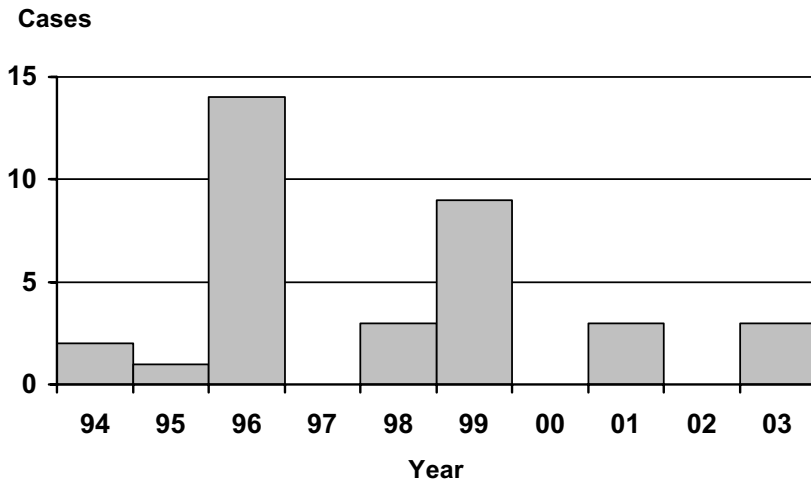


Measles

Measles is an acute, highly communicable viral illness, known for its red, blotchy rash that starts on the face and then becomes generalized. The rash is preceded by a febrile prodrome that includes cough, coryza, and conjunctivitis, and sometimes photophobia and Koplik spots. Diagnosis is confirmed by the presence of serum IgM antibodies (in a patient who has not recently been immunized).

Measles is no longer endemic in the United States; cases are occasionally imported. The 2003 cases of measles were imported from countries in Asia and Europe. The risk of exposure to measles in Oregon remains low.

**Measles
by Year
Oregon, 1994–2003**



Incidence of Measles Oregon vs. Nationwide 1994–2003

Cases/100,000

