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	Year 1932-1933	Year 1933-1934
HEALTH EDUCATION:		
Health Talks.....	12,344	15,870
Attendance.....	173,174	292,940
HOME VISITS:		
To cases of transmissible diseases.....	34,221	9,465
To patients of tuberculosis clinics.....	13,742	20,644
To patients of prenatal clinics.....	10,492	11,449
To patients of infant hygiene clinics.....	13,461	17,490
To patients of preschool clinics.....	6,436	7,443
Total Nurses' Visits.....	78,352	66,491
PREVENTION OF TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES:		
Vaccinations against smallpox.....	22,037	25,588
Immunizations against typhoid fever.....	54,679	11,995
Anti-toxins for diphtheria.....	1,275	1,392
Treatments for uncinariasis.....	38,335	80,685
LABORATORY SPECIMENS HANDLED:		
Culture for diphtheria.....	4,741	23,775
Blood for Wassermann reaction.....	12,478	45,828
Sputum for tubercle bacilli.....	10,489	11,087
Blood for Malaria.....	32,045	34,722
Specimens for intestinal parasites.....	104,406	150,719
TUBERCULOSIS CLINICS:		
New cases examined during the year.....	6,048	5,473
Total number of consultations.....	20,998	19,878
Number of positives remaining under care of the clinics at the end of year.....	1,324	2,106
New cases found positive.....	1,813	1,980
Number of contacts examined.....	2,593	3,767
Number of home visits of nurses.....	13,742	20,644
PRENATAL CLINICS:		
New cases examined.....	5,694	7,172
Total consultations.....	18,671	24,494
Deliveries of patients under clinic care.....	3,489	4,114
Home visits of nurses.....	10,492	11,440
INFANT HYGIENE CLINICS:		
New cases examined.....	5,222	6,345
Total consultations.....	20,901	27,172
Home visits of nurses.....	13,461	17,490
CLINICS FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN:		
New cases examined.....	3,432	3,795
Total consultations.....	13,050	14,807
Home visits of nurses.....	6,436	7,443
SCHOOL HYGIENE:		
Number of Children examined.....	33,339	76,308
Children found with intestinal parasites.....	17,173	53,305
Children found with dental caries.....	19,912	49,689
Children found with skin affections.....	4,598	8,568
Children found with visual defects.....	2,819	6,624
DENTAL HYGIENE:		
Children examined.....	5,300	15,339
Extractions.....	10,938	10,718
Prophylactic cleaning.....	1,042	969
Other treatments.....	1,424	850

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CASES FROM ALL DISEASES REPORTABLE UNDER THE PUERTO RICO SANITARY CODE OCCURRING IN THE ISLAND AS THEY HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE BUREAU OF TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1933-34 AND THE CASE RATES, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Disease	Present Year (Fiscal Year 1933-34)		Past Year (Fiscal Year 1932-33)	
	Cases	Rate*	Cases	Rate*
Colibacillosis.....	5	0.3	16	1.0
Chickenpox.....	962	58.8	758	47.8
Diphtheria.....	701	42.8	599	37.8
Dysentery.....	1,793	109.6	9,156	577.4
Erysipelas.....	46	2.8	82	3.9
Filariasis.....	98	6.0	62	3.9
Framboesia Tropicale.....	16	1.0	24	1.5
Infantile Tetanus.....	131	8.0	326	20.6
Influenza.....	1,179	72.1	22,455	1,404.2
Leprosy.....	17	1.0	16	1.0
Malaria.....	42,474	2,596.3	43,679	2,754.8
Measles.....	1,179	72.1	2,353	148.4
Mumps.....	562	34.4	291	18.4
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	78	4.8	75	4.7
Paratyphoid Fever.....	18	1.1	19	1.2
Poliomyelitis.....	3	0.2	3	.2
Puerperal Fever.....	92	5.6	126	7.9
Ringworm.....	73	4.5	44	2.8
Syphilis.....	251	15.3	1,637	103.2
Tetanus.....	183	11.2	134	8.4
Typhoid Fever.....	422	25.8	349	22.0
Trachoma.....	391	23.9	99	6.2
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary).....	7,571	462.8	6,341	399.9
Tuberculosis (other forms).....	228	13.9	148	9.3
Whooping Cough.....	3,061	187.1	1,512	95.4

*Rates per 100,000 Population.