

TB cases diagnosed Jan 1 1993 – Dec 31, 2000
n = 991

Culture-negative or clinical
cases
n = 163 (16.4%)

Culture-positive TB cases
n = 828 (83.6%)

No viable clinical isolate for
molecular analysis
n = 301 (36.4%)

Culture-positive TB cases with viable clinical
isolate for molecular analysis
n = 527 (63.6%)

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n = 9 (1.7%)

IS6110-RFLP and PCR
Spoligotyping performed
n = 518 (98.3%)

Lived outside Tarrant
County at time of
diagnosis
n = 30 (5.8%)

Molecularly
clustered cases
n = 292 (59.8%)

Unique (molecularly non-
clustered) cases
n = 196 (40.2%)

48 clusters
(2 – 95 patients per cohort)