

Table 2 Comparison of number of cases of visceral leishmaniasis in Thi Qar in year 2003 with average number of cases in Thi Qar by month during 3-year period (1999–2002)

Month	Mean no. of cases over 1999–2002	No. of cases in 2003	% change between 2003 and 1999–2002
January	66.3	150	+126
February	84.3	116	+38
March	68.8	21	–69
April	42.3	57	+35
May	60.0	47	–22
June	50.0	61	+22
July	24.0	93	+288
August	36.8	56	+52
September	32.0	55	+72
October	27.3	56	+105
November	17.5	69	+294
December	64.0	96	+50
Total	573.3	877	+52

Source: Unit for Communicable Diseases, Primary Health Care Department, Nassiriyah, Thi Qar Governorate, Iraq.