



Whooping Cough

Pertussis Cases by Year (1922–2021)

KEY POINTS

- Following the introduction of pertussis vaccines in the 1940s, reports declined dramatically.
- During the 1980s, pertussis reports began increasing gradually and continued through the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Number of reported pertussis cases per year

This table shows reported pertussis cases in the United States since 1922. The related trend charts can be found on the [Surveillance and Trends](#) page.

Year	No. Reported Pertussis Cases
1922	107,473
1923	164,191
1924	165,418
1925	152,003
1926	202,210
1927	181,411
1928	161,799
1929	197,371
1930	166,914
1931	172,559
1932	215,343
1933	179,135
1934	265,269
1935	180,518
1936	147,237
1937	214,652
1938	227,319
1939	103,188
1940	183,866
1941	222,202

Year	No. Reported Pertussis Cases
1942	191,383
1943	191,890
1944	109,873
1945	133,792
1946	109,860
1947	156,517
1948	74,715
1949	69,479
1950	120,718
1951	68,687
1952	45,030
1953	37,129
1954	60,886
1955	62,786
1956	31,732
1957	28,295
1958	32,148
1959	40,005
1960	14,809
1961	11,468
1962	17,749
1963	17,135
1964	13,005
1965	6,799
1966	7,717
1967	9,718
1968	4,810
1969	3,285
1970	4,249
1971	3,036
1972	3,287
1973	1,759

Year	No. Reported Pertussis Cases
1974	2,402
1975	1,738
1976	1,010
1977	2,177
1978	2,063
1979	1,623
1980	1,730
1981	1,248
1982	1,895
1983	2,463
1984	2,276
1985	3,589
1986	4,195
1987	2,823
1988	3,450
1989	4,157
1990	4,570
1991	2,719
1992	4,083
1993	6,586
1994	4,617
1995	5,137
1996	7,796
1997	6,564
1998	7,405
1999	7,298
2000	7,867
2001	7,580
2002	9,771
2003	11,647
2004	25,827
2005	25,616

Year	No. Reported Pertussis Cases
2006	15,632
2007	10,454
2008	13,278
2009	16,858
2010	27,550
2011	18,719
2012	48,277
2013	28,639
2014	32,971
2015	20,762
2016	17,972
2017	18,975
2018	15,609
2019	18,617
2020	6,124
2021	2,116

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