

**Table 3 Comparison of number of cases of visceral leishmaniasis in Thi Qar in January and February 2003 with number of cases in Thi Qar in January and February 2004**

<b>Month</b>	<b>No. of cases in 2003</b>	<b>No. of cases in 2004</b>	<b>% change between 2004 and 2003</b>
January	150	66	-56
February	116	55	-53
Total	266	121	-55

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