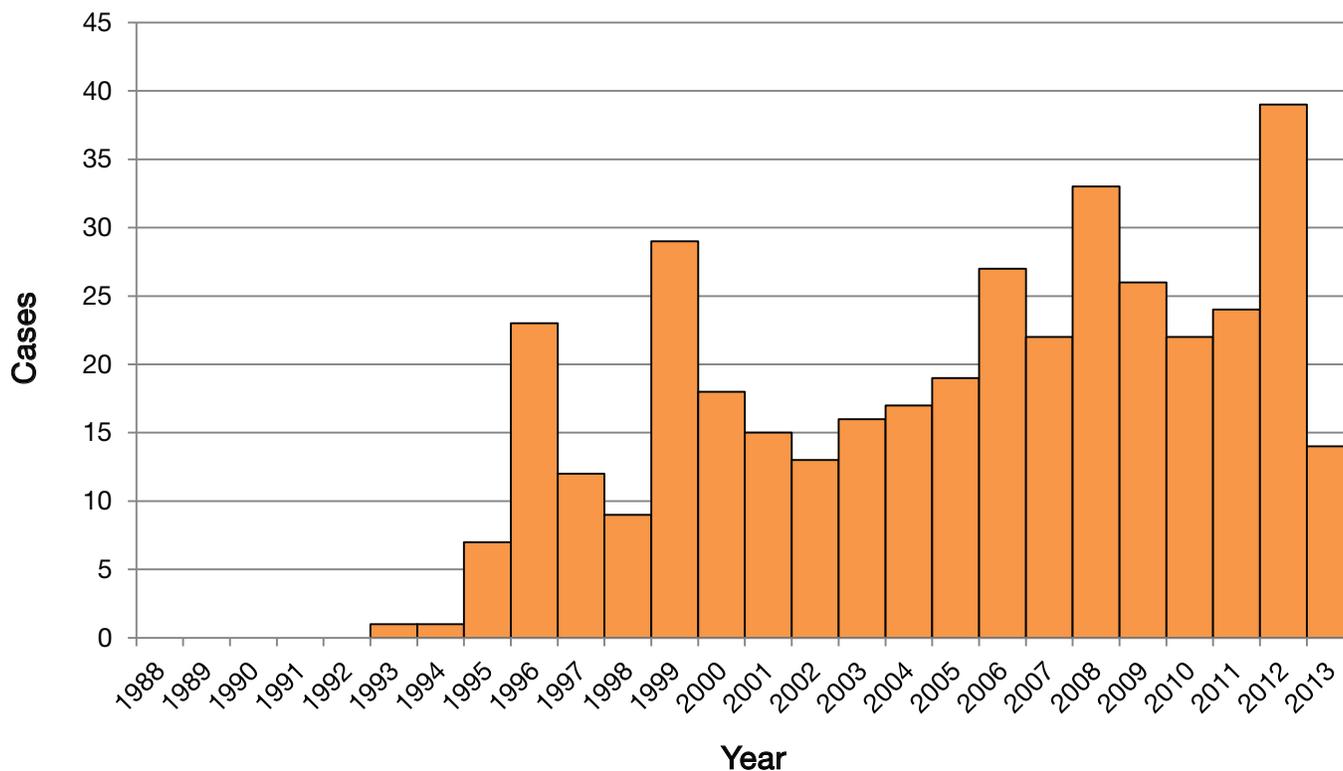


## Acute hepatitis C

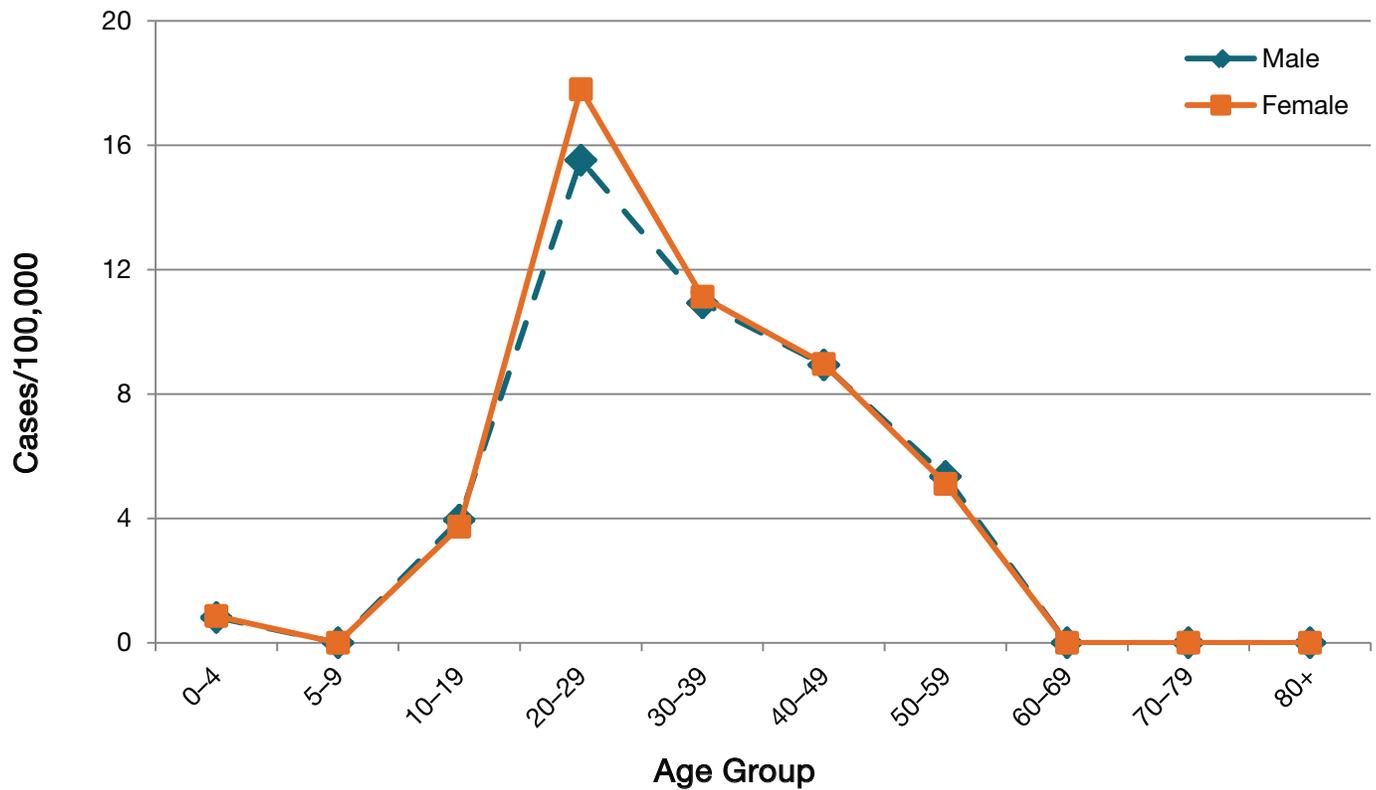
On average during 2001–2013, there were 22 acute hepatitis C cases reported annually in Oregon. In 2013, 14 cases were reported; a sharp decline from the 39 cases reported

in 2012. Eleven (78%) of the cases were <40 years of age and 6 (43%) were female. Injection drug use remains the predominant risk factor reported by cases (71%). There were no health care-associated acute hepatitis C cases in 2013.

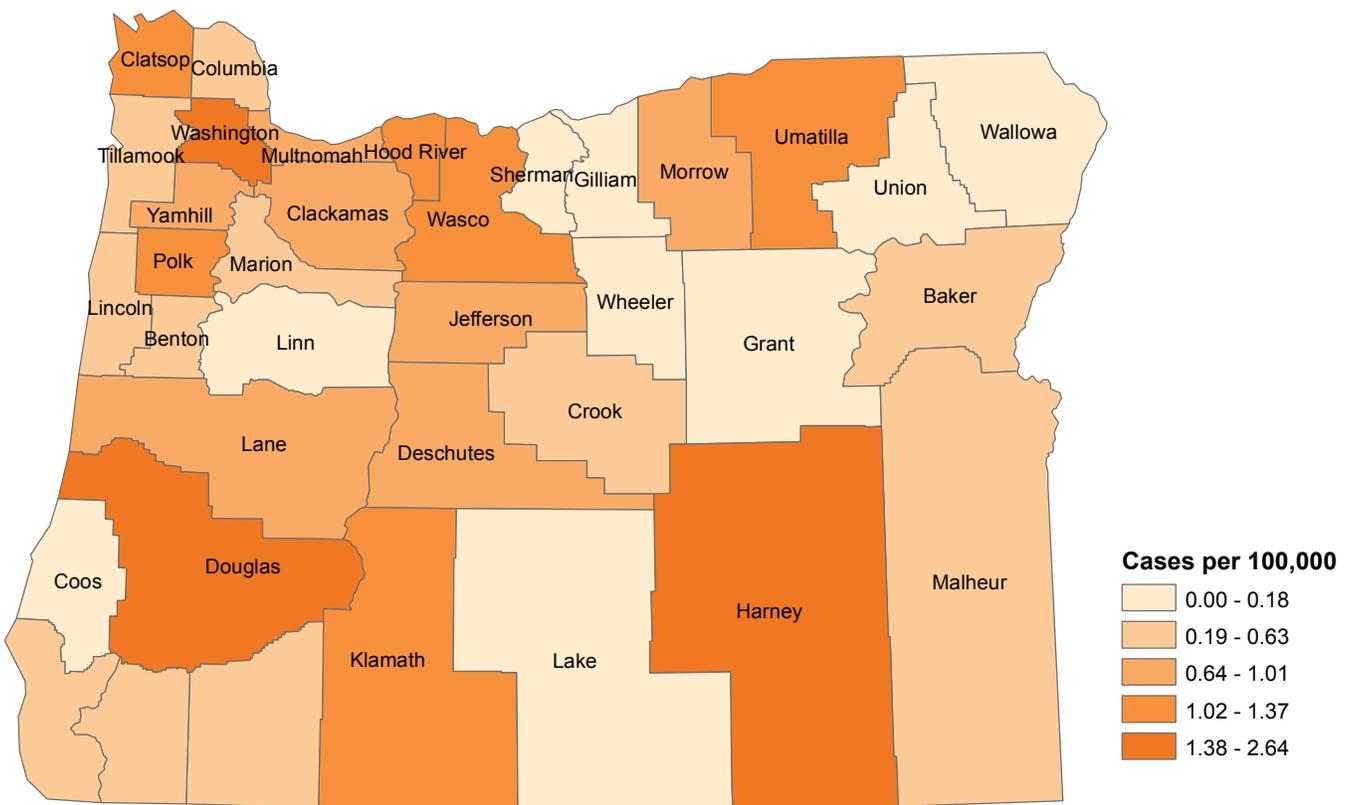
Acute hepatitis C by year: Oregon, 1988–2013



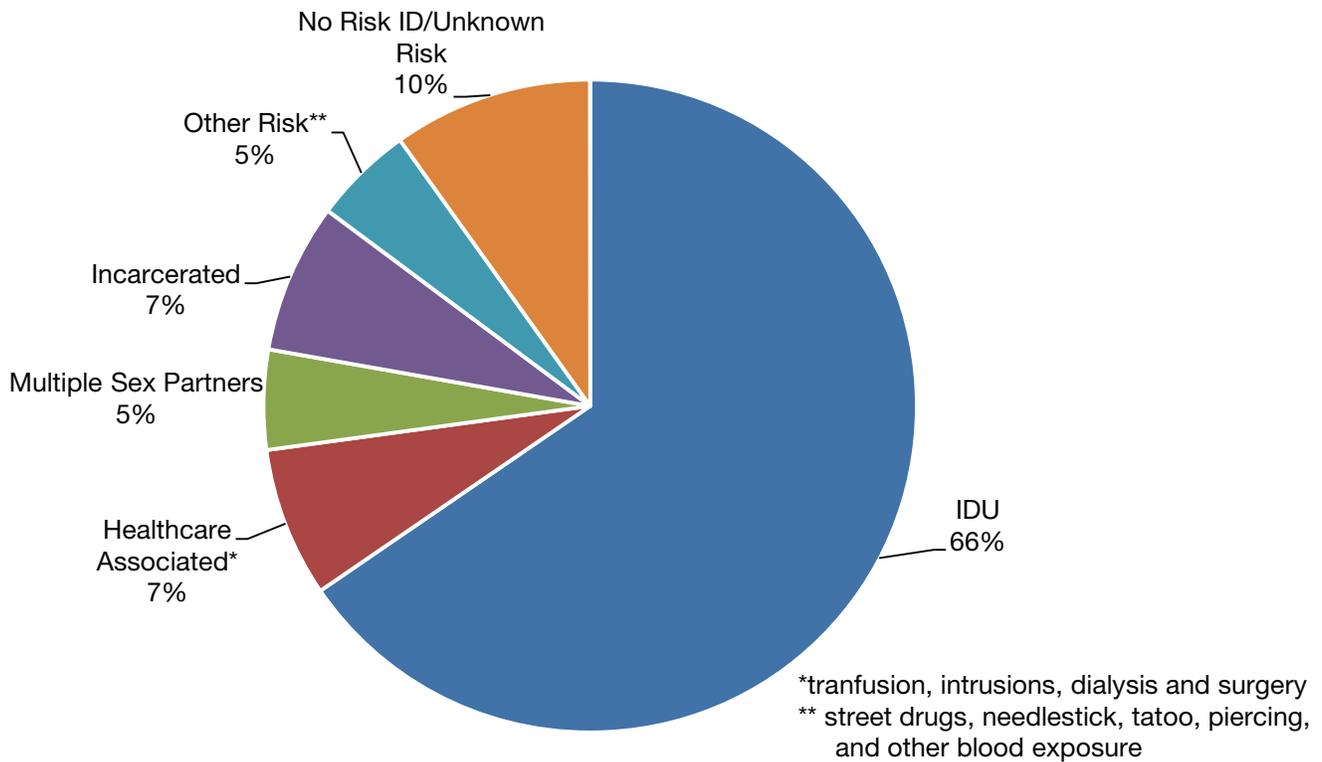
Acute hepatitis C by age and sex: Oregon, 2004–2013



Incidence of acute hepatitis C by county of residence: Oregon, 2004–2013



### Hepatitis C-Acute Risk Factors: Oregon, 2013



#### Prevention

- Health care workers: use universal precautions and best practices to prevent needle stick injuries.
- Persons who inject drugs can:
  - Avoid sharing needles or works with others.
  - Use only clean needles and works.
  - Purchase new sterile needles from pharmacies.