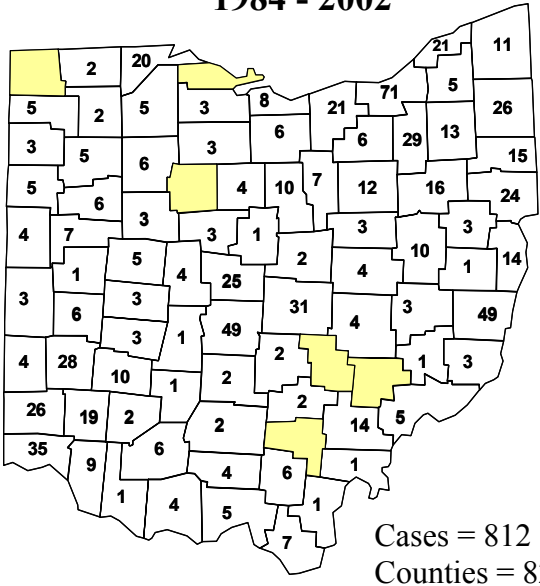
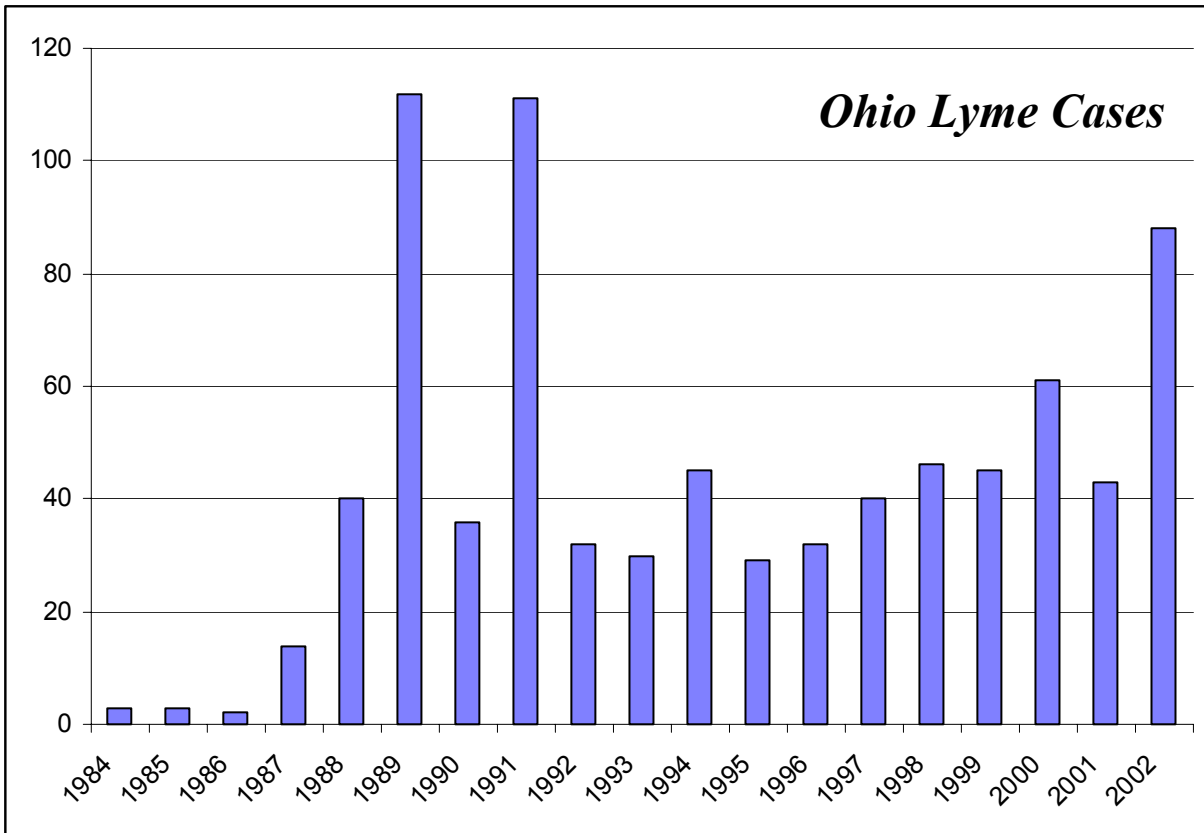
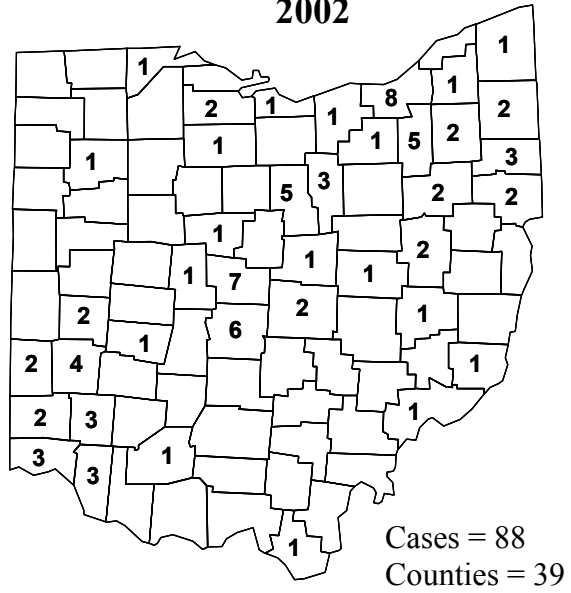


# *LYME DISEASE in Ohio*

**1984 - 2002**



**2002**



Number of Cases in Ohio by Year :

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
36	111	32	30	45	29	32	40	46	45	61	43	88

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## LYME DISEASE FACTS :

1. Attacks all age groups. Median case age: 37 years. Mortality rate: ~0%.
2. Statewide Occurrence: Suburban and rural, especially in wooded areas.
3. Vector: The Black-legged tick, *Ixodes scapularis*. Rare in Ohio.
4. Causative Agent: A bacterium, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Not believed to be endemic in Ohio.
5. Vector Habitat: Woodlands
6. Vertebrate Reservoir: Wild Rodents, esp. *Peromyscus* mice (White-footed mice, Deer mice)
7. Risk Factors: Outdoor activities in wooded areas, picking ticks off pets and game animals.
8. Treatment: Antibiotics.

**Comment** : The risk of acquiring Lyme Disease in Ohio is low, but the presence of the vector tick makes it likely that Lyme Disease can be acquired in Ohio.