

Indicator 48. Illness

Total number of reported cases of selected youth-related diseases, for all age groups: 1950 to 1993

Year	Polio	Measles	Tuberculosis ¹	Gonorrhea ²	Syphilis ²	AIDS
1950	33,300	319,124	121,742	286,746	217,558	—
1955	28,985	555,156	77,368	236,197	122,392	—
1960	3,190	441,703	55,494	258,933	122,538	—
1965	61	261,904	49,016	324,925	112,842	—
1970	31	47,351	37,137	600,072	91,382	—
1975	8	24,374	33,989	999,937	80,356	—
1980	9	13,506	27,749	1,004,029	68,832	—
1985	7	2,822	22,201	911,419	27,131	8,249
1986	8	6,282	22,768	900,868	27,883	12,932
1987	6	3,655	22,517	780,905	35,147	21,070
1988	9	3,396	22,436	719,536	40,117	31,001
1989	5	18,193	23,495	733,151	44,540	33,722
1990	7	27,786	25,701	690,169	50,223	41,595
1991	5	9,643	26,283	544,057	42,687	43,672
1992	4	2,237	26,673	502,458	34,102	45,472
1993	3	312	25,313	440,149	26,546	³ 103,691

—Data not reported.

¹ Data for 1975 and later years are not entirely comparable to prior years due to changes in reporting criteria.

² Civilian cases only.

³ Includes HIV positive.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control, *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: Annual Summaries*, various years.

Number of reported cases of selected diseases among 15- to 24-year-olds: 1981 to 1993

Disease and age	1981	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993
Polio						
15 to 19	2	0	—	1	—	—
20 to 24	0	0	—	—	1	—
Measles						
15 to 19	466	0	3,106	1,096	325	27
20 to 24	128	251	2,540	657	163	24
Tuberculosis						
15 to 19	656	464	577	601	587	580
20 to 24	1,542	1,208	1,290	1,370	1,387	1,263
Gonorrhea						
15 to 19 ¹	243,432	218,821	183,865	159,784	141,660	116,974
20 to 24 ¹	374,562	341,645	200,625	170,832	151,427	119,739
Syphilis						
15 to 19 ¹	4,173	3,132	5,184	4,674	3,828	2,940
20 to 24 ¹	8,792	7,717	11,224	9,637	7,481	5,469
AIDS						
15 to 19	—	30	148	132	133	² 487
20 to 24	—	349	1,567	1,386	1,376	² 3,771

—Data not collected.

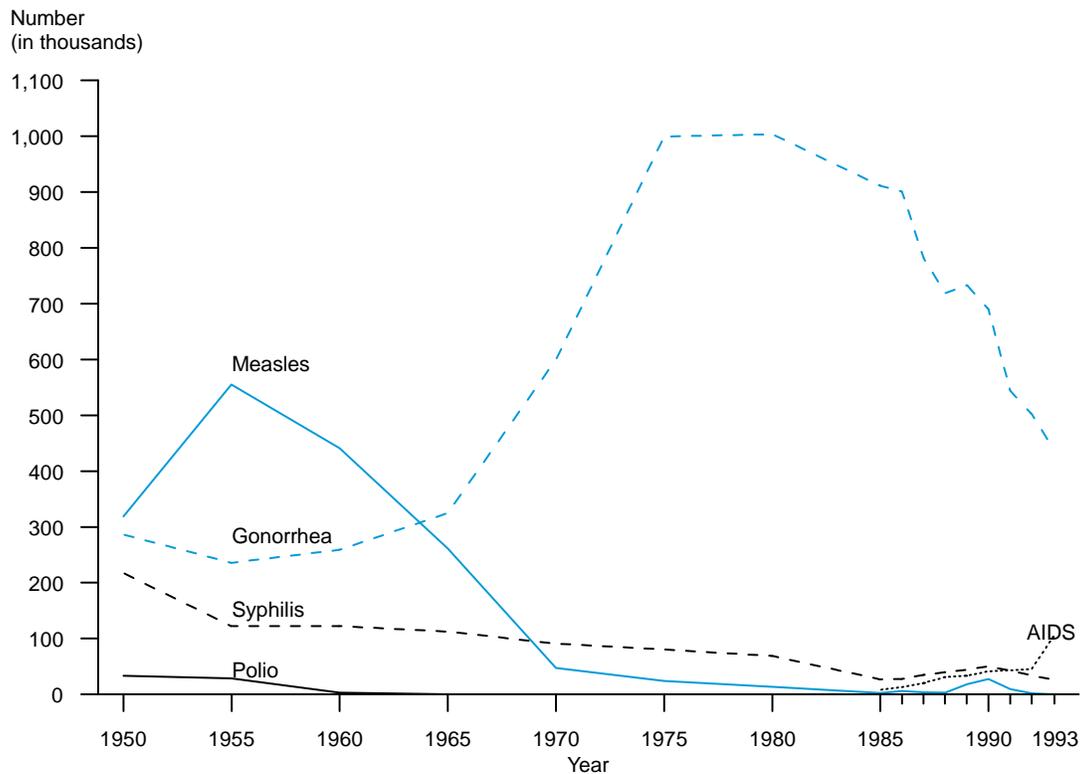
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Since 1950, young people have benefitted from dramatic strides made against such diseases as polio and measles. While the number of cases of gonorrhea increased enormously between 1965 and 1975, it has declined since 1980. Syphilis and measles have been declining since 1990. The number of reported cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) more than doubled since 1990.