

4.1 Other Non-IID Zoonotic Diseases

Toxoplasmosis

During 2008, 49 cases of toxoplasmosis were notified compared to 49 in 2007 and 44 in 2006.

Two cases were reported as congenital cases, one of whom died.

The remaining 47 cases ranged in age from 3 years to 75 years (median, 30 years). Of the 47 cases, 34 were female and 15 were male. The high number of cases reported among women of child-bearing age may reflect enhanced testing during pregnancy (see Table).

Brucellosis

During 2008, only three cases of brucellosis were notified compared to 28 in 2007 and 29 notifications in 2006.

All three cases were males in their forties and fifties. The age and sex distribution for brucellosis in recent years in Ireland suggests that occupational exposure is likely to be the main transmission route for this disease.

The case definition permits inclusion of acute and chronic cases. In 2008, two cases were reported as chronic cases; acute/chronic status was not reported for the third case.

Table: Toxoplasmosis notifications by age and sex, Ireland 2008

Age group	Male	Female	Total
<1 yr	0	2	2
1-4 yrs	0	1	1
5-14 yrs	1	1	2
15-24 yrs	7	7	14
25-44 yrs	4	18	22
45-64 yrs	3	4	7
65+ yrs	0	1	1
Total	15	34	49

Table: Brucellosis notifications by age and sex, Ireland 2008

Age group	Male	Female	Total
<5 yr	0	0	0
5-14 yrs	0	0	0
15-24 yrs	0	0	0
25-44 yrs	1	0	1
45-64 yrs	2	0	2
65+ yrs	0	0	0
Total	3	0	3