

## Community-wide Surveillance for Carbapenemase Producing Organisms (CPO) Statistical Report for 2024 Quarter 2

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### Cumulative Summary & Changes from Previous Quarter \*

- CRO counts: 22 (increased by 10)
- CPO counts: 1 (increased by 1)
- CRO antibiotic resistance:
  - 3+ classes of antibiotics: 70.6% (decreased by 4.4%)
  - 4+ classes of antibiotics: 55.9% (decreased by 2.4%)
  - Pan resistance: 0 (no change)

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\*For definition and specifics on metrics summarized, please refer to corresponding sections and the surveillance definitions at the end.

### CRO Overview

Table 1: CRO cases reported by quarter, Washoe County, 2024

CRO Type	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
CRE	6	10	-	-	16
CRPA	6	11	-	-	17
CRAB	0	1	-	-	1
Unknown	0	0	-	-	0
Other CROs	0	0	-	-	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34</b>

- For the current reporting quarter, 22 CROs were reported.
  - 10 CRE, 11 CRPA, and 1 CRAB.

**Table 1-1: Descriptive statistics for reported CRO cases, Washoe County, 2024**

Characteristics		2024	
		No.	Percent (%)
<b>Age</b>	Median	68 years	NA
	Minimum	21 years	NA
	Maximum	91 years	NA
<b>Gender</b>	Male	15	44.12%
	Female	19	55.88%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	White, non-Hispanic	28	82.35%
	White, Hispanic	3	8.82%
	Asian	1	2.94%
	Black	0	0.00%
	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.00%
	Other	2	5.88%
	Unknown	0	0.00%
<b>Washoe County Resident</b>	Yes	29	85.29%
	No	5	14.71%
	Unknown	0	0.00%
<b>Specimen Type</b>	Urine	23	67.65%
	Respiratory	3	8.82%
	Wound	3	8.82%
	Rectal	0	0.00%
	Invasive (e.g., blood, cerebrospinal fluid)	2	5.88%
	Other	2	5.88%
	Surgical	1	2.94%
Unknown	0	0.00%	
<b>Facility Type</b>	Inpatient	9	26.47%
	Outpatient	18	52.94%
	Long Term Acute Care	1	2.94%
	Intensive Care Unit	5	14.71%
	Skilled Nursing Facility	1	2.94%
<b>Total</b>		34	100.00

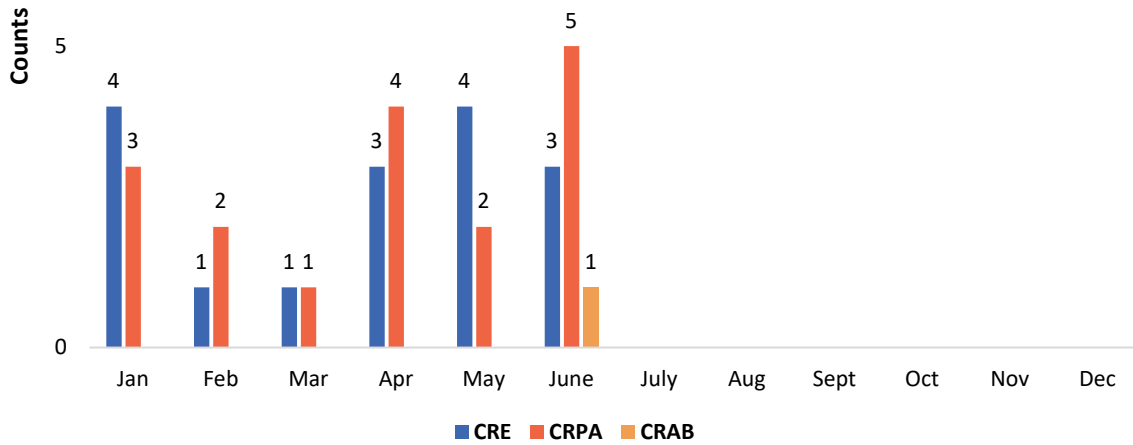
In summary, 2024 CRO cases were:

- 68 years (median age).
- Female (55.88%).
- White, non-Hispanic (82.35%).
- Washoe County residents (85.29%).
- Detected from urine specimens (67.65%), and at an outpatient facility (52.94%).

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**Figure 1: CRO cases reported by month, Washoe County, 2024**

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- CRE cases (blue) peaked in January and May (4 cases each) and were the lowest in February and March (1 case each). CRE cases remained relatively high in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter compared to the 1<sup>st</sup>.
- CRPA cases (orange) peaked in June (5 cases) and were the lowest in March (1 case). CRPA cases remained relatively high in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter compared to the 1<sup>st</sup>.
- One CRAB (gold) case was reported.

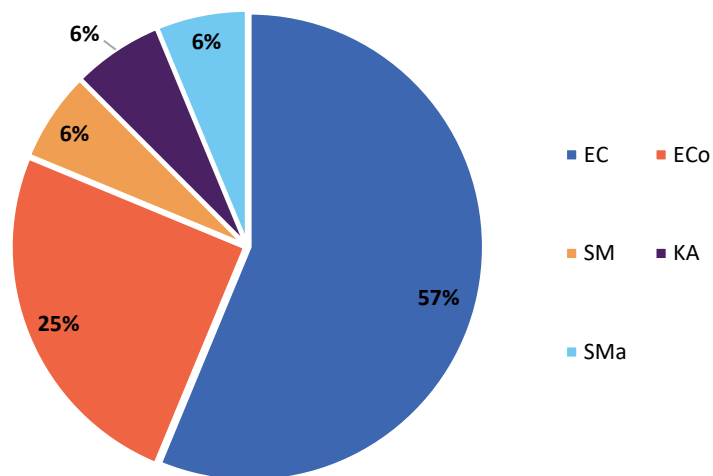
**Table 2: Proportion of CROs that were CREs, Washoe County, 2020-2024**

Year	CRO Total	CRE Total	Proportion (%)
2020	90	48	53.33
2021	77	36	46.75
2022	145	62	42.76
2023	81	42	51.85
2024	34	16	47.06

- Of the 34 CRO's reported, 47.06% (16/34) were CREs.

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Figure 2: CRE cases reported by organism (N=16), Washoe County, 2024



EC-*Enterobacter cloacae*, ECo-*Escherichia coli*, SM-*Serratia marcescens*, KA-*Klebsiella aerogenes*, SMa-*Stenotrophomona maltophilia*

Of the 16 CREs reported,

- *Enterobacter cloacae* was the most reported (57%).
- *Serratia marcescens*, *Klebsiella aerogenes*, and *Stenotrophomona maltophilia* were the least reported (6% each).

## Carbapenemase Producing Organisms (CPO)

Table 3: CPO cases reported, Washoe County, 2024

Month/Year Reported	Resistance Mechanism	Organism	Clinical, Screening	Case notes
4/2024	NDM	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Clinical	UTI symptoms. Received treatment in a South American clinic for traveler's diarrhea prior to symptom onset but was not hospitalized. No contacts identified.

- One NDM producing *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) was reported in quarter 2.

Tables 4 and 5 and Figures 3 and 4 present laboratory test data used to identify CPOs. The modified carbapenem inactivation method (mCIM) is a phenotypic (observable trait) test, while polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is a molecular test for carbapenemase genes. Please note the following when interpreting the data:

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- Not all specimens are forwarded to the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory for mCIM testing.
- Some area hospitals perform PCR testing in-house.
- Though mCIM and PCR positive counts often match, in some instances, a specimen may only test positive for one of either tests.

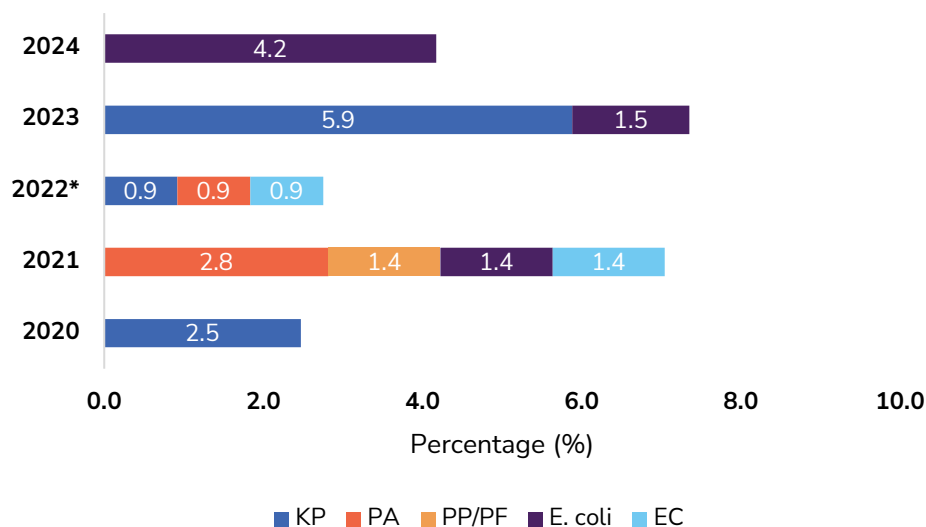
**Table 4: Modified carbapenem inactivation method (mCIM) testing, Washoe County, 2020-2024**

Year	N Tested	N Positive	Positivity (%)
2020	81	5	6.17
2021	71	5	7.04
2022*	109	3	2.75
2023	68	2	2.94
2024	24	1	4.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4.53</b>

\* One CPO is not included in Table 6 as they were identified by PCR testing and not mCIM.

- Out of the 24 specimens submitted for mCIM testing, one specimen was positive (4.17%).

**Figure 3: Percent mCIM positive by organism, Washoe County, 2020-2024**



KP-Klebsiella pneumoniae, PA-Pseudomonas aeruginosa, PP/PF-Pseudomonas putida/fluorescens, EC-Enterobacter cloacae, ECo-Escherichia coli

- In 2024, one organism, *E. coli*, was mCIM positive.
- From 2020-2023, the organisms that were mCIM positive varied.

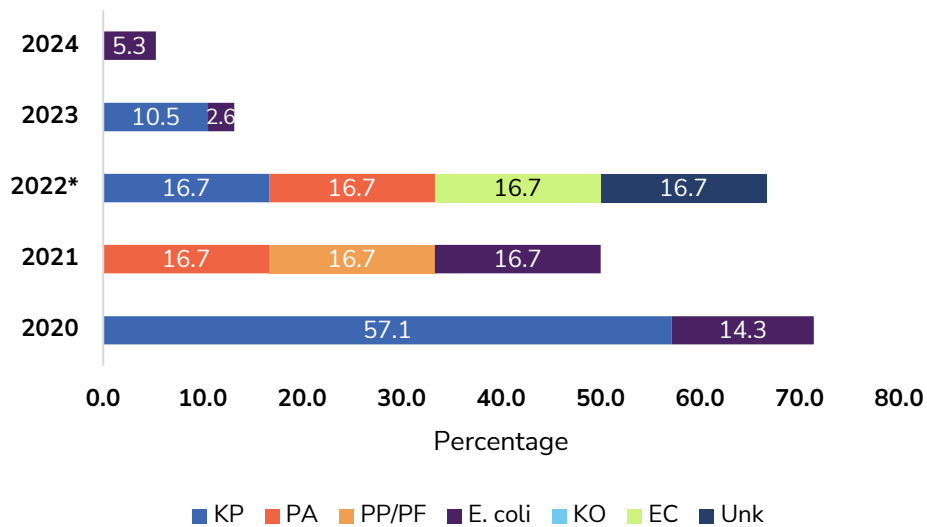
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**Table 5: Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing, Washoe County, 2020-2024**

Year	N Tested	N Positive	Positivity (%)
2020	7	5	71.4
2021	6	3	50.0
2022	6	4	66.7
2023	38	5	13.2
2024	19	1	5.3
<b>Total</b>	76	18	23.7

- Out of the 19 specimens submitted for PCR testing in 2024, one was positive (5.3%).

**Figure 4: Percent PCR positive by organism, Washoe County, 2020-2024**



KP-Klebsiella pneumoniae, PA-Pseudomonas aeruginosa, PP/PR-Pseudomonas fluorescens/putida, EC-Enterobacter cloacae, KO-Klebsiella oxytoca

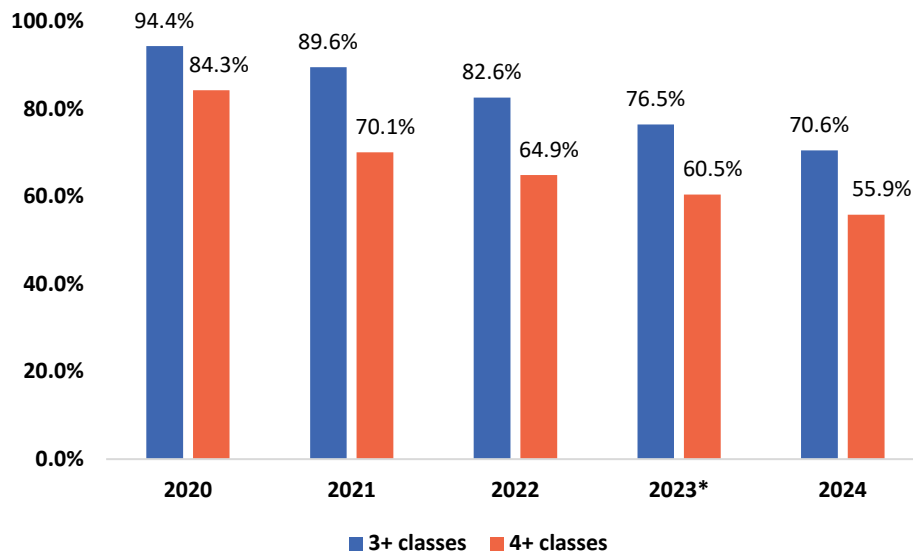
\*1 screening specimen was PCR positive, but failed to culture an organism.

- In 2024, one organism, *E. coli*, was PCR positive.
- From 2020-2023, the organisms that were PCR testing varied, however, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* was the highest across all years combined.

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## Severity of Antibiotic Resistance

Figure 5: Percent of CRO cases resistant to classes of antibiotics, Washoe County, 2024



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In 2024, the proportion of reported CROs resistant to at least

- three or more classes of antibiotics was 70.6% (24/34).
- four or more classes of antibiotics was 55.9% (19/34).
- Between 2020-2023, antibiotic resistance had a downward trend.

Table 6: Pan-resistance rate, Washoe County, 2020-2024

Year	Total N Cases	No. Pan-resistance	Proportion (%)	Organisms (No. pan-resistant)
2020	89	2	2.25	<i>Citrobacter sp.</i> (1), <i>K. pneumoniae</i> (1)
2021	76	0	0.00	-
2022	145	1	0.69	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
2023	81	1	1.23	<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>
2024	34	0	0.00	-

- Proportion pan-resistant\*: 0% (0/34).

\*Pan-resistance is defined as non-susceptible to all tested drugs at the clinical lab.

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**Table 7. Antibiotic Susceptibility for CRE, CRPA and CRAB 2024**

Antimicrobial Class or Subclass	CRE (n=16)			CRPA <sup>1</sup> (n=17)			CRAB <sup>1</sup> (n=1)		
	# Tested	# Susceptible	% Susceptible	# Tested	# Susceptible	% Susceptible	# Tested	# Susceptible	% Susceptible
<b>Penicillins</b>									
Ampicillin	17	0	0.00	15	0	0.00			
Piperacillin			0.00	3	1	33.33			
<b>Cephems</b>									
Cefazolin	22	1	4.55			0.00			
Cefepime	22	11	50.00	28	19	67.86	2	1	50.00
Cefotaxime	1	0	0.00			0.00			
Ceftazidime	13	2	15.38	18	10	55.56	1	0	0.00
Ceftriaxone	20	1	5.00			0.00	1	0	0.00
Cefuroxime	13	1	7.69			0.00			
<b>β-Lactam/β-lactamase inhibitor combinations</b>									
Amoxicillin-clavulanic acid	14	0	0.00						
Ampicillin-sulbactam	17	0	0.00	15	0	0.00	2	1	50.00
Piperacillin-tazobactam	20	3	15.00	26	15	57.69			
Ticarcillin-clavulanic acid			0.00	2	1	0.50			
<b>Fluoroquinolones</b>									
Ciprofloxacin	22	17	77.27	30	12	22.00	2	1	50.00

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Antimicrobial Class or Subclass (cont'd)	CRE (n=16)			CRPA <sup>1</sup> (n=17)			CRAB <sup>1</sup> (n=1)		
	# Tested	# Susceptible	% Susceptible	# Tested	# Susceptible	% Susceptible	# Tested	# Susceptible	% Susceptible
Levofloxacin	24	18	75.00	17	5	29.41	2	1	50.00
Moxifloxacin	3	3	100.00			0.00			
<b>Aminoglycosides</b>									
Amikacin	11	11	100.00	26	26	100.00	1	1	100.00
Gentamicin	23	21	91.30	28	18	64.29	2	2	100.00
Tobramycin	23	22	95.65	19	19	100.00	1	1	100.00
<b>Sulfonamides</b>									
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole	24	20	83.33			0.00	2	1	50.00
<b>Monobactams</b>									
Aztreonam	8	1	12.50	17	10	58.82			
<b>Tetracyclines</b>									
Tetracycline	14	11	78.57						
Tigecycline	8	8	100.00						
<b>Nitrofurans</b>									
Nitrofurantoin	11	7	63.64						
<b>Carbapenems</b>									
Imipenem	7	3	0.00	15	0	0.00			
Meropenem	16	10	62.50	30	11	36.67	2	1	50.00
Ertapenem	21	2	9.52						

\* 1 Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Acinetobacter have intrinsic resistance to Ertapenem.

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## Surveillance Definitions (Years Updated)

### Report Date (2024)

For this report, the date of specimen collection is used for case counts by months.

### Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO) (2023)

Any specimen that meets confirmatory laboratory evidence:

- Positive phenotypic test for carbapenemase production **OR**
- Molecular test detecting a carbapenemase gene **OR**
- Next generation sequencing detecting a carbapenemase gene.

CPO cases will be classified as either clinical case (collected for diagnosing/treating disease), or as screening case (collected for detecting colonization), however since reason for collecting specimens is not reported, the specimen site denotes CPO case classification. Typically a CPO identified through a rectal, peri-rectal, axilla, groin, or stool specimen would be considered screening.

### Duplicates (2023)

Duplicates are defined as the same organism/carbapenemase combination regardless of collection source and date. A screening case can be counted as a new clinical case if, for example, they developed a blood stream infection, found to be due to the same organism/carbapenemase combination, but a clinical case cannot be counted as a new screening case with same organism/carbapenemase combination.

### Carbapenem Resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE) (2022)

*Enterobacteriaceae* that meets the following criteria:

- Resistant to ANY carbapenem antimicrobial (i.e., MIC of  $\geq 4$  mcg/ml for doripenem, meropenem, or imipenem OR  $\geq 2$  mcg/ml for ertapenem) **OR**
- Documented to produce carbapenemase

In addition:

- For bacteria that have intrinsic imipenem nonsusceptibility (i.e., *Morganella morganii*, *Proteus spp.*, *Providencia spp.*), resistant to carbapenems other than imipenem is required.

### Carbapenem Resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (CRPA) (2022)

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* isolated from any body site\* that meets the following criteria:

- Resistant to imipenem, meropenem, or doripenem based on current Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institutes Standards (CLSI) M100 standards ( $\geq 8$  mcg/mL); **AND/OR**

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- Demonstrates production of a carbapenemase by a recognized method (e.g., CarbaNP or Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or other methods).

*\*Excluding isolates from patients with cystic fibrosis (CF).*

### **Carbapenem Resistant *Acinetobacter* (CRA) (2022)**

*Acinetobacter* isolated from any body site that meets the following criteria:

- Resistant to imipenem, meropenem, or doripenem based on current Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institutes Standards (CLSI) M100 standards ( $\geq 8$  mcg/mL);  
**AND/OR**
- Demonstrates production of a carbapenemase by a recognized method (e.g., CarbaNP or PCR or other methods).

### **Carbapenem Resistant Organisms (CRO) (2017)**

Any organisms meeting the above definitions for CRE, CRPA, and CRA are considered CRO.

### **Carbapenemase Producing Organisms (CPO) (2017)**

Any organisms producing carbapenemase which is laboratory-confirmed are defined as CPO.

### **Multi-Drug Resistant Bacilli – Carbapenem Resistant (MDRB-CR) (2010-2016)**

A case is defined as an infection with an MDRB-CR organism of one patient per hospitalization per year regardless of resident status. Infection with a second species of MDRB-CR organism in the same patient is counted as a separate case. Infections with those Gram-negative bacilli that are constitutively resistant to carbapenems, specifically *Stenotrophomonas*, *Aeromonas* & *Chryseobacterium*, are not counted as cases.

MDRB-CR organisms refer to Gram negative bacilli that are resistant to three or more classes of antibiotics, one of which must be Carbapenem.

### **Patient's Residency (SINCE 2010)**

Patients from out of jurisdiction (OOJ) are included in the surveillance report as long as isolates meet the above surveillance definitions.