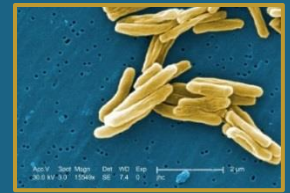
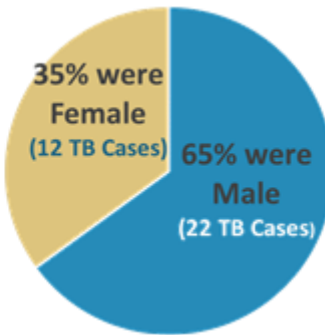


Mecklenburg County Tuberculosis Reports 2017 Quick Facts



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TB Cases Reported
in Mecklenburg
County in 2017.



Approximately **3 out of 5**
TB cases were among foreign-born persons.

TB Can Happen to Anyone...

TB is spread through the air from one person to another. Anyone near the sick person with TB disease can breathe TB germs into their lungs.

Based on 2014 – 2016 data,
TB case rates were:



30 x higher
for Asians than
Whites.



10 x higher
for Hispanics than
Whites.



7 x higher
for African Americans
than Whites.

Progress towards elimination is slowing...

- While TB cases remain at record lows, 2017 case reports were 36% higher than those of 2015 (34 cases vs. 25 cases).
- The annual TB case rate for 2017 was 3.2 per 100,000.
- Based on data from the Centers Disease Control, an average TB case (drug-susceptible) may need 180 days of medication with a direct treatment cost of \$18,000 per person.

