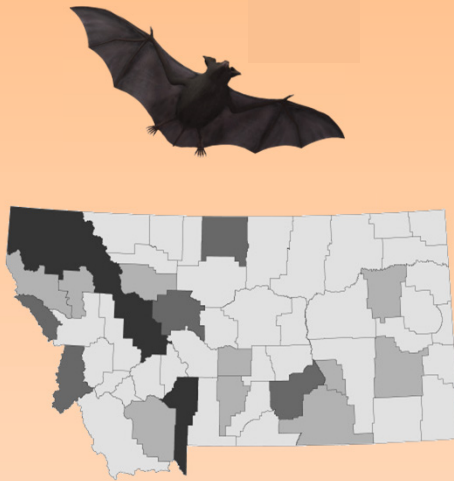
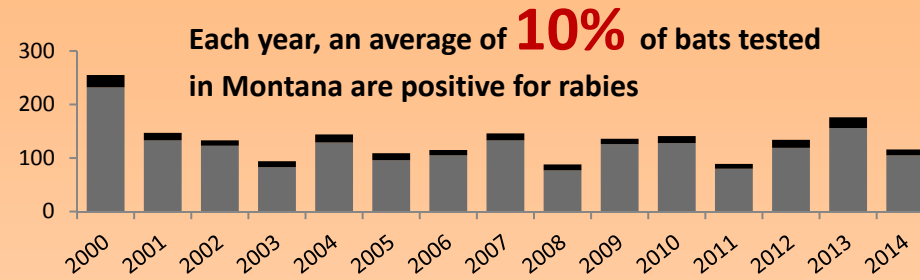


BATS AND RABIES IN MONTANA



Most rabid bats have been reported from the western part of the state



71
Number of Montanans with a bat exposure recommended to receive Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) over the last 2 years

An exposure to a bat:



Bite or **scratch** or incidental exposure (e.g., bat found in sleeping areas in the home)

In the event of an exposure:

Visit your healthcare provider

Report to local health department

Consult with local public health to

Test for rabies

If testing is not possible, or the result is positive



Post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is recommended

Prevention:

Avoid touching bats

Seal up holes in your home



Use **window screens**, **chimney caps**, **draft guards**



Keep pet rabies vaccination up to date
Stay away from stray or wild animals

