

## DOWNEAST DISTRICT:

## Infectious Diseases

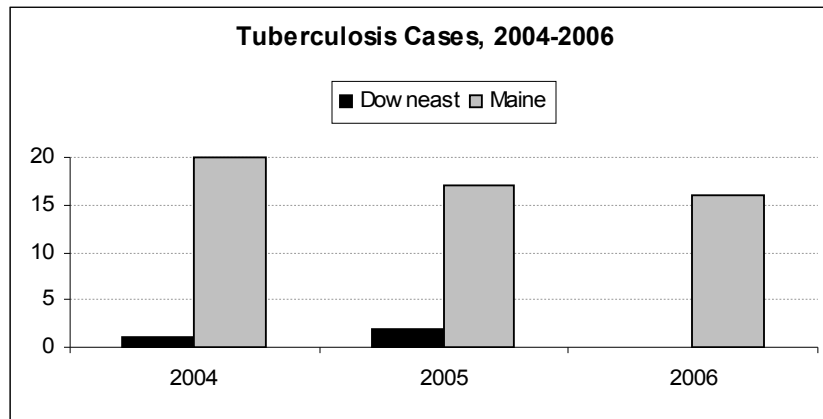
### Tuberculosis

Controlling tuberculosis (an airborne bacterial infection) is a priority for public health systems across the U.S. Because it is contagious a diagnosis must be immediately reported to the Maine CDC.

Tuberculosis control may only be achieved through aggressive statewide efforts to identify, diagnose and treat active tuberculosis disease and by preventing new infections. Tuberculosis control is an objective of *Healthy Maine 2010* and the Maine State Health Plan.

The Maine CDC’s Tuberculosis Control Program provides oversight, tracking, technical assistance and support for health care providers and communities. It follows U.S. CDC standards for prevention, treatment and control, up to and including using the Maine CDC’s authority to require isolation of patients.

To learn more, see [www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/ddc/tuberculosis\\_control.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/ddc/tuberculosis_control.htm).



	Downeast District Number	Maine State Number
Tuberculosis Cases 2004	1	20
Tuberculosis Cases 2005	2	17
Tuberculosis Cases 2006	0	16

\*Maine CDC Tuberculosis Program