



Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Maine Surveillance Report | 2018

Case Information:

252

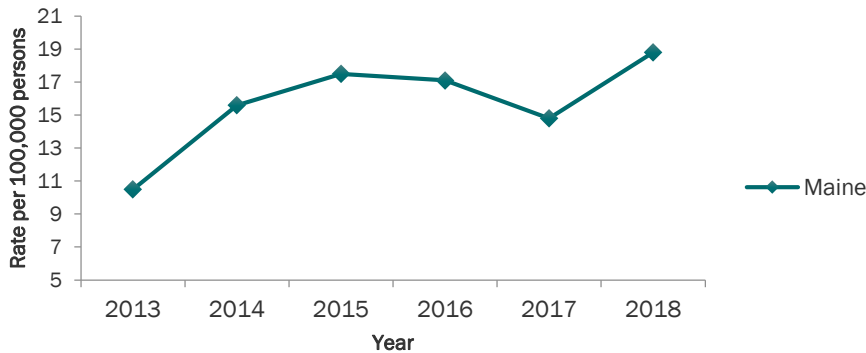
Patients diagnosed with varicella

18.8

Cases per 100,000 people

27%

increase since 2017



Demographics:

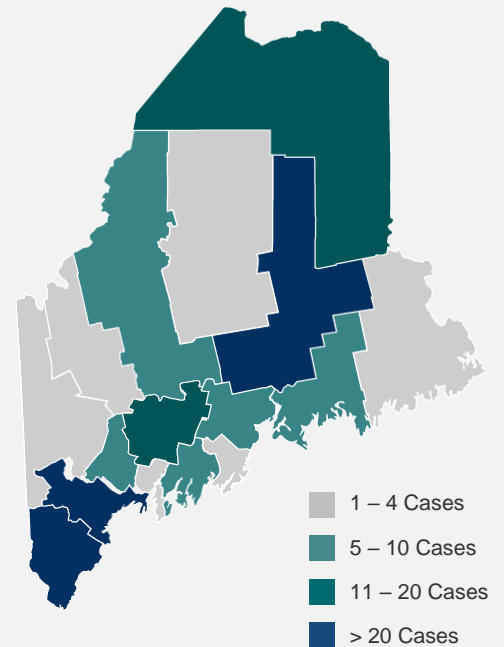


57% of cases were female
43% of cases were male

Average age 29 years
Median age 18 years
Range (4 months to 94 years)

71% White, 25% Unknown, 2% Asian, 2% Black

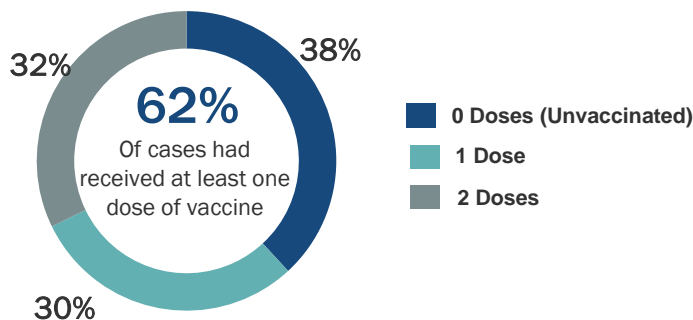
Geography:



Age Characteristics

Age	# Cases	% Cases
0-4	59	23%
5-9	40	16%
10-14	18	7%
15-19	5	2%
20-34	28	11%
35-49	21	8%
50+	81	32%
Total	252	100%

Varicella vaccination in patients <19 years:



Prevention:

- The best way to prevent varicella is to get the varicella vaccine
- Two doses of vaccine are 90% effective at preventing chickenpox

For more information visit:

www.maine.gov/idepi
<https://www.cdc.gov/chickenpox/index.html>