

# 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.**

	2019		2020	
	Apr	Previous 12-Month Period*	Apr	Previous 12-Month Period*
Chlamydia	2011	22485	1075	21799
Female age 18-25	743	8347	404	8024
Female age ≤ 17	69	928	44	803
Male rectal chlamydia	124	1127	26	1135
Gonorrhea	517	6059	344	6278
Female age 18-25	97	927	55	1012
Female age ≤ 17	7	99	6	97
Male rectal gonorrhea	65	785	20	730
Early Syphilis (adult total)	101	1142	61	1090
Primary	10	170	13	155
Secondary	33	399	16	355
Early latent	58	573	32	580
Congenital syphilis	2	21	2	21

\* Cumulative case count of the previous 12 months.

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

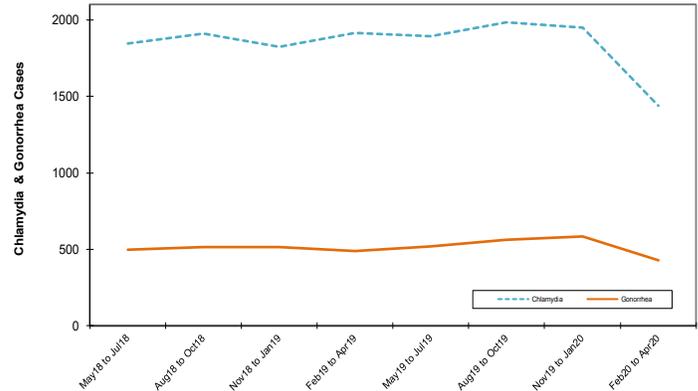
	All Races*		Asian/PI		Black		Hispanic		White	
	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate
<i>All ages</i>										
Chlamydia	6464	578.6	130	88.3	223	397.1	621	170.4	586	116.4
Gonorrhea	1876	167.9	50	33.9	197	350.8	463	127.0	400	79.5
Early Syphilis	348	31.1	32	21.7	32	57.0	141	38.7	125	24.8
<i>Under 20 yrs</i>										
Chlamydia	1092	377.7	14	43.7	52	370.5	107	88.3	94	89.5
Gonorrhea	186	64.3	8	25.0	19	135.4	61	50.3	26	24.7
Early Syphilis	7	2.4	1	3.1	0	0.0	5	4.1	1	1.0

Note: Rates are calculated using 2019 Population Estimates; County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services Division, Community Health Statistics Unit. 6/2020.

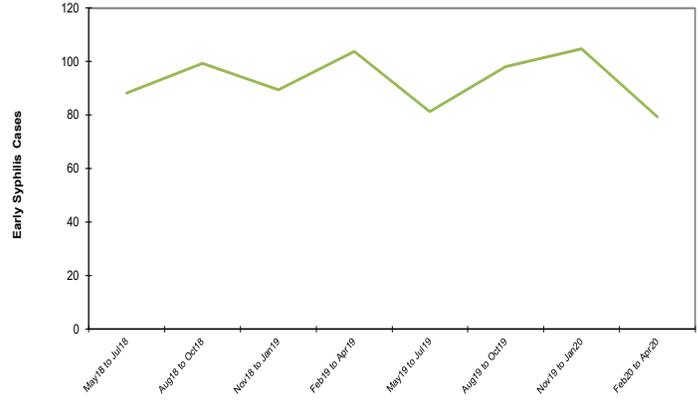
\* Includes cases designated as "other," "unknown," or missing race/ethnicity.

**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.

**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.**



## Editorial Note: Shortage of STI Diagnostic Test Kits and Laboratory Supplies

On September 8, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) announcing a nationwide shortage of sexually transmitted infection (STI) test kits and laboratory supplies, most notably for chlamydia and gonorrhea nucleic acid amplification tests (CT/GC NAAT). The shortages affect multiple diagnostic test manufacturers and public health and commercial laboratories and impact several components of the specimen collection and testing process.

Currently, the County of San Diego HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) is not aware of any critical CT/GC NAAT test kit supply issues affecting local healthcare systems in San Diego County and has not issued any practice change recommendations with respect to utilization of CT/GC NAAT. The [2015 CDC STD Treatment Guidelines](#) describe current recommendations for CT/GC testing. However, in the Dear Colleague Letter described above, the CDC has provided [interim guidance for prioritization of CT/GC testing](#) if test kits are in short supply.

*If your healthcare facility is experiencing supply issues with CT/GC NAAT test kits, please notify HSHB by calling or texting (619) 609-3245. HSHB will continue to monitor this situation closely and provide further updates as they are received.*