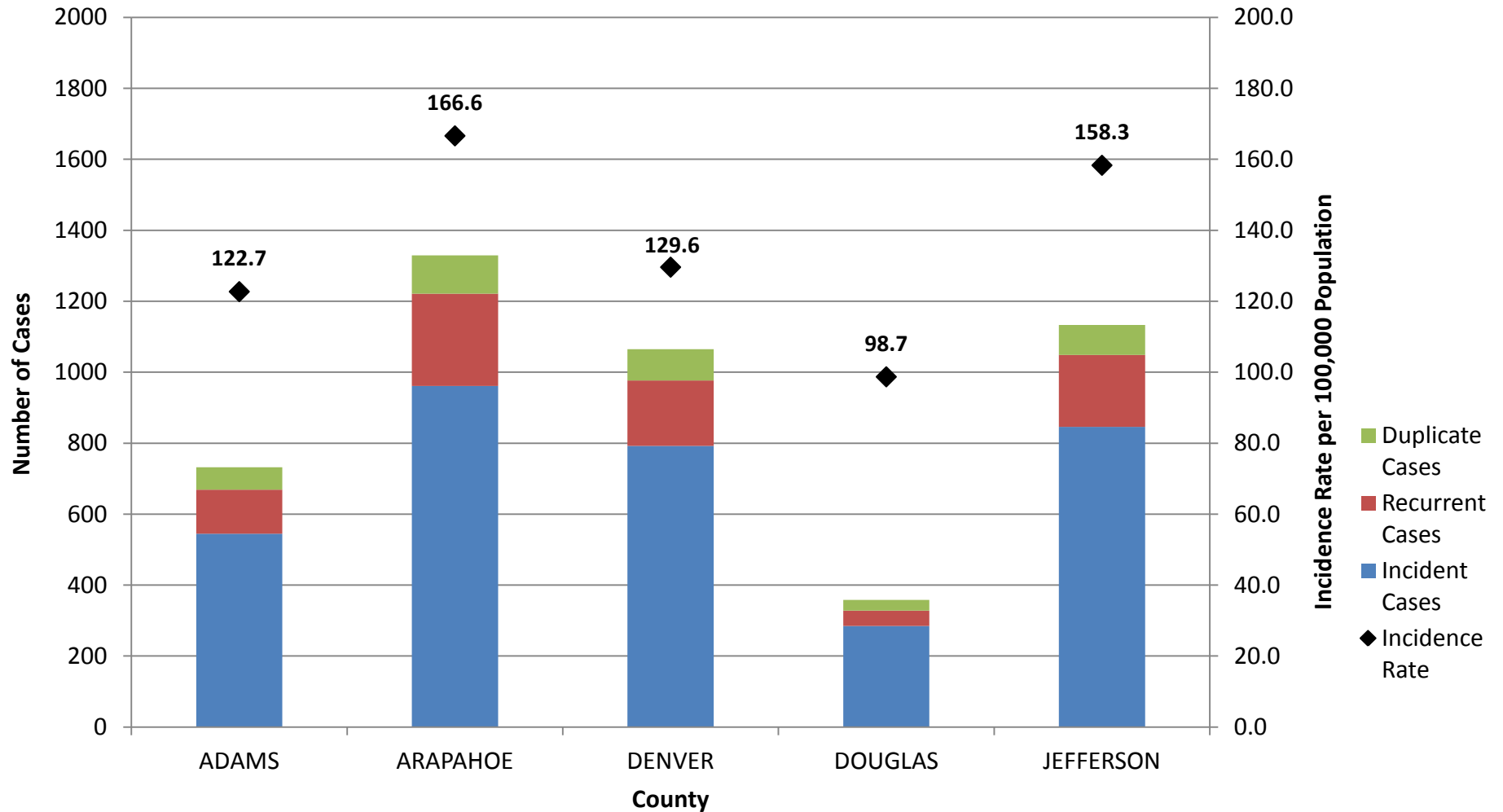


Number of Cases and Rates* of *Clostridium difficile* by Episode Status** and County-- Denver Metropolitan Area (EIP)^, 2011



* Rates are calculated based upon 2011-based population estimates, State Demography Office – DOLA. Denominators used population ≥1 year of age.

** **An incident case** is defined as a positive *C. difficile* toxin assay or a positive *C. difficile* molecular assay (e.g. PCR) in a resident of one of the 5 EIP counties who is at least 1 year of age and whose specimen was collected greater than 8 weeks after any previous positive test.

A recurrent case is defined as a positive *C. difficile* toxin assay or a positive *C. difficile* molecular assay (e.g. PCR) in a resident of one of the 5 EIP counties who is at least 1 year of age whose toxin positive or molecular assay positive test occurs between 2 and 8 weeks after a previous positive specimen.

A duplicate case is defined as a positive *C. difficile* toxin assay or a positive *C. difficile* molecular assay (e.g. PCR) in a resident of one of the 5 EIP counties who is at least 1 year of age whose toxin positive or molecular assay positive test occurs less than 2 weeks after a previous positive.

^ EIP - Emerging Infections Program surveillance area, which includes the Denver metropolitan counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson