



Acute Hepatitis A

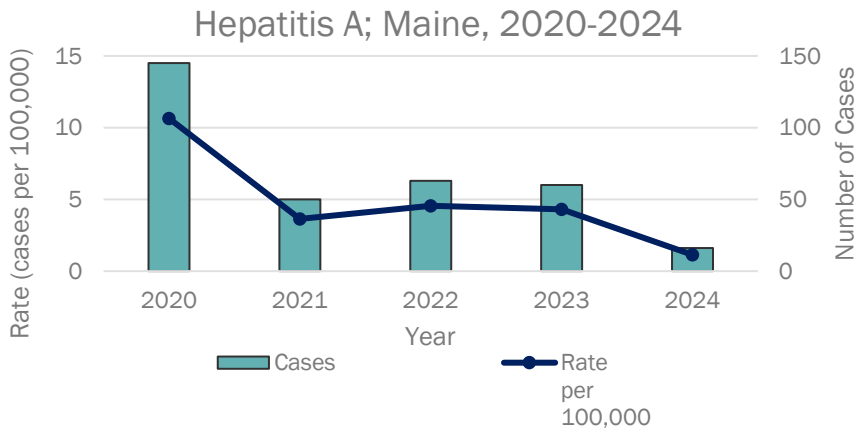
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Case Information:

16 cases diagnosed with acute hepatitis A

1 case per 100,000 people

73% decrease since 2023



Other patient* characteristics:

*for whom information was available



63%

Had ever injected drugs or used other non-IV drugs



6%

Reported multiple sex partners



25%

Had been experiencing unstable housing

Patient Outcomes:



56% of patients were hospitalized

- All patients had symptoms, including abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, fever, headache and dark urine.
- All patients had elevated liver enzyme lab results
- 63% of patients had jaundice
- 94% of patients were unvaccinated for hepatitis A

Demographics:

Sex

Male: 75%

Female: 25%

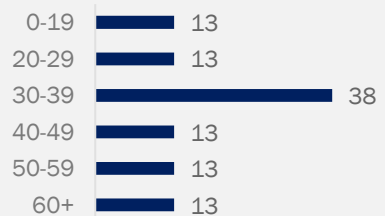
Race

White: 81%

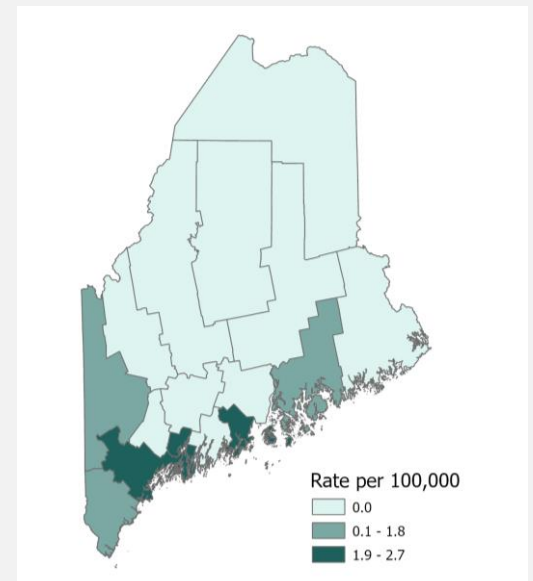
Other/Unknown: 13%

Black or African American: 6%

Age Group (percent)



Geography:



Prevention:

- Get vaccinated against hepatitis A.
- Always wash your hands with soap and water after using the bathroom, changing a diaper, and before preparing, serving, or eating food.
- People who have hepatitis A should not prepare or serve food, or care for the elderly or for young children.

For more information visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/index.htm>

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/hepatitis>

All cases of hepatitis A must be reported to Maine CDC within 48 hours of recognition or strong suspicion of disease.

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