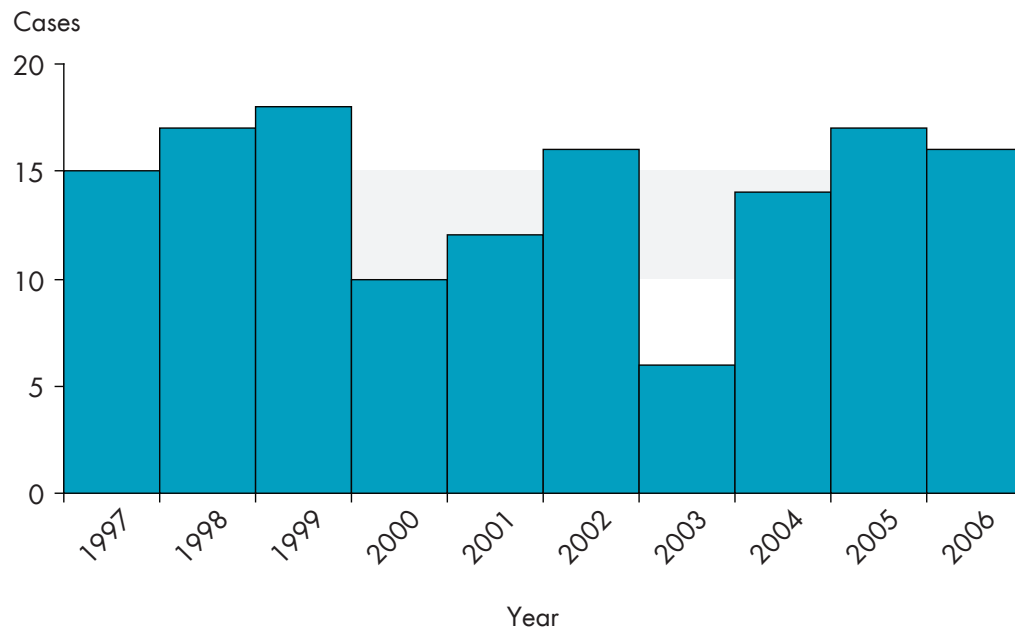


Yersiniosis

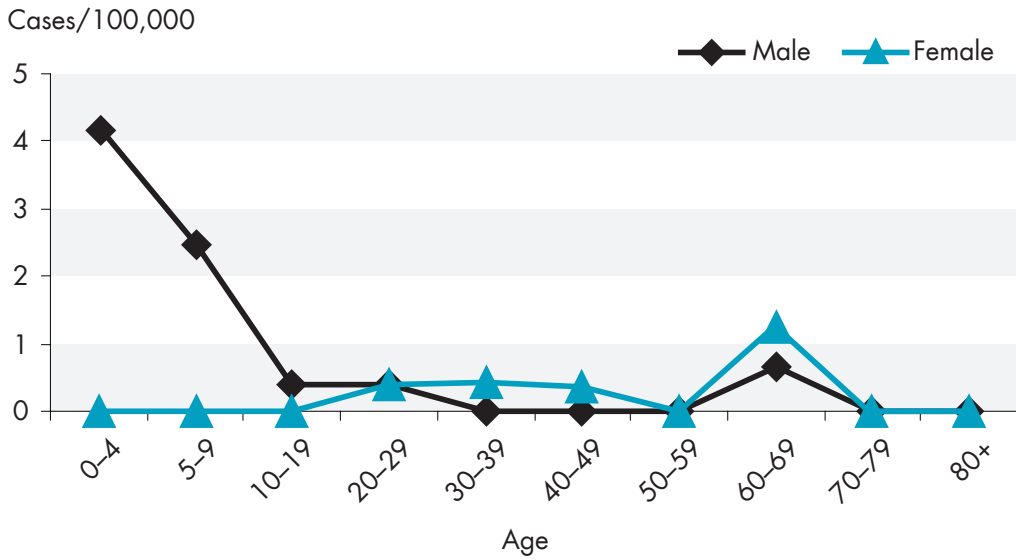
Yersiniosis is a bacterial infection characterized by (sometimes bloody) diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal pain. The main reservoir for *Yersinia* is the pig. Transmission occurs via the fecal-oral route through contaminated food and water, or through contact with infected persons or animals. Preventive measures include cooking food thoroughly, avoiding cross-contamination with raw food of animal origin, and washing hands after handling food.

The incidence of yersiniosis in Oregon has been fairly stable over the years. In 2003, the number of cases dropped to five, the lowest reported incidence since 1995. There was not much change in 2006 compared with 2005. Yersiniosis occurs throughout the year with no seasonality. The most common species (75%) is *Y. enterocolitica*.

Yersiniosis by year - Oregon, 1997–2006



Incidence of yersiniosis by age and sex - Oregon, 2006



Incidence of yersiniosis by county of residence - Oregon, 2006

