



# County of San Diego Monthly STD Report

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Table 1. STDs reported among San Diego County residents, by month (November 2013) and year-to-date.

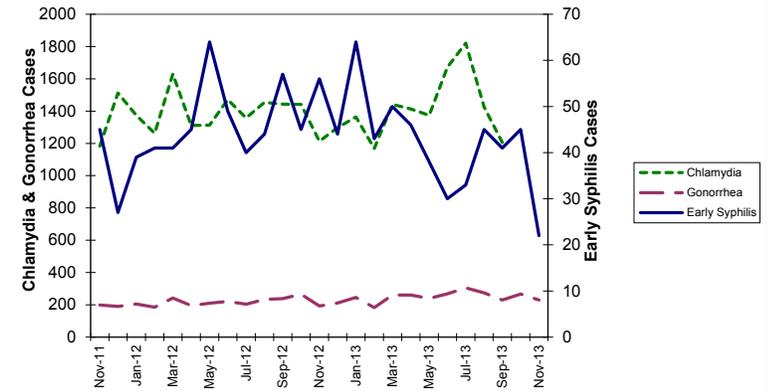
	2012		2013	
	Nov	YTD	Nov	YTD
Gonorrhea	193	2390	230	2761
Female age 18-25	33	444	37	409
Female age ≤ 17	5	43	6	49
Male rectal gonorrhea	30	335	32	394
Early Syphilis (adult total)	56	521	26	461
Primary	11	110	3	100
Secondary	20	198	10	188
Early latent	25	213	13	173
Neurosyphilis*	1	7		
Congenital syphilis*	0	2	1	4
HIV Infection**				
HIV (not AIDS)	22	415	36	388
AIDS	24	255	17	260

YTD: Year to Date

\*Includes confirmed and probable cases. Current neurosyphilis data are pending.

\*\*New infections are reported either as HIV or, if an individual was also diagnosed with AIDS within one month, as AIDS.

Figure 1. Chlamydia, gonorrhea and early syphilis\* cases reported among San Diego County residents, by month.



\*Early syphilis includes primary, secondary and early latent syphilis.

Table 2. Selected STD cases and annualized rates per 100,000 population for San Diego County, by age and race/ethnicity, year-to-date, 2013.

	All races*		Asian/PI		Black		Hispanic		White	
	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate
All ages										
Gonorrhea	2761	95.8	85	26.1	243	190.2	481	50.7	632	46.2
Early syphilis	461	16.0	23	7.0	37	29.0	158	16.6	208	15.2
Under 20 yrs										
Gonorrhea	248	8.6	2	2.6	44	127.7	51	14.6	30	11.4
Early syphilis	10	1.3	1	1.3	2	5.8	6	1.7	1	0.4

Note: Rates calculated using 2012 SANDAG population estimates.

\*Includes cases denoted as "other" or "unknown" and for which no race/ethnicity data are specified.

### Key Points comparing YTD cases reported through November 2012 to November 2013.

- Chlamydia information is omitted due to data entry delay.
- Gonorrhea has increased 15.2%.
- Comparison of 2012 and 2013 syphilis rates will be deferred until year-end data are available due to data entry delay.

Note: All data are provisional. Case counts are based on the earliest of date of diagnosis, date of specimen collection, and treatment date. Totals for past months might change because of delays in reporting from labs and providers. In June 2013, the County of San Diego began to transition to a new data surveillance system. For the time being case counts may be unavailable or over- or underestimated.

### Editorial Note: CDC Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance Report 2012

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released their latest national STD surveillance report, [Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2012](#). Key findings of the report include:

- High rates of STDs were noted among young people and men who have sex with men (MSM).
- The number of chlamydia cases is the highest of any disease ever reported to CDC though rates are relatively stable (0.7 percent increase overall) with 3.2 percent increase in men.
- Gonorrhea rates increased 4.1 percent in 2012 compared to 2011 (with an 8.3 percent increase in men).
- Primary and secondary syphilis rates increased 11 percent in 2012, and 75 percent of these cases were reported among MSM.
- Continued racial disparities exist in STDs.
- Medical providers need to help bring this silent epidemic into the open.



The table below compares the 2012 rates of the three major reportable STDs in San Diego to those of the United States as a whole.

	Rate per 100,000	
	San Diego	United States
Chlamydia	526.3	456.7
Gonorrhea	82.7	107.5
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	10.4	5.0

National trends were reflected at the local level, including high rates of STDs among young women and MSM. However, the percentage increase in the rates of STDs reported locally was higher than that reported at the national level. Overall from 2011 to 2012 in San Diego, the rate of chlamydia increased 6 percent, the rate of gonorrhea increased 19 percent and the rate of primary and secondary syphilis increased 12 percent.

The full CDC report can be accessed at [www.cdc.gov/std/stats12/ default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/std/stats12/) and local statistics can be accessed at [www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/hiv\\_std\\_hepatitis\\_branch/reports\\_and\\_statistics.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/hiv_std_hepatitis_branch/reports_and_statistics.html).

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