

DOWNEAST DISTRICT:

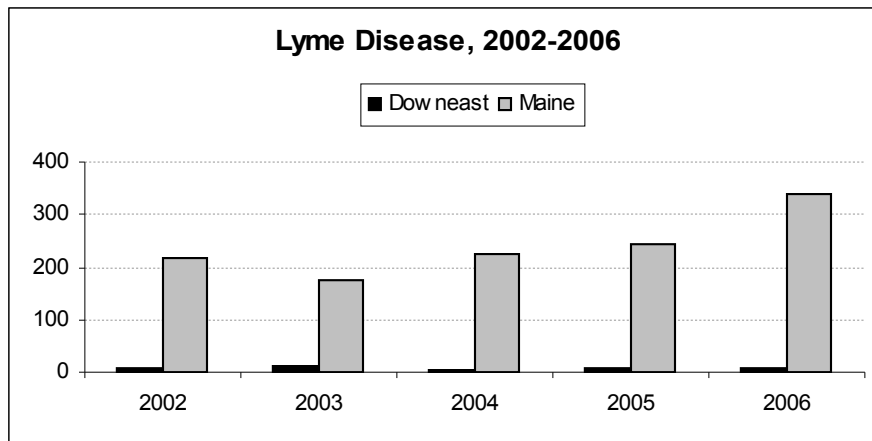
Infectious Diseases

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; 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, 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.



	Downeast District Number	Maine State Number
Lyme Disease Cases 2002	7	218
Lyme Disease Cases 2003	10	175
Lyme Disease Cases 2004	4	224
Lyme Disease Cases 2005	8	245
Lyme Disease Cases 2006	6	338

*Maine CDC Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program