

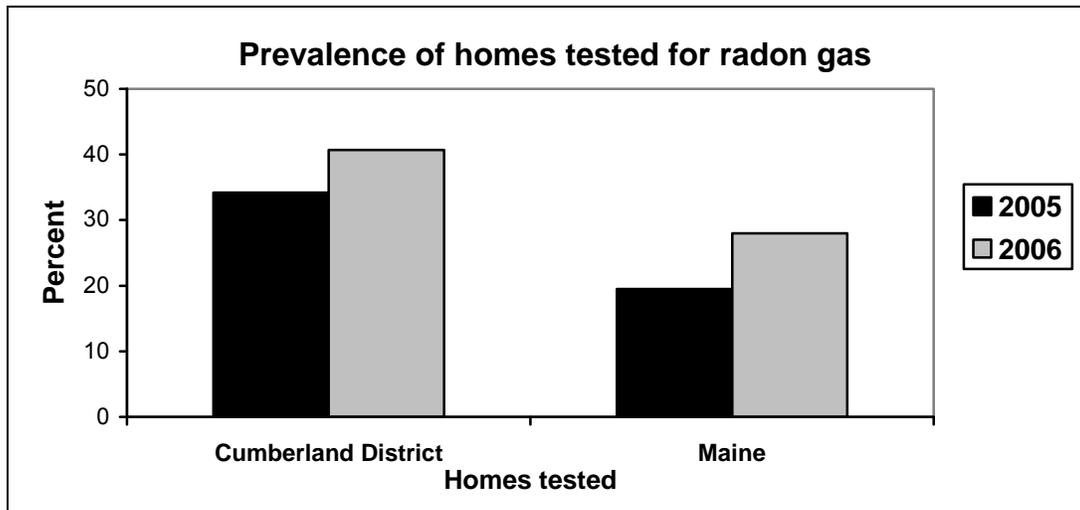
Homes Tested for Presence of Radon Gas

Radon is an odorless and colorless gas and exists in varying concentrations in geographic areas of Maine. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers.

Seventy-six (76%) percent of homes in Cumberland District had levels of radon (>2pCi/L) in their home where actions should be considered to reduce radon. Radon levels in forty-five (45%) percent of homes in the same district were high enough (4pCi/L or higher) where action should be taken to reduce radon levels.

Increasing the number of Maine homes tested for radon is an objective of Healthy Maine 2010.

To find out more information about radon in the home go to:
www.maine.gov/dhhs/eng/rad/Radon/hp_radon.htm



*Source: 2005-2006 BRFSS. Respondents answering 'yes' to "Has your household air been tested for the presence of radon gas?"

	Cumberland District Percentage (± Margin of Error)	Maine State Percentage (± Margin of Error)
Prevalence of homes tested for radon gas*		
2005	34.2 (± 4.1)	19.5 (±1.4)
2006	40.7 (± 4.1)	28.0 (±1.6)

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Note: Data for Aroostook District in 2005 considered unreliable due to the small number of survey respondents, therefore, no data presented.