

WESTERN DISTRICT:

Infectious Diseases

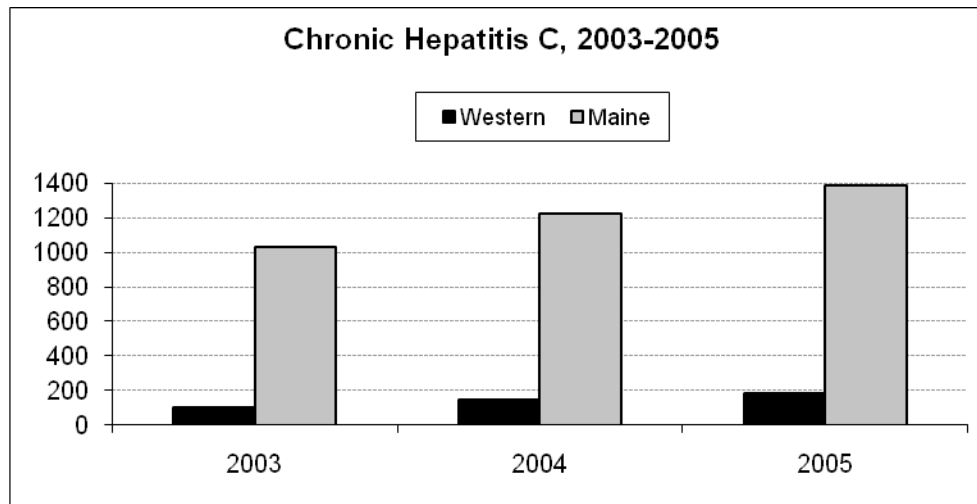
Chronic Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C is a virus that can damage the liver, cause cirrhosis, liver cancer or even death. It is the most common bloodborne infection in the U.S.

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



	Western District Number	Maine State Number
Chronic Hepatitis C 2003	98	1030
Chronic Hepatitis C 2004	148	1224
Chronic Hepatitis C 2005	185	1382

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