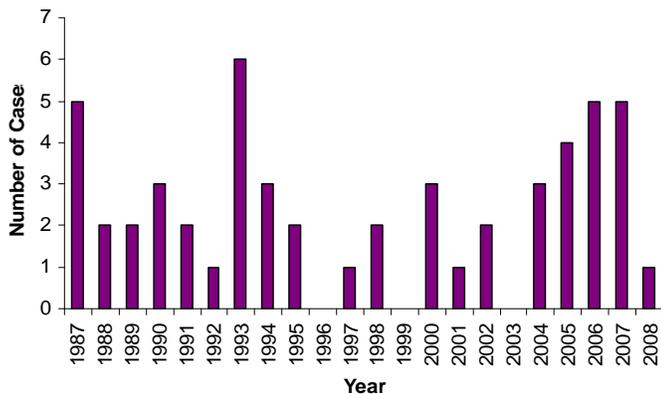


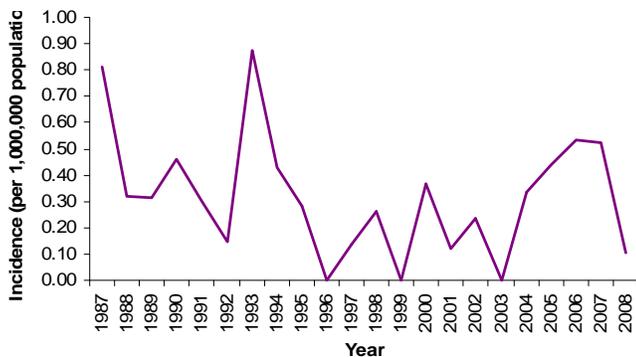
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## UNDULANT FEVER, MALTA FEVER, AND MEDITERRANEAN FEVER

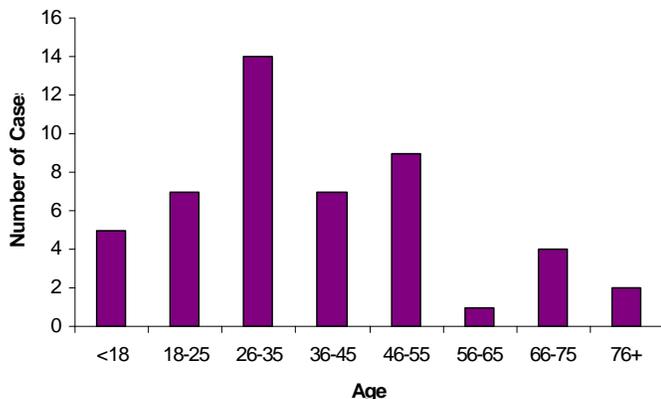
**Brucellosis Cases in Georgia, 1987-2008**



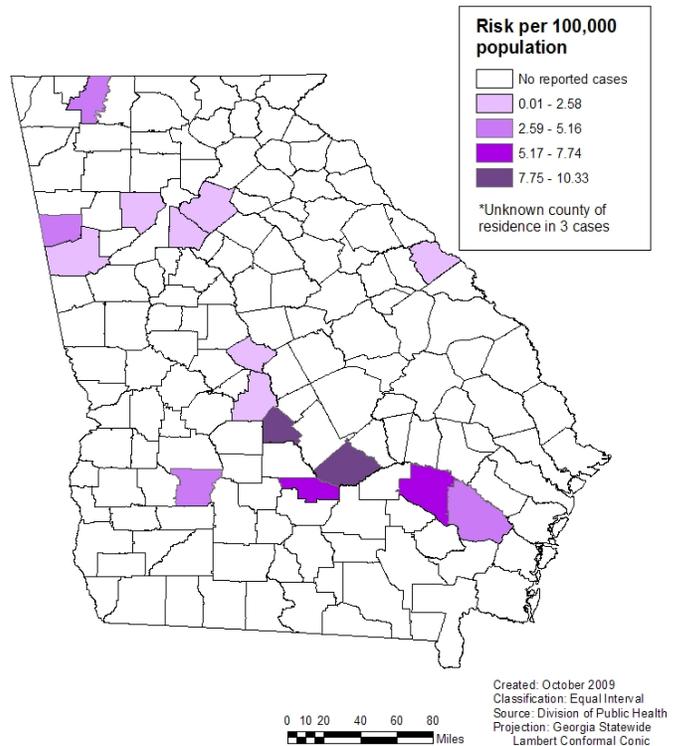
**Incidence of Brucellosis Cases in Georgia, 1987-2008**



**Brucellosis by Age Category in Georgia, 1987-2008**



**Incidence of Brucellosis by County of Residence, 2000-2008**



- Brucellosis is an infection caused by bacteria in the *Brucella* genus and rarely occurs in the United States. Over the past 20 years, there have been only 53 cases of brucellosis reported in Georgia.
- Brucellosis is primarily an occupational disease of those working with infected animals and their tissues or hunters of wild animals. Because of this, males are more likely to become infected with *Brucella*. Since 1987, 74% of cases (n=45) reported in Georgia were male.
- Exposure through the consumption of raw milk or milk products has been reported.
- Public health investigates each case of *Brucella* infection to determine the source of infection and because of its potential use as a biological weapon.