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# First Nations Peoples and Tuberculosis in BC

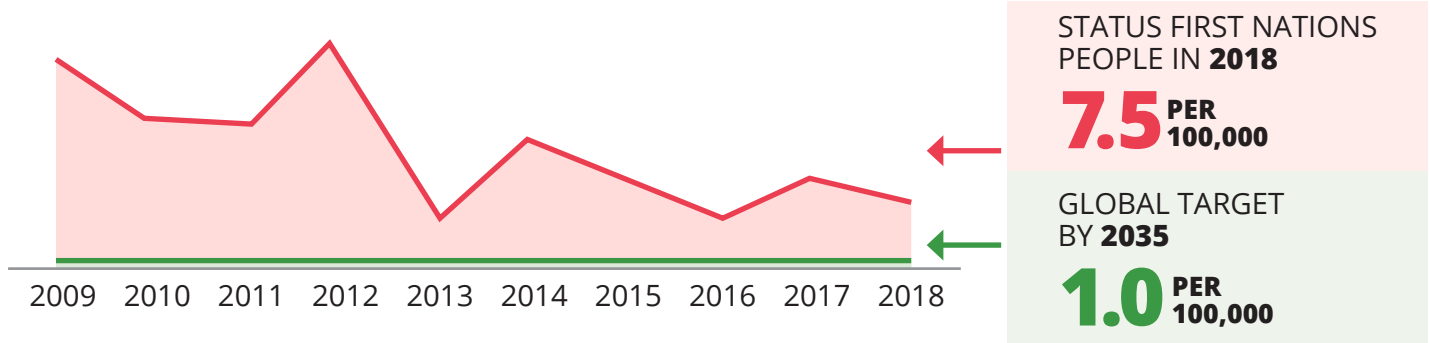
First Nations peoples have rich histories of wellness. Colonialism has had damaging impacts on health, including harms caused by tuberculosis (TB).

TB is a preventable and curable disease caused by a bacteria that usually affects the lungs. It spreads from person to person through air.

This summary describes TB prevention and care among people who self-identified as First Nations in BC from 2018 Panorama data.

*Data Source: Panorama (Provincial Central Public Health Information System), 2018.*

## TB DISEASE RATES ARE DECREASING, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO END TB



## SOME PEOPLE HAVE HIGHER RISK OF TB DISEASE

PEOPLE AGED **60+** HAD  
**2x**  
HIGHER TB DISEASE RATE

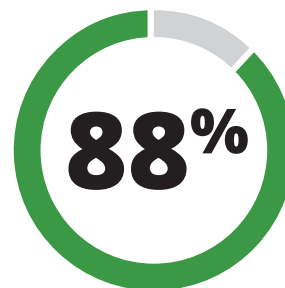
**1** in **3**  
PEOPLE WITH TB DISEASE IN **2018** HAD A **CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITION**

**1** in **5**  
PEOPLE WITH TB DISEASE IN **2018** WERE **HOMELESS OR UNDERHOUSED**

## TREATING LATENT TB INFECTION ("SLEEPING TB") CAN PREVENT TB DISEASE



ON AVERAGE **49** PEOPLE STARTED LATENT TB TREATMENT EACH YEAR SINCE 2011



OF PEOPLE WHO STARTED LATENT TB TREATMENT IN **2017** FINISHED TREATMENT

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