

# 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.**

	2020		2021	
	Nov	Previous 12-Month Period*	Nov	Previous 12-Month Period*
Chlamydia	1437	18787	1414	17871
Female age 18-25	527	7177	493	6431
Female age ≤ 17	42	674	47	594
Male rectal chlamydia	120	1140	128	1525
Gonorrhea	606	6207	599	8079
Female age 18-25	88	994	98	1262
Female age ≤ 17	10	115	6	136
Male rectal gonorrhea	88	748	109	1389
Early Syphilis (adult total)	103	1101	73	1270
Primary	14	169	10	201
Secondary	30	374	31	418
Early latent	59	558	32	651
Congenital syphilis	0	15	3	31

\* 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.**

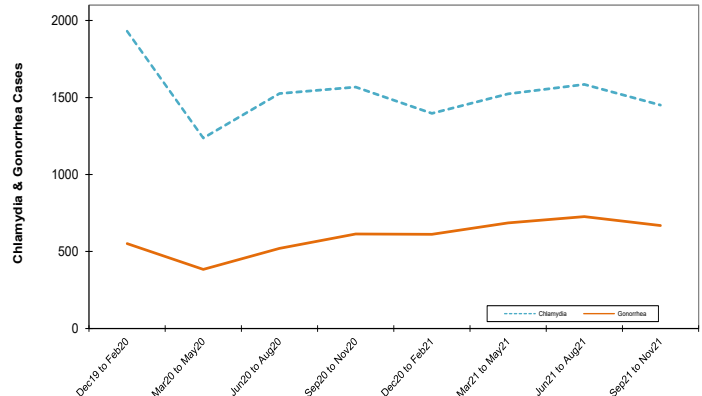
	All Races*		Asian/PI		Black		Hispanic		White	
	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate
<i>All ages</i>										
Chlamydia	16474	537.5	426	126.0	597	408.9	1597	152.4	1963	139.4
Gonorrhea	7497	244.6	228	67.4	581	397.9	1216	116.1	1409	100.1
Early Syphilis	1157	37.8	64	18.9	117	80.1	514	49.1	366	26.0
<i>Under 20 yrs</i>										
Chlamydia	2509	310.2	43	48.2	104	270.5	257	93.0	280	75.4
Gonorrhea	636	78.6	13	14.6	60	156.0	83	30.0	83	22.4
Early Syphilis	20	2.5	2	2.2	2	5.2	12	4.3	3	0.8

Note: Rates are calculated using 2020 Population Estimates; County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services Division, Community Health Statistics Unit. 8/2021.

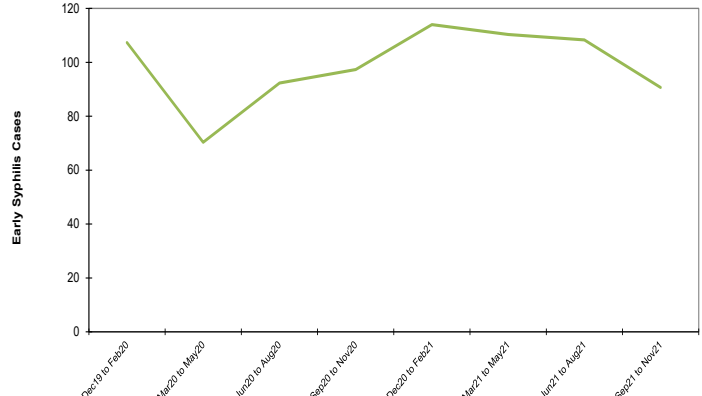
\* Includes cases designated as "other," "unknown," or missing race/ethnicity.

**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: New Home Testing Program Will Offer Free STI and HIV Testing in San Diego County

Effective April 27, 2022, free home testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is available to eligible San Diego County residents, aged 18 years and older, through TakeMeHome™ (<https://takemehome.org>).

TakeMeHome™ was developed by [Building Healthy Online Communities \(BHOC\)](#), in partnership with Emory University and the National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), to allow participating state and local health departments to offer confidential home HIV and STI testing discreetly and safely to their constituents. The program was developed with a focus on cisgender men, who have sex with men (MSM) and use dating apps, but is open to all people 18 years of age or older.

Eligible San Diego County residents can order the tests of their choice from an online menu through the program website and will receive detailed instructions, items for specimen collection, and a postage-paid return packet. They will be able to access test results using a secure, self-service portal. Users with positive test result(s) will receive information about local resources for treatment in the region. All users will receive basic information about STI testing, [HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis \(PrEP\)](#), condoms, and [U=U \(i.e., undetectable = untransmittable\)](#).

## Editorial Note (Continued):

The following tests will be available, based on eligibility criteria:

- Blood-based HIV antigen-antibody testing using dried blood spot (DBS)
  - Rapid oral swab testing for HIV may also be available for a limited time. However, blood-based antigen-antibody testing is preferred, as it is less likely than oral antibody testing to miss a recent infection.
- Treponemal enzyme immunoassay (EIA) testing for syphilis using DBS: This test is not recommended and will not be performed for persons with previous history of syphilis.
- Three-site nucleic acid amplification testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia (i.e., urogenital, throat, and rectal testing)
- Hepatitis C antibody testing
- Serum creatinine testing (for persons on HIV PrEP)

