



# County of San Diego Monthly STD Report

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**Table 1. STDs Reported Among County of San Diego Residents, by Month and Previous 12 Months Combined.**

	2014		2015	
	Aug	Previous 12-Month Period*	Aug	Previous 12-Month Period*
Chlamydia	1353	15713	1478	16182
Female age 18-25	576	6404	605	6491
Female age ≤ 17	46	672	58	735
Male rectal chlamydia	49	559	62	522
Gonorrhea	316	3238	359	3499
Female age 18-25	33	477	45	479
Female age ≤ 17	4	69	7	63
Male rectal gonorrhea	27	444	52	457
Early Syphilis (adult total)	51	598	55	809
Primary	8	105	8	161
Secondary	28	221	20	302
Early latent	15	272	27	346
Congenital syphilis	0	3	0	6
HIV Infection†				
HIV (not AIDS)	35	458	44	459
AIDS	19	225	18	254

\* Cumulative case count of the previous 12 months.

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

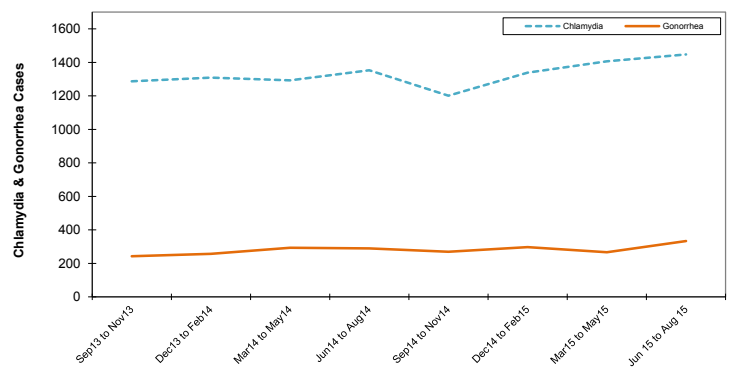
**Table 2. Selected STD Cases and Annualized Rates per 100,000 Population for San Diego County by Age and Race/Ethnicity, Year to Date.**

	All Races*		Asian/PI		Black		Hispanic		White	
	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate
<i>All ages</i>										
Chlamydia	11292	530.2	70	28.6	233	254.0	498	69.9	478	47.8
Gonorrhea	2384	111.9	50	20.4	235	256.2	447	62.7	535	53.5
Early Syphilis	563	26.4	29	11.9	35	38.2	222	31.2	226	22.6
<i>Under 20 yrs</i>										
Chlamydia	1927	341.4	7	12.1	42	175.2	87	34.2	32	16.5
Gonorrhea	195	34.5	1	1.7	31	129.3	41	16.1	17	8.8
Early Syphilis	13	2.3	3	5.2	0	0.0	8	3.1	2	1.0

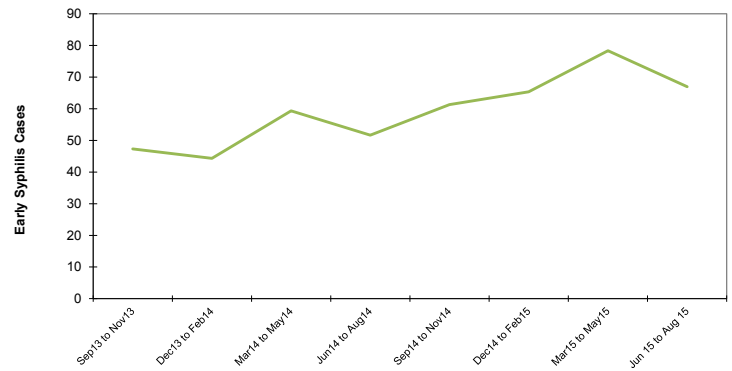
Note: Rates calculated using 2014 SANDAG population estimates.

\* Includes cases designated as "other," "unknown," or missing race/ethnicity.

**Figure 1. Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Reported Among County of San Diego Residents, by 3-Month Period.**



**Figure 2. Early Syphilis Reported Among County of San Diego Residents, by 3-Month Period.**



**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.

## Editorial Note: Unmet Need for Dental Care in People Living with HIV and AIDS

Oral health and dental care are important components of overall health and quality of life, yet an unmet need for dental care for people living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) persists despite expanded access to primary medical care and combination antiretroviral therapy (cART). Due to the success of cART, oral manifestations of opportunistic infections have decreased, but the rate of HIV salivary gland disease has increased[1]. This can result in xerostomia (i.e., dry mouth), which can lead to increased risk of tooth decay and periodontal disease[2]. Dental and oral health problems may also have adverse effects on food intake and the ability of PLWHA to maintain appropriate nutritional status. Therefore, preventive oral health care is essential.

In a large multi-center study of 2,469 adult PLWHA who had no routine or preventive dental care within the past 12 months, the majority of participants were engaged in HIV medical care (97.5%), 95% reported seeing their HIV clinician in the past 6 months, and 77.9% reported taking antiretroviral medications. However, 48.2% reported a time since HIV diagnosis during which they needed oral care but were unable to get it. Inability to pay was cited by the majority of participants as the primary reason for not getting the oral health care[3]. The County of San Diego conducts a needs assessment of HIV-infected consumers every other year. Dental care consistently ranked first among services that consumers needed but couldn't access in 2012 and 2014. In 2014, 24% of 1,287 respondents reported needing dental care but were not able to get it[4].

Dental care is now covered for those who qualify for Medi-Cal but may not be for commercial insurance programs[5].

The Ryan White Primary Care (RWPC) program in San Diego County covers outpatient medical care and subspecialty services for PLWHA who qualify based on need. A lesser known fact is that **Ryan White also covers dental services for PLWHA who lack coverage of dental services, including people who have outside coverage for primary medical care.**

Patients may be enrolled to receive dental services through the RWPC by **completing a brief enrollment application and faxing that application to AmeriChoice at (858) 495-1329.** To access the application, click [here](#).

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