

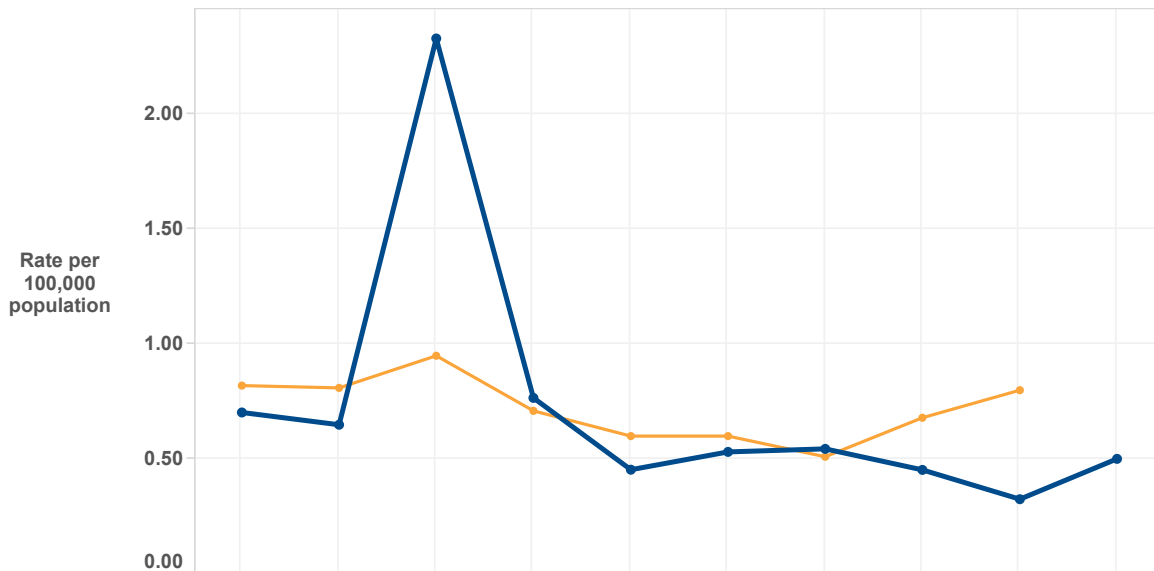
Hepatitis A

With 25 cases reported in 2018, the incidence of hepatitis A infection has remained stable since 2013 in BC. The majority (63%) of cases traveled to an endemic country during their exposure period. The incidence in North Island was higher than usual due to a household cluster of two cases that occurred in the fall. Cases occurred in all age groups and in both sexes. There was no evidence in BC of an outbreak among men who have sex with men, people who are homeless and/or who use drugs, similar to that occurring in other parts of North America and Europe.

Genotyping and RNA sequencing performed at the National Microbiology Laboratory did not identify any BC-specific outbreak. Two BC cases were included in a national hepatitis A outbreak which was believed to be foodborne but remained unsolved; one case had onset in December 2017 and the other in May 2018.

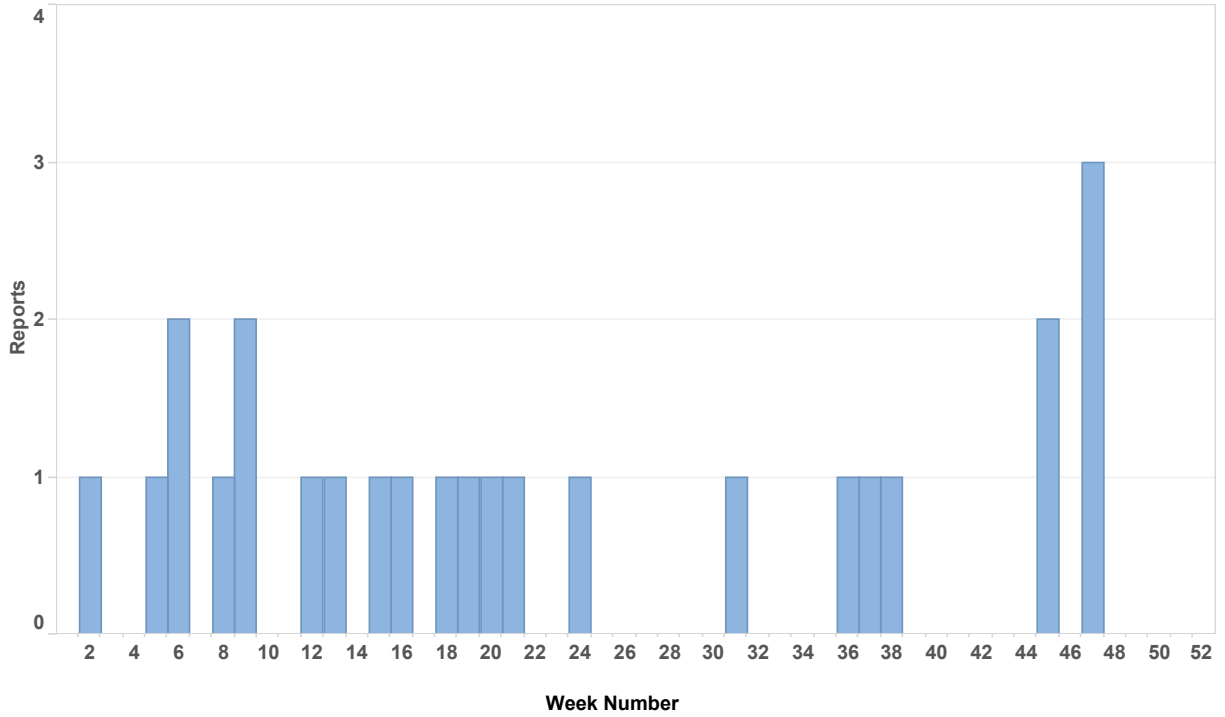


8.1 Hepatitis A by Year, 2009-2018

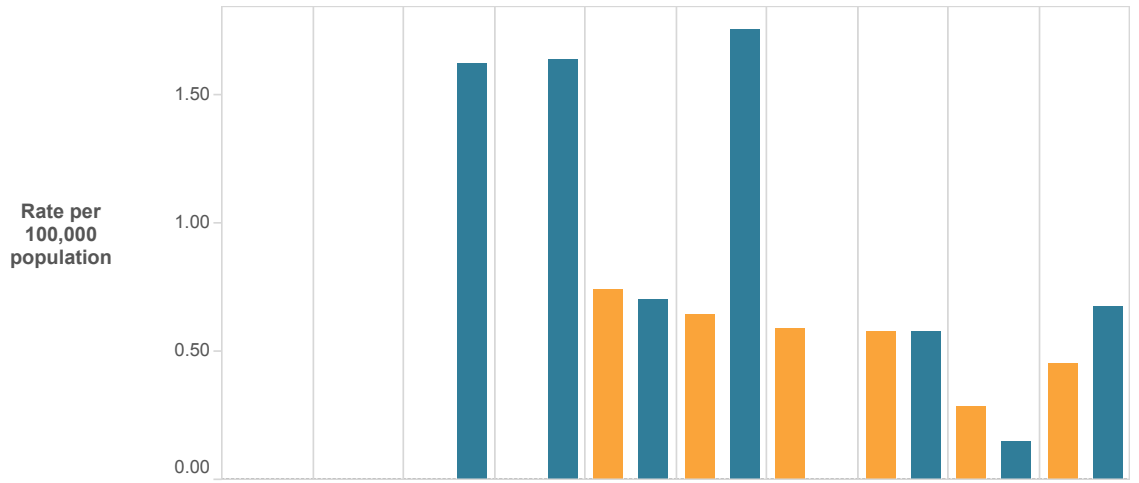


	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Reports	31	29	105	35	21	25	26	22	16	25
BC Rate	0.70	0.65	2.33	0.77	0.45	0.53	0.54	0.45	0.33	0.50
Canada Rate	0.82	0.81	0.95	0.71	0.60	0.60	0.51	0.68	0.80	-

8.2 Hepatitis A Reports by Week, 2018



8.3 Hepatitis A Rates by Age Group and Sex, 2018



		<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-39	40-59	60+
Reports	Female	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	3
	Male	0	0	2	2	1	3	0	2	1	4
	Total	0	0	2	2	2	4	1	4	3	7
BC Rate	Female	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.64	0.59	0.58	0.28	0.45
	Male	0.00	0.00	1.62	1.63	0.70	1.75	0.00	0.58	0.15	0.67
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.83	0.72	1.23	0.29	0.58	0.22	0.56

8.4 Hepatitis A Rates by HSDA, 2018

