



**Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department  
Epidemiology and Health Statistics Unit**



**Travis County Epidemiological Summary of Pertussis Cases**

**2012 Pertussis Case Counts**

Total	263	100.0%
Confirmed	117	44.5%
Probable	146	55.5%

**Gender Distribution**

Male	128	48.7%
Female	135	51.3%

**Median Age**

4 Years

**Age Range**

21 Days – 64 Years

**Age Distribution**

Under 1 Year	73	27.8%
1-3 Years	50	19.0%
4-8 Years	53	20.2%
9-14 Years	40	15.2%
15-24 Years	13	4.9%
25-34 Years	13	4.9%
35-44 Years	10	3.8%
45-54 Years	7	2.6%
55-64 Years	4	1.5%
65 Years and Older	0	0.0%

Data presented in this report include both confirmed and probable cases of Pertussis reported in Travis County. This report only includes completed case investigations; pending Pertussis reports and investigations are not included. All data 2012 are preliminary. The data provided for 2011 was generated on August 8, 2012 and 2012 data was generated on January 9, 2013.



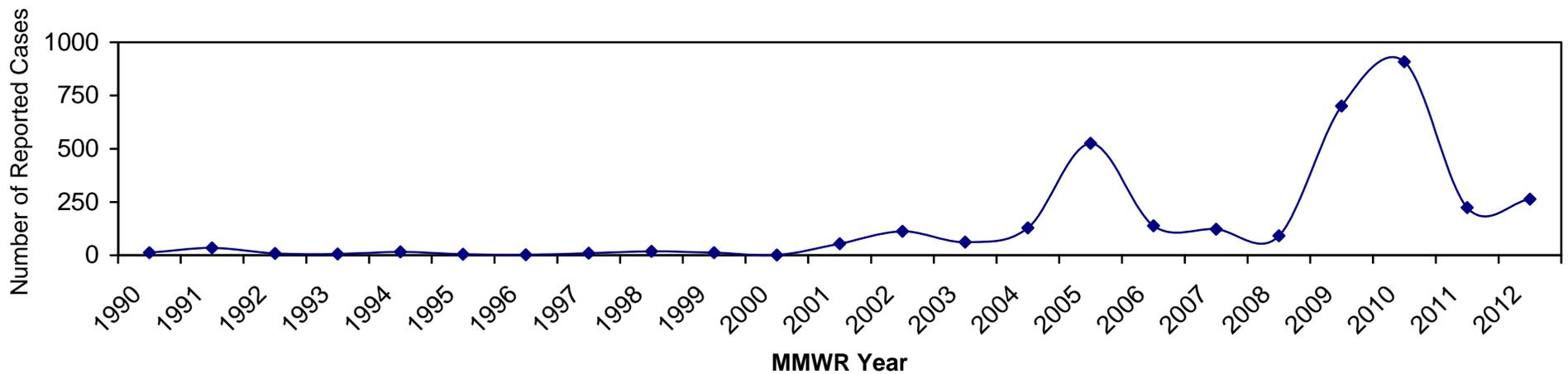
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The number of Pertussis cases varies over time in Travis County (Figure 1). In 2009 and 2010, there was a definitive increase in the incidence of Pertussis in Travis County. Some of the increase resulted from advances in laboratory testing, the Pertussis case definition, and the process of case investigations. Since 2010, the Texas Department of State Health Services modified the Pertussis case definition and guidelines specific to case investigation. While there has been a recent overall decline in reported Pertussis cases in Travis County; it continues to be a public health concern. The majority of reported Pertussis cases correlate to the school year (Figure 2). Most reported cases of Pertussis occur in elementary age children and younger (Figure 3). Public health is especially concerned with cases of Pertussis in young children, especially those under one year old. Almost 67% of the cases reported for 2012 are less than eight years of age. The last reported Pertussis death in Travis County was in an infant in 2003. Preliminary data for 2012 indicate that reported cases of Pertussis seem to concentrate along the IH 35 corridor with cases most frequently being reported in Northern and Southern parts of Travis County (Map 1).

On September 6, 2012, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Commissioner, David L. Lakey, M.D., issued a health advisory for Pertussis due to the “significant increase in reported cases of pertussis in 2012.” DSHS reported six fatalities as a result of pertussis as of December 4, 2012. Five of these deaths occurred in infants under three months of age. Their age at time of death is significant because the first dose of DTap, the vaccine that prevents pertussis in children, is not recommended until two months of age. Due to the current situation with pertussis in the state, DSHS is urging “clinicians to offer pertussis vaccine to all their patients, especially pregnant women.” “Following the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP), CDC recommends vaccinating all pregnant women with Tdap (Tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid, and acellular pertussis vaccine) in the third trimester (any time after 20 weeks).”

**Figure 1. Travis County Reported Cases of Pertussis by Year 1990 - 2012<sup>1,2</sup>**

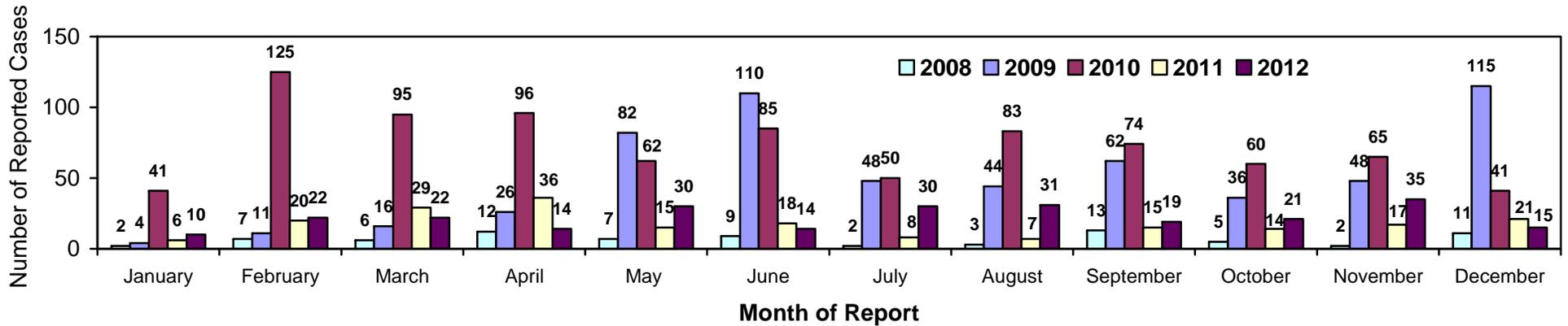




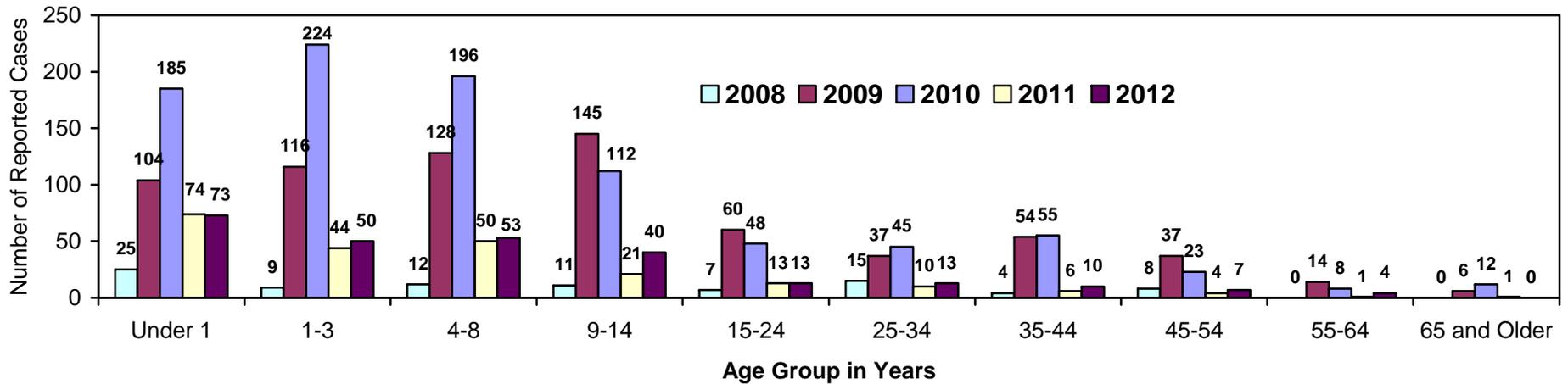
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**Figure 2. Travis County Reported Cases of Pertussis by Month of Report 2008 - 2012<sup>1,3</sup>**

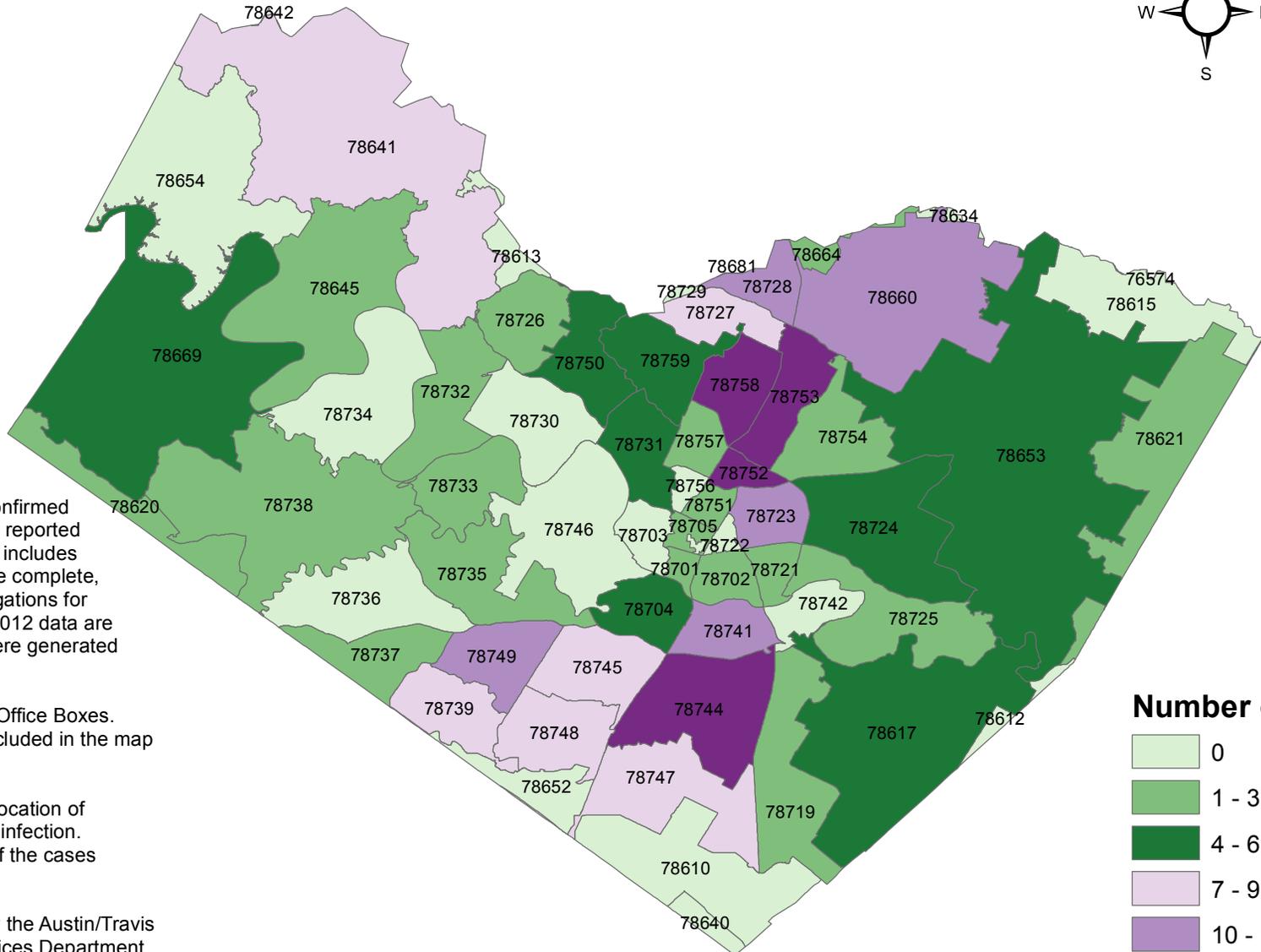
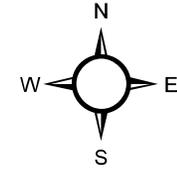


**Figure 3. Travis County Reported Cases of Pertussis by Age Group 2011 - 2012<sup>1,2</sup>**





# Map 1. Travis County Reported Cases of Pertussis 2012<sup>1,2</sup>



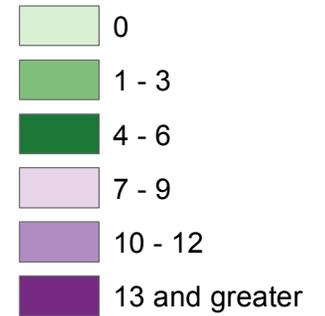
Data presented includes both confirmed and probable cases of Pertussis reported in Travis County. This map only includes cases in which investigations are complete, any pending reports and investigations for Pertussis are not included. All 2012 data are preliminary. Data in this map were generated on January 9, 2013.

Unable to map cases with Post Office Boxes. Three reported cases are not included in the map above.

This map does NOT reflect the location of where individuals acquired their infection. This is a map of the residence of the cases at the time of report.

This map has been produced by the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department for the sole purpose of geographic reference. No warranty is made by the City of Austin regarding specific accuracy or completeness.

### Number of Cases





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For additional information about Pertussis:

[CDC - Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\)](#)

[Texas DSHS Pertussis Update](#)

For additional information about Pertussis vaccination:

<http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/vaccines.html>

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/immunizations>

<http://www.preventpertussis.org/>

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<sup>1</sup> Data provided for 2012 are preliminary data. The data provided for 2011 was generated on August 8, 2012 and 2012 data was generated on January 9, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Yearly data provided are based on MMWR year and not calendar year.

<sup>3</sup> Data by month of report may not include all cases for that MMWR year. All data are pulled by MMWR year and not calendar year. As a result, there are some instances in which cases are reported with a MMWR year in one year but the actual report was received the following calendar year. Consequently, the annual totals may not equal the exact total number of cases when each month's totals are summed.

Data Sources:

Texas Department of State Health Services Infectious Disease Control Unit

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department Epidemiology and Health Statistics Unit – National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS)