Plague in Montana and the United States

Reservoir:

Deer mouse | Prairie dog | Fox squirrel | Wood rat | Ground squirrel | Vole | Chipmunk

Vector:

Oropsylla montana flea

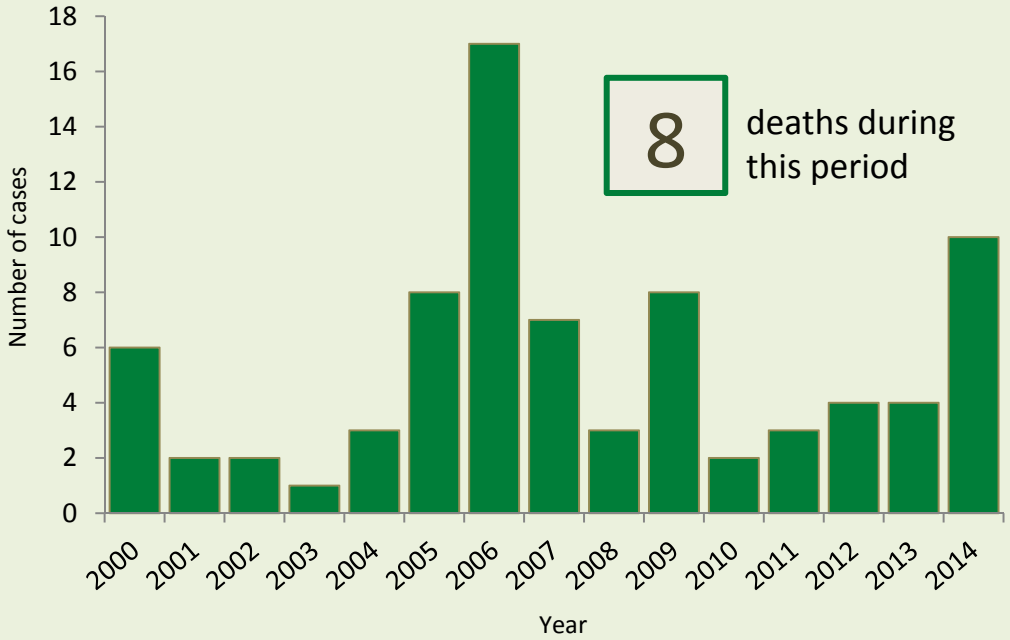
Agent:

Yersinia pestis bacteria

4 median number of plague cases reported each year in the U.S. (range: 1–17)

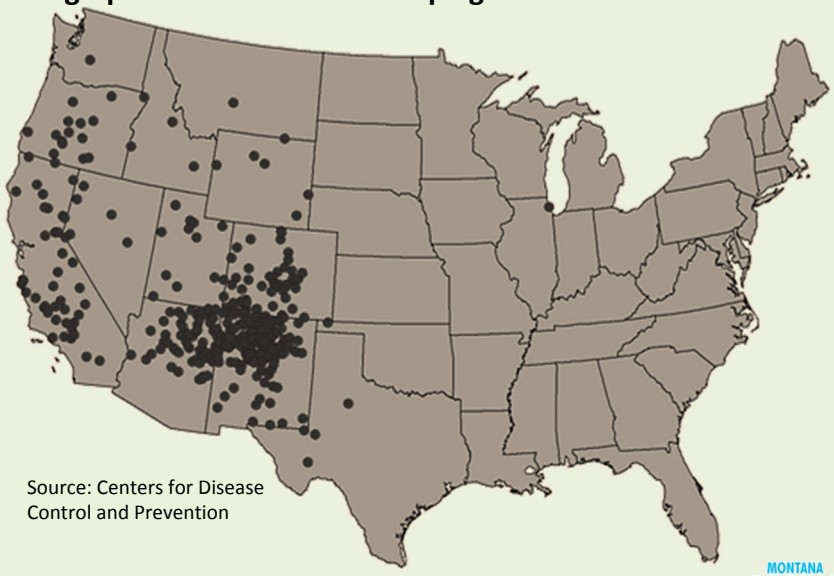
1987 Last reported plague case in Montana

Human plague cases — United States, 2000–2014



8 deaths during this period

Geographic distribution of U.S. plague cases since 1970:



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