Every year, around 1,500 cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB) are reported in the EU/EEA.

The notification rate of MDR TB in Europe, although low, has been stubbornly persistent over the last decade, hovering around 0.3 cases per 100,000 population.

Globally, an estimated 9.6 million people contracted TB in 2014, and nearly half a million people had TB disease caused by a multidrug-resistant strain, according to the World Health Organization.

Over the last few years, the number of TB cases in people of foreign origin has been decreasing at a much lower rate than in people who were born in the reporting country. TB incidence rates in the foreign-born population remain several times higher than among natives and often reflect the incidence in their country of origin.

Some countries are hit especially hard: new TB cases per 100,000 population in 2014.

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