

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, 2018

COUNTY	Raccoon		Skunk		Fox		Cat		Groundhog		Bovine	Equine	Dog***	Ferret	Other Domestic*		Deer	Other Wild**	Total Terrestrial	Bats	
Atlantic	3	240		28		17		18		2		1							3	304	1
Bergen	4	307	2	14		0	1	46		20				1		1		3	7	385	1
Burlington	4	524	2	88	1	27	2	46		13		1						1	9	691	5
Camden	2	170	2	24		1		22		1									4	214	
Cape May	2	128		23		2		3										1	2	155	
Cumberland	2	206	1	56		2		12								1			3	274	
Essex	6	157	1	25		1	1	18		7			1			2	1	1	8	205	3
Gloucester	11	192	3	80	1	10	2	22		3		1						2	17	293	5
Hudson		18		5		0		5												28	
Hunterdon	7	419	1	45		7		38		13		2		1		1	4	1	8	524	3
Mercer	6	365		25	1	16		18		5				1			1	1	7	424	4
Middlesex	8	221	1	80	1	9	2	26		13									12	337	2
Monmouth	18	511	7	65		19		40		12		1	4	1					25	628	2
Morris	13	505	2	114		18	1	28		17		1				3	2	6	16	679	3
Ocean	6	405	3	104		17	1	38		12			1					1	10	568	2
Passaic	2	222	1	67		7	2	26	1	13		2					1	1	6	333	1
Salem	1	89		16	1	4	1	7		1		1	1						3	116	
Somerset	7	369		58	1	17		20		10		2				3		2	8	473	4
Sussex	2	265		110		19	1	22		22		5		2				1	3	443	
Union	3	121		28		1	1	14	1	2									5	161	
Warren	4	273	2	71		12	1	32		12		5	1			1	2	3	7	405	
Unknown		1		0		0		0												1	
TOTAL	111	5708	28	1126	6	206	16	501	2	178		15	12	8	3	12	11	24	163	7641	36

NUMBERS IN WHITE COLUMNS REPRESENT YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS (January 1 through December 31, 2018)

NUMBERS IN SHADED COLUMNS REPRESENT EPIZOOTIC TOTALS (January 1989 through December 2018)

*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
2015	2964	228	78	306
2016	2822	203	59	262
2017	2562	177	31	208
2018	2810	163	36	199

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.