



# Tuberculosis Rates IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

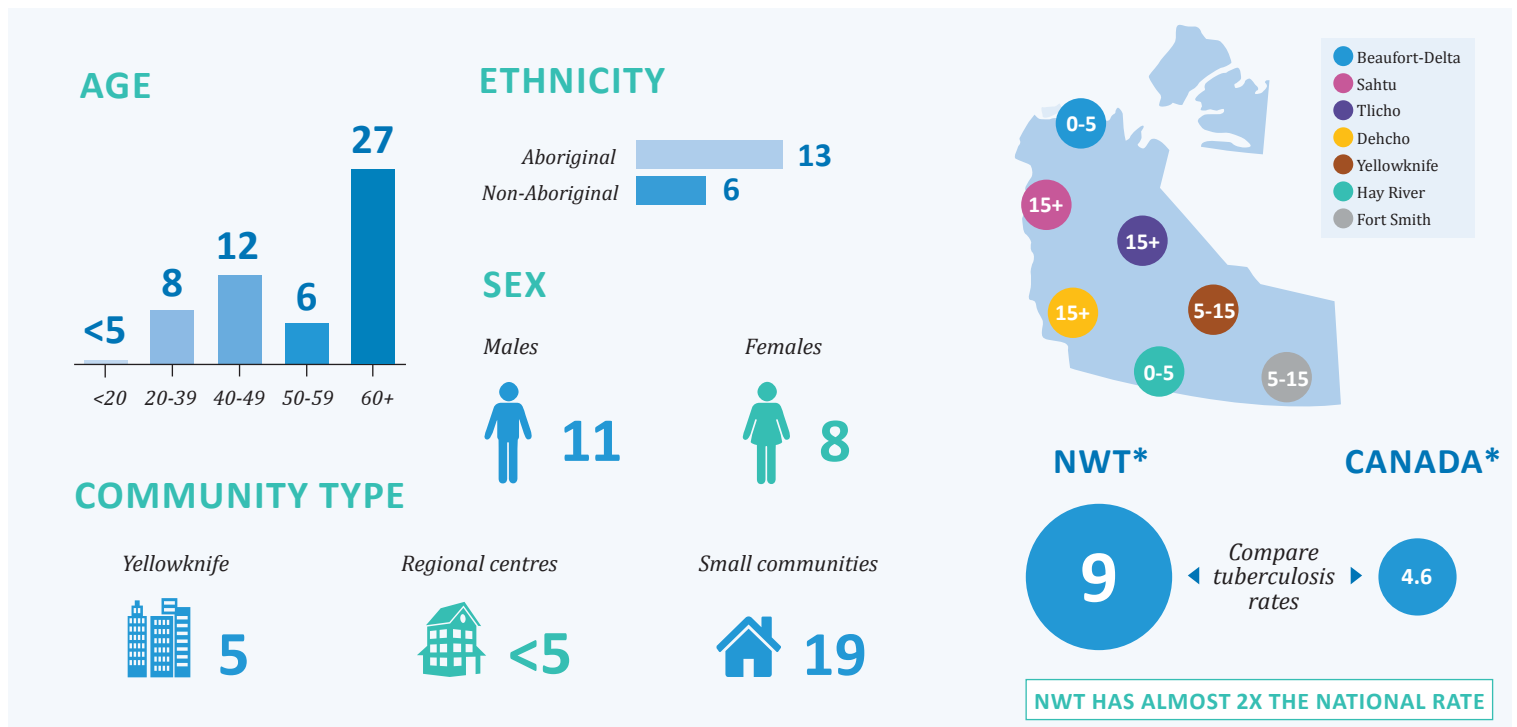
# 9 PER 100,000 PEOPLE

had active tuberculosis disease in the NWT from 2012 to 2016.\*

## What is active tuberculosis disease?

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by a bacterium called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* that primarily attacks the lungs. When you become sick and develop the disease from TB bacteria, it is called active TB disease. You can also have a TB infection and not have the disease or be sick. This is called latent TB infection. The information below is regarding individuals who have had active TB disease.

## ACTIVE TB DISEASE RATES PER 100,000 PEOPLE BY



## SO WHAT?

Untreated active TB disease can be spread to others, including children, and can cause severe illness.

## PROTECT YOURSELF

And others. TB is spread through the air when someone with active TB disease coughs, sneezes or even talks. Treating TB early will prevent the spread of disease.

## GET TESTED

TB infection and/or disease is cured with antibiotics. If you have a bad cough that lasts 3 weeks or longer, chest pain or coughing up blood or phlegm, contact your health care provider.

\*Note: The NWT data is a five year rolling rate from 2012 to 2016 whereas the Canadian rate is from 2015. INDICATOR SOURCE: NWT data – NWT Notifiable Disease Registry, Population Health, Department of Health and Social Services; Canadian data – Canadian Notifiable Disease Surveillance System, Public Health Agency of Canada. INDICATOR DEFINITION: The NWT tuberculosis rate is the number of people for every 100,000 who have had active tuberculosis in 2012-2016.