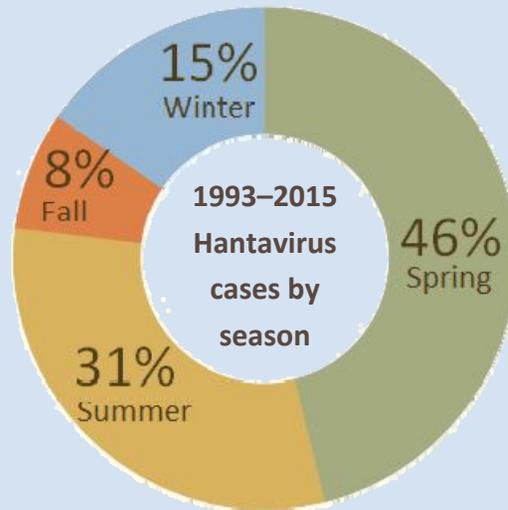


Hantavirus

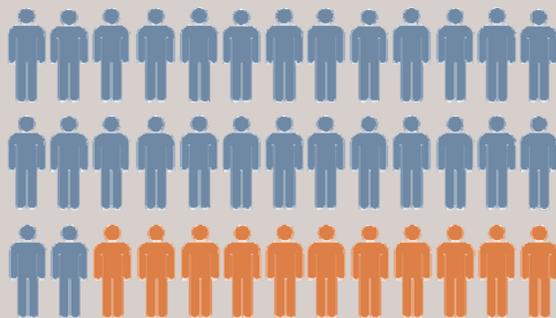
Hantavirus cases can occur in Montana during any time of year.



The **deer mouse** is the reservoir of the virus. The virus is found in their urine, droppings and saliva.

On average, 13% of deer mice tested in MT have antibodies to Hantavirus in their blood. A recent study[†] indicated that approximately 75% of seropositive mice also have the virus in their blood. Male mice are 2 times as likely to have circulating virus than females.

PREVENTION



From 1993 through December 2015, 42 cases of hantavirus were reported in Montana. **24% died.**



Avoid aerosolization— never sweep or vacuum mouse droppings.



Take care when cleaning rodent-infested areas.

- Wear rubber or plastic gloves
- Thoroughly spray/soak area with a disinfectant or mixture of bleach and water to reduce dust
- Wipe/mop area with a sponge or paper towel
- Wash hands thoroughly



Seal up holes inside and outside your home.

[†]Bagamian et. al. Viruses. 2013 Sep; 5(9): 2320–2328