



Local summary of Legionnaires' disease in residents of England and Wales, 2013

Wales

This report provides a short summary of Legionella activity in Welsh residents, with particular emphasis on cases with onset of symptoms during 2013. Data for years 2011 and 2012 and in some tables and graphs, for years 2004 to 2012, are presented for comparative purposes.

For a wider analysis of Legionella activity across England and Wales, please refer to the annual report, Legionnaires' disease in England and Wales; 2013, available on the Public Health England website at; <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/legionnaires-disease-in-england-and-wales-2013>

Figure 1: Number of cases of legionellosis (confirmed and presumptive) in residents of Wales by year of onset of symptoms; 2004 – 2013

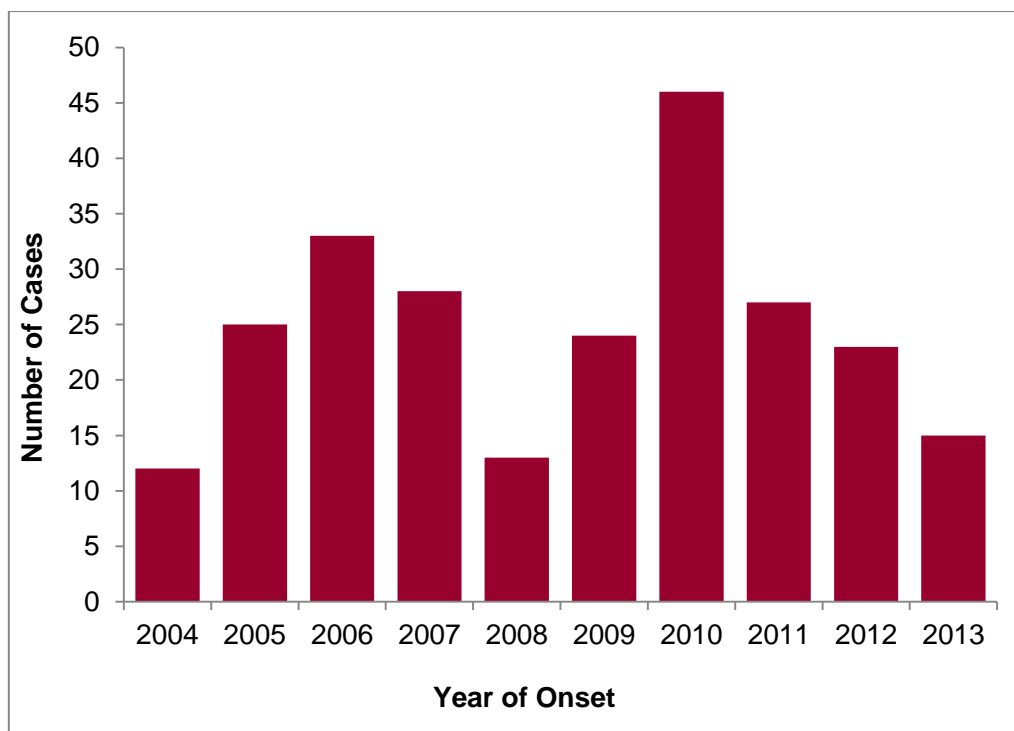


Table 1: Number of cases of legionellosis (confirmed and presumptive) in residents of Wales by disease type and year of onset; 2011 – 2013

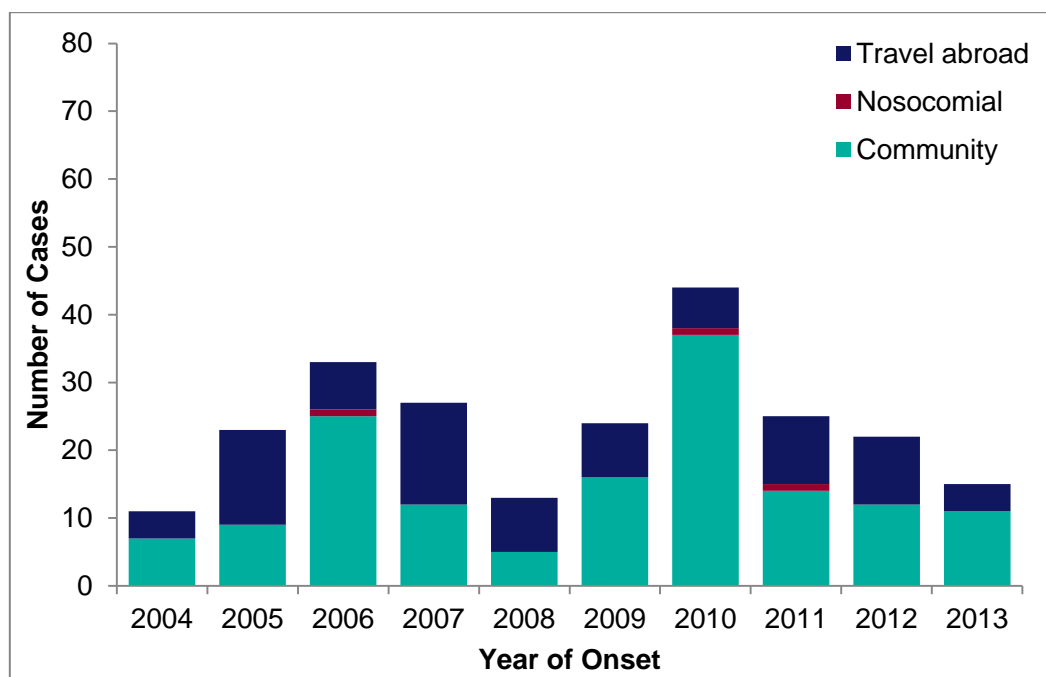
	Number of confirmed (presumptive*) cases			
	2011	2012	2013	Total (2011 - 2013)
Legionnaires' disease	25	22	15	62
Non-pneumonic Legionellosis	2	1	-	3
Pontiac fever	-	-	-	0
Total	27	23	15	65

* Presumptive cases with only a single high titre or PCR result

Table 2: Number & population rate per million of confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease in residents of Wales by year of onset; 2011 – 2013

Region	2011		2012		2013		Total (2011 - 2013)	
	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate
Wales	25	8.16	22	7.18	15	4.90	62	6.75
National	235	4.18	306	5.45	284	5.06	825	4.90

Figure 2: Number of confirmed Legionnaires' disease cases^o in residents of Wales by year of onset and category; 2004 – 2013



^o Confirmed LD case: diagnosis by culture, urinary antigen or FFR and evidence of pneumonia

Table 3: Number and proportion of confirmed Legionnaires' disease cases in residents of Wales by likely exposure category; 2011 – 2013

Category	2011	2012	2013	Total	National Total (2011 - 2013)
Community [‡]	14 (56.0)	12 (54.5)	11 (73.3)	37 (59.7)	466 (56.5)
Nosocomial	1 (4.0)	-	-	1 (1.6)	28 (3.4)
Travel abroad	10 (40.0)	10 (26.7)	4 (26.7)	24 (38.7)	331 (40.1)
Total	25	22	15	62	825

[‡] includes travel UK cases

Table 4: Number and proportion of confirmed Legionnaires' disease cases in residents of Wales by age group and gender, with age specific case-fatality rates; 2011 – 2013

Age Groups	Number (%) of cases			No. Deaths	Age Specific CFR (95%CI)
	Female	Male	Total (2011-2013)		
Under 50 years	4 (50.0)	4 (50.0)	8 (12.9)	1	12.5 (0.3 - 52.7)
50-59 years	5 (41.7)	7 (58.3)	12 (19.4)	1	8.3 (0.2 - 28.5)
60-69 years	8 (32.0)	17 (68.0)	25 (40.3)	0	0.0 (0.0 - 13.7 [‡])
70 years & over	7 (41.2)	10 (58.8)	17 (27.4)	2	11.8 (1.6 - 36.4)
Total	24 (38.7)	38 (61.3)	62 (100.0)	4	6.5 (1.8 - 15.7)

[‡] one sided confidence interval

Figure 3: Number of confirmed Legionnaires' disease cases in residents of Wales by month and year of onset; 2011 – 2013

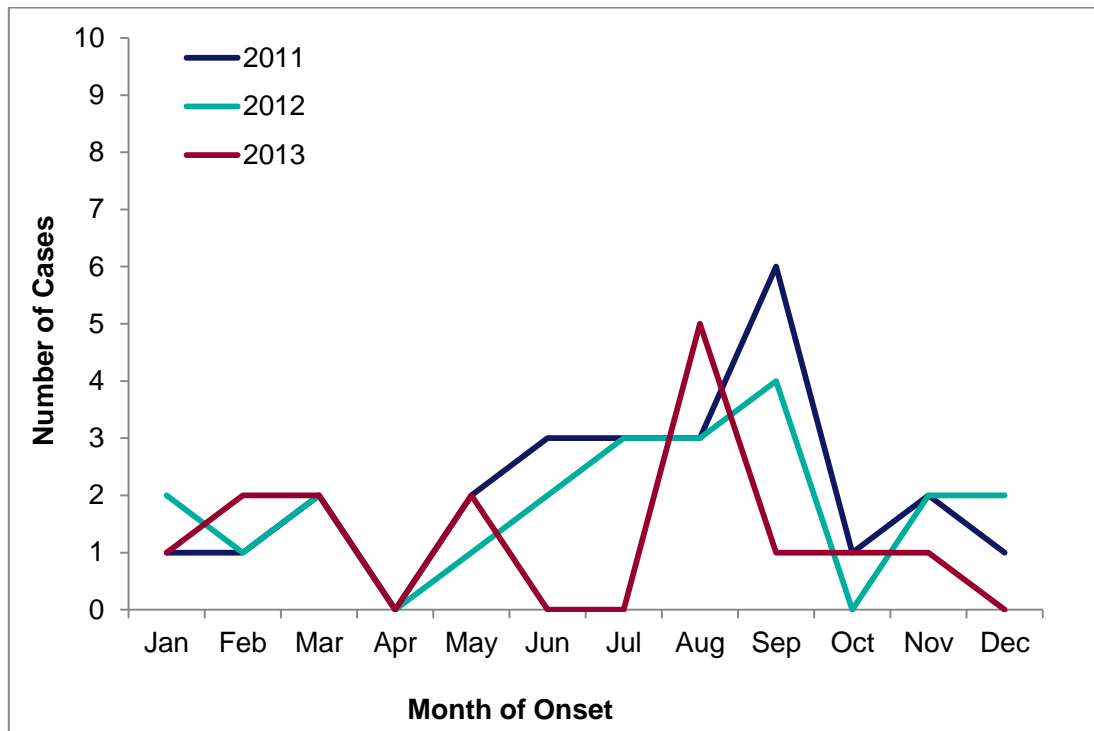


Table 5: Legionnaires' disease cases in residents of Wales by diagnostic test and year of onset; 2011 - 2013~

Wales	2011	2012	2013	Total (2011 - 2013)	National Total (2011 - 2013)
Case Numbers[†]	25	22	15	62	825
Culture	11 (44.0)	6 (27.3)	4 (26.7)	21 (33.9)	190 (23.0)
Urine	24 (96.0)	21 (95.5)	15 (100.0)	60 (96.7)	810 (98.2)
Serology (SHT)	-	-	-	0 (0.0)	5 (0.6)
Serology (FFR)	-	-	-	0 (0.0)	1 (0.1)
PCR	4 (16.0)	7 (31.8)	5 (33.3)	16 (25.8)	198 (24.0)

~ This table shows the investigations carried out on each confirmed case

[†] Please note that some cases have more than one diagnostic test carried out, therefore the sum of diagnostic tests does not equal the annual 'case number'.

Table 6: Number of confirmed Legionnaires' disease cases in residents of Wales by Local Authority (Upper-Tier) and year of onset; 2011 – 2013

Local Authority	2011	2012	2013	Total (2011-2013)
Bridgend	1	4	-	5
Caerphilly	2	1	3	6
Cardiff	1	1	1	3
Carmarthenshire	1	6	-	7
Ceredigion	1	-	-	1
Conwy	-	1	-	1
Flintshire	1	-	2	3
Gwynedd	2	-	-	2
Isle of Anglesey	1	1	-	2
Monmouthshire	2	-	-	2
Neath and Port Talbot	-	1	-	1
Newport	4	-	2	6
Pembrokeshire	1	1	1	3
Powys	1	-	-	1
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	1	2	1	4
Swansea	3	1	3	7
Torfaen	1	-	1	2
Vale of Glamorgan	-	1	-	1
Wrexham	2	2	1	5
Total	25	22	15	62

Table 7: Number and type of outbreaks/clusters with associated number of Wales cases of Legionnaires' disease; 2011 – 2013

Category	2011		2012		2013		Total (2011 - 2013)	
	OB	Cases	OB	Cases	OB	Cases	OB	Cases
Community	-	-	1	5	-	-	1	5
Nosocomial	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Travel UK	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Total	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	5

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