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Measles notifications and deaths in England and Wales: 1940 to 2017

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Year	Notifications	Total Deaths	Description#			
1940	409,521	857				
1941	409,715	1,145				
1942	286,341	458				
1943	376,104	773				
1944	158,479	243				
1945	446,796	729				
1946	160,402	204				
1947	393,787	644				
1948	399,606	327				
1949	385,935	307				
1950	367,725	221				
1951	616,182	317				
1952	389,502	141				
1953	545,050	242				
1954	146,995	45				
1955	693,803	174				
1956	160,556	28				
1957	633,678	94				
1958	259,308	49				
1959	539,524	98				
1960	159,364	31				
1961	763,531	152				
1962	184,895	39				

Year	Notifications	Total Deaths	Description#			
1963	601,255	127				
1964	306,801	73				
1965	502,209	115				
1966	343,642	80				
1967	460,407	99				
1968	236,154	51				
1969	142,111	36				
1970	307,408	42				
1971	135,241	28				
1972	145,916	29				
1973	152,578	33				
1974	109,636	20				
1975	143,072	16				
1976	55,502	14				
1977	173,361	23				
1978	124,067	20				
1979	77,363	17				
1980	139,487	26				
1981	52,979	15				
1982	94,195	13				
1983	103,700	16				
1984	62,079	10				
1985	97,408	11				
1986	82,054	10				

Year	Notifications	Total Deaths	Description#			
1987	42,158	6				
1988	86,001	16				
1989	26,222	3				
1990	13,302	1				
1991	9,680	1				
1992	10,268	2				
1993	9,612	4				
1994	16,375	0				
1995	7,447	1				
1996	5,614	0				
1997	3,962	3				
1998	3,728	3				
1999	2,438	3				
2000	2,378	1				
2001	2,250	1				
2002	3,232	1*				
2003	2,488	0				
2004	2,356	1				
2005	2,089	0				
2006	3,705	1	1 death acute measles, unvaccinated child with underling immunological problem			
2007	3,670	1	1 adult death late effect of measles			
2008	5,088	2	1 death acute measles, unvaccinated child with underling immunological problem; 1 adult death late effect of measles			

Year	Notifications	Total Deaths	Description#			
2009	5,191	1	1 adult death late effect of measles, SSPE			
2010	2,235	0				
2011	2,355	1	1 adult death late effect of measles			
2012	4,211	1	1 adult death late effect of measles			
2013	6,193	1	1 death acute measles, unvaccinated adult			
2014	1,850	0				
2015	1,193	0				
2016	1,641	1	1 death acute measles, infant			
2017**	1,693	1	1 adult death late effect of measles			

*Known not to be measles infection

**Provisional data

Prior to 2006 the last death from acute measles was in 1992. Since 2006 PHE has actively followed up all deaths certified as measles to establish the cause and any underlying conditions.