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:

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention