

Case Information:

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Patients diagnosed with acute hepatitis B

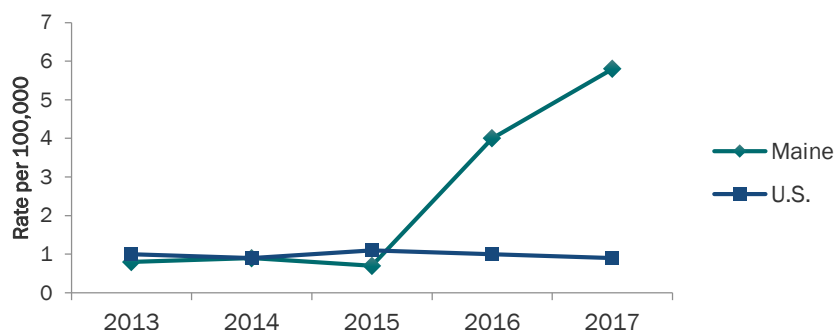
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Cases per 100,000 people

729%

Increase since 2015

Maine has the **9th** highest rate of acute hepatitis B in the US



Risk Factors:



53.2%

Were people who injected drugs



32.5%

Were incarcerated prior to infection

Baby Boomers

15.6%

Were born between 1945-1965



14.3%

Were people with multiple sex partners



6.5%

Received an unlicensed tattoo prior to infection

Clinical Characteristics:



• 55% of patients were hospitalized

- 97% of patients had symptoms
- 95% of patients had elevated liver enzyme lab results
- 64% of patients had jaundice

Demographics:



66% of patients were male

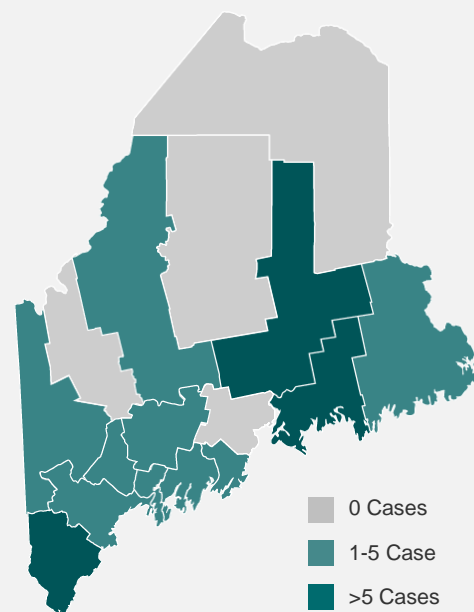
42 years old on average

98% White

1% African American

1% Unknown race

Geography:



Prevention:

- Get vaccinated against hepatitis B.
- Do not share syringes or injection kit equipment.
- Practice safe sex
- Do not share razors, toothbrushes, tattooing or piercing needles.
- Get tested for hepatitis B, especially if you are a person who injects drugs, were ever incarcerated, born between 1945-1965 or received an unlicensed tattoo.
- If you have hepatitis B, seek medical care.

For more information visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/index.htm>
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/hepatitis/index.shtml>