

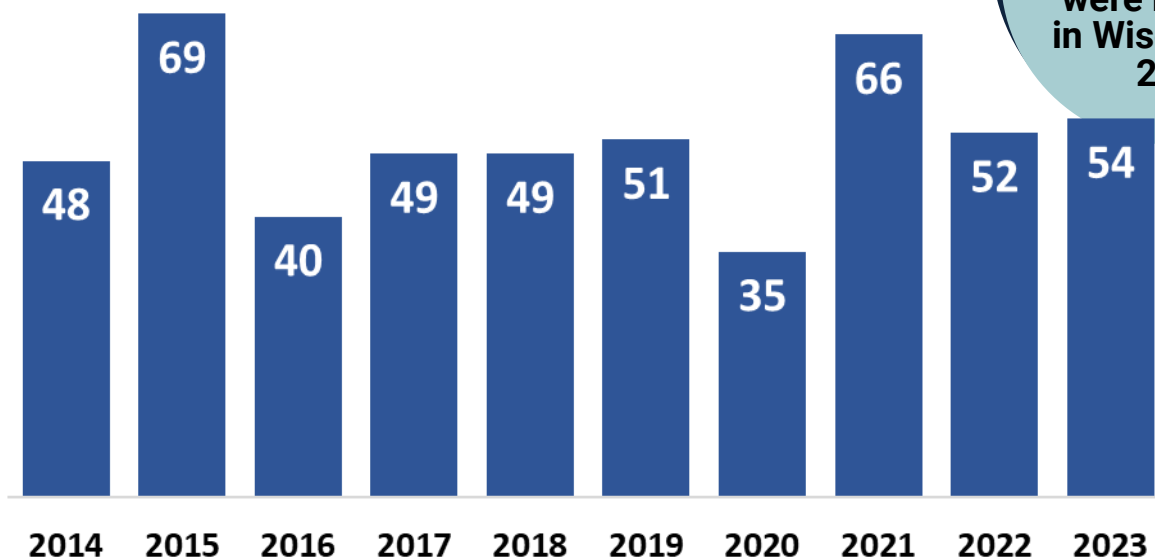
Tuberculosis in Wisconsin

Tuberculosis, or TB, is a disease caused by bacteria called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The bacteria usually attack the lungs (pulmonary TB), but can attack any part of the body (non-pulmonary TB). TB can be spread when a person with active TB disease spreads bacteria into the air by coughing or sneezing. People with TB disease can be treated and cured if they seek medical help for their symptoms.

Not everyone infected with TB bacteria becomes sick. People with latent TB infection do not feel sick, do not have any symptoms, and cannot spread TB. People who have latent TB infection can take medicine so they will never develop active TB.

There were 54 patients diagnosed with TB in Wisconsin in 2023. Most of these patients were exposed to TB outside of the U.S. or had close contact to someone with active TB disease.

Number of People with TB, Wisconsin, 2014-2023



54
cases of
tuberculosis
were reported
in Wisconsin in
2023



Case average

Wisconsin has had an average of 51 TB cases per year during the past 10 years.



Multi-drug resistance

Wisconsin's rate of multi-drug resistant TB is one of the highest in the U.S. Wisconsin treated 13 patients with MDR-TB in the past 10 years.



Deaths

In 2023, five people died from TB or complications of the disease.

