

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 - December 31, 2017

COUNTY	Raccoon		Skunk		Fox		Cat		Groundhog		Bovine		Equine		Dog***		Ferret		Other Domestic*		Deer		Other Wild**		Total Terrestrial	Bats	
Atlantic	1	237	1	28	1	17	1	18		2		1													4	304	
Bergen	1	303		12			3	45		20								1		1				3	4	385	1
Burlington	13	520	1	86	1	26	2	44		13				1										1	17	691	
Camden	8	168	1	22		1	1	22		1															10	214	
Cape May	1	126		23		2		3																1	1	155	
Cumberland	4	204		55		2		12										1	1						5	274	
Essex	5	151		24	1	1		17		7					1					2		1	1	1	6	205	2
Gloucester	5	181	3	77		9		20		3				1										2	8	293	4
Hudson		18		5				5																	0	28	
Hunterdon	11	412		44		7	1	38		13		2			1			1	1			4	1	1	12	524	4
Mercer	6	359		25	1	15	1	18		5								1				1	1	1	9	424	5
Middlesex	5	213	4	79		8		24		13															9	337	3
Monmouth	18	493	1	58	1	19	2	40		12		1		4	1										22	628	
Morris	10	492	8	112	1	18	2	27		17		1			1					3	1	2	2	6	24	679	3
Ocean	7	399	3	101		17	2	37		12					1									1	12	568	3
Passaic	2	220	6	66		7	1	24		12				2								1	1		9	333	
Salem	2	88		16		3		6		1				1	1										2	116	
Somerset	5	362	1	58		16		20	1	10										3				2	7	473	2
Sussex	5	263		110	2	19		21	1	22	1	5			2									1	9	443	2
Union	3	118		28		1		13		1															3	161	
Warren	1	269	1	69		12	2	31		12		5		1						1		2	3		4	405	2
Unknown		1																							0	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>5597</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1098</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>7641</b>	<b>31</b>

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

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

\*Other Domestic includes 9 rabbits, 2 sheep, and 1 goat

\*\*Other Wild includes 8 coyotes, 5 otters, 4 opossums, 3 beavers, 2 bobcats, 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	2562	177	31	208

Cats have accounted for 90% of the domestic animal cases in New Jersey since 1989. For the last 5 years there has been an average of 16 cats infected with rabies annually.