DOWNEAST DISTRICT:

Infectious Diseases

Chronic Hepatitis C

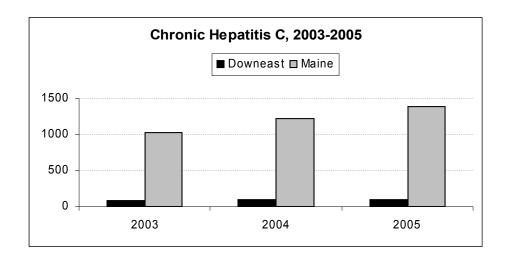
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An estimated 20,000 Maine people have been infected with hepatitis C; however, less than half may be aware of their infection. A reliable test for this virus only became available in the last fifteen years and many people have never been screened.

Identifying people infected with Hepatitis C is an objective of *Healthy Maine 2010*.

To find out more about Hepatitis C prevention activities in Maine: see the HIV/STD Program via www.mainepublichealth.gov.



	Downeast District Number	Maine State Number
Chronic Hepatitis C 2003	78	1030
Chronic Hepatitis C 2004	91	1224
Chronic Hepatitis C 2005	98	1382

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