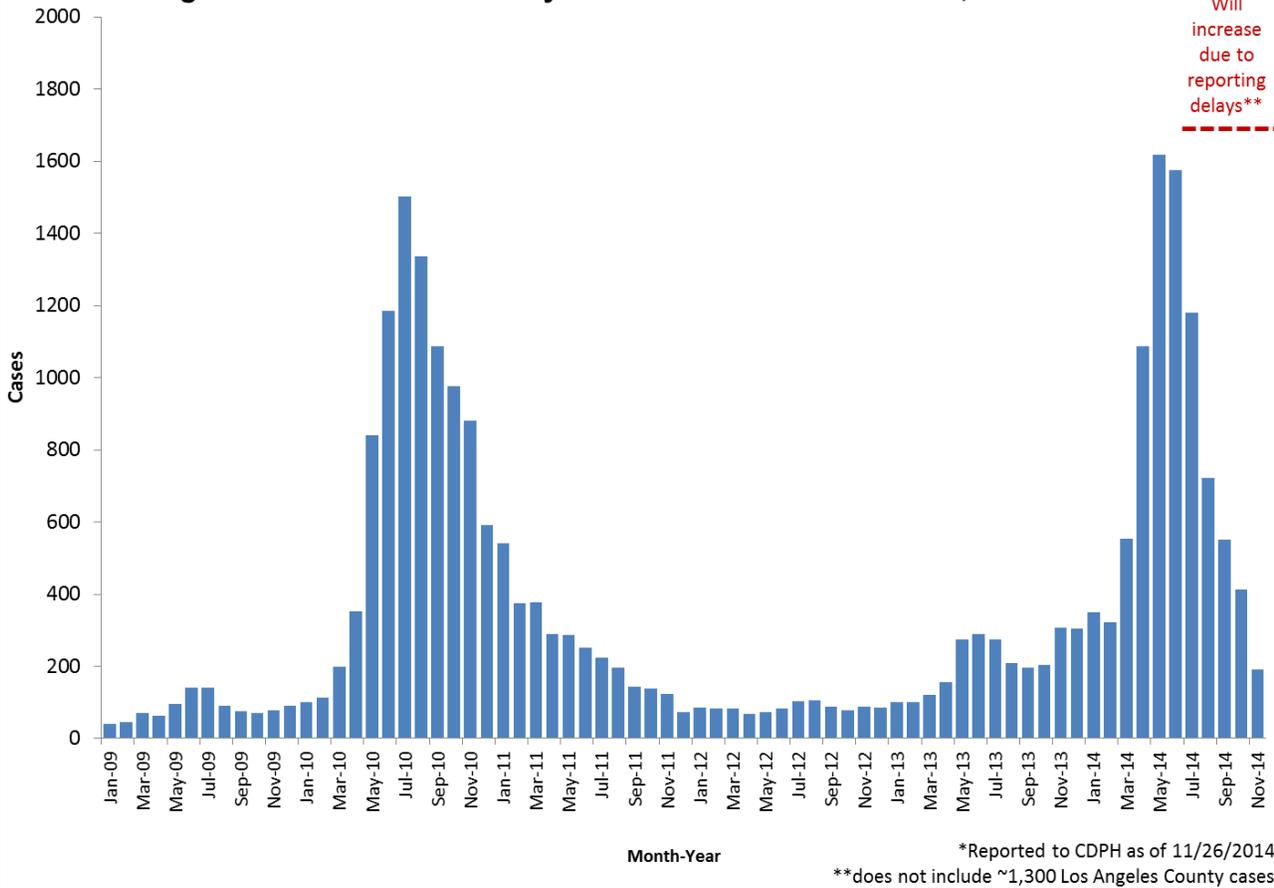


Figure 4. Pediatric pertussis cases by age -- California, 2014*

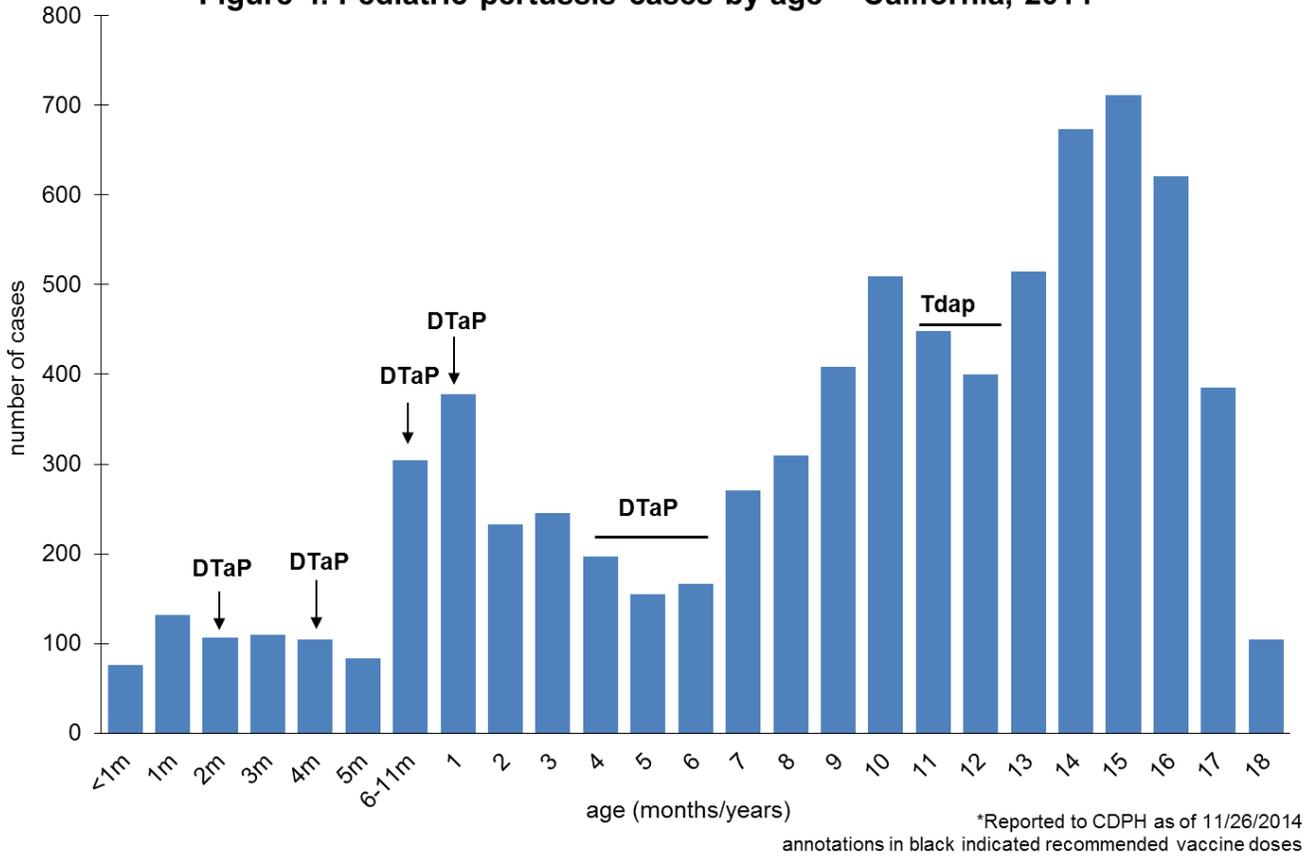


Figure 5. Pertussis rates by age and race/ethnicity -- California, 2014*

