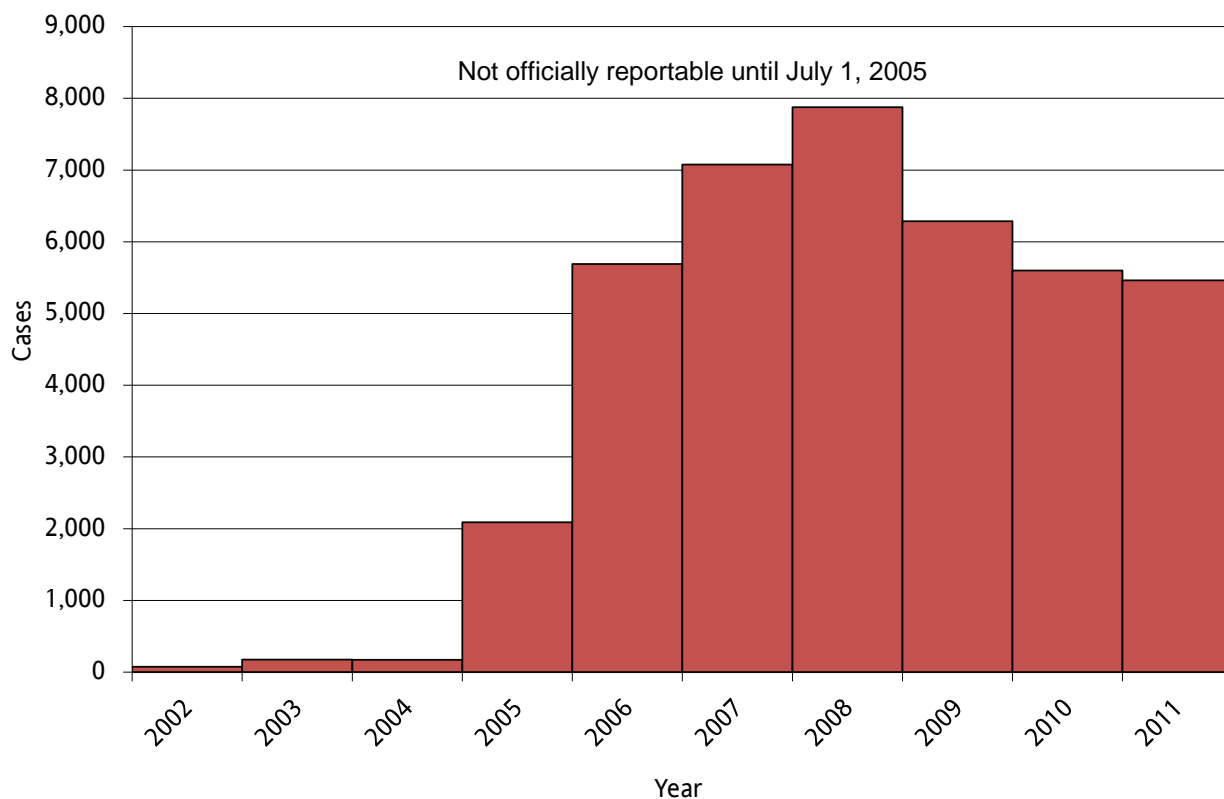


Chronic hepatitis C

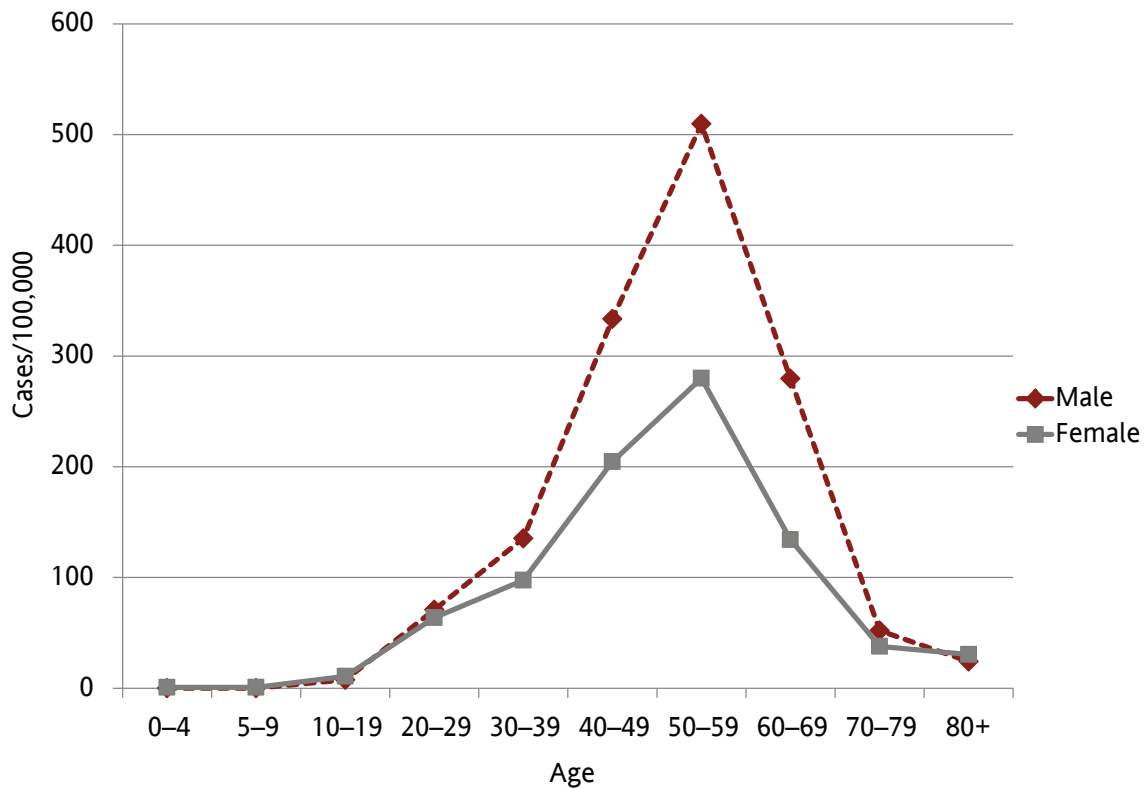
Chronic hepatitis C became reportable in Oregon as of July 1, 2005. In 2011, 5,576 chronic hepatitis C cases were reported, down slightly from 5,871 reported in 2010.

These numbers are likely an underestimate of the true incidence because most infections are asymptomatic and therefore are not diagnosed or reported to public health. Infection in males (63% of 2011 Oregon cases) is more common than in females. The highest prevalence of HCV infection is among persons born between 1945 and 1965. CDC estimates that this age group comprises 75% of chronic hepatitis C cases in the United States; among Oregon cases, 67% belong to this age group.

Chronic hepatitis C by year: Oregon, 2002–2011



Chronic hepatitis C by age and sex: Oregon, 2011



Incidence of chronic hepatitis C by county of residence: Oregon, 2005–2011

