

PERTUSSIS

REPORTED INCIDENCE AND DEATHS, United States

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996		
Pertussis reports	2,823	3,450	4,157	4,570	2,719	4,083	6,586	4,617	5,137	7,796		
Pertussis deaths	1	4	12	12	0	5	7	8	6	4		
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Pertussis reports	6,564	7,405	7,288	7,867	7,580	9,771	11,647	25,827	25,616	15,632	10,454	13,278
Pertussis deaths	6	5	7	12	Not available	18	11	16	31	9	10	Not Posted

Note:

1. Pertussis outbreaks happen every year, usually between June and September.
2. Pertussis outbreaks are not uncommon. Thousands are reported every year and many thousands more go unconfirmed and are treated as “bronchitis.”
3. Pertussis deaths are unfortunate; fortunately, they are rare.
4. Pertussis deaths occur primarily in children less than 3 months of age.
5. Having the infection does not provide lifelong immunity.
6. Vaccine antibodies wane 3-5 years after vaccination and are not measurable after 12 years.

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*The number of deaths reports may vary slightly in different reports and publications.
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