

MEASLES

In 1993, New York State experienced its lowest incidence of measles cases reported historically. New York State exclusive of New York City reported 11 confirmed cases; New York City reported only eight cases.

In 1992, New York State exclusive of New York City had 112 cases and New York City reported 68 cases.

This decline is remarkable considering that in 1991, 2306 cases of measles were confirmed in New York State. The peak in the number of cases occurred during the measles epidemic of 1990-1991 which was centered in New York City. Most of these cases occurred in Hispanic and African American children less than five years of age.

The reported number of measles cases nationwide is also at its lowest point. It is unknown at this point whether the result of higher immunization rates due to the recent epidemic or the cyclical nature of measles disease.

