

epidemic**1.** [ˌepɪˈdemɪk] *n*

1) эпидемия

a cholera epidemic has broken out - разразилась эпидемия холеры

2) вспышка

an epidemic of political assassinations [of railway accidents] - волна политических убийств [железнодорожных аварий]

3) повальное увлечение

2. [ˌepɪˈdemɪk] *a*1) *мед.* эпидемический

epidemic disease - эпидемическое заболевание

epidemic parotitis - свинка, заушница, эпидемический паротит

2) повальный (об увлечении и т. п.)

the practice has reached epidemic proportions - такой порядок стал повсеместным явлением

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▪ **I. epi-dem-ic** [epidemic epidemics] *BrE* [ˌepɪˈdemɪk] ^m *NAmE* [ˌepɪˈdemɪk] ^m

noun**1.** a large number of cases of a particular disease happening at the same time in a particular community

• the outbreak of a flu epidemic

• an epidemic of measles

• Effectively, tobacco companies will be exporting an epidemic of smoking-related diseases, the campaign suggests.

2. a sudden rapid increase in how often sth bad happens

• an epidemic of crime in the inner cities

compare ↑pandemic

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (as an adjective): from French *épidémique*, from *épidémie*, via late Latin from Greek *epidēmia* 'prevalence of disease', from *epidēmios* 'prevalent', from *epi* 'upon' + *dēmos* 'the people'.

Example Bank:

• Marriage breakdown in the West has reached epidemic proportions.

• Over fifty people died during the flu epidemic last winter.

• an epidemic of cholera

• the flu epidemic sweeping the country

• A recent report describes an epidemic of crime in the inner cities.

• An epidemic of measles broke out, and over 200 children died.

• Car theft is now reaching epidemic proportions.

• The worst flu epidemic for 14 years is sweeping the country.

▪ **II. epi-dem-ic** *adjective*

• Car theft is now reaching **epidemic proportions**.

Main entry: ↑epidemic ^{derived}

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[**Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** French; **Origin:** *épidémique*, from Greek *epidemos* 'visiting']

1. a large number of cases of a disease that happen at the same time ⇒ **pandemic** :

Over 500 people died during last year's flu epidemic.

epidemic of

an epidemic of cholera

2. a sudden increase in the number of times that something bad happens**epidemic of**

Britain is suffering an epidemic of petty crime.

—epidemic *adjective* [only before noun]:

Violent crime is reaching epidemic proportions in some cities.

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