

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Epidemiology, Environmental, and Occupational Health
Infectious and Zoonotic Diseases Program

NEW JERSEY ANIMAL RABIES CASES BY COUNTY AND SPECIES
January 1 - March 31, 2017

COUNTY	Raccoon		Skunk		Fox		Cat		Groundhog		Bovine		Equine		Dog***		Ferret		Other Domestic*		Deer		Other Wild**		Total Terrestrial	Bats	
Atlantic		231		27		16		17		2		1													0	300	
Bergen	1	303		12			2	44		20								1		1				3	3	384	1
Burlington	5	512		85		25	1	43		13				1										1	6	680	
Camden		160	1	22		1		21		1															1	205	
Cape May		125		23		2		3																1	0	154	
Cumberland	2	202		55		2		12																	2	271	
Essex	1	147		24				17		7					1					2		1		1	1	200	
Gloucester	1	177	1	75		9		20		3				1										2	2	287	
Hudson		18		5				5																	0	28	
Hunterdon		401		44		7	1	38		13		2			1			1		1		4		1	1	513	1
Mercer		353		25		14		17		5								1							0	415	
Middlesex	1	209		75		8		24		13															1	329	
Monmouth	1	476		57		18		38		12		1		4	1										1	607	
Morris	1	483	3	107		17		25		17		1			1					3		1	1	5	5	660	
Ocean		392	1	99		17	1	36		12					1									1	2	558	
Passaic	1	219	1	61		7		23		12				2								1		1	2	326	
Salem		86		16		3		6		1				1	1										0	114	
Somerset		357		57		16		20		9				2						3				2	0	466	1
Sussex	1	259		110		17		21		21		4			2									1	1	435	
Union		115		28		1		13		1															0	158	
Warren	1	269		68		12	1	30		12		5		1						1		2		3	2	403	
Unknown		1																							0	1	
TOTAL	16	5495	7	1075	0	192	6	473	0	174	0	14	0	12	0	8	0	3	0	11	0	9	1	22	30	7488	3

NUMBERS IN WHITE COLUMNS REPRESENT YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS (January 1 through March 31, 2017)

NUMBERS IN SHADED COLUMNS REPRESENT EPIZOOTIC TOTALS (January 1989 through March 2017)

*Other Domestic includes 9 rabbits, 1 goat and 1 sheep

**Other Wild includes 5 otters, 4 opossums, 8 coyotes, 3 beavers, 1 bear, and 1 kudu

***One dog diagnosed in Essex County during 2008 acquired rabies in Iraq and became ill shortly after importation into NJ

Summary of Rabies Specimens Tested and Positive Cases by Year, New Jersey				
Year	Specimen Tested	Terrestrial Cases	Bat Cases	Total Cases
2014	3680	270	78	348
2015	2964	228	78	306
2016	2822	203	59	262
2017	388	30	3	33

Cats have accounted for 85% of the domestic animal cases in New Jersey since 1989. For the last 5 years there has been an average of 19 cats infected with rabies annually.