

**Table 29. Sputum Culture Conversion, by Age Group: United States, 2013**

Age group	Total sputum culture positive <sup>1</sup>	Sputum culture conversion documented <sup>2</sup>		Sputum culture conversion not documented <sup>3</sup>		Sputum culture conversion unknown		Reason sputum culture conversion not documented													
		Cannot produce sputum	Sputum not collected	Died	Refused	Lost to follow-up	Other	Unknown													
	No.	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,230</b>	<b>4,598</b>	<b>(87.9)</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>(10.9)</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>(7.9)</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>(20.0)</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>(39.5)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>(1.9)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>(3.9)</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>(23.6)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>(3.2)</b>
0-4	9	4	(44.4)	5	(55.6)	0	(0)	1	(20.0)	0	(0)	2	(40.0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(40.0)	0	(0)
5-14	42	34	(81.0)	8	(19.0)	0	(0)	3	(37.5)	4	(50.0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(12.5)	0	(0)
15-24	615	553	(89.9)	56	(9.1)	6	(1.0)	3	(5.4)	22	(39.3)	3	(5.4)	1	(1.8)	4	(7.1)	18	(32.1)	5	(8.9)
25-44	1,657	1,506	(90.9)	127	(7.7)	24	(1.4)	9	(7.1)	34	(26.8)	17	(13.4)	3	(2.4)	7	(5.5)	51	(40.2)	6	(4.7)
45-64	1,661	1,496	(90.1)	147	(8.9)	18	(1.1)	14	(9.5)	24	(16.3)	67	(45.6)	3	(2.0)	8	(5.4)	28	(19.0)	3	(2.0)
≥65	1,246	1,005	(80.7)	226	(18.1)	15	(1.2)	15	(6.6)	30	(13.3)	136	(60.2)	4	(1.8)	3	(1.3)	34	(15.0)	4	(1.8)

<sup>1</sup>Among persons who were alive at diagnosis and had positive sputum culture.

<sup>2</sup>Among persons who had sputum culture conversion documented at any time.

<sup>3</sup>Among persons who were alive at diagnosis, had positive culture, and did not have documented culture conversion (excludes patients with unknown culture conversion).