



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A52 Infectious Disease Outbreaks

Data owner	Health Protection Surveillance Centre (www.hpsc.ie). Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting (CIDR) system (www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/CIDR/). Reporting by HSE Departments of Public Health/laboratories/hospital clinicians (including hospitals of Health Service Executive, www.hse.ie) and general practitioners.
Brief description	National system. Details of outbreaks to Departments of Public Health are notified to the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) via CIDR. Detailed outbreak reporting forms are available to collect the relevant data when an outbreak occurs. Data are entered on the CIDR system. These data are important in monitoring burden, in identifying control and prevention measures, and in determining the impact of such measures.
Primary function of data	To monitor infectious disease outbreaks in order to inform public health professionals on the causes and factors contributing to outbreaks, to put control measures in place to curtail the outbreak, to target prevention strategies and to monitor the effectiveness of prevention programmes.
Key classificatory variables	ID Other; County; Geog Other
Themes/domains	Health
Unit of observation	Outbreak
Start date of data collection	2004
Frequency of data collection	Continuous
Data format	Separate record for each outbreak
Method of data collection	Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting (CIDR) system
Date of last publication	<p>① See Weekly Outbreak Report (summarising details of outbreaks reported each week over the previous 4 weeks). Available at: www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/</p> <p>① See also data on infectious disease outbreaks in the <i>HPSC Annual Report</i> and in Epi-Insight articles. Available at: www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/A-Z/Outbreaks</p>
Access/further information	Health Protection Surveillance Centre 25-27 Middle Gardiner Street Dublin 1 Web: www.hpsc.ie
Note	Outbreaks (unusual clusters or changing patterns of illness) are specified as notifiable under the Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 707 of 2003).