

Update: Measles Outbreaks, United States-- 2008

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Measles Burden

Pre-vaccine era:

- 3-4 million cases annually
- 400-500 died
- 48,000 hospitalized
- 1000 developed chronic disability from measles encephalitis

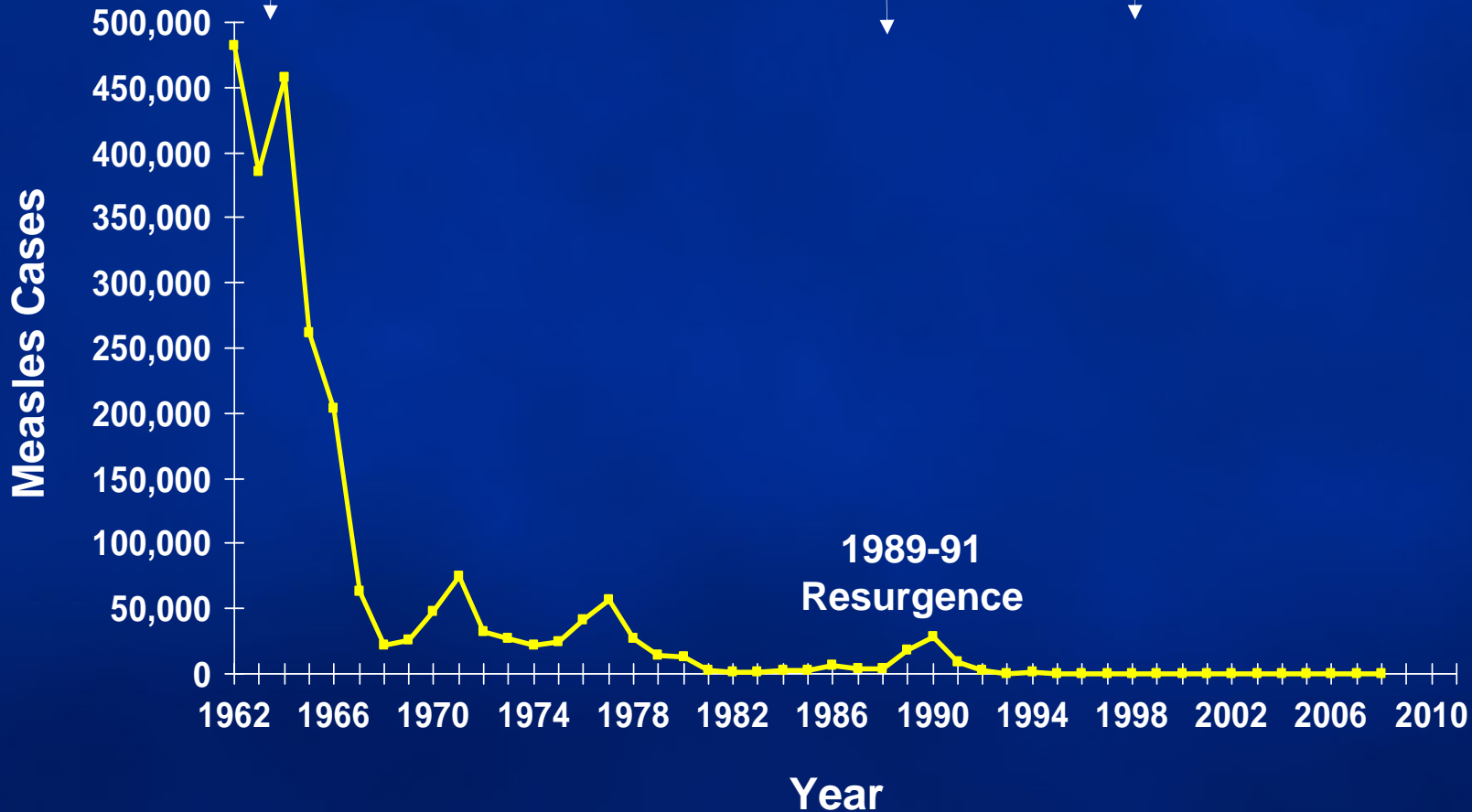


Measles Epidemiology, United States, 1962- June 20, 2008

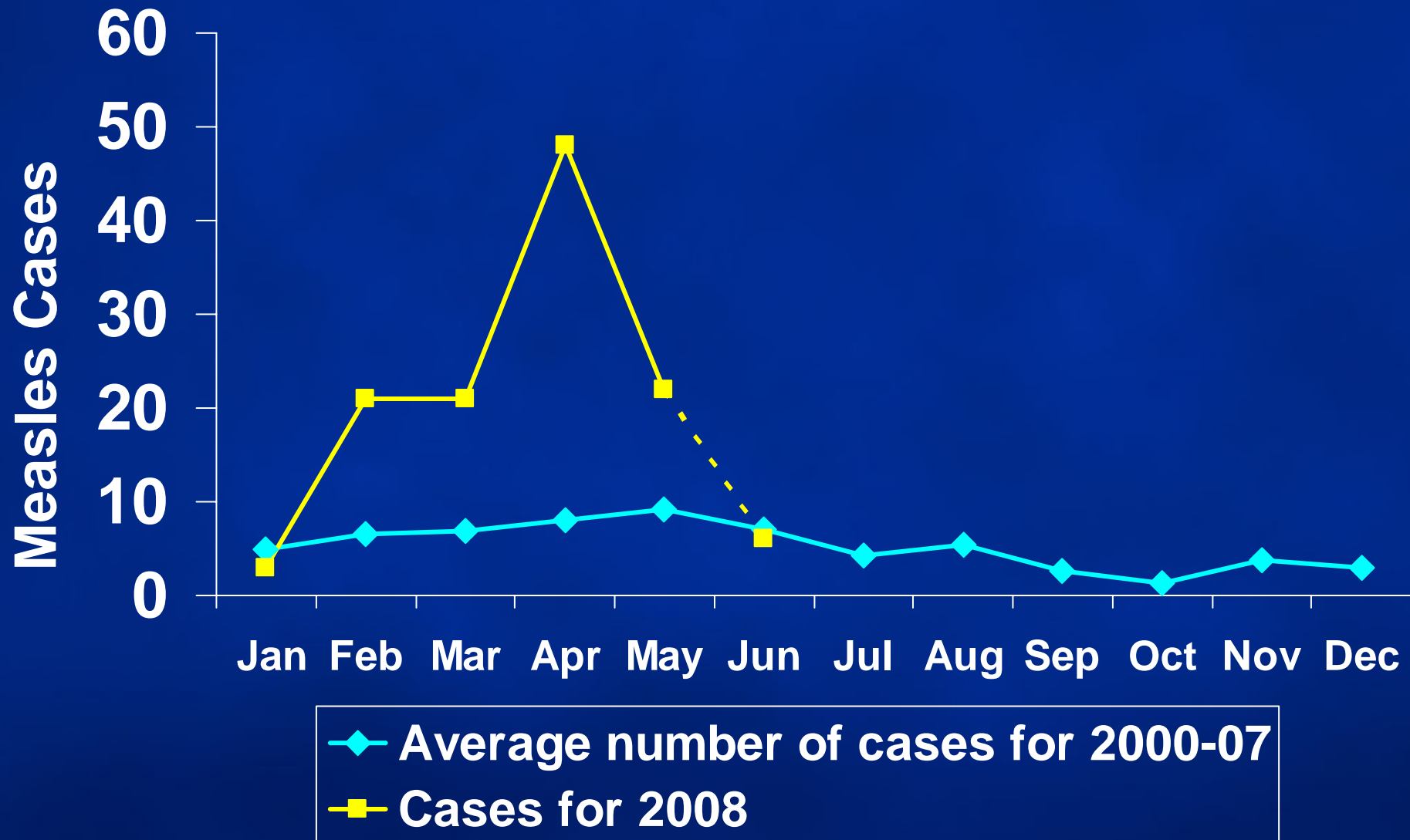
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Vaccine Licensed
1st Dose
Recommendation

1989
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Recommendation

2000
Elimination
Declared

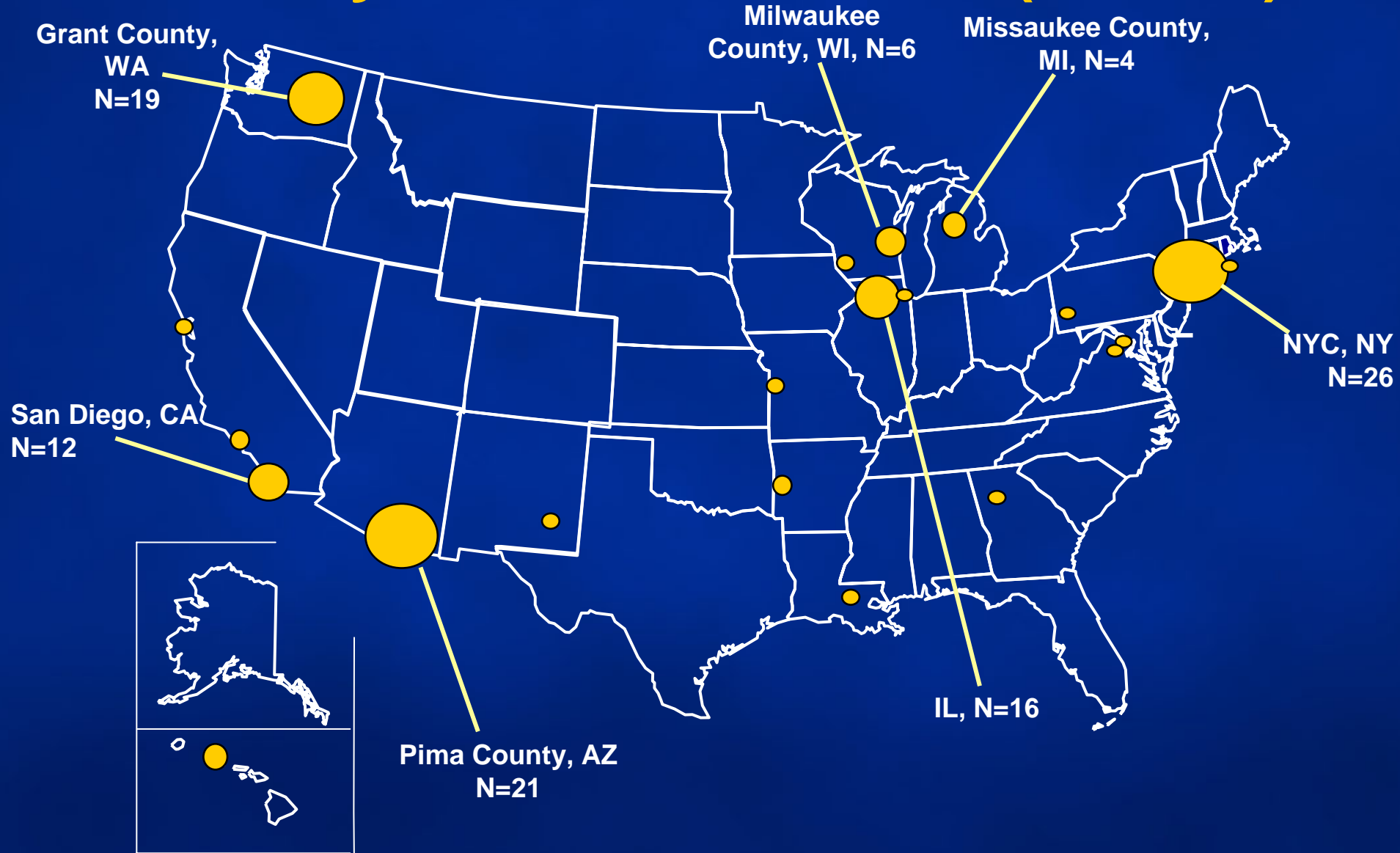


Average Number of Measles Cases by Month for 2000- 07 vs. 2008*



* 2008 data through June 20

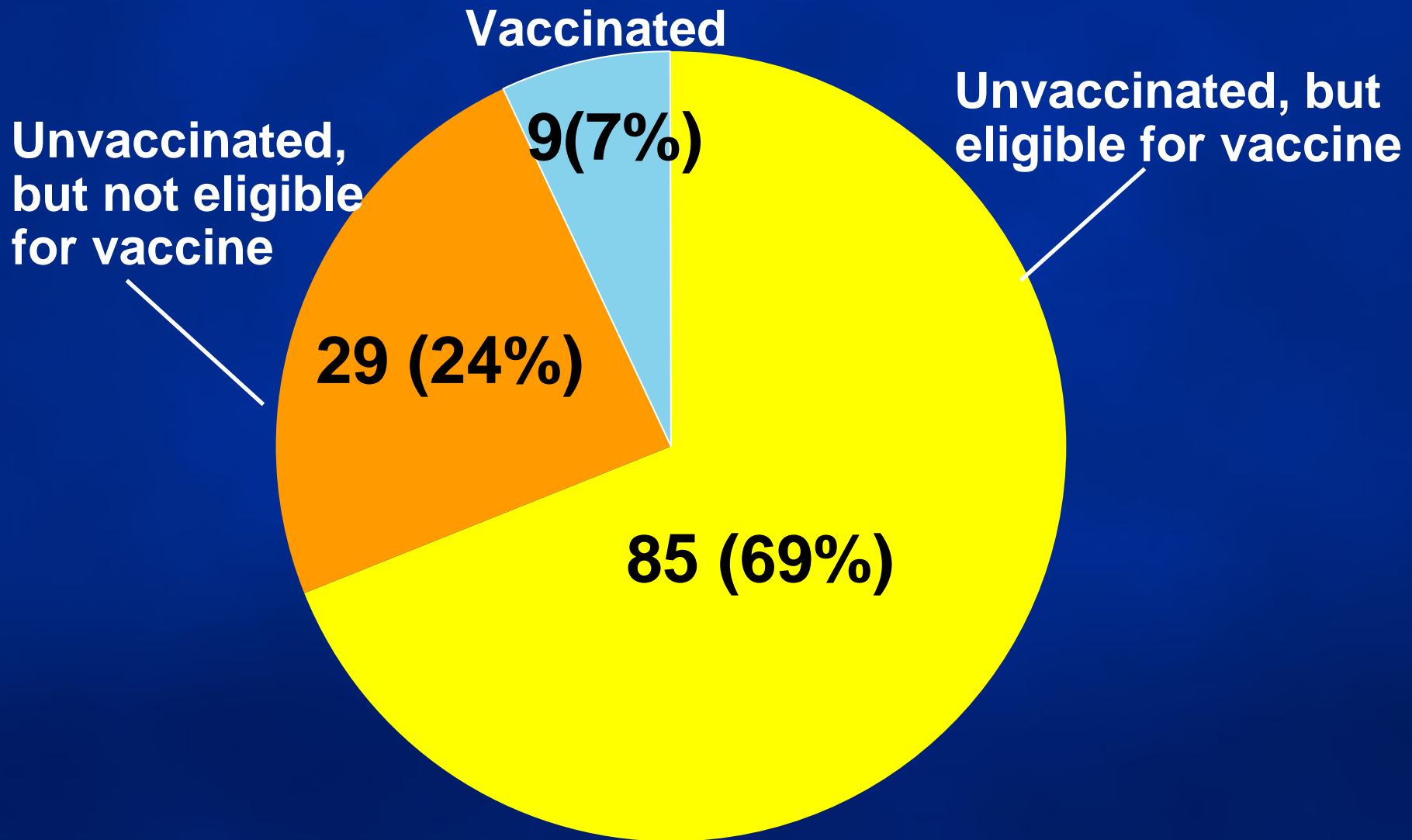
Measles Cases Reported to CDC/NCIRD January 1 -- June 20, 2008 (N= 123)



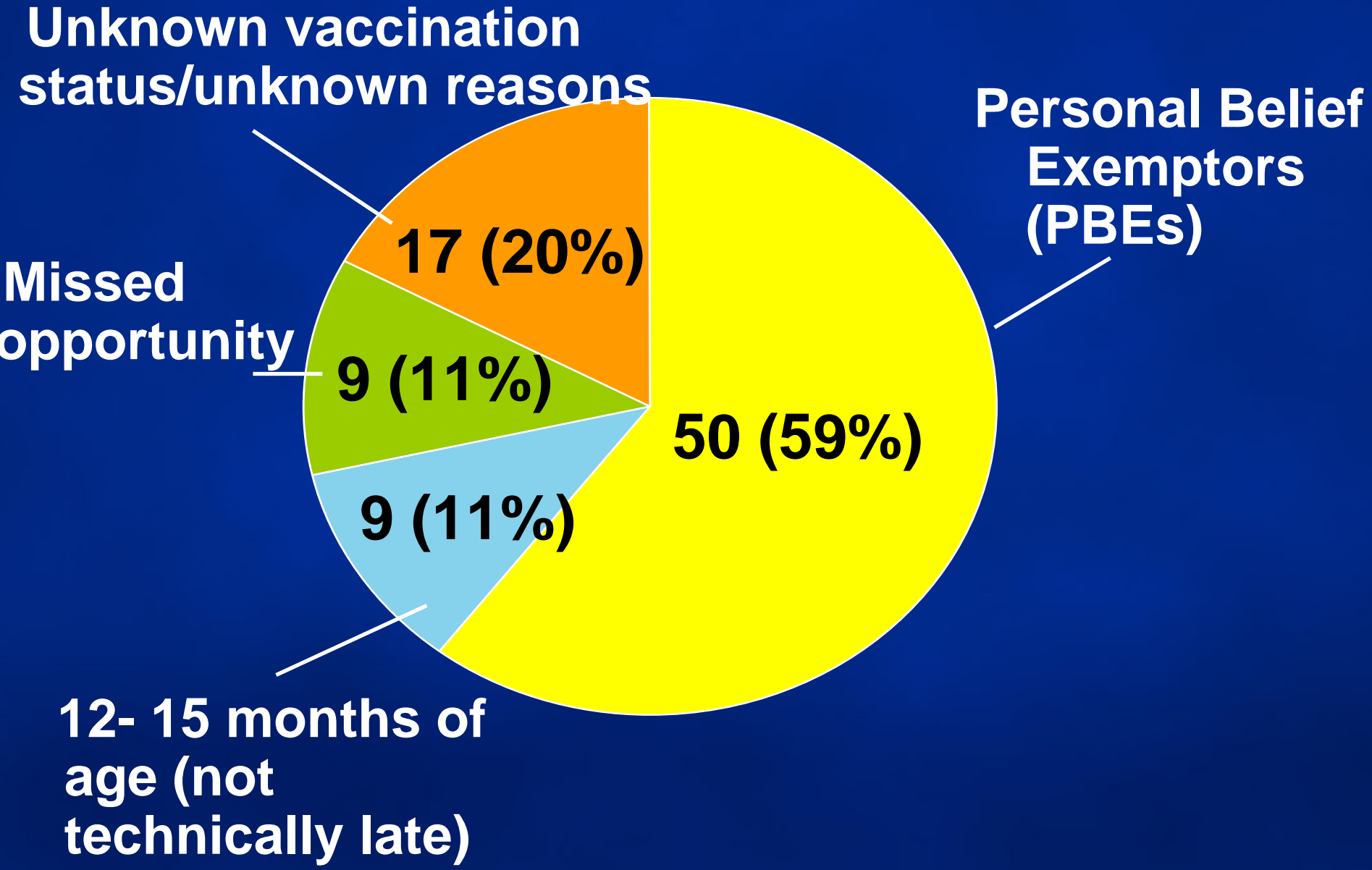
Importations

- 106 (86%) cases were import-associated
- 116 (94%) U.S. residents
- The viruses isolated had a variety of genotypes (i.e. D4, D5, H1)
- 11 (69%) of 16 the importations from WHO European region:
 - 2800 measles cases in European countries
 - >1000 cases in Israel

Proportion of Case-Patients by Vaccination Status, N= 123



Breakdown of Unvaccinated Case-Patients Eligible for Vaccine, N= 85



Communicating to Partners & the Public

- **MMWRs highlighting the following:**
 - **PBEs and increase in measles outbreaks in 2008**
 - **Effectiveness of measles vaccine**
 - **Unvaccinated U.S. residents are at risk (esp. persons traveling abroad)**
 - **Measles diagnosis should be considered in travelers**
- **Webinar on measles with NACCHO**
- **Travel alerts on CDC's website (Euro Football, Olympics)**
- **Measles made an immediately notifiable disease at CSTE**

Summary

- **Import-associated cases are on the rise in U.S.**
- **Most cases are occurring in unvaccinated U.S. residents**
- **Primary reason for lack of vaccination is personal belief exemptions**
- **Until better global control is achieved, cases will continue to be imported into the U.S. and outbreaks will persist as long as there are communities of unvaccinated people**

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