

Brucellosis

During 2010, two cases of brucellosis were notified compared to zero in 2009 and 3 notifications in 2008. Both cases were adult males. One was reported as chronic.

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 previous years, many cases were reported as chronic cases with only small numbers of acute cases reported.

Echinococcosis

In 2010, there was one notification of echinococcosis in an adult. This is the fourth case of echinococcosis notified in Ireland since the disease became notifiable in 2004; in 2008, two adult cases were notified, and in 2009, one adult case was notified.

Because of the long incubation period for this disease, it is possible that infection occurred many years ago.

Trichinosis

No cases of trichinosis were notified in Ireland in 2010.