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patients had visited Mexico or Central America. In addition, cases have been reported in the United States among individuals who had not traveled to Mexico or Central America, indicating that there had been transmission within the United States.

Since the 1969 epidemic of Shiga dysentery in Guatemala, there has been a steady increase in the cases of Shiga bacillus dysentery reported in the United States. The cases reported by the Center for Disease Control between 1965 and 1972 were as follows: (6)

Year	Border States*	Other States	Total
1965	0	1	1
1966	2	0	2
1967	0	3	3
1968	4	1	5
1969	3	11	14
1970	13	15	28
1971	38	4	42
1972	58	12	70

* California, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico.

The greatest increase in cases has been in the border states of California, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico where the total rose from three in 1969 to 58 in 1972. Nationwide the total number of cases of Shiga dysentery rose from 14 in 1969 to 70 in 1972.