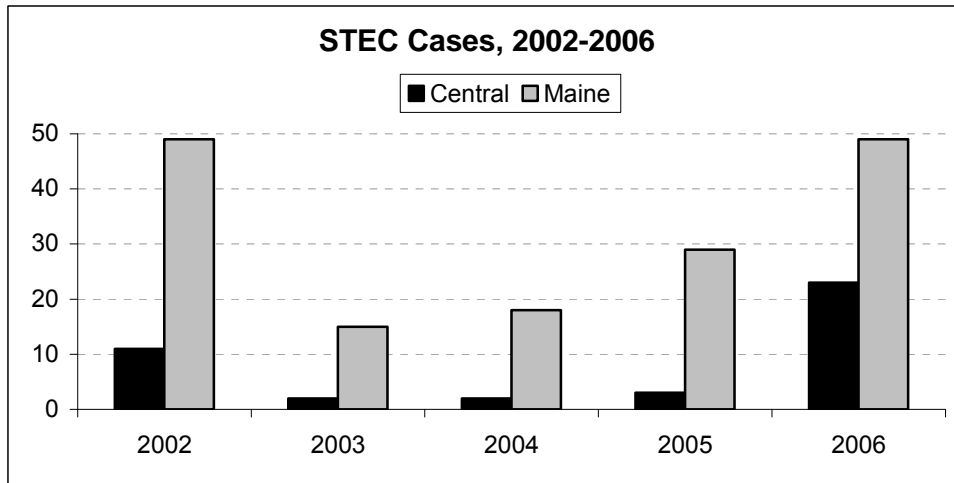


Shiga Toxin Producing *E. coli* (STEC)

STEC is a leading cause of foodborne illness in Maine. It is a source of the food-borne illness associated with the life-threatening hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), particularly in children under five years of age. It can result in death; and it causes fear and disruption for communities and businesses.

Decreasing STEC infections is an objective of *Healthy Maine 2010*. The Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program tracks and monitors cases and provides education and technical assistance to clinical providers and communities.

For more information on STEC: www.cdc.gov/ecoli/



	Central Maine District Number	Maine State Number
STEC Cases 2002	11	49
STEC Cases 2003	2	15
STEC Cases 2004	2	18
STEC Cases 2005	3	29
STEC Cases 2006	23	49

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