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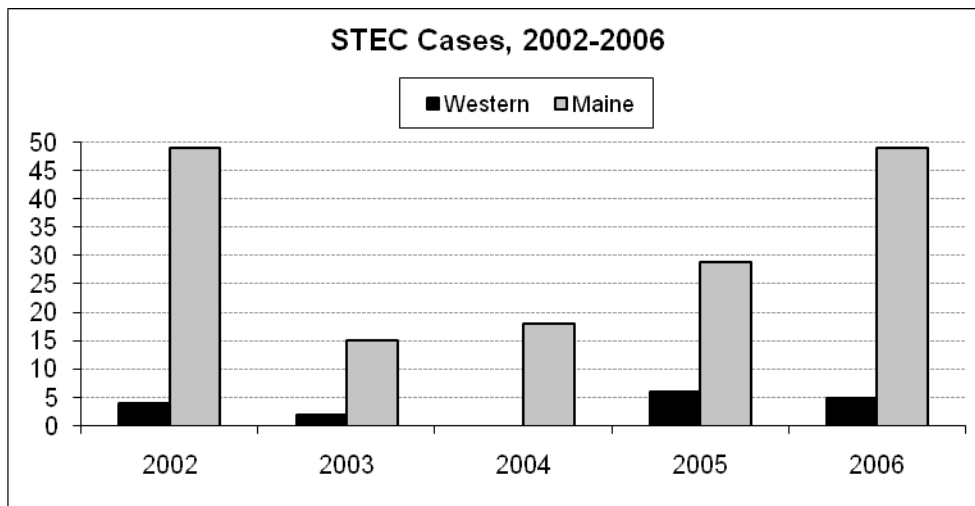
**Infectious Diseases**

**Shiga Toxin Producing E. coli (STEC)**

STEC is a leading cause of foodborne illness in Maine. It is a source of the food-borne illness associated with the life-threatening hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), particularly in children under five years of age. It can result in death; and it causes fear and disruption for communities and businesses.

Decreasing STEC infections is an objective of *Healthy Maine 2010*. The Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program tracks and monitors cases and provides education and technical assistance to clinical providers and communities.

For more information on STEC: [www.cdc.gov/ecoli/](http://www.cdc.gov/ecoli/)



	Western District Number	Maine State Number
STEC Cases 2002	4	49
STEC Cases 2003	2	15
STEC Cases 2004	0	18
STEC Cases 2005	6	29
STEC Cases 2006	5	49

\*Maine CDC Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program