

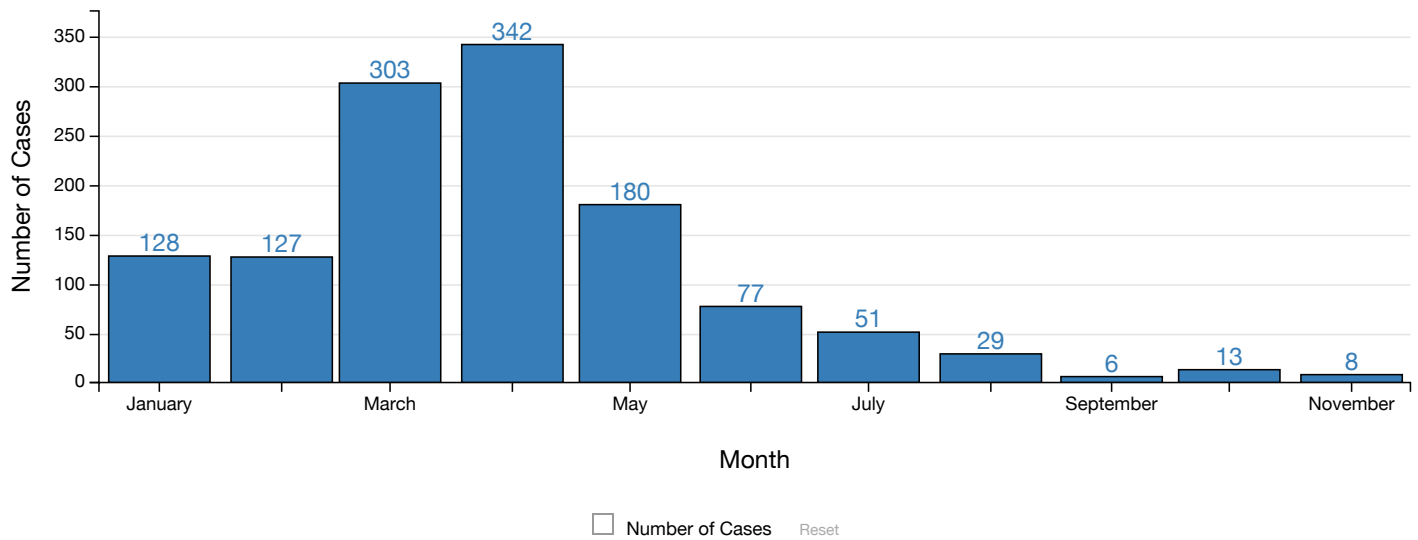
# Measles (Rubeola)

## Measles Cases and Outbreaks

### Measles Cases in 2019

From January 1 to December 5, 2019, 1,276\* individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 31 states. CDC will now be updating these data monthly.

Measles Cases Reported by Month in 2019\*



Data Table -

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
<b>Number of Cases</b>	128	127	303	342	180	77	51	29	6	13	8

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- This is the greatest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1992. More than 75% of the cases this year are linked to recent outbreaks in New York. Measles is more likely to spread and cause outbreaks in U.S. communities where groups of people are unvaccinated.
- The majority of cases are among people who were not vaccinated against measles.
- Measles can cause serious complications. From January 1 – December 5, 2019, 124 of the people who got measles this year were hospitalized, and 61 reported having complications, including pneumonia and encephalitis.

# States with Reported Measles

2019 \*\* (as of December 5, 2019)

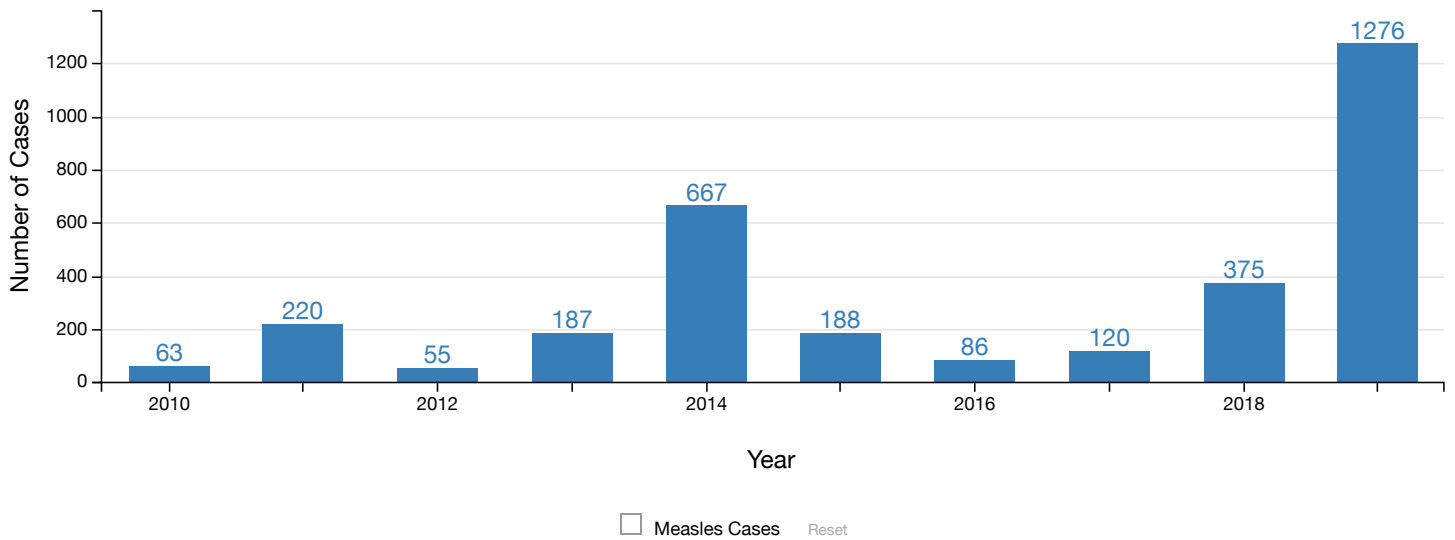
The states that have reported cases to CDC are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

The states that reported outbreaks were California, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York City, New York State, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington.

All measles cases this year have been caused by measles wild-type D8 or B3.

## Number of Measles Cases Reported by Year

2010-2019\*\*(as of December 5, 2019)



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Data Table

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Measles Cases	63	220	55	187	667	188	86	120	375	1276

\*Reporting for 2019 began December 30, 2018. Case count is preliminary and subject to change.

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Make sure you are vaccinated against measles before traveling internationally.

## Spread of Measles

- The majority of people who got measles were unvaccinated.
- Measles is still common in many parts of the world.
- Travelers with measles continue to bring the disease into the U.S.
- Measles can spread when it reaches a community in the U.S. where groups of people are unvaccinated.




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# 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**.

Reasons for an increase in cases some years:

2018	+
2017	+
2016	+
2015	+
2014	+
2013	+
2011	+
2008	+