

Louisiana Department of Health Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Program

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What is Louisiana known for?

- ▶ Mardi Gras and New Orleans (a/k/a NOLA)
- ▶ Southern Hospitality
- ▶ Music: Jazz, Blues, French, Creole
- ▶ Home of Tabasco Sauce
- ▶ Alligators
- ▶ NOLA Saints
- ▶ Famous American author, Ernest J. Gaines
- ▶ Cajun descendants of “Acadians” migrated from Canada 1700’s
- ▶ Good Food! Gumbo, Boudin, Crawfish, Beignets, King Cake





Laissez les bons temps rouler.
Let the good times roll.

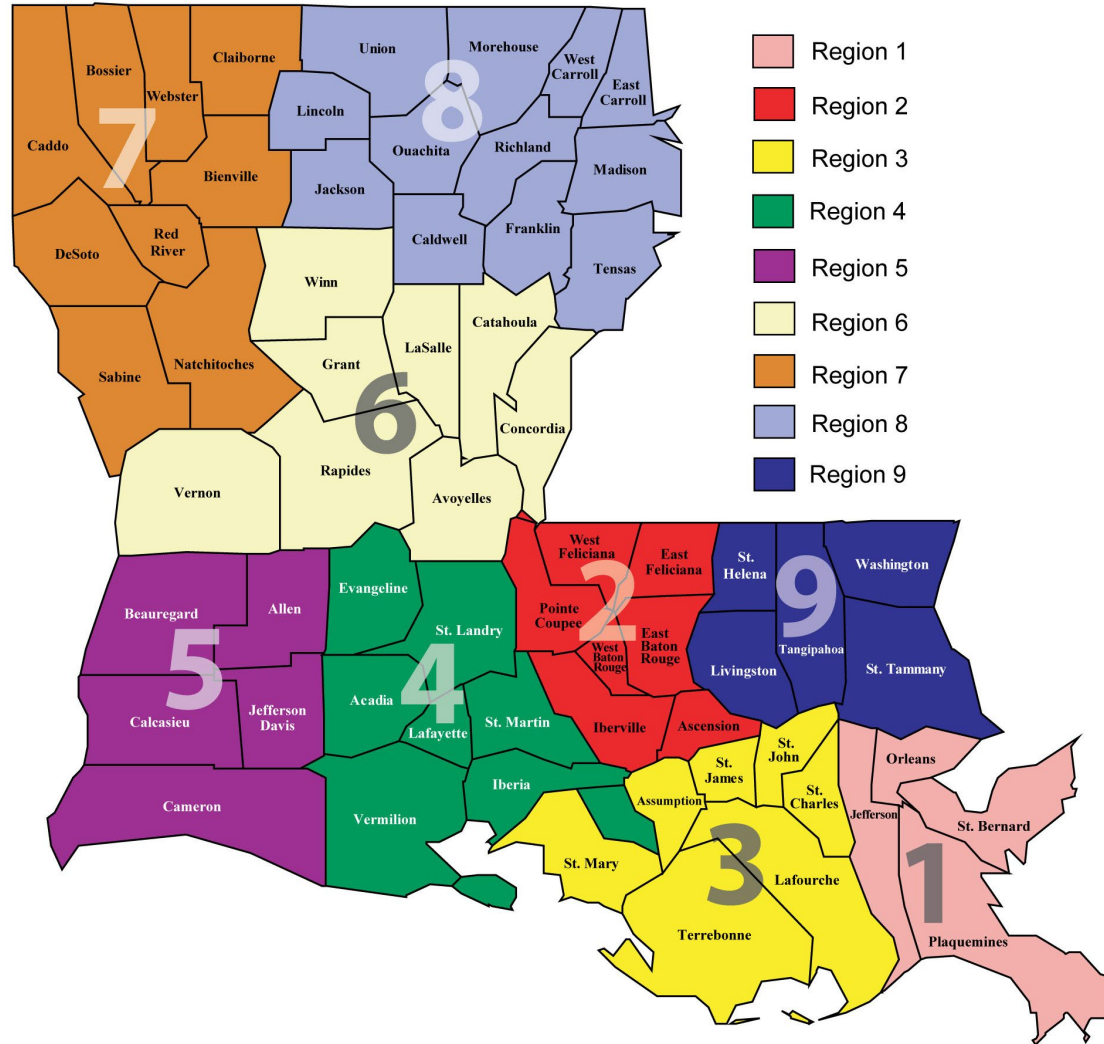


Louisiana TB Program Central Office Team



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Louisiana Parishes by Regions



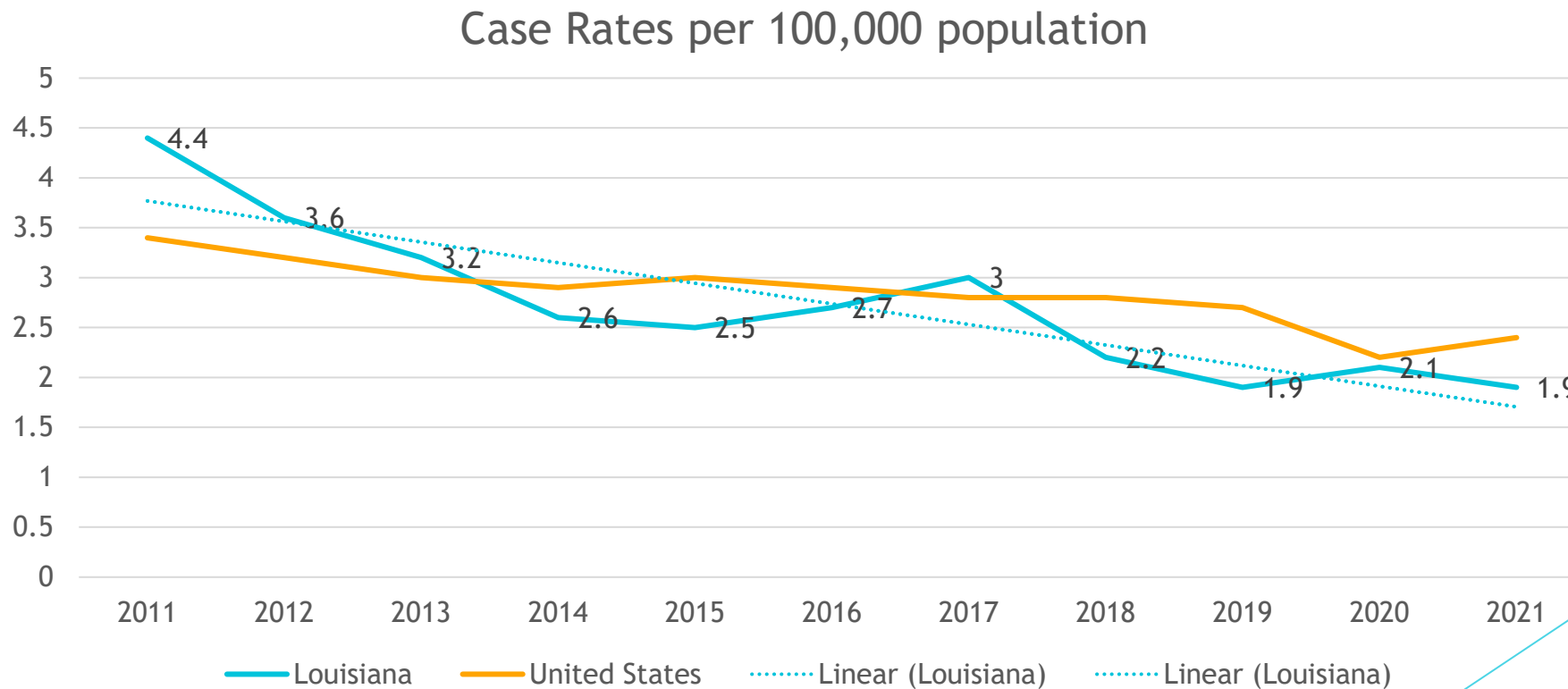
Louisiana State Numbers

	2021	2022 (as of 10/17/2022)
Active TB Reported (Verified)	86	59
Pan susceptible TB	65	36
Extra-pulmonary TB	25	12
MDR-TB	0	1
INH Resistance only	2	5
Rifampin Resistance only	0	0
Pediatric TB	5	2
TB Meningitis	0	2

TB Epidemiology and Statistics

Case Rates 2012 - 2021

Louisiana and United States



TB Program Challenges and Fixes



Some nurses reluctant to work TB

“Fear of the Unknown”

- TB Nurse Training



Collaboration with public health nurses

- Team building in the works
- Support from leadership



Staff turnover

- Staff satisfaction survey
- Providing staff with needs/requests



Low number of high risk contacts

- Intensive Contact Investigation Training
- Venipuncture Training for TB DIS



***“Energy and persistence
conquer all things.”***

Benjamin Franklin



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