

Number of Silicosis Cases

Of 1,578 potential cases, 587 cases of silicosis were confirmed by the NJDOH between 1979 and 2013. The figure below shows the annual distribution of cases reported to the NJDOH. The number of potential cases reported per year ranged from a low of 16 in 2012 to a high of 97 cases in 1986 whereas confirmed cases ranged from six in 2012 to 43 in 1988.

The year is based on the date when the case was identified by the original reporting source. The largest source of confirmed cases has been the state-required reporting of persons with silicosis by hospitals. Due to the major exodus of the traditional manufacturing industries associated with silicosis from New Jersey, the number of cases identified has decreased over the thirty years of surveillance. Changes in industry subsectors associated with future silicosis cases can be expected.

**Number of Non-Confirmed versus Confirmed Silicosis Cases by Year Reported
New Jersey, 1979-2013
N=1,578**

