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Measles Cases and Outbreaks

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Measles cases in 2023

As of January 4, 2024, a total of 48 measles cases were reported by 20 jurisdictions.

Measles cases in 2022

From January 1 to December 31, 2022, a total of 121 measles cases were reported by 6 jurisdictions. *

Measles cases in 2021

From January 1 to December 31, 2021, a total of 49 measles cases were reported by 5 jurisdictions. *

Measles cases in 2020

From January 1 to December 31, 2020, 13 individual cases of measles were confirmed in 8 jurisdictions.*

*Jurisdictions refer to any of the 50 states, New York City, and the District of Columbia.

Measles cases in 2019

- From January 1 to December 31, 2019, 1,274* individual cases of measles were confirmed in 31 states.
- This is the greatest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1992. The majority of cases were among people who were not vaccinated against measles. Measles is more likely to spread and cause outbreaks in U.S. communities where groups of people are unvaccinated.
- For more information please see the following reports:
 - Increase in Measles Cases United States, January 1-April 26, 2019 MMWR. May 3, 2019
 - National Update on Measles Cases and Outbreaks United States, January 1-October 1, 2019. MMWR. October 11, 2019

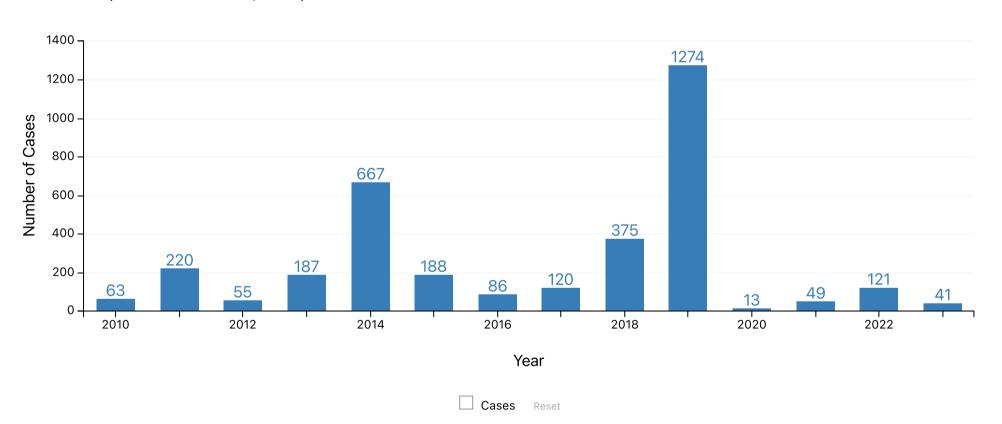


Did you know that measles can be found around the world?

Global Measles Outbreaks

Number of measles cases reported by year

2010-2023* (as of November 2, 2023)



Data Table —														
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases	63	220	55	187	667	188	86	120	375	1274	13	49	121	

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^{*}Case count is preliminary and subject to change.



Measles outbreaks

In a given year, more measles cases can occur for any of the following reasons:

- an increase in the number of travelers who get measles abroad and bring it into the U.S., and/or
- further spread of measles in U.S. communities with pockets of unvaccinated people.

For specific information on measles cases in recent years please see the following reports:



2022

Notes from the Field: Measles Outbreak — Central Ohio, 2022–2023
 MMWR. August 4, 2023

2021

 Public Health Actions to Control Measles Among Afghan Evacuees During Operation Allies Welcome — United States, September–November 2021
 MMWR. April 29, 2022

2018-2019

- National Update on Measles Cases and Outbreaks United States, January 1–October 1, 2019
 MMWR. October 11, 2019
- Notes from the Field: Community Outbreak of Measles Clark County, Washington, 2018–2019
 MMWR. May 17, 2019
- Notes from the Field: Measles Outbreaks from Imported Cases in Orthodox Jewish Communities New York and New Jersey, 2018–2019
 MMWR. May 17, 2019

2017 Measles Outbreak — Minnesota April–May 2017 MMWR. July 14, 2017 2016 Notes from the Field: Measles Outbreak at a United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Facility — Arizona, May-June 2016 MMWR. May 26, 2017 Measles Outbreak of Unknown Source — Shelby County, Tennessee, April–May 2016 MMWR. September 30, 2016 2015 Measles — United States, January 4–April 2, 2015 MMWR. April 17, 2015 • Measles Outbreak — California, December 2014–February 2015 MMWR. Feb 20, 2015 2014 Measles Outbreak in an Unvaccinated Family and a Possibly Associated International Traveler — Orange County, Florida, December 2012–January 2013 *MMWR*. Sep 12, 2014 • Notes from the Field: Measles in a Micronesian Community — King County, Washington, 2014 *MMWR*. Sep 12, 2014 Measles — United States, January 1–May 23, 2014 MMWR May 29, 2014 • Notes from the Field: Measles — California, January 1–April 18, 2014 MMWR. Apr 25, 2014 2013 Measles — United States, January 1-August 24, 2013 *MMWR*. Sep 13, 2013 • Notes from the field: Measles outbreak among members of a religious community — Brooklyn, New York, Marchlune 2013 MMWR. Vol 62, No 36;752-3 09/13/2013

Notes from the field: Measles outbreak associated with a traveler returning from India — North Carolina, April-

May 2013

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