In 2021, there were 143 TB cases notified in Western Australia at the rate of 5.4 cases per 100,000 population. This represented a 3.6% increase from the numbers notified in 2020 and was the highest number of TB notifications in a year since 2016.

**Wa Numbers and Rates**

- **143** Number of TB cases notified in WA in 2021
- **5.4** WA TB rate per 100,000 population

**Clinical Characteristics**

- **Female 56%**  
  - **5%** of TB cases occurred among people 44 years of age or younger
- **Male 44%**  
  - **51%** of TB cases occurred among people 44 years of age or younger
- **33%** Birth to age 14
- **46%** Ages 15 to 44
- **16%** Ages 45 to 64
- **10%** Age 65 and older

**Country of Birth**

- **Australia born, 8%**
- **Overseas born, 92%**

**Drug Resistance**

- **13** Number of patients who had drug resistant TB
- **4** Number of patients who had multidrug resistant TB (MDR-TB)\(^1\)

**TB in WA Regions**

- **31 LGA's had TB cases**
- **Metropolitan Perth had 92% of cases**
- **Country cases rate increased by 10%**

**Western Australia Tuberculosis Control Program**

The WA TB Control Program (WATBCP) located at the Anita Clayton Centre offers a specialised public health service that provides a state-wide outpatient service for the treatment, surveillance and prevention of tuberculosis. The WATBCP provides Specialist Medical advice to all cases of Active TB and Latent TB infection. There is a dedicated paediatric clinic to ensure the needs of children and their families are met. Individual case management for all clients is a nurse led approach that is an integral part of the success of the WATBCP.

**Treatment Outcome 2020**

- **99%** of all patients with TB disease in 2020 completed treatment