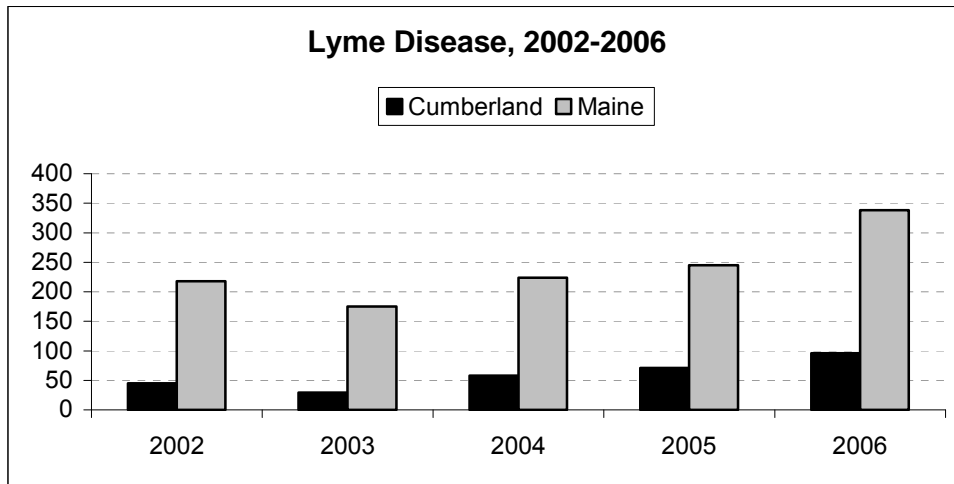


## Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is a tick-borne illness that is a growing threat in Maine, with an average of about 240 reported cases per year in the last five years and the growth in cases is of increasing concern. People who get it most often are those who are outdoors in areas where ticks are found, children under 15, or adults over 50, and people who have other illnesses that make it hard for them to fight off diseases.

A *Healthy People 2010* objective is to reduce the annual incidence of Lyme disease.

Maine is working toward achieving this objective through general and targeted educational activities and technical assistance to local communities. For more information on Lyme disease, contact the Maine CDC at [www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/ddc/\\_lyme/lyme\\_1.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/ddc/_lyme/lyme_1.htm)



	<b>Cumberland District Number</b>	<b>Maine State Number</b>
Lyme Disease Cases 2002	45	218
Lyme Disease Cases 2003	29	175
Lyme Disease Cases 2004	58	224
Lyme Disease Cases 2005	71	245
Lyme Disease Cases 2006	96	338

\*Maine CDC Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program