



# Acute Hepatitis C

## Maine Surveillance Report | 2021

### Case Information:

### Demographics:

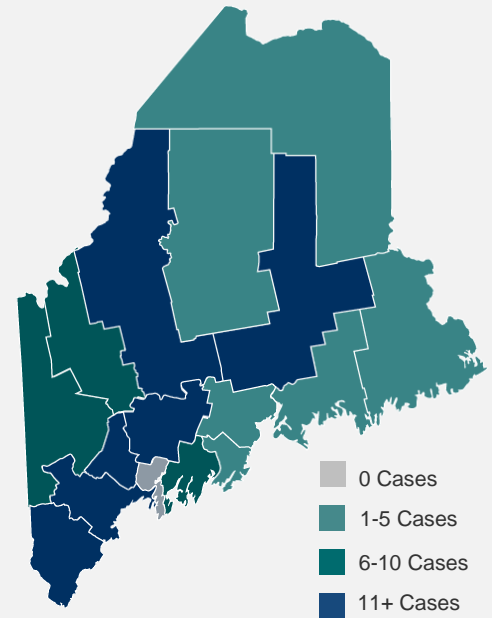


68% of patients were male

Median Age of 45 years

90% White

### Geography:



### Prevention:

- Do not share syringes or injection kit equipment
- Get tested for hepatitis C, especially if you are pregnant or trying to get pregnant, a person who injects drugs, were ever incarcerated, were born between 1945-1965, or received an unlicensed tattoo
- If you have hepatitis C, seek medical care
- Get vaccinated against hepatitis A and B, especially if you have hepatitis C

For more information visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm>  
[www.maine.gov/dhhs/hepatitis](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/hepatitis)

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patients diagnosed with acute hepatitis C

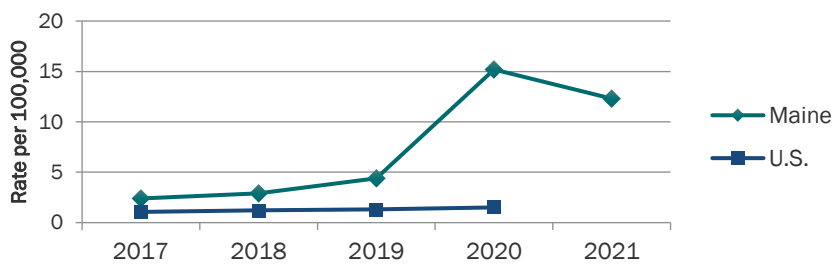
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cases per 100,000 people

# 19%

decrease since 2020

Maine has the **highest** rate of acute hepatitis C in the US



### Risk Factors:



# 26%

Were people who injected drugs



# 17%

Were people who used non-injection drugs



# 2%

Received an unlicensed tattoo prior to infection

# Baby Boomers

# 10%

Were born between 1945-1965

### Contact Investigations:



- 7% of patients were hospitalized

- **13%** of patients had symptoms
- **99%** of patients had elevated liver enzyme lab results
- **6%** of patients had jaundice