

HGO Committee Chair: Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass

Bill Sponsor and Vice Chair of the HGO Committee: Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk

HGO Committee

Regarding: HB 1084 – I Oppose this Bill

Finance Committee,

I am a concerned father and longtime MD resident. I work in Data Center technology and our personal medical data will not be safe with this proposed centralized vaccine passport. Please see the included HIPAA Journal article about data breaches in recent years. This bill was passed last year as an emergency use authorization and should be ended now - not extended further.

The pandemic is over. This bill is all over the map having regulations for qualification of qualifications for employment in nursing, testing centers, and pharmacies. All these things should be considered separately with careful debate – not thrown together in an emergency measure that no longer applies.

Most alarming is that Pharmacists are not doctors but are being granted authority to give vaccines to 3-year-olds. Vaccines should be given only after informed consent and consultation with parents and the Pediatrician. We should not be incentivizing people to get vaccines (D.5) but promoting careful consideration regarding individual health history. Pharmacists are already too busy to give proper post shot care or respond to adverse reactions. Please see the adverse event reporting attached showing deaths in 2021 when the COVID vaccines were released, were over double the total cumulative deaths of all vaccines combined over the last 30 years. This is shown in the attached chart in the recent data from Feb 25 titled "COVID Vaccine Data through Feb 25, 2022." Please note that these deaths were in the year of the vaccine and not in the previous year of just COVID!

The most egregious part of this bill is letting pharmacists, or their technicians administer vaccines to children. It lowers the age from 11 to 3 years old. There is no mention of requirement for parental consent. This should only be administered by a pediatrician familiar with the child's health history after the parent received full informed consent as to the risks these vaccines present to children who are at effectively no risk of dying from COVID.

I strongly oppose this bill and ask you to vote no and prevent it from moving forward.

Thank you,

Cliff McDougall

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We have compiled healthcare data breach statistics from October 2009 when the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights first started publishing summaries of healthcare data breaches on its website until December 31, 2021.

The healthcare data breach statistics below only include data breaches of 500 or more records that have been reported to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights (OCR), as details of smaller breaches are not made public by OCR. The breaches include closed cases and breaches still being investigated by OCR for potential HIPAA violations.

Our healthcare data breach statistics clearly show there has been an upward trend in data breaches over the past 10 years, with 2021 seeing more data breaches reported than any other year since records first started being published by OCR.

There have also been notable changes over the years in the main causes of breaches. The loss/theft of healthcare records and electronic protected health information dominated the breach reports between 2009 and 2015. Better policies and procedures and the use of encryption have helped reduce these easily preventable breaches. Our healthcare data breach statistics show the main causes of healthcare data breaches are now hacking/IT incidents, with unauthorized access/disclosure incidents also commonplace.

Healthcare Data Breaches by Year

Between 2009 and 2021, 4,419 healthcare data breaches of 500 or more records have been reported to the HHS' Office for Civil Rights. Those breaches have resulted in the loss, theft, exposure, or impermissible disclosure of 314,063,186 healthcare records. That equates to more than 94.63% of the 2021 population of the United States. In 2018, healthcare data breaches of 500 or more records were being reported at a rate of around 1 per day. Fast forward 4 years and the rate has doubled. In 2021, an average of 1.95 healthcare data breaches of 500 or more records were reported each day.

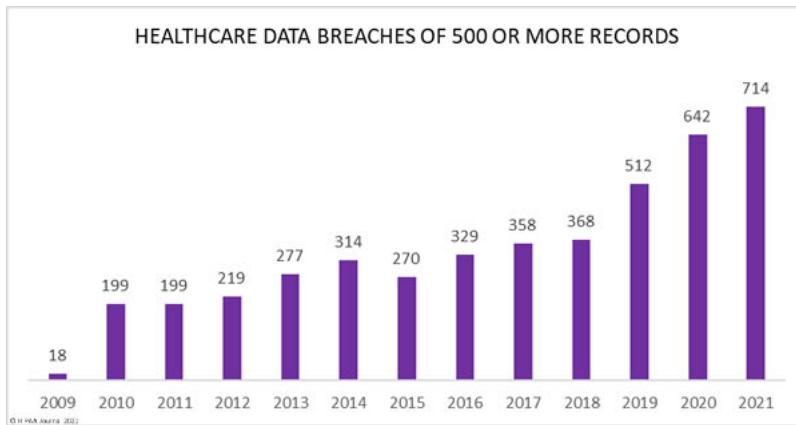
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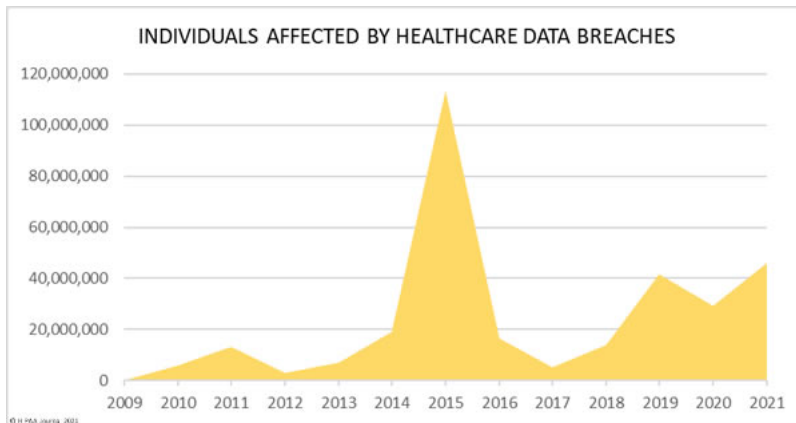
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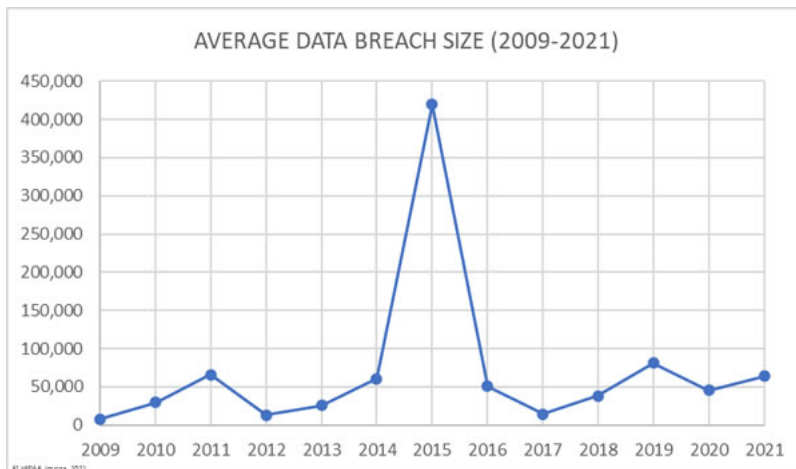


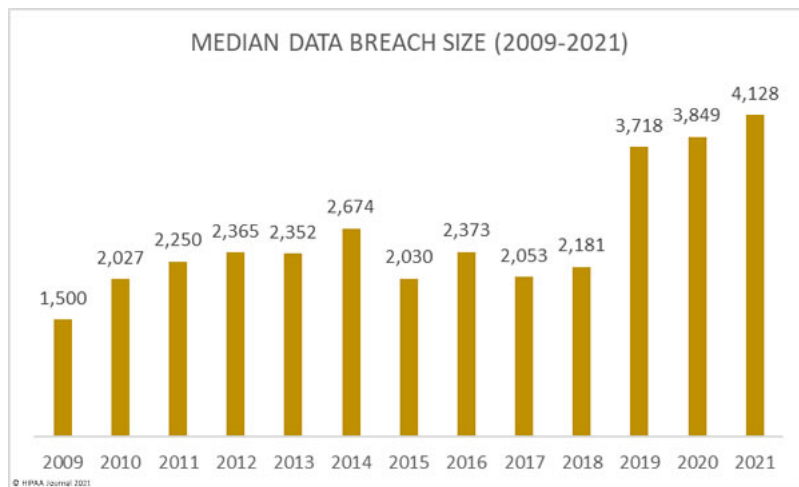
Healthcare Records Exposed by Year



There has been a general upward trend in the number of records exposed each year, with a massive increase in 2015. 2015 was the worst year in history for breached healthcare records with more than 113.27 million records exposed, stolen, or impermissibly disclosed. 2015 was particularly bad due to three massive data breaches at health plans: Anthem Inc, Premera Blue Cross, and Excellus.

Average/Median Healthcare Data Breach Size by Year





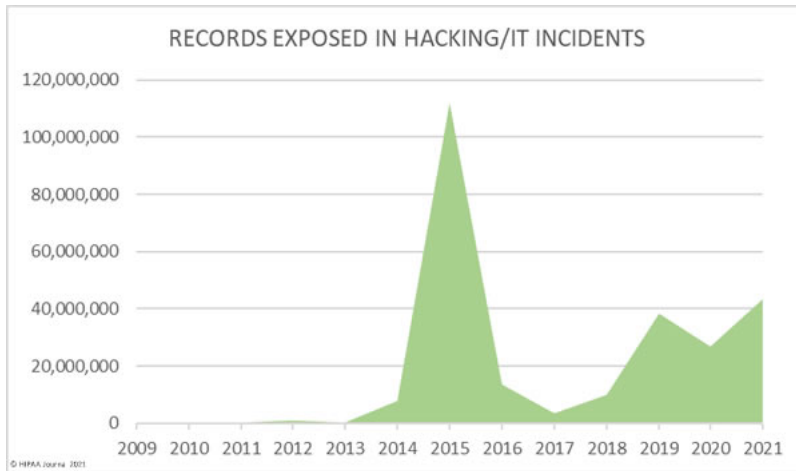
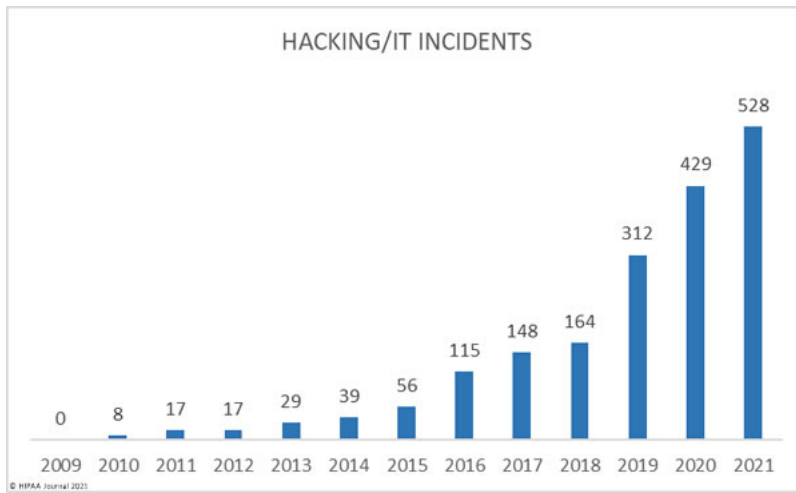
Largest Healthcare Data Breaches (2009-2021)

Rank	Name of Covered Entity	Year	Covered Entity Type	Individuals Affected	Type of Breach
1	Anthem Inc.	2015	Health Plan	78,800,000	Hacking/IT Incident
2	American Medical Collection Agency	2019	Business Associate	26,059,725	Hacking/IT Incident
3	Premera Blue Cross	2015	Health Plan	11,000,000	Hacking/IT Incident
4	Excelsus Health Plan, Inc.	2015	Health Plan	10,000,000	Hacking/IT Incident
5	Science Applications International Corporation (SA)	2011	Business Associate	4,900,000	Loss
6	University of California, Los Angeles Health	2015	Healthcare Provider	4,500,000	Hacking/IT Incident
7	Community Health Systems Professional Services Corporations	2014	Business Associate	4,500,000	Hacking/IT Incident
8	Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation, d/b/a Advocate Medical Group	2013	Healthcare Provider	4,029,530	Theft
9	Medical Informatics Engineering	2015	Business Associate	3,900,000	Hacking/IT Incident
10	Banner Health	2016	Healthcare Provider	3,620,000	Hacking/IT Incident

11	Florida Healthy Kids Corporation	2021	Health Plan	3,500,000	Hacking/IT Incident
12	Trinity Health	2020	Business Associate	3,320,726	Hacking/IT Incident
13	Newkirk Products, Inc.	2016	Business Associate	3,466,120	Hacking/IT Incident
14	20/20 Eye Care Network, Inc	2021	Business Associate	3,253,822	Hacking/IT Incident
15	Dominion Dental Services, Inc., Dominion National Insurance Company, and Dominion Dental Services USA, Inc.	2019	Health Plan	2,964,778	Hacking/IT Incident
16	AccuDoc Solutions, Inc.	2018	Business Associate	2,652,537	Hacking/IT Incident
17	Forefront Dermatology, S.C.	2021	Healthcare Provider	2,413,553	Hacking/IT Incident
18	21st Century Oncology	2016	Healthcare Provider	2,213,597	Hacking/IT Incident
19	Xerox State Healthcare, LLC	2014	Business Associate	2,000,000	Unauthorized Access/Disclosure
20	IBM	2011	Business Associate	1,900,000	Unknown
21	Dental Care Alliance, LLC	2021	Business Associate	1,723,375	Hacking/IT Incident
22	GRM Information Management Services	2011	Business Associate	1,700,000	Theft
23	NEC Networks, LLC d/b/a CaptureRx	2021	Business Associate	1,656,569	Hacking/IT Incident
24	Inmediata Health Group, Corp.	2019	Healthcare Clearing House	1,565,338	Unauthorized Access/Disclosure
25	Eskenazi Health	2021	Healthcare Provider	1,515,918	Hacking/IT Incident

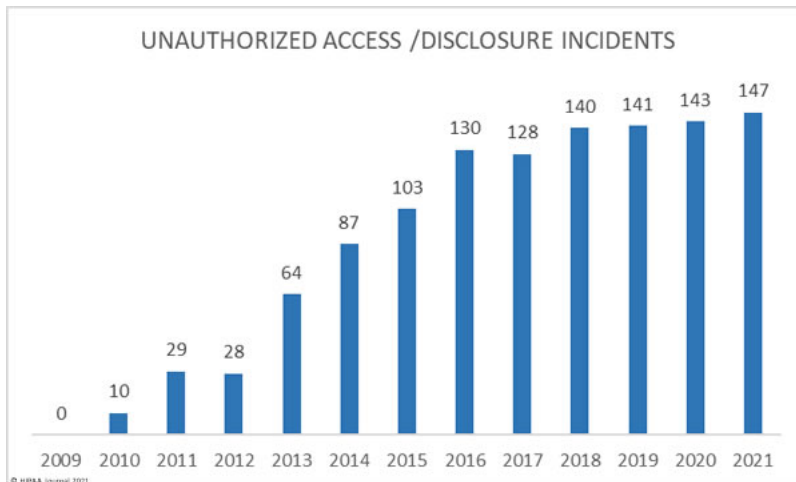
Healthcare Hacking Incidents by Year

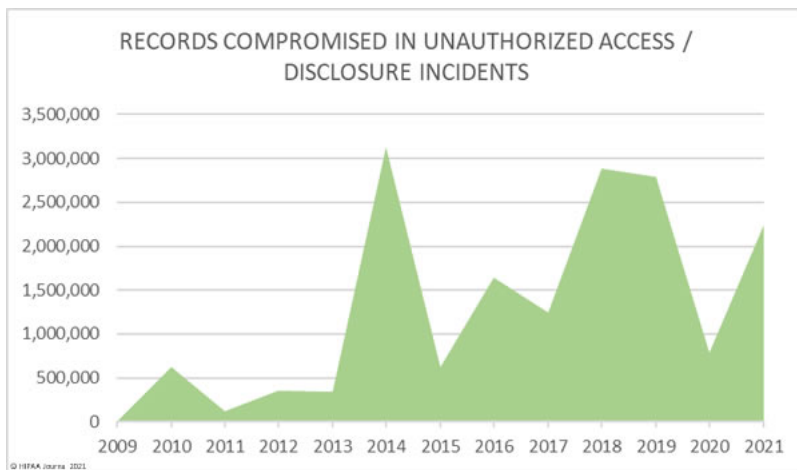
Our healthcare data breach statistics show hacking is now the leading cause of healthcare data breaches, although it should be noted that healthcare organizations are now much better at detecting hacking incidents. The low number of hacking/IT incidents in the earlier years could be partially due to the failure to detect hacking incidents and malware infections. Many of the hacking incidents between 2014-2018 occurred many months, and in some cases years, before they were detected.



Unauthorized Access/Disclosures by Year

As with hacking, healthcare organizations are getting better at detecting insider breaches and reporting those breaches to the Office for Civil Rights. These incidents consist of errors by employees, negligence, and acts by malicious insiders. The number of reported breaches appears to have now plateaued.





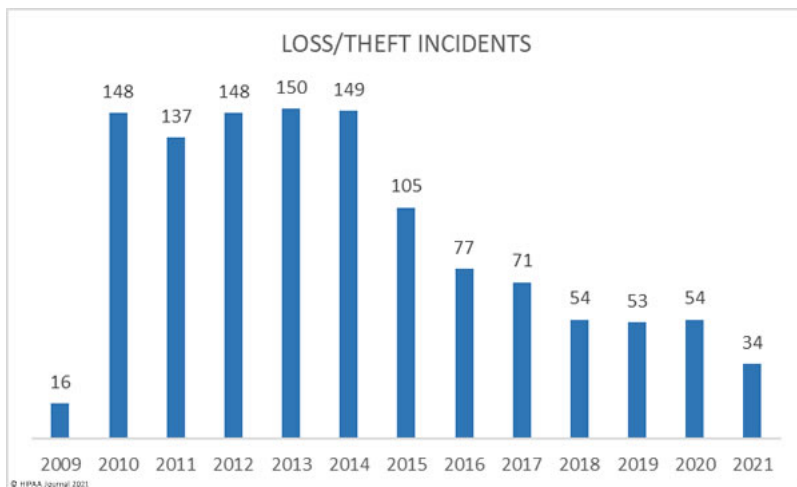
Loss/Theft of PHI and Unencrypted ePHI by Year

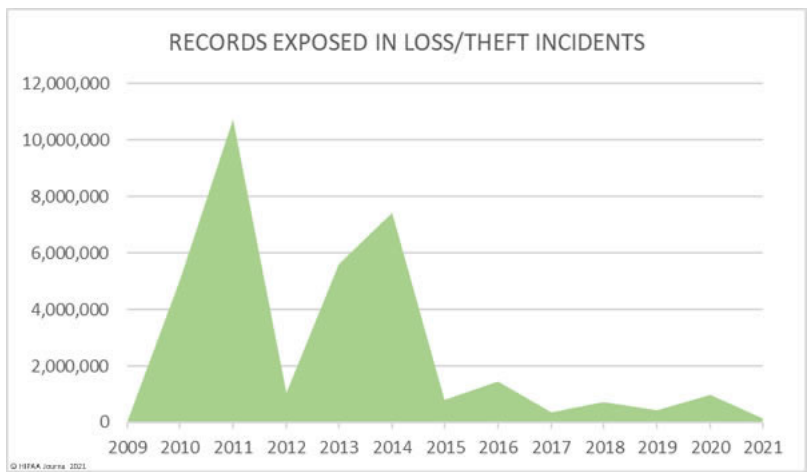
Our healthcare data breach statistics show HIPAA covered entities and business associates have gotten significantly better at protecting healthcare records with administrative, physical, and technical controls such as encryption, although unencrypted laptops and other electronic devices are still being left unsecured in vehicles and locations accessible by the public. Many of these theft/loss incidents involve paper records, which can equally result in the exposure of large amounts of patient information.

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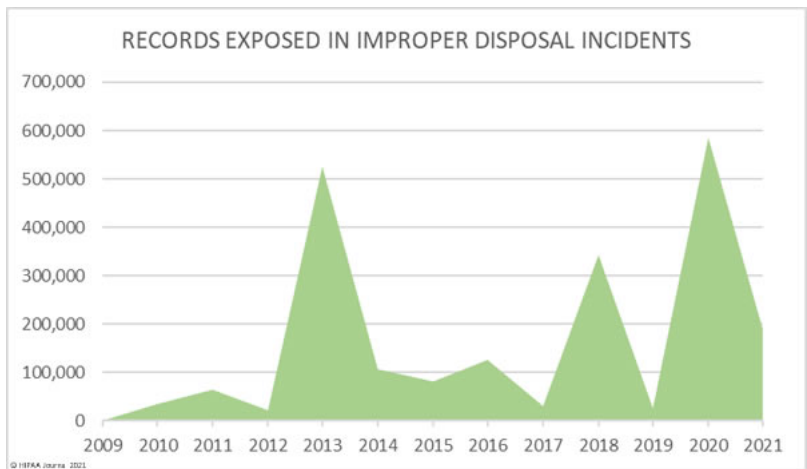
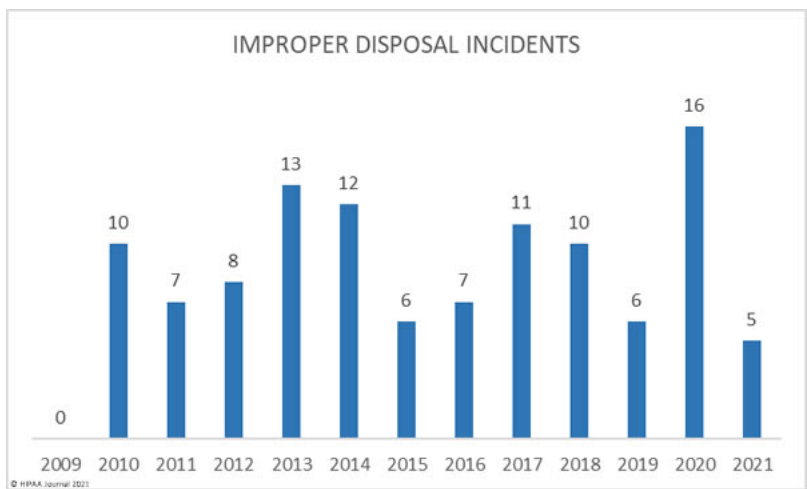
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Improper Disposal of PHI/ePHI by Year

HIPAA requires healthcare data, whether in physical or electronic form, to be permanently destroyed when no longer required. The improper disposal of PHI is a relatively infrequent breach cause and typically involves paper records that have not been sent for shredding or have been abandoned.



Healthcare Data Breaches by HIPAA-Regulated Entity Type

Listed below are the healthcare data breaches of 500 or more records by the entity that reported the breaches. It should be noted that data breaches at business associated may be self-reported, but could be reported by each affected covered entity. The number of data breaches at business associates has been increasing, even not taking this reporting discrepancy into account.

Year	Healthcare Provider	Health Plan	Business Associate	Healthcare Clearinghouse	Total
2009	0	0	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0	0	0
2012	0	0	0	0	0
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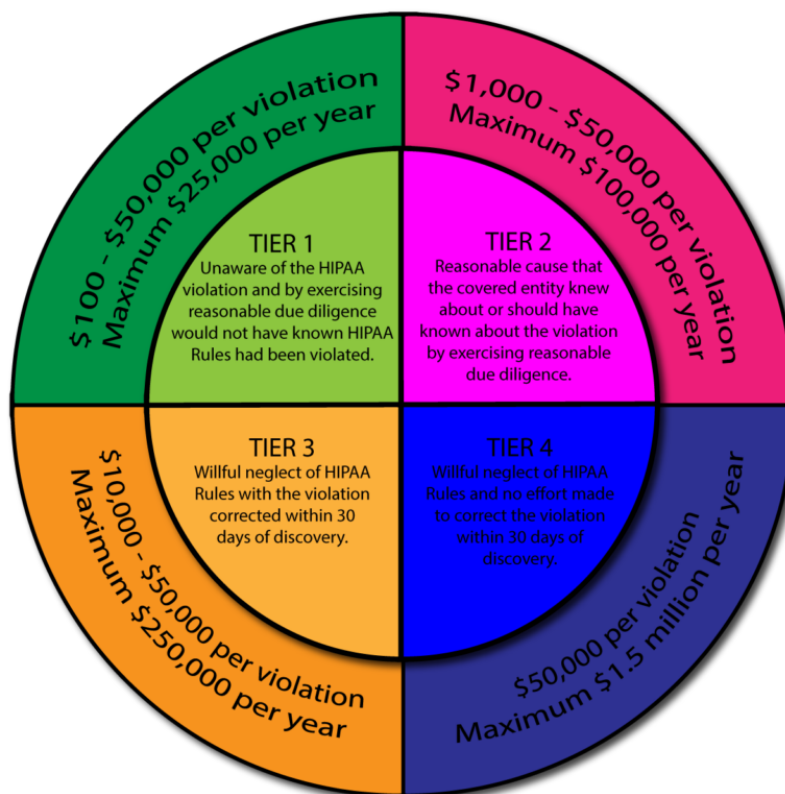
2009	14	1	3	0	18
2010	134	21	44	0	199
2011	134	19	45	1	199
2012	155	23	40	1	219
2013	191	20	64	2	277
2014	196	41	77	0	314
2015	195	61	14	0	270
2016	256	51	22	0	329
2017	285	52	21	0	358
2018	273	53	42	0	368
2019	398	59	53	2	512
2020	497	70	73	2	642
2021	515	104	93	2	714
Total	3,243	575	591	10	4,419

OCR Settlements and Fines for HIPAA Violations

The [penalties for HIPAA violations](#) can be severe. Multi-million-dollar fines are possible when violations have been allowed to persist for several years or when there is systemic noncompliance with the HIPAA Rules.

The penalty structure for HIPAA violations is detailed in the infographic below:

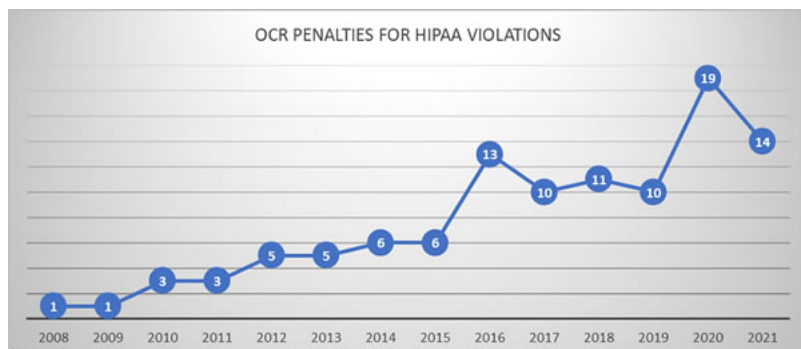
HIPAA Violation Penalties



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OCR Settlements and Fines Over the Years

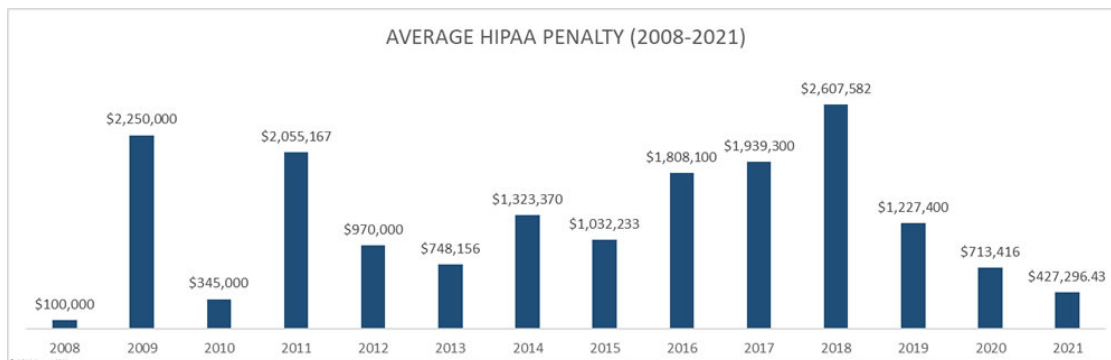
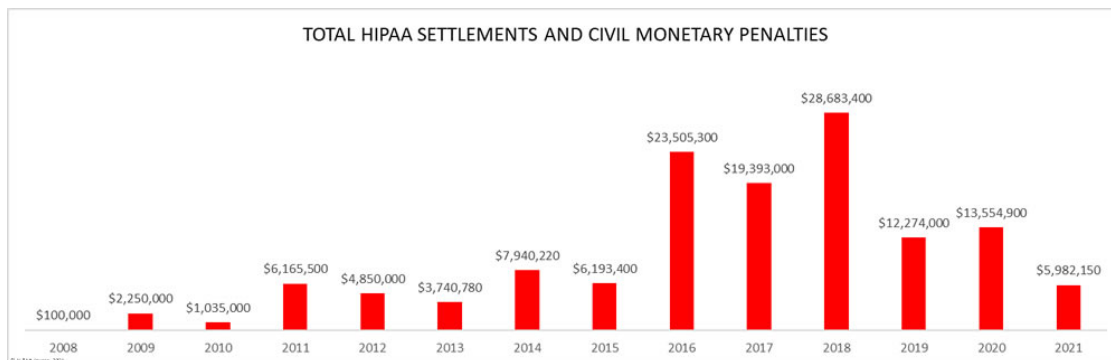
Further information on HIPAA fines and settlements can be viewed on our [HIPAA violation fines](#) page, which details all HIPAA violation fines imposed by OCR between 2008 and 2021. As the graph below shows, HIPAA enforcement activity has steadily increased over the past 14 years. The major rise in HIPAA violation penalties in 2020 was largely due to a new enforcement initiative by OCR targeting non-compliance with the HIPAA Right of Access – the right of patients to access and obtain a copy of their healthcare data. 11 settlements were reached with healthcare providers in 2020 to resolve cases where patients were not given timely access to their medical records, and in 2021 all but two of the 14 penalties were for HIPAA Right of Access violations.

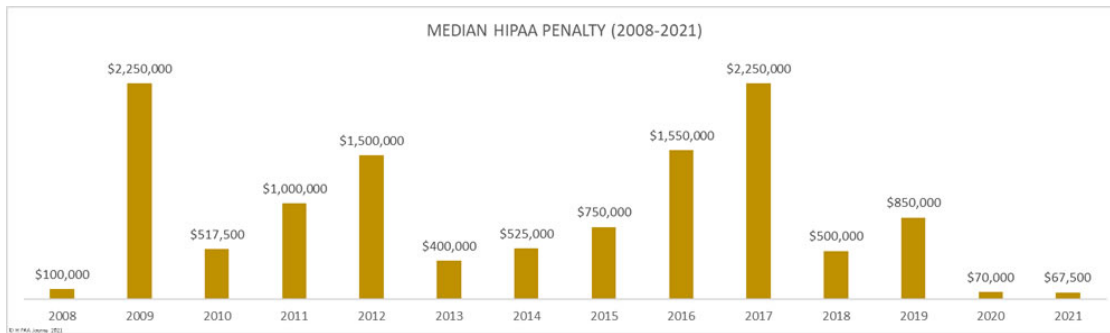


How Much Has OCR Fined HIPAA Covered Entities and Business Associates?

In addition to an increase in fines and settlements, penalty amounts increased considerably between 2015 and 2018. In 2018, the largest ever financial penalty for HIPAA violations was paid by Anthem Inc to resolve potential violations of the HIPAA Security Rule that were discovered by OCR during the investigation of its 78.8 million record data breach in 2015. Anthem paid \$16 million to settle the case. In 2020, Premera Blue Cross settled potential violations of the HIPAA Rules and paid a \$6,850,000 penalty to resolve its 2015 data breach of the PHI of almost 10.5 million individuals, and in 2021 a \$5,000,000 settlement was agreed with Excellus Health Plan to resolve HIPAA violations identified that contributed to its 2015 data breach of the PHI of almost 9.4 million individuals.

While large financial penalties are still imposed to resolve HIPAA violations, the trend has been for smaller penalties to be issued in recent years, with those penalties imposed on healthcare organizations of all sizes.





It was expected that 2018 would see fewer fines for HIPAA-covered entities than in the past two years due to HHS budget cuts, but that did not prove not to be the case. 2018 was a record-breaking year for HIPAA fines and settlements, beating the previous record of \$23,505,300 set in 2016 by 22%. OCR received payments totaling \$28,683,400 in 2018 from HIPAA-covered entities and business associates who had violated HIPAA Rules and 2020 saw a major increase in enforcement activity with 19 settlements.

OCR Penalties for HIPAA Violations

Year	Covered Entity	Amount	Penalty Type
2021	Advanced Spine & Pain Management	\$32,150	Settlement
2021	Denver Retina Center	\$30,000	Settlement
2021	Dr. Robert Glaser	\$100,000	Civil Monetary Penalty
2021	Rainrock Treatment Center LLC (dba monte Nido Rainrock)	\$160,000	Settlement
2021	Wake Health Medical Group	\$10,000	Settlement
2021	Children's Hospital & Medical Center	\$80,000	Settlement
2021	The Diabetes, Endocrinology & Lipidology Center, Inc.	\$5,000	Settlement
2021	AEON Clinical Laboratories (Peachstate)	\$25,000	Settlement
2021	Village Plastic Surgery	\$30,000	Settlement
2021	Arbour Hospital	\$65,000	Settlement
2021	Sharpe Healthcare	\$70,000	Settlement
2021	Renown Health	\$75,000	Settlement
2021	Excellus Health Plan	\$5,100,000	Settlement
2021	Banner Health	\$200,000	Settlement
2020	Peter Wrobel, M.D., P.C., dba Elite Primary Care	\$36,000	Settlement
2020	University of Cincinnati Medical Center	\$65,000	Settlement
2020	Dr. Rajendra Bhayani	\$15,000	Settlement
2020	Riverside Psychiatric Medical Group	\$25,000	Settlement
2020	City of New Haven, CT	\$202,400	Settlement
2020	Aetna	\$1,000,000	Settlement
2020	NY Spine	\$100,000	Settlement

2020	Dignity Health, dba St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center	\$160,000	Settlement
2020	Premera Blue Cross	\$6,850,000	Settlement
2020	CHSPSC LLC	\$2,300,000	Settlement
2020	Athens Orthopedic Clinic PA	\$1,500,000	Settlement
2020	Housing Works, Inc.	\$38,000	Settlement
2020	All Inclusive Medical Services, Inc.	\$15,000	Settlement
2020	Beth Israel Lahey Health Behavioral Services	\$70,000	Settlement
2020	King MD	\$3,500	Settlement
2020	Wise Psychiatry, PC	\$10,000	Settlement
2020	Lifespan Health System Affiliated Covered Entity	\$1,040,000	Settlement
2020	Metropolitan Community Health Services dba Agape Health Services	\$25,000	Settlement
2020	Steven A. Porter, M.D	\$100,000	Settlement
2019	Jackson Health System	\$2,154,000	Civil Monetary Penalty
2019	Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services	\$1,600,000	Civil Monetary Penalty
2019	University of Rochester Medical Center	\$3,000,000	Settlement
2019	Touchstone Medical imaging	\$3,000,000	Settlement
2019	Sentara Hospitals	\$2,175,000	Settlement
2019	Medical Informatics Engineering	\$100,000	Settlement
2019	Korunda Medical, LLC	\$85,000	Settlement
2019	Bayfront Health St. Petersburg	\$85,000	Settlement
2019	West Georgia Ambulance	\$65,000	Settlement
2019	Elite Dental Associates	\$10,000	Settlement
2018*	University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	\$4,348,000	Civil Monetary Penalty
2018	Anthem Inc	\$16,000,000	Settlement
2018	Fresenius Medical Care North America	\$3,500,000	Settlement
2018	Massachusetts General Hospital	\$515,000	Settlement
2018	Brigham and Women's Hospital	\$384,000	Settlement
2018	Boston Medical Center	\$100,000	Settlement
2018	Filefax, Inc.	\$100,000	Settlement
2017	Children's Medical Center of Dallas	\$3,200,000	Civil Monetary Penalty
2017	Memorial Healthcare	\$5,500,000	Settlement

	System		
2017	Cardionet	\$2,500,000	Settlement
2017	Memorial Hermann Health System	\$2,400,000	Settlement
2017	21st Century Oncology	\$2,300,000	Settlement
2017	MAPFRE Life Insurance Company of Puerto Rico	\$2,200,000	Settlement
2017	Presense Health	\$475,000	Settlement
2017	Metro Community Provider Network	\$400,000	Settlement
2017	St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center Inc.	\$387,000	Settlement
2017	The Center for Children's Digestive Health	\$31,000	Settlement
2016	Lincare, Inc.	\$239,800	Civil Monetary Penalty
2016	Advocate Health Care Network	\$5,550,000	Settlement
2016	Feinstein Institute for Medical Research	\$3,900,000	Settlement
2016	University of Mississippi Medical Center	\$2,750,000	Settlement
2016	Oregon Health & Science University	\$2,700,000	Settlement
2016	New York Presbyterian Hospital	\$2,200,000	Settlement
2016	St. Joseph Health	\$2,140,500	Settlement
2016	North Memorial Health Care of Minnesota	\$1,550,000	Settlement
2016	Raleigh Orthopaedic Clinic, P.A. of North Carolina	\$750,000	Settlement
2016	University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass)	\$650,000	Settlement
2016	Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia	\$650,000	Settlement
2016	Care New England Health System	\$400,000	Settlement
2016	Complete P.T., Pool & Land Physical Therapy, Inc.	\$25,000	Settlement
2015	Triple S Management Corporation	\$3,500,000	Settlement
2015	Lahey Hospital and Medical Center	\$850,000	Settlement
2015	University of Washington Medicine	\$750,000	Settlement
2015	Cancer Care Group, P.C.	\$750,000	Settlement
2015	St. Elizabeth's Medical Center	\$218,400	Settlement
2015	Cornell Prescription	\$125,000	Settlement

	Pharmacy		
2014	New York and Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University	\$4,800,000	Settlement
2014	Concentra Health Services	\$1,725,220	Settlement
2014	Parkview Health System, Inc.	\$800,000	Settlement
2014	QCA Health Plan, Inc., of Arkansas	\$250,000	Settlement
2014	Skagit County, Washington	\$215,000	Settlement
2014	Anchorage Community Mental Health Services	\$150,000	Settlement
2013	WellPoint	\$1,700,000	Settlement
2013	Affinity Health Plan, Inc.	\$1,215,780	Settlement
2013	Idaho State University	\$400,000	Settlement
2013	Shasta Regional Medical Center	\$275,000	Settlement
2013	Adult & Pediatric Dermatology, P.C.	\$150,000	Settlement
2012	Alaska DHSS	\$1,700,000	Settlement
2012	Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Associates, Inc.	\$1,500,000	Settlement
2012	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee	\$1,500,000	Settlement
2012	Phoenix Cardiac Surgery	\$100,000	Settlement
2012	The Hospice of Northern Idaho	\$50,000	Settlement
2011	Cignet Health of Prince George's County	\$4,300,000	Civil Monetary Penalty
2011	General Hospital Corp. & Massachusetts General Physicians Organization Inc.	\$1,000,000	Settlement
2011	University of California at Los Angeles Health System	\$865,500	Settlement
2010	Rite Aid Corporation	\$1,000,000	Settlement
2010	Management Services Organization Washington Inc.	\$35,000	Settlement
2009	CVS Pharmacy Inc.	\$2,250,000	Settlement
2008	Providence Health & Services	\$100,000	Settlement

- In 2021, following an appeal, the civil monetary penalty imposed on the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center by the HHS' Office for Civil Rights was vacated.

State Attorneys General HIPAA Fines and Other Financial Penalties for Healthcare Organizations

State attorneys general can bring actions against HIPAA-covered entities and their business associates for violations of the HIPAA Rules. Penalties range from \$100 per HIPAA violation up to a maximum of \$25,000 per violation category, per year.

Only a handful of U.S. states have imposed penalties for HIPAA violations; however, that changed in 2019 when many state Attorneys General started participating in multistate actions against HIPAA-covered entities and business associates that experienced major data breaches and were found not to be in compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

The penalties detailed below have been imposed by state attorneys general for HIPAA violations and violations of state laws. It is common for penalties to be imposed solely for violations of state laws, even though there may also have been HIPAA violations.

Attorneys General HIPAA Fines

Year	State	Covered Entity	Amount
2021	New Jersey	Regional Cancer Care Associates (Regional Cancer Care Associates LLC, RCCA MSO LLC, and RCCA MD LLC)	\$425,000
2021	New Jersey	Command Marketing Innovations, LLC and Strategic Content Imaging LLC	\$130,000 (\$65,000 suspended)
2021	New Jersey	Diamond Institute for Infertility and Menopause	\$495,000
2021	Multistate	American Medical Collection Agency	\$21 million (suspended)
2020	Multistate	CHSPSC LLC	\$5,000,000
2020	Multistate	Anthem Inc.	\$39.5 million
2020	California	Anthem Inc.	\$8.7 million
2019	Multistate	Premera Blue Cross	\$10,000,000
2019	Multistate	Medical Informatics Engineering	\$900,000
2019	California	Aetna	\$935,000
2018	Massachusetts	McLean Hospital	\$75,000
2018	New Jersey	EmblemHealth	\$100,000
2018	New Jersey	Best Transcription Medical	\$200,000
2018	Connecticut	Aetna	\$99,959
2018	New Jersey	Aetna	\$365,211.59
2018	District of Columbia	Aetna	\$175,000
2018	Massachusetts	UMass Memorial Medical Group / UMass Memorial Medical Center	\$230,000
2018	New York	Arc of Erie County	\$200,000
2018	New Jersey	Virtua Medical Group	\$417,816
2018	New York	EmblemHealth	\$575,000
2018	New York	Aetna	\$1,150,000
2017	California	Cottage Health System	\$2,000,000

2017	Massachusetts	Multi-State Billing Services	\$100,000
2017	New Jersey	Horizon Healthcare Services Inc.,	\$1,100,000
2017	Vermont	SAMange USA, Inc.	\$264,000
2017	New York	CoPilot Provider Support Services, Inc	\$130,000
2015	New York	University of Rochester Medical Center	\$15,000
2015	Connecticut	Hartford Hospital/ EMC Corporation	\$90,000
2014	Massachusetts	Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island	\$150,000
2014	Massachusetts	Boston Children's Hospital	\$40,000
2014	Massachusetts	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	\$100,000
2013	Massachusetts	Goldthwait Associates	\$140,000
2012	MN	Accretive Health	\$2,500,000
2012	Massachusetts	South Shore Hospital	\$750,000
2011	Vermont	Health Net Inc.	\$55,000
2011	Indiana	WellPoint Inc.	\$100,000
2010	Connecticut	Health Net Inc.	\$250,000

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Action Needed to Stop Vaccine Passports not only by the federal government, but also by any state or local government, or by businesses, schools, or commercial enterprises

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The [Committee on the Present Danger: China](#), ([CPDC](#)) and [Women’s Rights Without Frontiers](#) ([WRWF](#)) today issued letters to Republican members of the U.S. [House](#) and [Senate](#) calling on these leaders to take every opportunity to speak out against vaccine mandates and passport platforms used to track American’s vaccine status to enable or deny access to public venues including grocery stores, restaurants, and [even organ transplants](#), and to support legislation being introduced to defend the civil liberties of Americans who have already recovered from the Covid-19 virus, or those who for whatever reason have declined to get the shots.

A recent National Republican Senatorial Committee fundraising appeal sent August 8 promised Republican leaders would support efforts to stop vaccine mandates and passports now being pushed in New York City and being considered by additional states and cities.

Earlier in August, the [Stop Vaccine Passports Task Force](#) sponsored by the Committee on the Present Danger: China and Women’s Rights Without Frontiers issued President Biden an [Open Letter](#) signed by human rights activists and defenders of the Constitution. President Biden has already mandated vaccines for [federal workers](#), and a similar mandate is looming for the [armed forces](#), as well.

NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio's discriminatory executive order denies unvaccinated citizens access to public facilities and businesses without proof of vaccination. With the advent of formal FDA approval of the Pfizer vaccine on Monday, Aug. 23, President Biden called on businesses and institutions to rapidly move to mandate vaccines for employees and consumers alike.

As we explained in our letter to President Biden and congressional leadership and in a webinar hosted in July, *“the digital platform used by vaccine passports can provide the same totalitarian functionality as that used by the Chinese “Social Credit System.” The risks of such a system being abused to deprive the American people of their liberties, livelihoods and possibly even their lives are too great to allow it, or even its precursors, to be introduced here.”*

China has instituted a “Social Credit System” that gives it totalitarian control over every person in the nation. This platform tracks and integrates the following aspects of every individual: medical history, social media posts, bank accounts, credit cards, shopping history, internet search history, residence, place of employment, criminal history, facial and gait recognition, network of relationships, religious activities, participation (or the lack thereof) in the “Xi-Jinping thought” app, and real-time physical location.

All this information is fed into a central database and used to issue a “social credit score.” Citizens are rewarded or punished, based on these scores. Those with a high score are able to participate freely in society. Those with a low score cannot travel, borrow money, may be fired from their jobs, and may be unable to get their children into school. Those with very low scores, such as political dissidents, can be cut off from credit card use, a big problem in China's increasingly cashless society. Dissidents can be found (and potentially disappeared) in minutes, along with their networks of relationships.

While it may begin with only carrying digital information regarding whether an individual is vaccinated, the rest of the functionality of the Chinese Social Credit System can be integrated into the “Vaccine Passport” system in a matter of minutes. Whether such digital documentation is governmentally issued or produced by corporate sponsors, the practical effect will be to provide a platform that, in the wrong hands, could usher in totalitarianism in the United States.

Today’s Stop Vax Passports Task Force letter to Republican members of the U.S. House and Senate calls on these elected leaders to:

- Translate that commitment into legislation by **co-sponsoring a bill that would stop vaccine passports** such as Senator Cruz’s “No Vaccine Passports Act” and supporting House bills like Representative Clay Higgins’ “Employee Rights and Freedom Act” and Representative Diana Harshbarger’s “No Vaccine Passports for Americans Act.”
- Utilize every available media platform to educate the public about your determination to stop these totalitarian measures. We fear that your constituents are not hearing about your leadership role in preserving their constitutional rights.

On Monday, former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson warned on [Newsmax](#), *“The mandating of vaccines could shape a terrible future. The really important thing here is for us to recognize that this is America that we’re living in,”* Carson said. *“This is a place where people came so that they could be free. And the whole concept of mandates, no matter how wonderful you think they are, are opening the door to something that could be pretty terrible in the future.”*

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All VAERS COVID Reports

US/Territories/Unknown

1,151,448 Reports
Through February 25, 2022 [?](#)

24,827

DEATHS

135,783

HOSPITALIZATIONS

121,670

URGENT CARE

178,014

DOCTOR OFFICE VISITS

9,335

ANAPHYLAXIS

14,364

BELL'S PALSY

4,209

Miscarriages

12,731

Heart Attacks

35,303

Myocarditis/Pericarditis

45,615

Permanently Disabled

5,812

Thrombocytopenia/
Low Platelet

28,349

Life Threatening

40,382

Severe Allergic Reaction

12,701

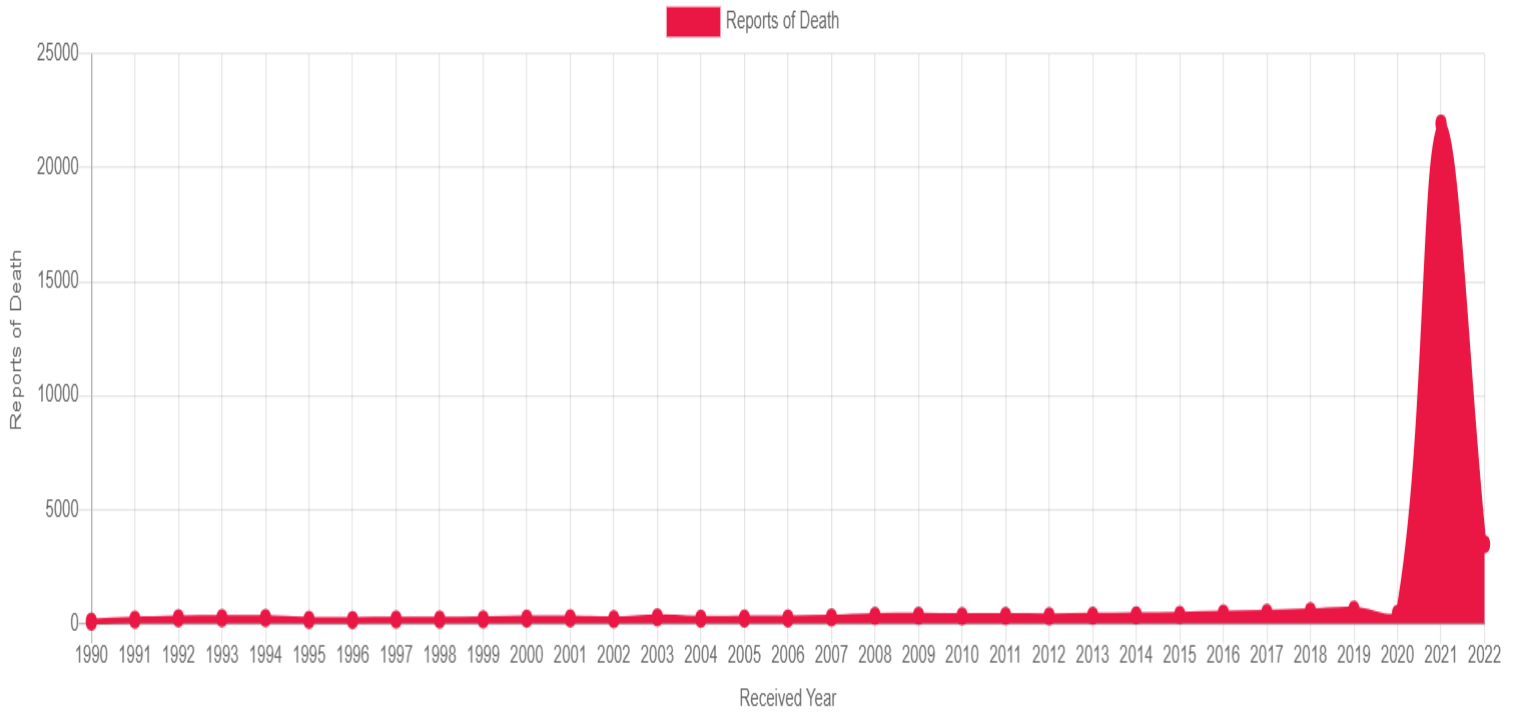
Shingles

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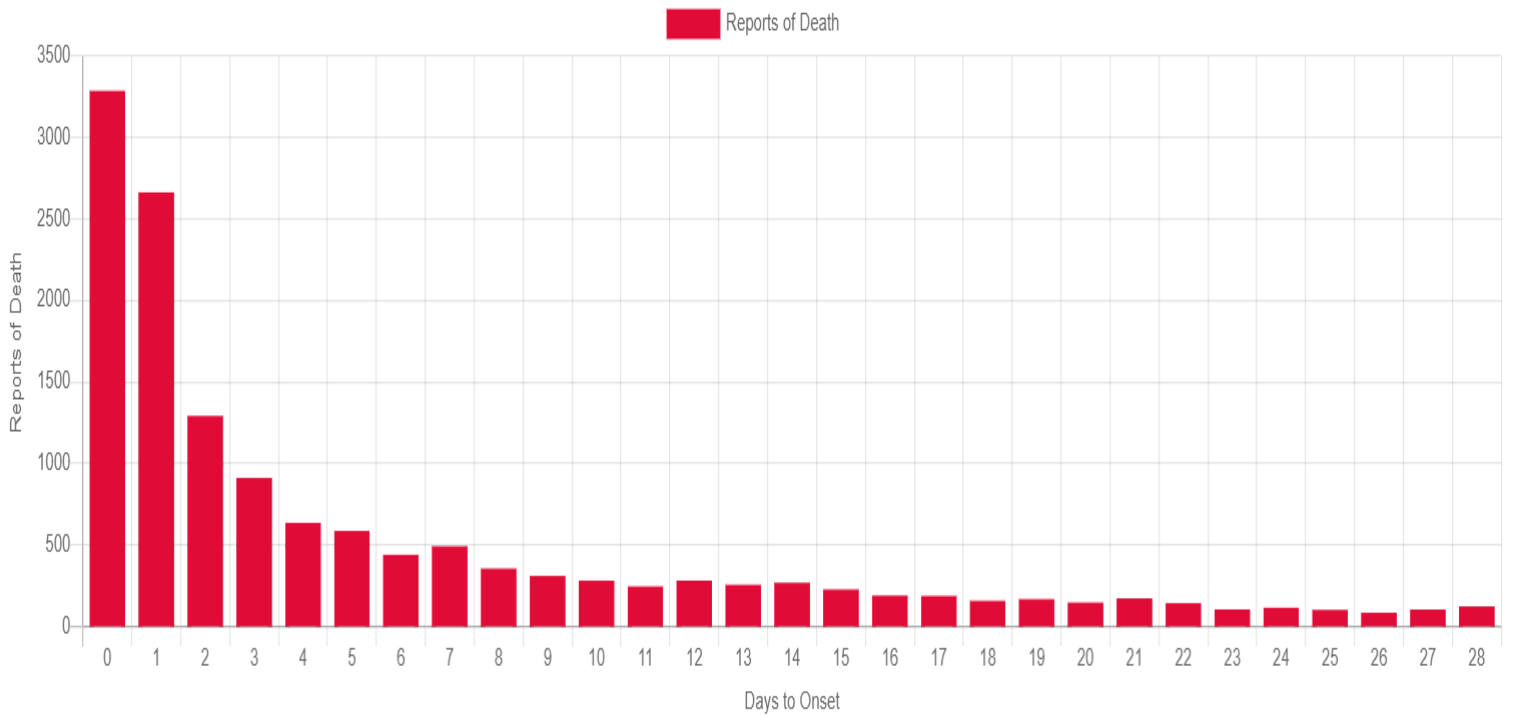
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All Deaths Reported to VAERS by Year



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AND PLEASE read the [FAQ](#) first.

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