

# The Re-Emergence of Pertussis

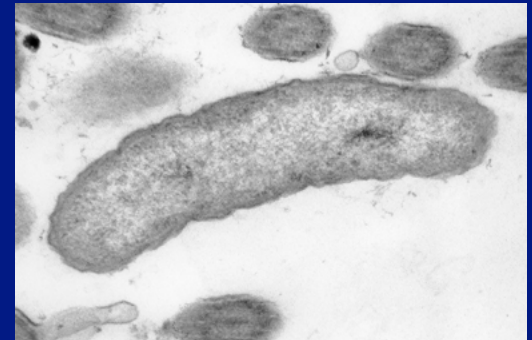
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## Presentation Outline

- ❑ Background and Clinical Characteristics
- ❑ Epidemiology and Vaccination
- ❑ Maximizing Current Vaccination Strategies
- ❑ Current and Future Activities
- ❑ Enhanced Pertussis Surveillance (EIP)



# **BACKGROUND & CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

## **Pertussis (Whooping Cough)**

- ❑ Highly contagious respiratory disease**
- ❑ Severe, debilitating cough illness (“100 day cough”) in persons of all ages**
- ❑ Highest morbidity and mortality among infants**
- ❑ Estimated worldwide deaths > 300,000/yr**
- ❑ Vaccine-preventable**
- ❑ Poorly controlled, despite high vaccine coverage**

# Clinical Course (in weeks)

Communicable Period  
(onset to 3 weeks after start of paroxysmal cough)

Incubation Period  
(typically 5-10 days;  
max 21 days)

Catarrhal Stage (1-2 wks)  
-watery eyes, malaise, runny nose, mild eye inflammation, low-grade fever, late-phase non-productive cough

Convalescent Stage  
(weeks to months)  
-paroxysms gradually improve but can recur w/ respiratory infections



Paroxysmal Stage (1-6 wks)  
-paroxysms followed by inspiratory whooping sound, post-tussive cyanosis, vomiting  
-infants <6 m: apnea, bradycardia, poor feeding, Prolonged cough, no paroxysms

# Infant Pertussis



Source: Shot of Prevention, Brady passed away at just 2 months from pertussis

- ❑ **Young infants at highest risk of disease and complications**
- ❑ **Atypical symptoms:**
  - ❑ Catarrhal stage and cough may be minimal or absent
  - ❑ Apnea (sometimes with seizures)
  - ❑ Sneezing, gagging, choking, vomiting
  - ❑ Whoop infrequent
- ❑ **Cough illness among close contacts**
- ❑ **Presumptive treatment should begin immediately**

## **Pertussis among Adolescents and Adults**

- ❑ **Wide spectrum of presentation**
  - Disease often milder than in infants and children
  - May be asymptomatic
  - Can be quite severe and with classic presentation
- ❑ **Clinically difficult to distinguish from other causes of cough illness**
- ❑ **Persons with mild disease can transmit infection**

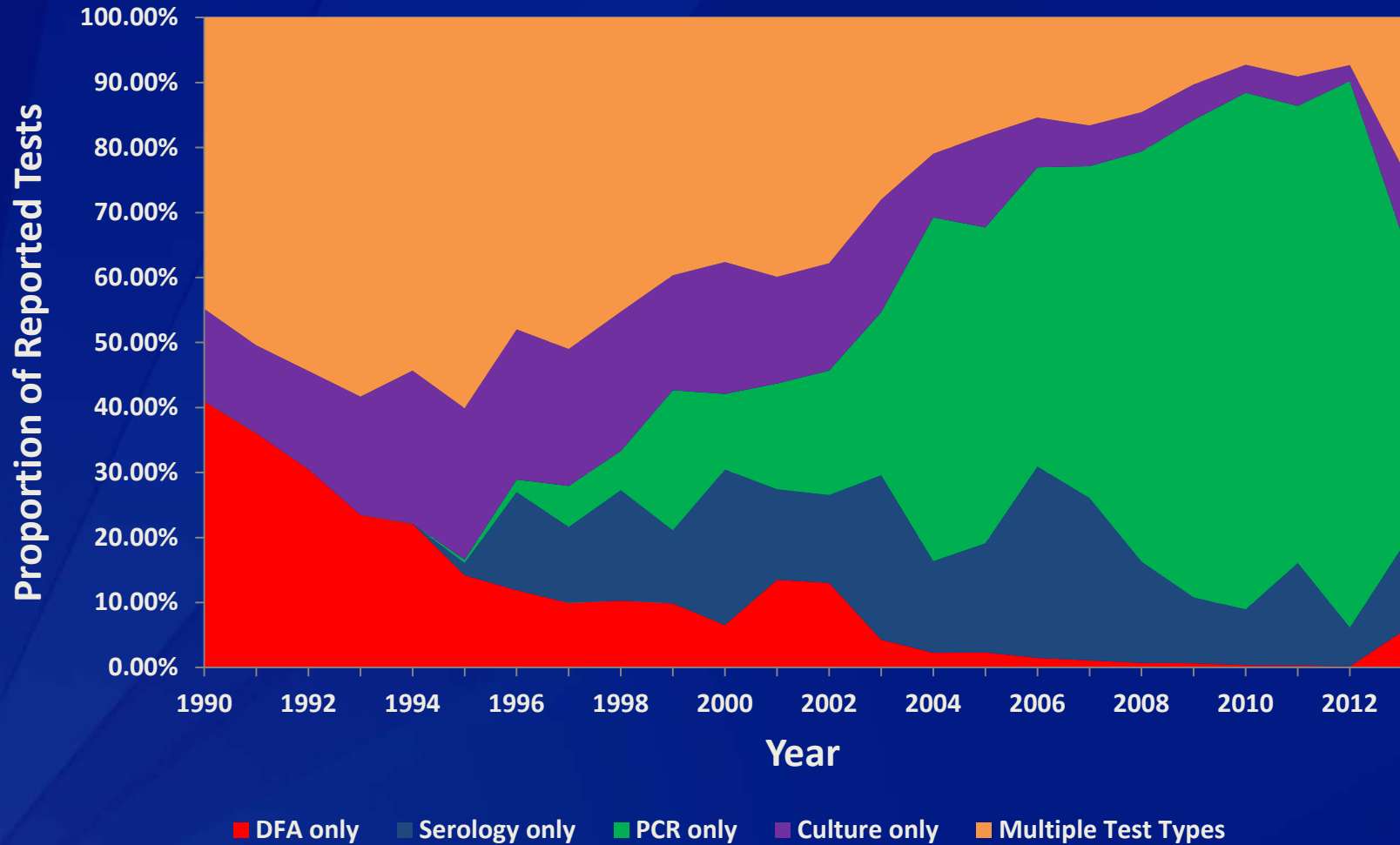
# **EPIDEMIOLOGY AND VACCINATION**



# Pertussis Surveillance and Reporting

- ❑ **Nationally notifiable**
- ❑ **Clinical (Probable) case**
  - Cough  $\geq 2$  weeks *AND*
  - One among paroxysms, whoop, post-tussive vomiting
- ❑ **Confirmed case**
  - Culture with cough of any duration *OR*
  - Clinical case and PCR positive *OR*
  - Clinical case and epi-linked to a laboratory-confirmed case
- ❑ **Revisions to infant (<1yr) definition for 2014**
  - Add apnea to list of case-defining clinical symptoms
  - Classify PCR positive *or* epi-linked cases occurring among infants with cough of any duration *and* one other clinical symptom as “probable”

# Proportion of All Reported Pertussis Tests by Type, 1990-2012



# Pertussis Immunization in the US

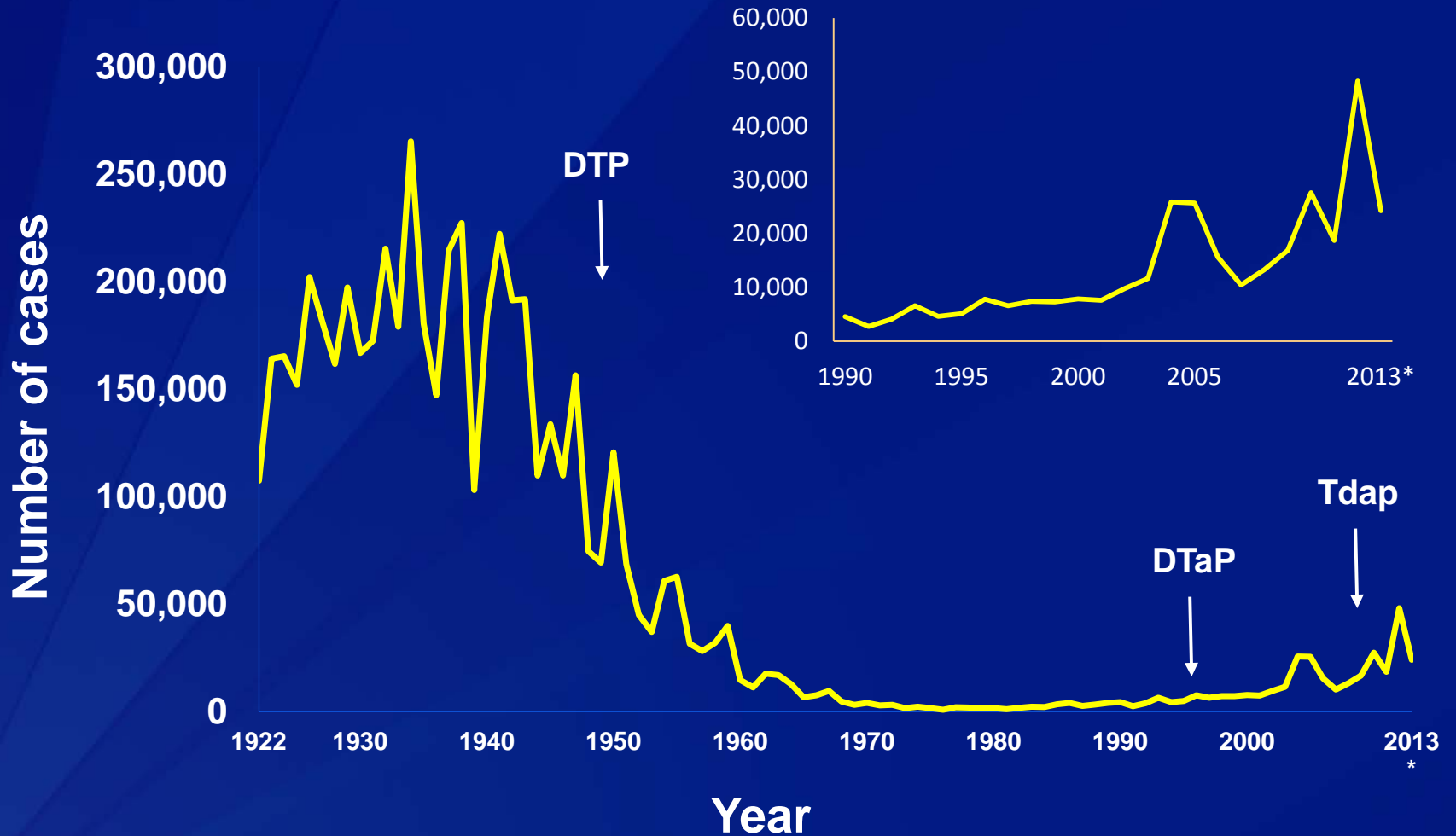
## □ Infants/children

- Widely used since 1940s
- Transitioned from DTP to DTaP throughout the 1990s
- DTaP at 2, 4, 6 months (1997); 15-18 months (1992); 4-6 years (1992)
- Children 7 through 10 years not fully immunized against pertussis should receive a single dose of Tdap

## □ Adolescents/adults

- Licensed in 2005, recommended in 2006
- Single Tdap, preferred at 11-12 years
- All adolescents/adults who did not receive at 11-12 years should receive a single dose as soon as feasible (includes those 65 yr and older)
  - Tdap can be administered regardless of interval since the previous Td dose

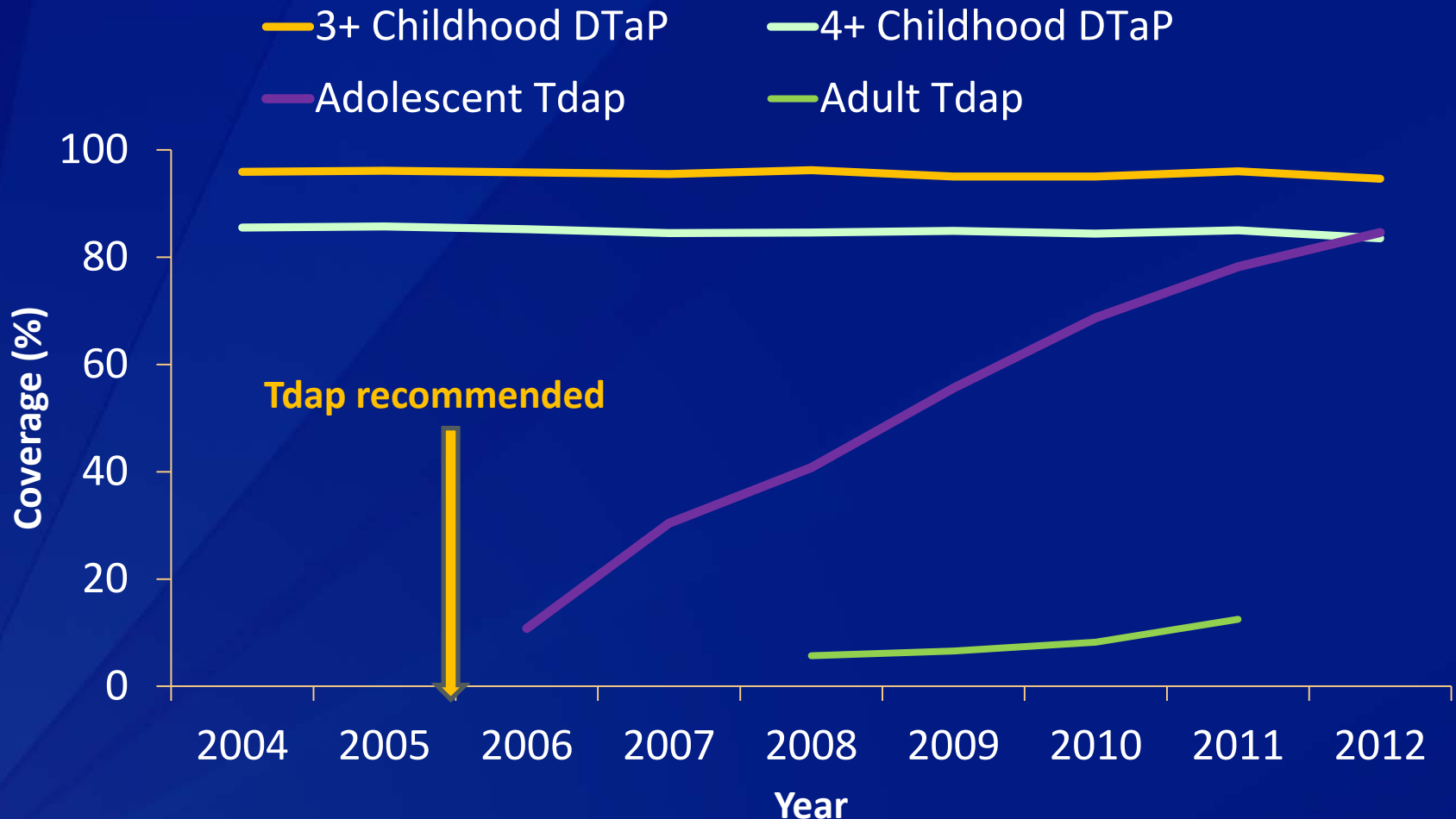
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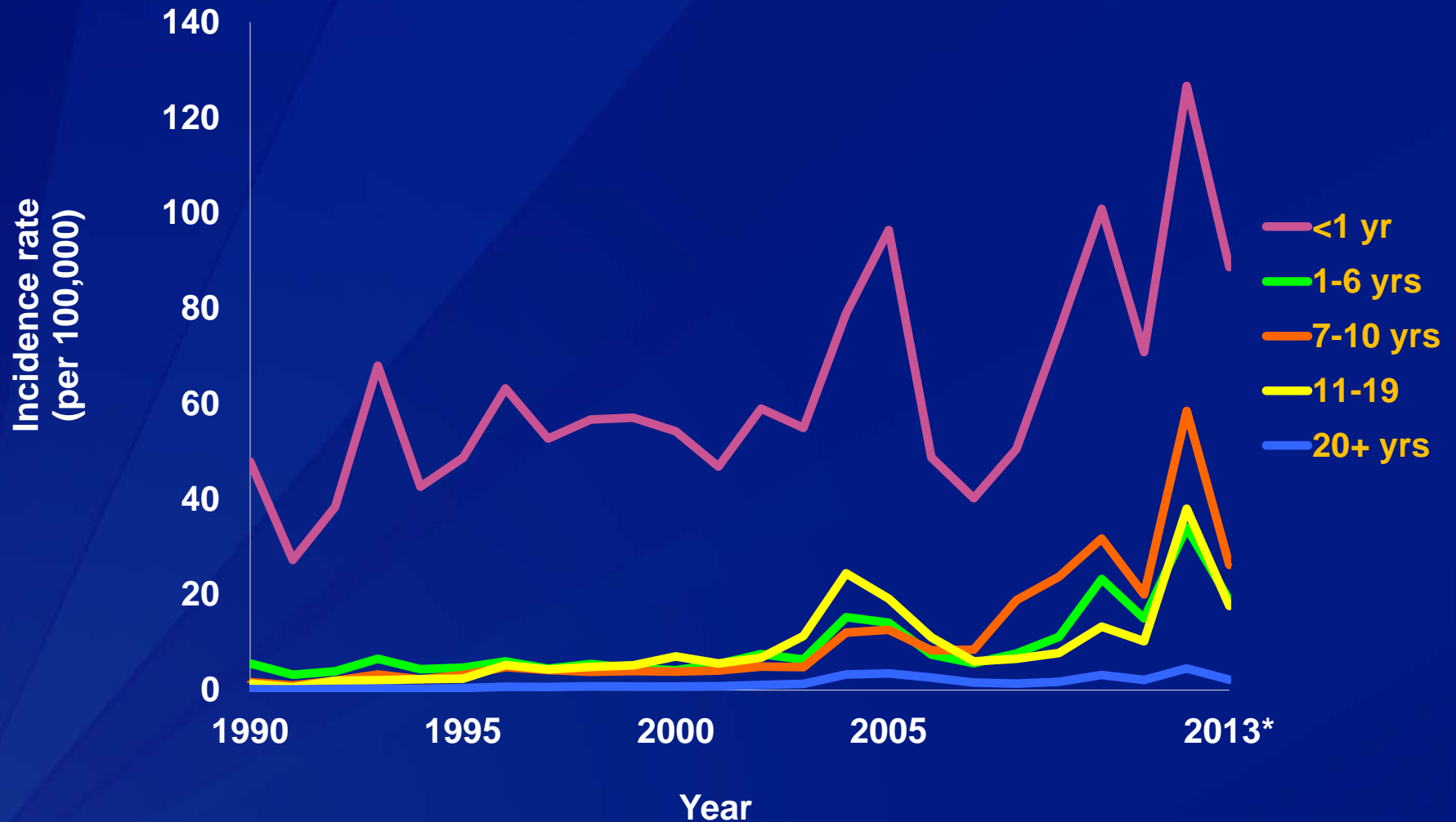
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# DTaP Coverage Among Children and Tdap Coverage Among Adolescents and Adults



\*CDC National Immunization Survey: DTaP among children aged 19 through 35 months, Tdap coverage among adolescents aged 13 through 17 years. Coverage among adults aged 19 through 64 years from National Health Information Survey

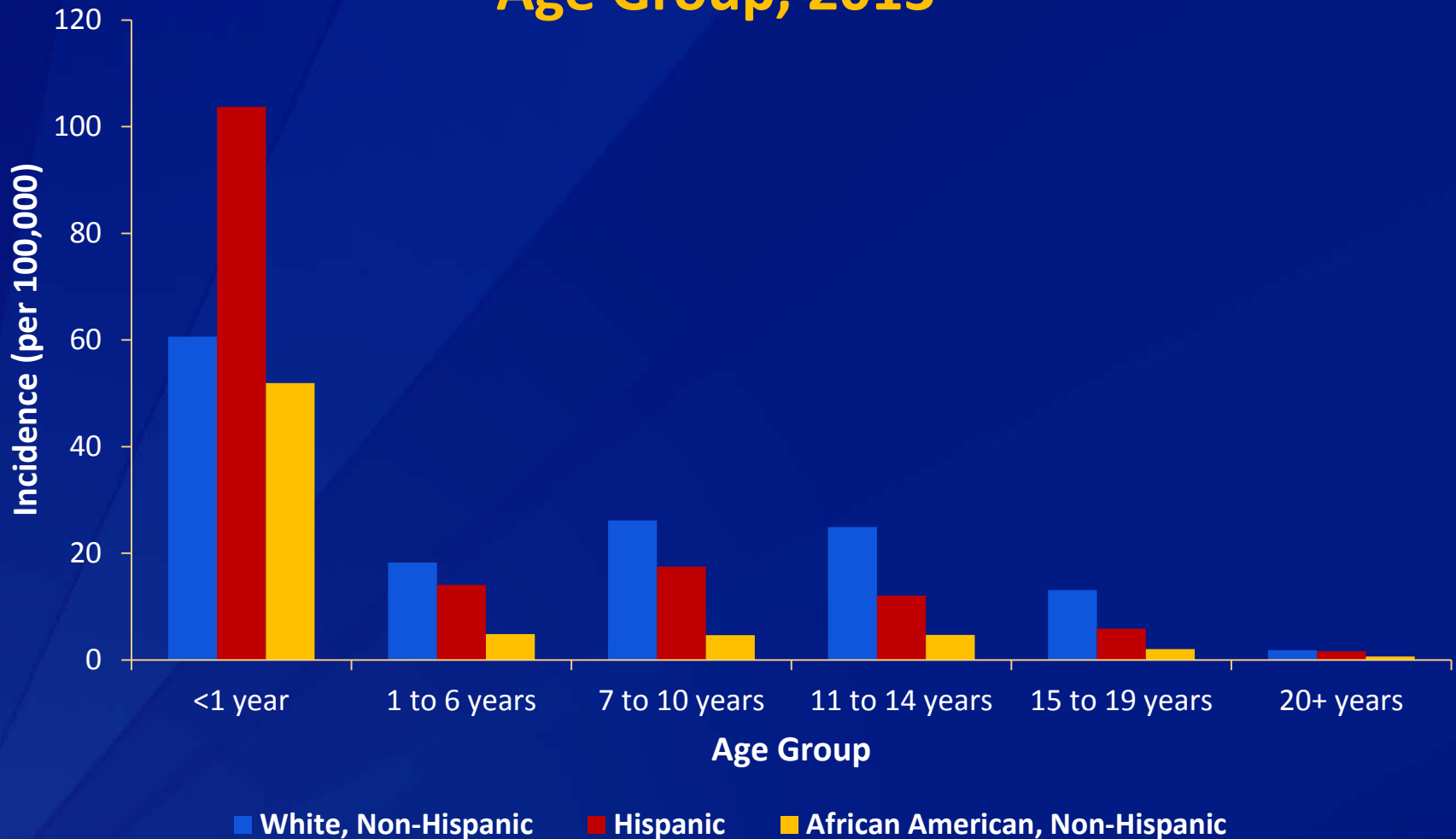
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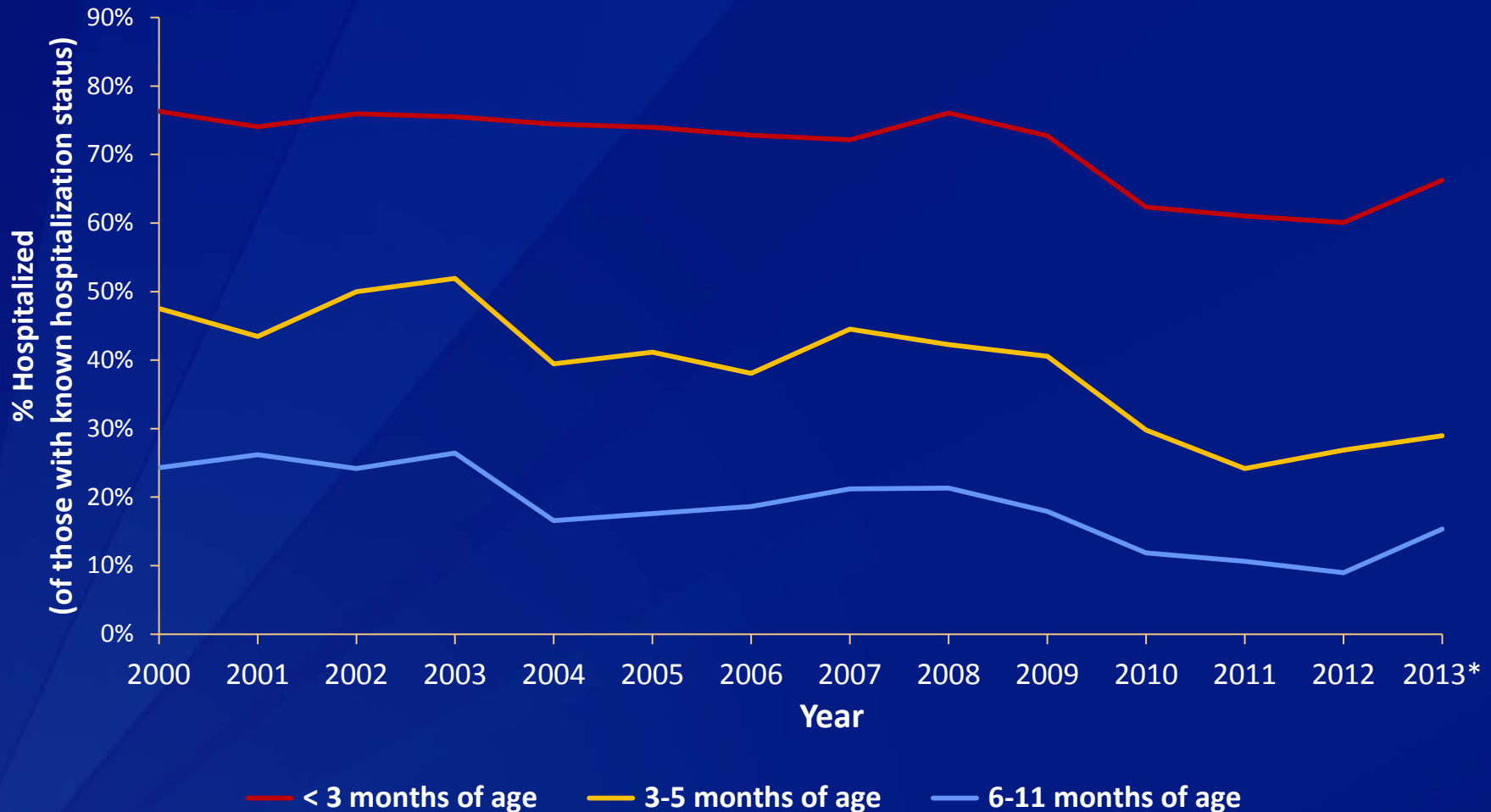
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# Pertussis Incidence by Race/Ethnicity and Age Group, 2013\*



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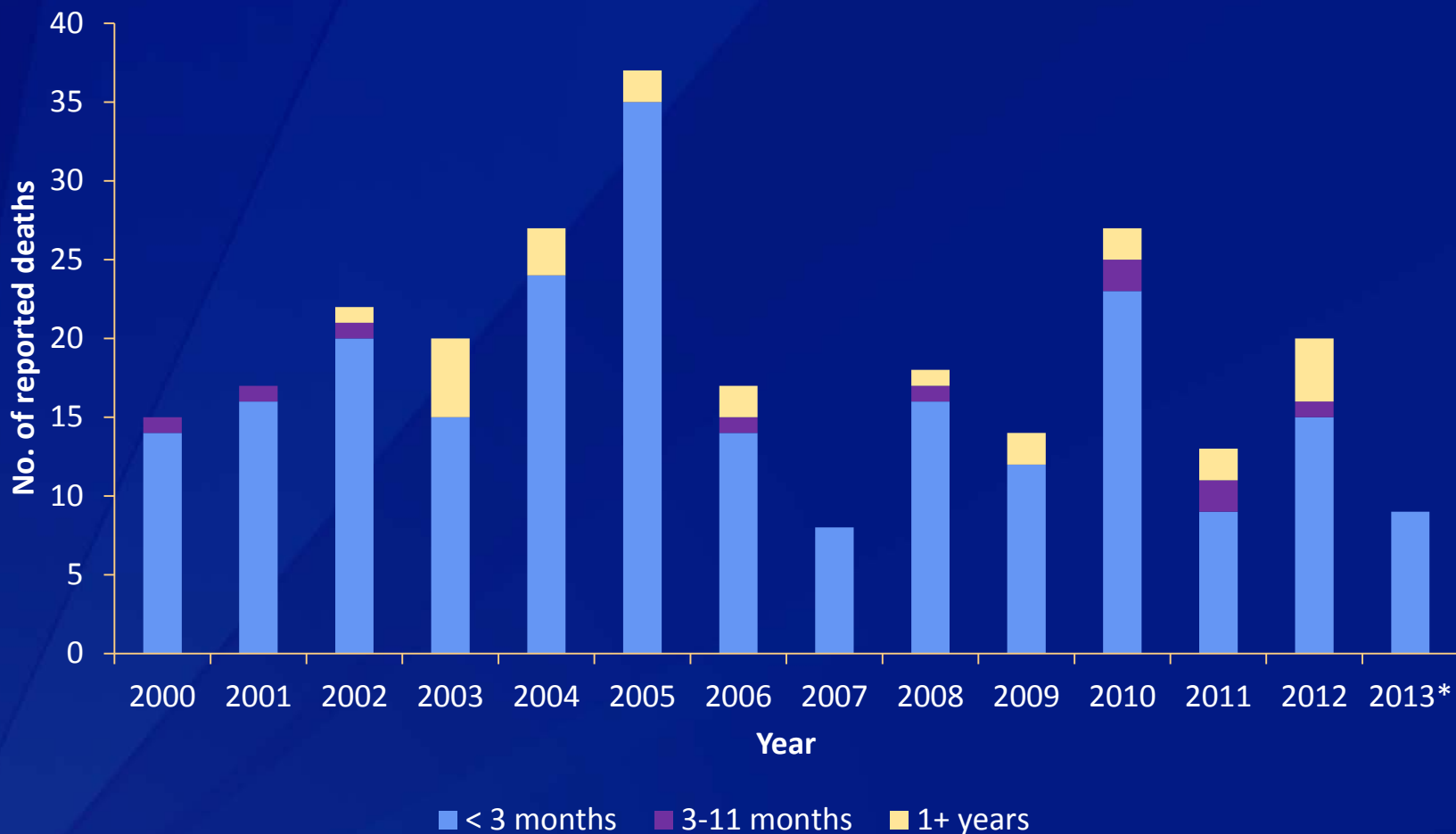
# Infant Pertussis Hospitalizations by Age Group, 2000 to 2013\*



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## Pertussis Deaths by Age Group, 2000-2013\*



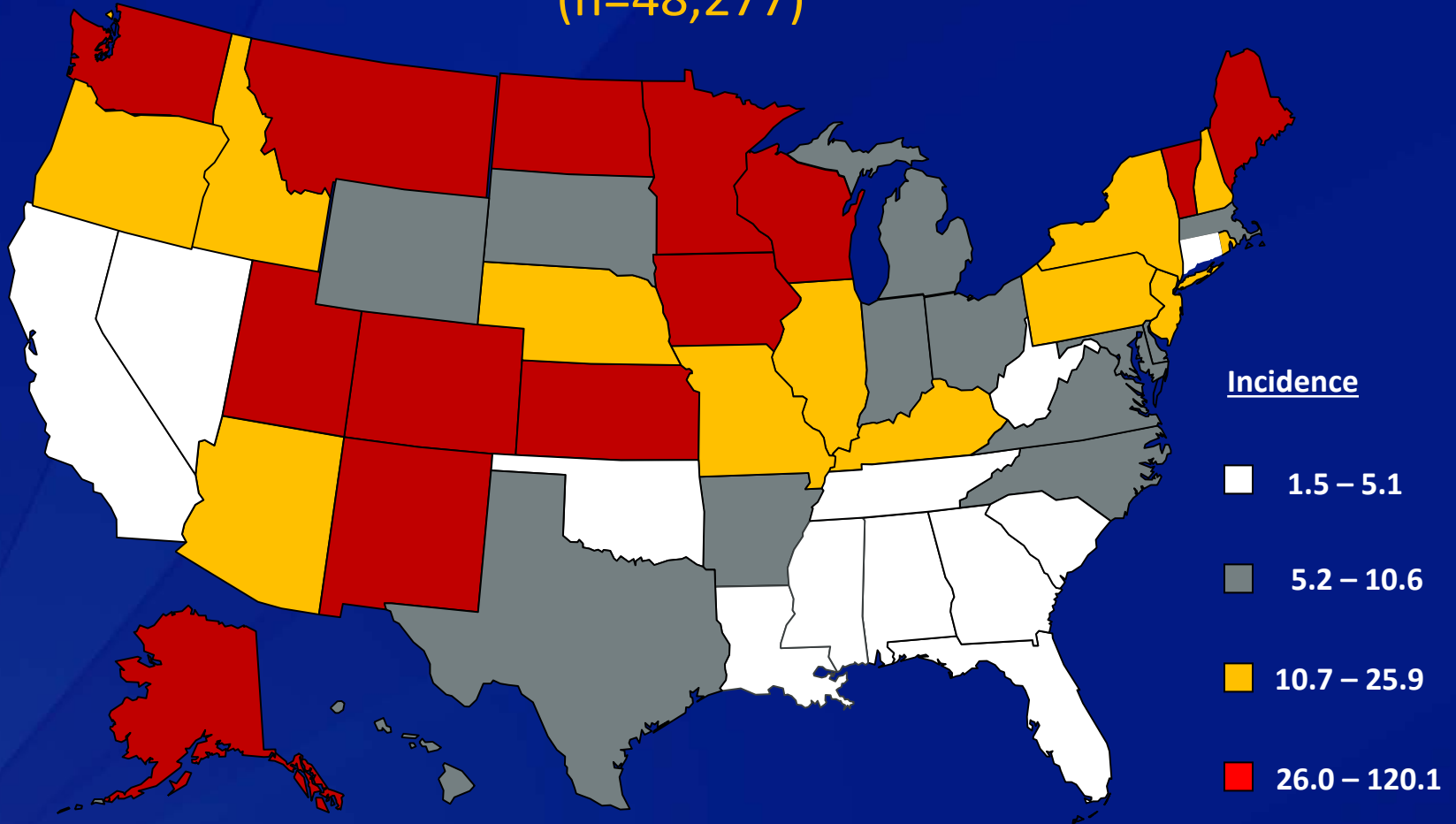
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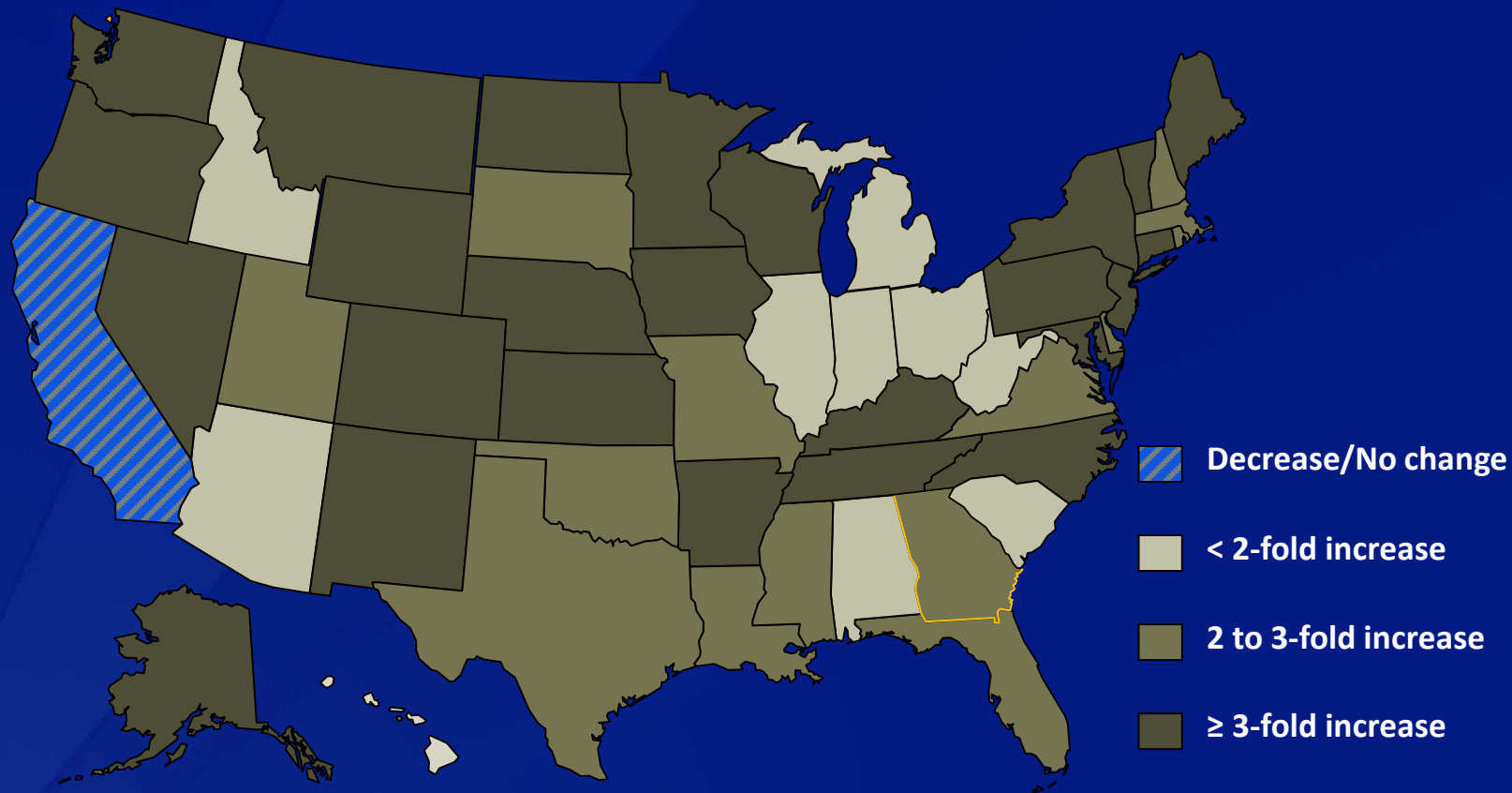
# Annual Incidence, by State, 2012

2012 Incidence = 15.4

(n=48,277)



# Changes in Pertussis Reporting by State from 2011 to 2012 †

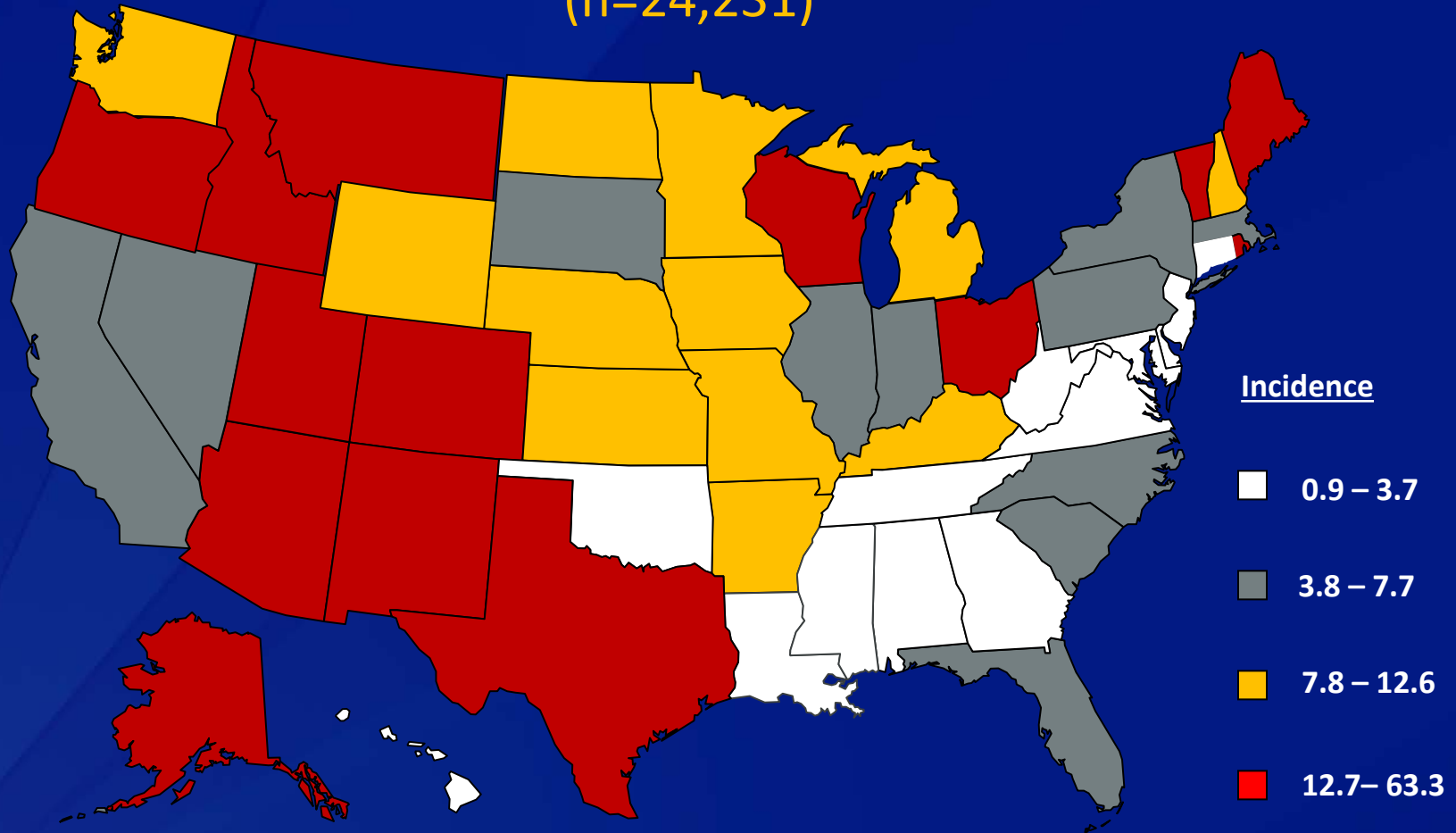


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# Annual Incidence by State, 2013\*

2013 Incidence = 7.7

(n=24,231)

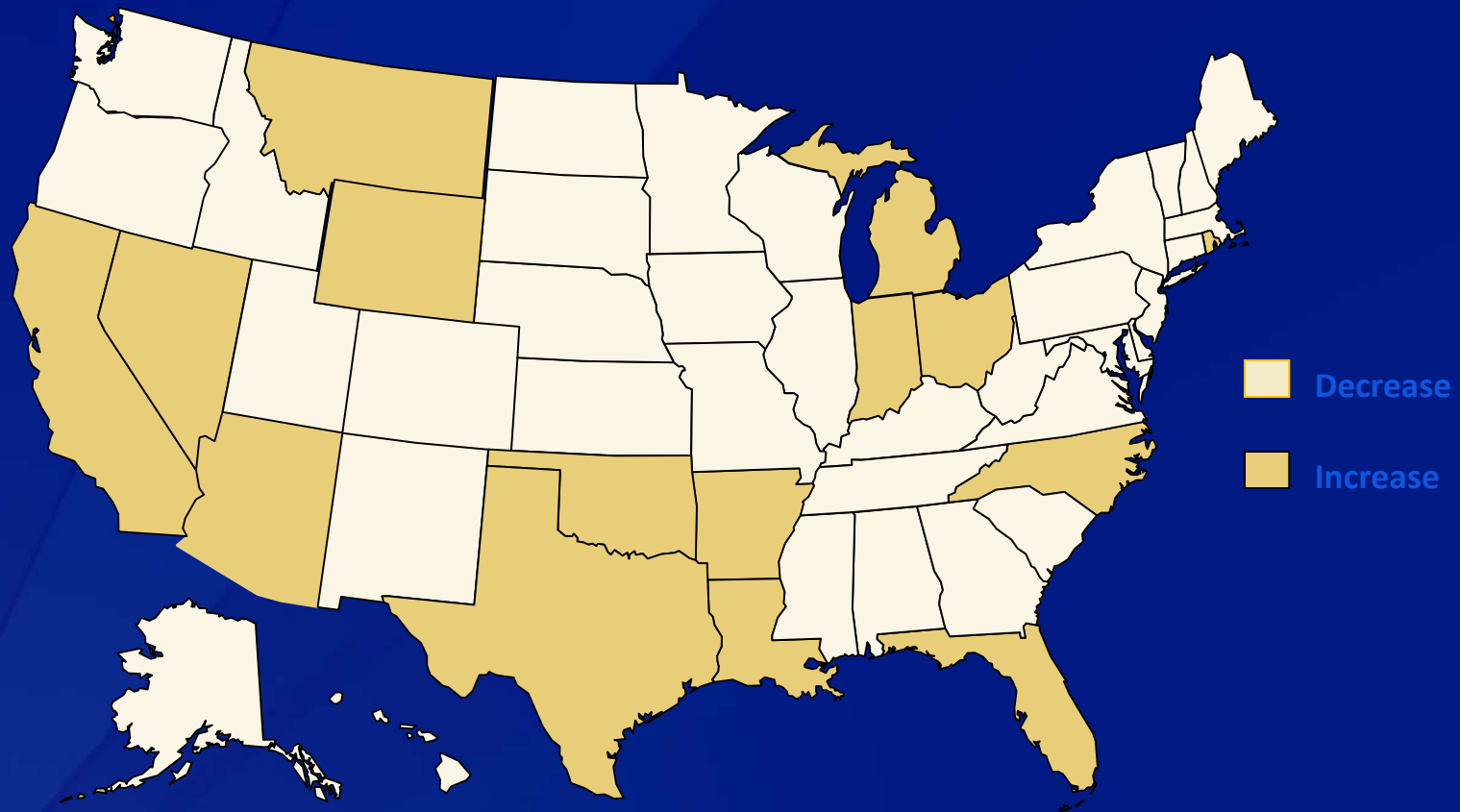


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2012 Census projections used for population estimates; Incidence is per 100,000 population

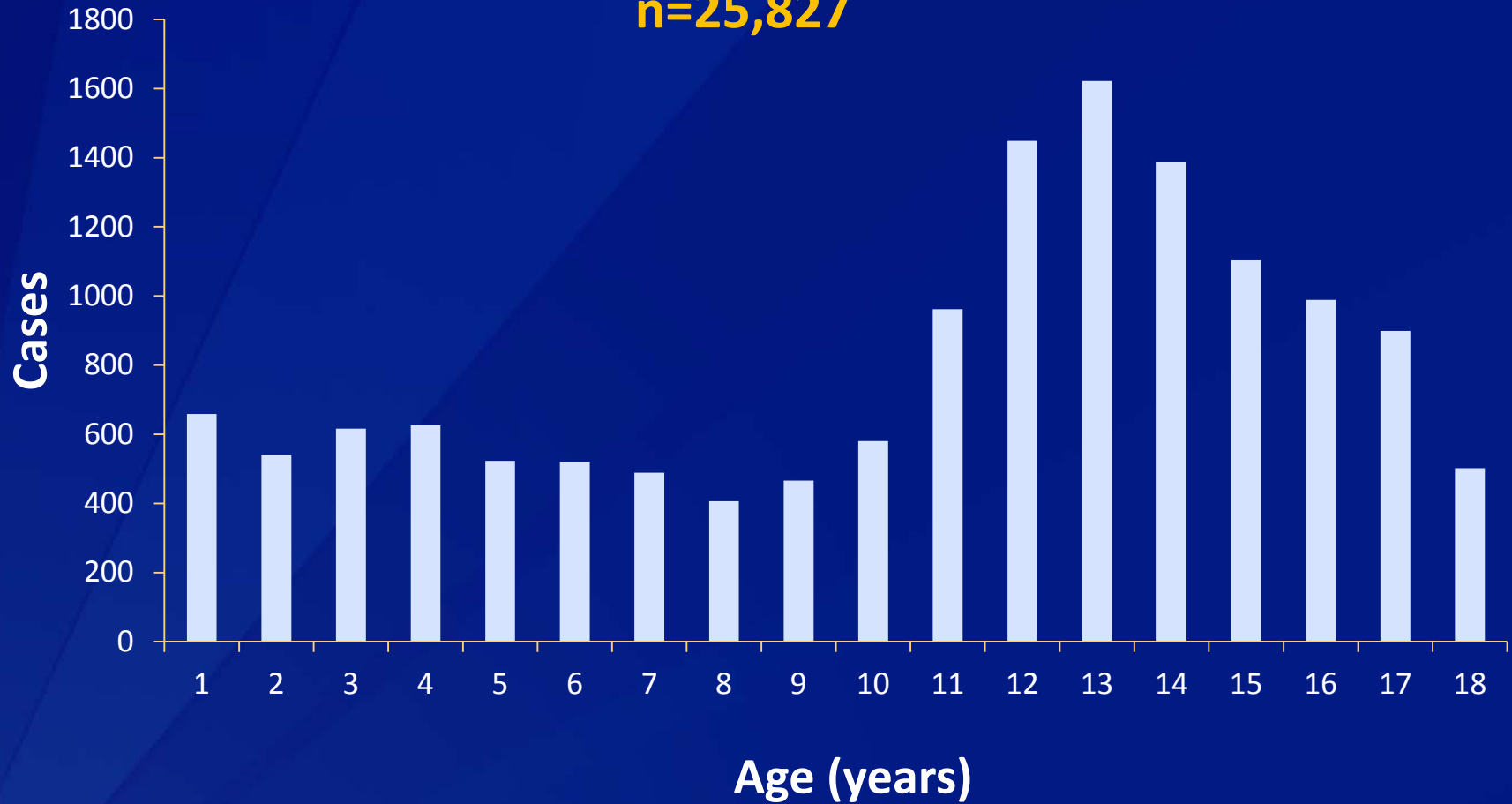
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# U.S. Pertussis Cases by Age — 2004

n=25,827



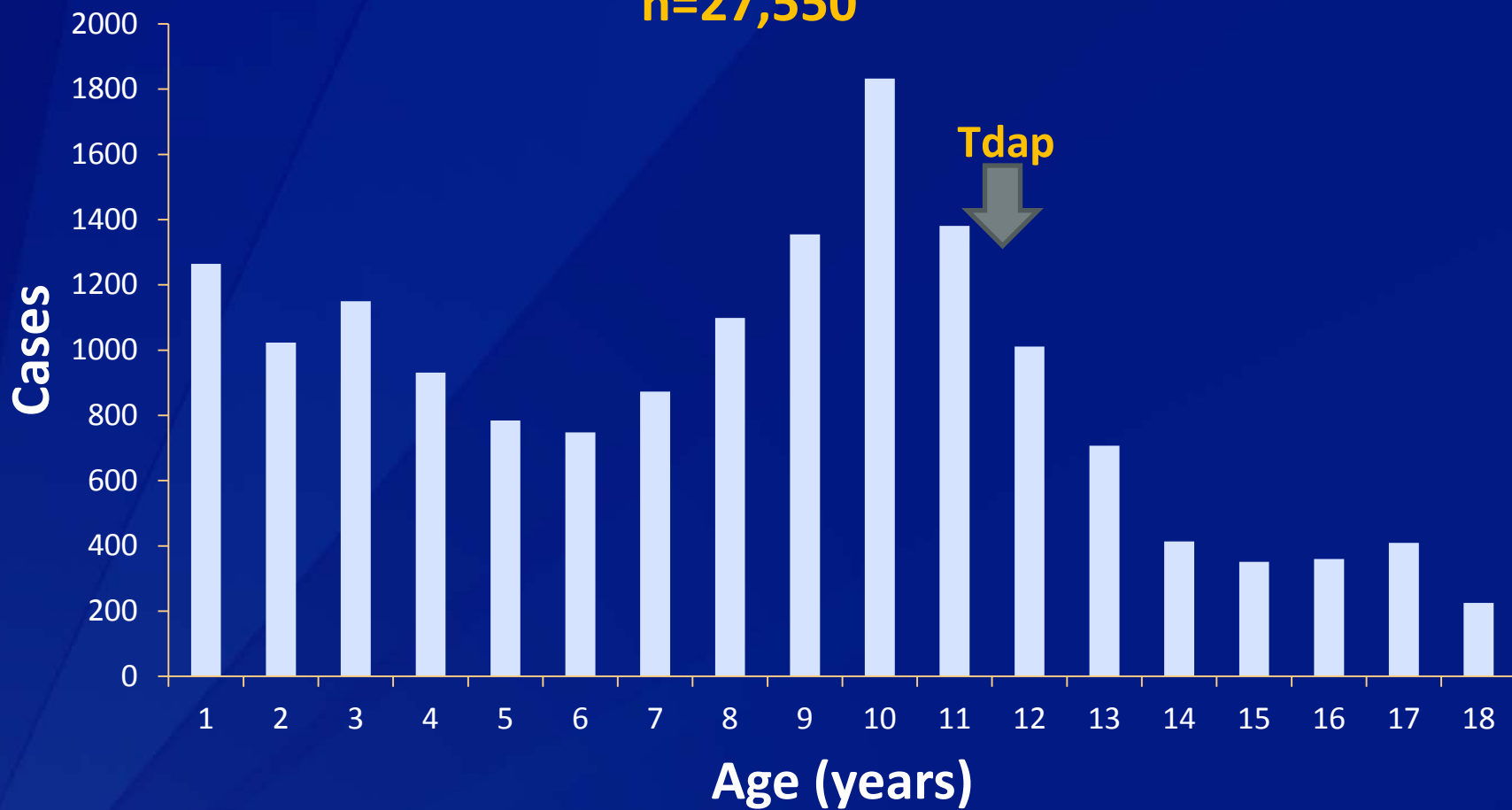
Vaccine  
Type  
Received\*



Transition Period

# U.S. Pertussis Cases by Age – 2010

n=27,550



Vaccine Type Received\*

Acellular Only

Transition Period

Whole Cell and Acellular

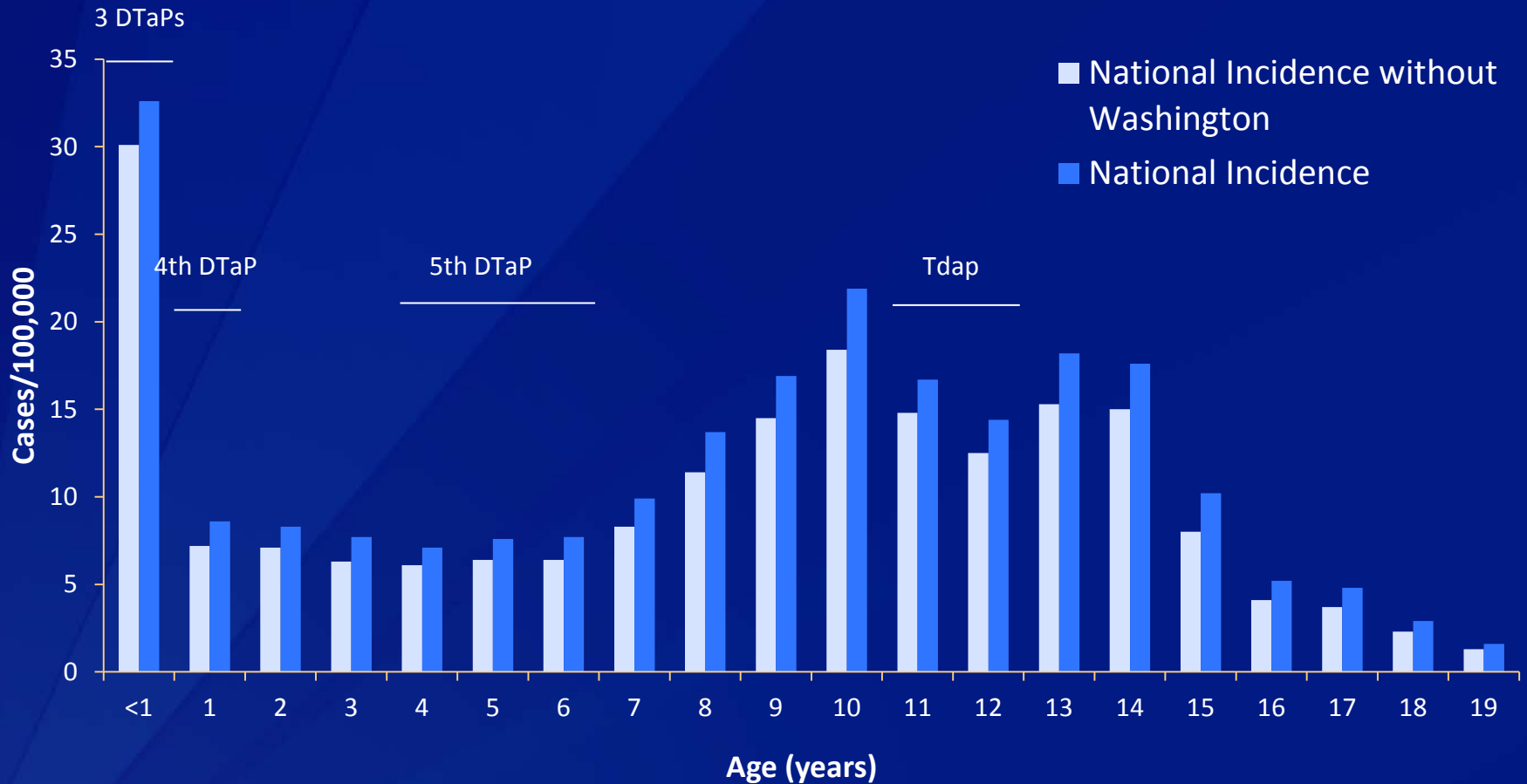
## Overall DTaP VE & Duration of Protection Estimates—California, 2010

Model *	Case (n)	Control (n)	VE, %	95% CI
Overall VE, All Ages				
0 dose	53	19	Ref	--
5 doses	629	1,997	88.7	79.4 – 93.8
Time since 5 <sup>th</sup> dose				
0 doses	53	19	Ref	--
< 12 months	19	354	98.1	96.1 – 99.1
12 – 23 months	51	391	95.3	91.2 – 97.5
24 – 35 months	79	366	92.3	86.6 – 95.5
36 – 47 months	108	304	87.3	76.2 – 93.2
48 – 59 months	141	294	82.8	68.7 – 90.6
60+ months	231	288	71.2	45.8 – 84.8

\* Accounting for clustering by county and provider  
Misegades et al. JAMA 2012; 308(20):2126-2132.

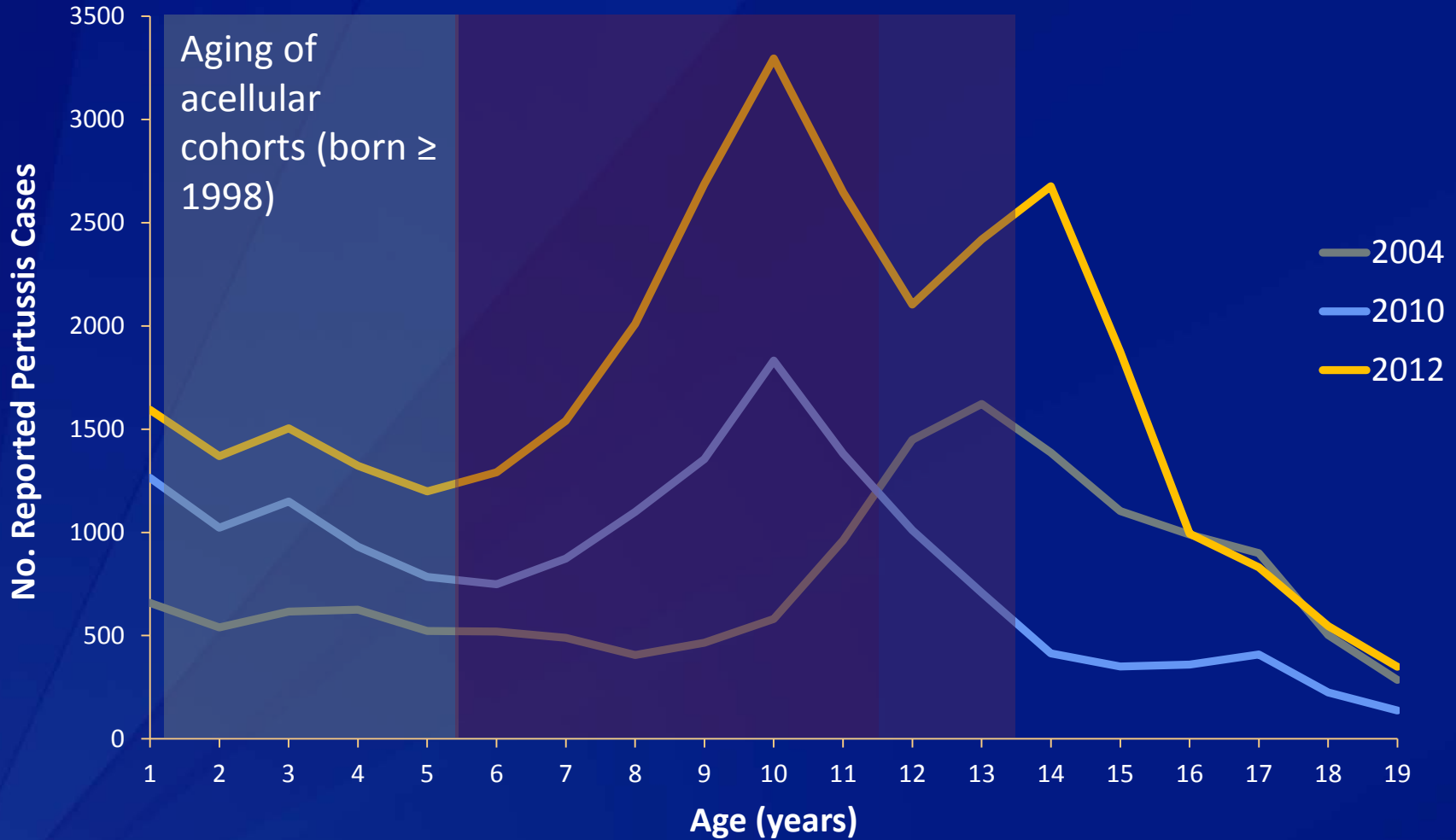


# U.S. Pertussis Cases by Age — 2012



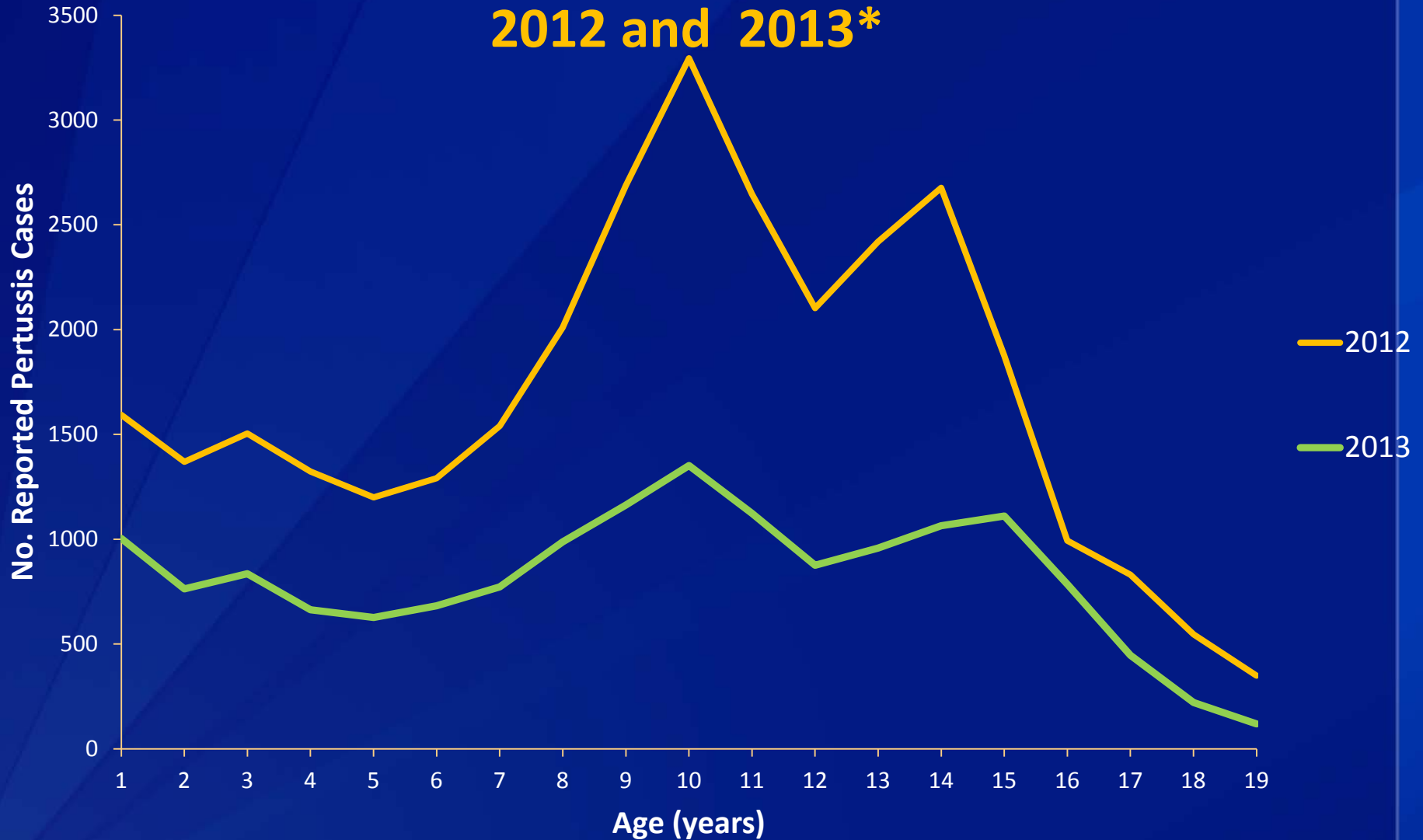
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# U.S. Pertussis Cases by Age: 2004, 2010, 2012



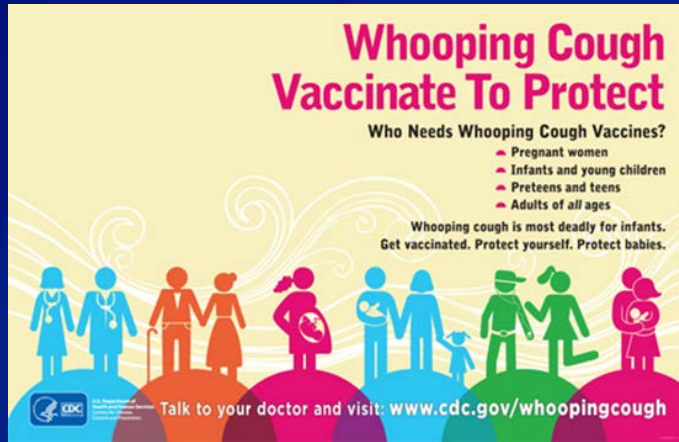
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# U.S. Pertussis Cases by Age, 2012 and 2013\*



# Hypotheses/Contributing Factors

- ❑ **Rapid waning of aP-induced immunity after vaccination**
- ❑ **Surveillance bias**
  - Improved diagnosis and reporting likely contributing to increasing incidence
  - *However*, changes in risk by age strongly suggests cohort effect
- ❑ **Vaccine refusal or under-vaccination**
  - *However*, coverage is high/increasing; majority of cases vaccinated and outbreaks are widespread
- ❑ **Selective pressure of vaccination on circulating strains**
  - Allelic polymorphisms exist; predominant strains differ from vaccine strains
  - Recent emergence of pertactin-deficient strains, a key pertussis acellular vaccine antigen that mediates adherence to upper respiratory epithelium
  - *However*, conflicting evidence for strain change correlating with changes in epidemiology or vaccination



# MAXIMIZING CURRENT PERTUSSIS VACCINATION STRATEGIES

## **ACIP Conclusions for Not Recommending a Second Tdap, June 2013**

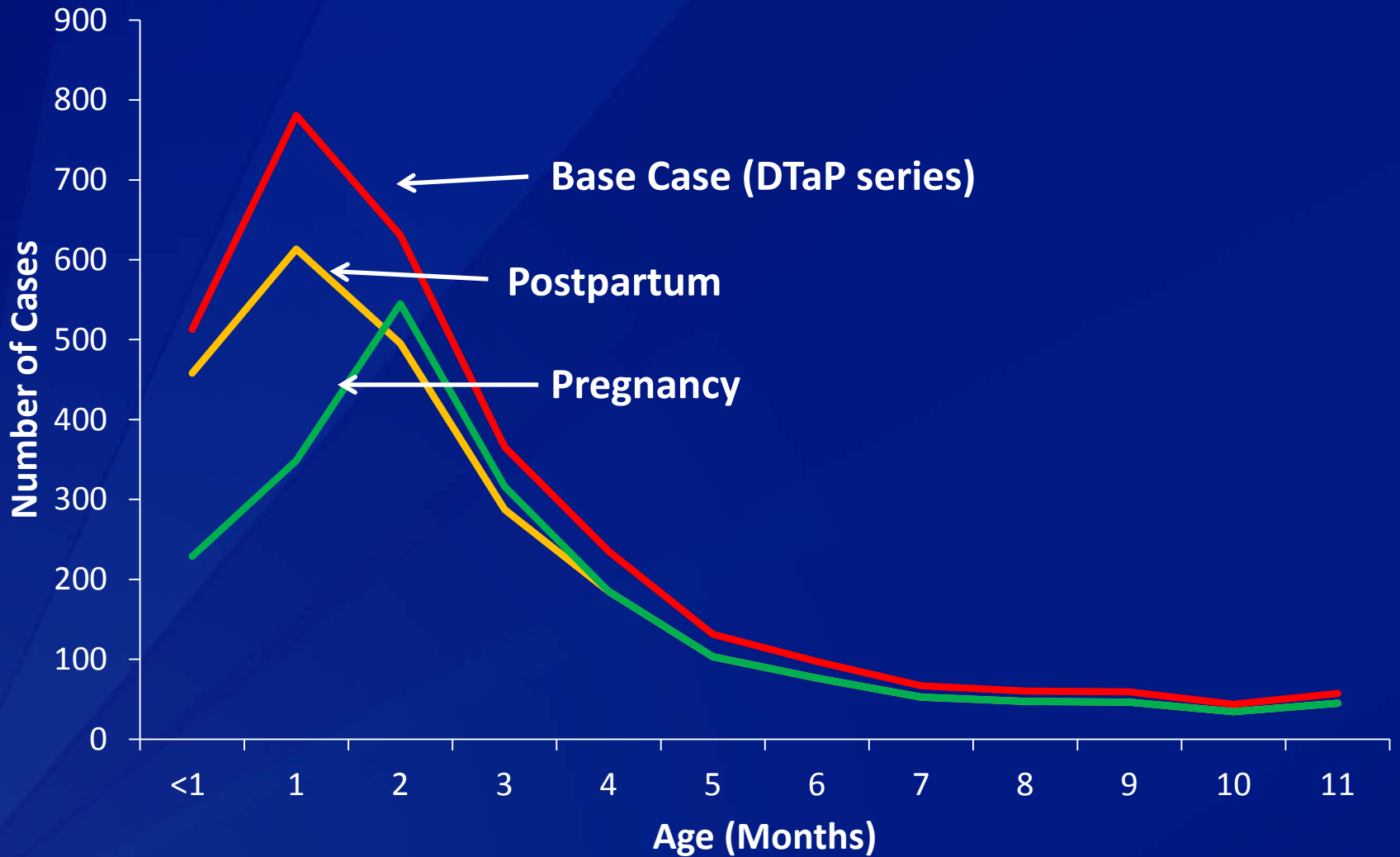
- ❑ Data do not support recommendation for second Tdap in general population**
  - No change to current Tdap recommendation
  - Focus on preventing pertussis in infants
    - Pregnant women receive Tdap during each pregnancy
  
- ❑ Universal recommendation for second Tdap not favored but willing to consider revaccination of “at risk” populations**
  - Anticipates limited impact on overall disease burden

## Vaccination During Pregnancy



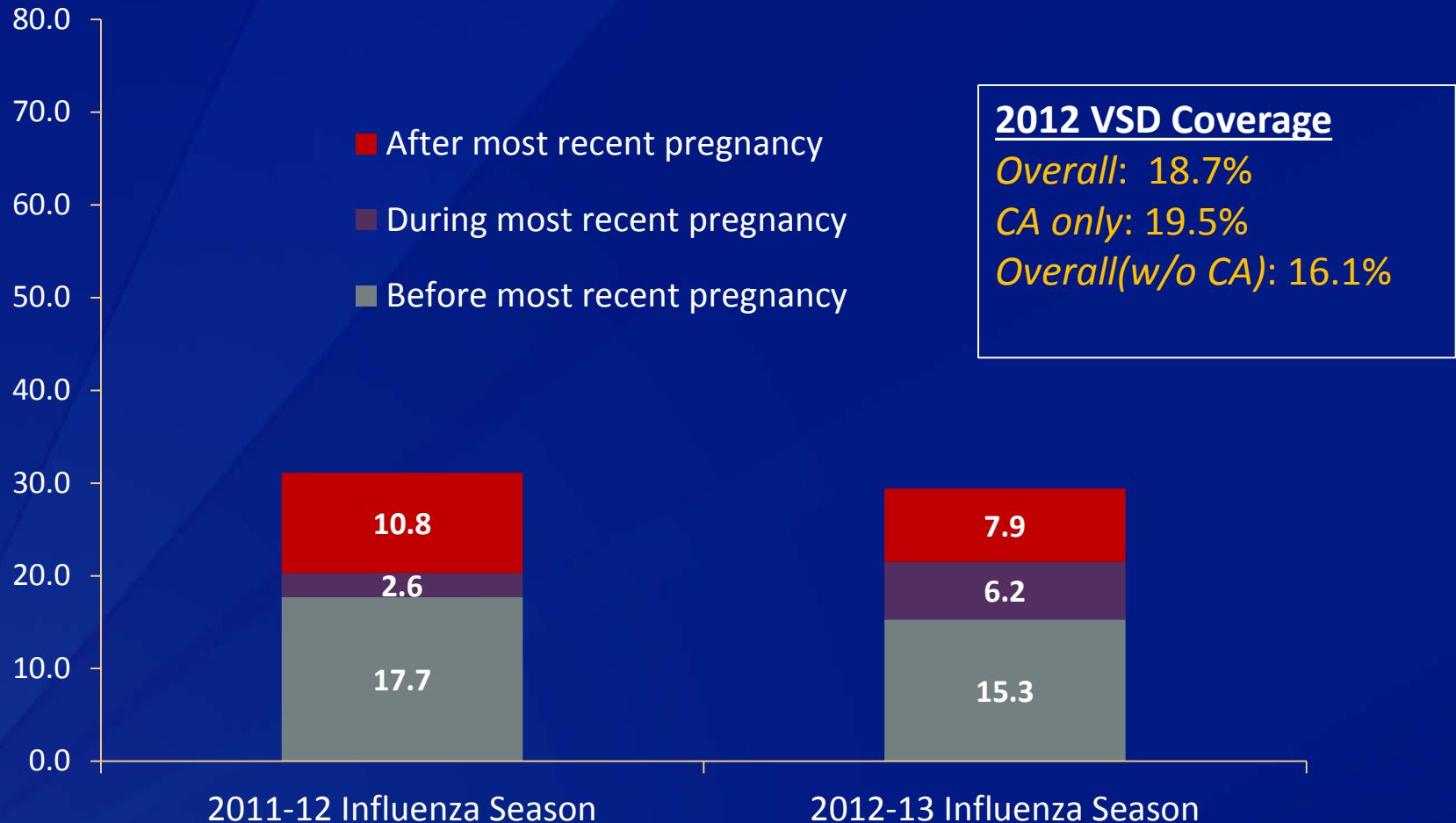
- ❑ Believed to be the most effective means of protecting young infants
- ❑ Provides earlier benefit to mother, thereby protecting infant at birth
- ❑ High levels of transplacental maternal antibodies in infants of mothers vaccinated during pregnancy
  - Likely provides direct immunity to infant
- ❑ Women should receive a dose of Tdap with every pregnancy
  - Optimal timing between 27 and 36 weeks gestation to maximize maternal antibody response and passive antibody transfer to infant

# Projected Number of Infant Cases Under a Postpartum versus Pregnancy Tdap Program Relative to No Maternal Vaccination





# Tdap Vaccination Coverage Among Pregnant Women, By Stage of Pregnancy, 2011-12 and 2012-13 Influenza Seasons—Preliminary Results



• Source: Internet Panel Survey. Women aged 18–49 years who were pregnant at any time since August of the prior year (e.g. 2012 for the April 2013 survey) were recruited in a general population internet panel operated by Survey Sampling International

## Effectiveness of Vaccination During Pregnancy

- ❑ **Early evaluation of the maternal pertussis vaccination program in the UK is encouraging**
  - High vaccine coverage during pregnancy
  - High vaccine effectiveness when it was administered a month prior to baby's birth
  - No evidence of safety risks to mother or baby
  
- ❑ **EIP case-control evaluation of the effectiveness of maternal vaccination during pregnancy**

## Current and Future CDC Activities

- ❑ **Increasing evidence base for new vaccines or strategies**
  - Clinical/epi relevance of strain changes - molecular characterization of isolates
  - DTaP and Tdap VE against pertactin-deficient pertussis
  - Immunology studies
- ❑ **Evaluation of maternal vaccination recommendation**
  - Maternal Tdap vaccination effectiveness
  - Blood spot study
  - Formative research (KAP survey of OB/GYNs and pregnant women)
- ❑ **Treatment and chemoprophylaxis studies**
  - 3 vs. 5 day Azithromycin
  - 2<sup>o</sup> transmission following PEP

## Current and Future CDC Activities, cont.

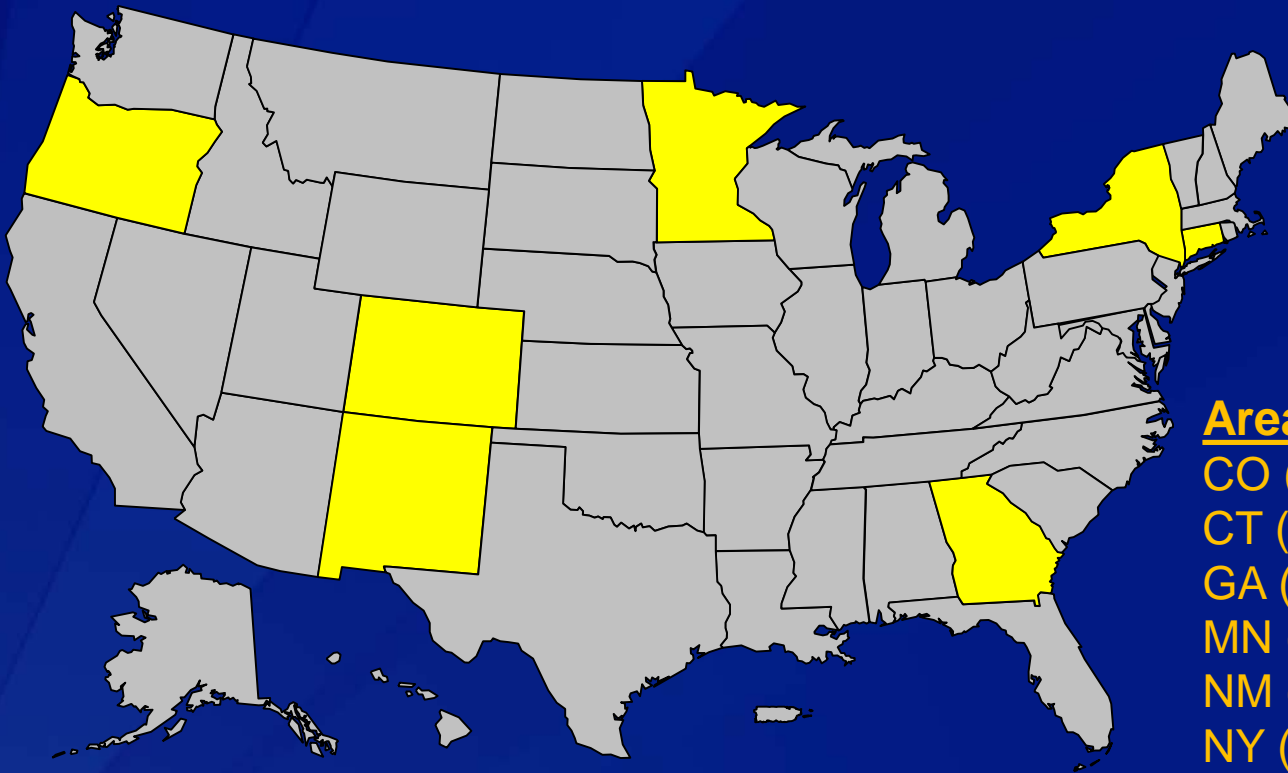
- ❑ **Economic Analyses**
  - Cost-effectiveness of vaccination
  - Cost of pertussis
- ❑ **Assessing temporal trends in susceptibility/infection**
  - Serosurvey and mathematical modeling
- ❑ **Additional changes to CSTE case definition (serology/PCR)**
- ❑ **Enhanced Pertussis Surveillance/Emerging Infection Program Network (EIP)**

# **ENHANCED PERTUSSIS SURVEILLANCE (EPS)**

# Enhanced Pertussis Surveillance (EPS)

- ❑ **Established within EIP in 2011**
- ❑ **Builds upon existing pertussis surveillance infrastructure**
  - Improved completeness and quality of data
  - Augmented data collection
  - Routine isolate collection
- ❑ **Objectives**
  - Describe the epidemiology and molecular characteristics of *B. pertussis*
  - Describe the epidemiology and molecular characteristics of other *Bordetella* species
  - Provide an infrastructure for special studies

# Enhanced Pertussis Surveillance (EPS): Sites



## Areas

CO (5 counties)

CT (state)

GA (8 counties)

MN (state)

NM (state)

NY (15 counties)

OR (3 counties)

**Covers 6.8% % of US population**

# Enhanced Pertussis Surveillance (EPS): Data Collection

## Case Report Form

### NNDSS form as foundation

- Source of infant infection (relationship)
- Pregnancy status
- # of physician visits prior to diagnosis
- # of residents in household
- Date of death
- Coinfection with another *Bordetella* species
- Maternal Tdap vaccination history
- Reason for insufficient infant cough
- Healthcare personnel
- Cyanosis

### Annual review of form; flexibility to add new questions

The image shows the 2014 Enhanced Pertussis Surveillance Case Report Form, a standardized document for data collection. It is titled "2014 Enhanced Pertussis Surveillance Case Report Form" and is a component of the Emerging Infections Program Network. The form is organized into several sections:

- DEMOGRAPHICS:** Includes fields for State ID, Form Status, State, Zip Code, Sex, Birth Date, County, Age, Age Type, Race (with checkboxes for Native American/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, African American, Other, White, Unknown), Ethnicity, and Event Date.
- Event Information:** Includes Event Type (Onset Date, Diagnosis Date, Lab Test Done, Reported to County, Reported to State or MMR Report Date, Unknown), Report Status (Confirmed, Probable, Suspect, Unknown), and Final BORDETELLA Species Identified by Laboratory Test for Pertussis (Pertussis, Non-Pertussis, Parapertussis, Branchiostoma).
- CLINICAL DATA:** Includes Any Cough?, Cough Onset Date, Paroxysmal Cough?, Whoop?, Pertussis Vomiting?, Apnea?, Cyanosis?, Cough at Final Interview?, Final Interview Date, Reason for Insufficient Infant Cough?, Number of Healthcare Visits, and Duration of Cough at Final Interview.
- COMPLICATIONS:** Includes X-Ray for Pneumonia?, Seizures?, Acute Encephalopathy?, Died?, and Date of Death.
- Hospitalization:** Includes Hospitalized?, Days Hospitalized, Admission Date, and Discharge Date.
- TREATMENT:** Includes Antibiotics Given?, 1st Antibiotic Received (Erythromycin, Clarithromycin/Azithromycin, Tetracycline/Doxycycline, Cotrimoxazole, Amoxicillin/Penicillin/Respirator, Augmentin/Cefaclor/Cefuroxime, Other, Unknown), Date 1st Antibiotic Started, Days 1st Antibiotic Actually Taken, 2nd Antibiotic Received, Date 2nd Antibiotic Started, and Days 2nd Antibiotic Actually Taken.



## Enhanced Pertussis Surveillance (EPS): 2012-2013\* Data Completeness

	% Complete <sup>†</sup>	
	NNDSS	EPS
<b>Cough Present</b>	84.1	100
<b>Paroxysmal Cough</b>	82	99.6
<b>Whoop</b>	78.4	97.6
<b>Posttussive Vomiting</b>	79.8	98.7
<b>Cough onset date</b>	74.5	100
<b>Duration of cough</b>	76.9	99.9
<b>Hospitalized</b>	72.9	99
<b>Outcome</b>	69.4	100
<b>Vaccinated cases with <math>\geq 1</math> known vaccine date, aged 3 mos to 7 yrs</b>	70.0	99.0
<b>Race</b>	78.6	92.1
<b>Ethnicity</b>	75	92.9

\*2013 NNDSS pertussis data are provisional. 2012 and 2013 EPS data are not closed out and are subject to change.

<sup>†</sup>Unknown and missing responses are considered incomplete.

# Enhanced Pertussis Surveillance (EPS): EPS Isolate Collection

- ❑ **Isolates are collected, when available, and sent to CDC**
  - ❑ Challenging given increasing reliance on PCR for dx of pertussis
- ❑ **CDC testing**
  - ❑ PFGE testing
  - ❑ Susceptibility testing
  - ❑ Molecular characterization (MLVA, MLST)
  - ❑ Assessment of pertactin-deficiency (PCR screening, expression, sequencing)
- ❑ **Expanding to specimen collection in 2014**
  - ❑ CDC lab establishing methods to type *B. pertussis* directly from clinical specimens

## EPS *B. pertussis* Isolates 2012-2013\*

Age Group	2011	2012	2013	Total (%)
< 1 year	7	29	14	50 (14)
1-6 years	5	39	10	54 (15)
7-10 years	13	63	3	79 (22)
11-14 years	8	63	14	85 (24)
15-19 years	2	40	7	49 (14)
20+ years	3	29	9	41 (11)
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>358</b>

- ❑ EPS isolates represent > 50% of all *B. pertussis* isolates received at CDC
- ❑ >85% of isolates from cases >1 year of age

\*This analysis is limited to isolates currently matched with available EPS case-data; matched isolates will increase as case-data are closed and transmitted to CDC.

# EPS Key Accomplishments & Policy Implications

- ❑ **EPS data are of higher quality and completeness than NNDSS**
  - Assess pertussis trends and characterize epidemiology of disease
- ❑ **Source of isolates linked to clinical and epidemiologic information**
  - Critical to understanding the evolving molecular epidemiology, including the emergence & relevance of pertactin-deficient strains
- ❑ **EPS platform valuable for assessing national pertussis surveillance practices**
  - Informed revisions to CSTE case definition for infants; piloting of future case definition changes being planned
- ❑ **Filled data “gaps” that will inform ACIP policy decisions**
  - Maternal Tdap vaccination for infant cases
  - Health care occupation

## Summary

- ❑ **Pertussis resurgence is real and probably here to stay**
  - Waning immunity from acellular vaccines a likely contributor but probably not the whole story
- ❑ **Vaccination is our best prevention tool**
  - Maintain high level of DTaP coverage
  - Sustain Tdap coverage in adolescents
- ❑ **Goal is no infant deaths**
  - Remove barriers to vaccination of pregnant women
  - A baby's first dose of pertussis vaccine should be the one its mother gets
  - Make sure infant caregivers are up-to-date with pertussis vaccinations
- ❑ **Continue to evaluate and refine vaccination policy and prevention and control recommendations**

# Thank you

- ❑ Questions?