

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.

	2024		2025	
	May	Previous 12-Month Period*	May	Previous 12-Month Period*
Chlamydia	1359	17014	1236	15645
Female age 18-25	456	5485	405	5067
Female age ≤ 17	47	615	41	583
Male rectal chlamydia	106	1562	70	994
Gonorrhea	468	6194	417	5626
Female age 18-25	36	602	41	500
Female age ≤ 17	9	85	1	75
Male rectal gonorrhea	118	1487	83	1334
Early Syphilis (adult total)	78	874	35	562
Primary	7	112	5	98
Secondary	30	256	11	151
Early latent	41	506	19	313
Congenital syphilis	2	31	0	28

* 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
All ages										
Chlamydia	6488	473.2	188	108.1	273	424.2	706	148.1	839	141.4
Gonorrhea	2085	152.1	67	38.5	148	230.0	454	305.0	388	65.4
Early Syphilis	199	14.5	7	4.0	32	49.7	81	17.0	49	8.3
Under 20 yrs										
Chlamydia	1023	299.4	14	38.8	45	285.3	72	48.4	136	114.8
Gonorrhea	97	28.4	3	8.3	12	76.1	16	10.7	12	10.1
Early Syphilis	7	2.0	0	0.0	3	19.0	1	0.7	2	1.7

Note: Rates are calculated using 2023 Population Estimates; County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services Division, Community Health Statistics Unit. 01/2025.

* 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.

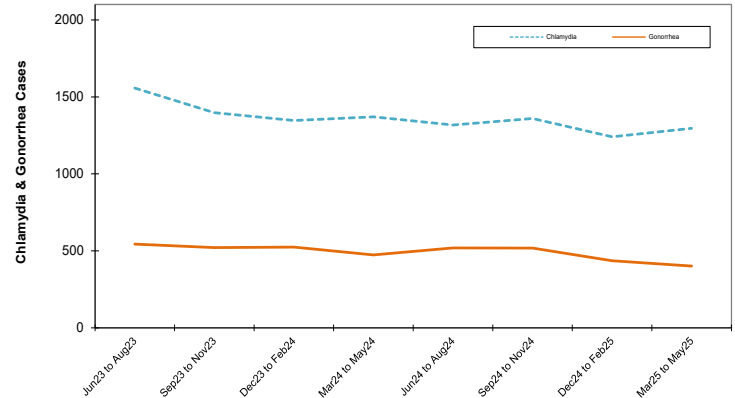
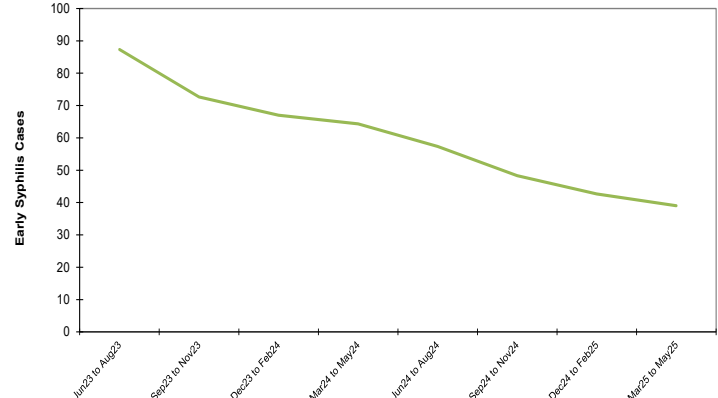


Figure 2. Early Syphilis Reported Among County of San Diego Residents, by 3-Month Period.



Editorial Note: Community Spread of Clade I Mpox in Southern California

Three unrelated cases of clade I mpox have been reported in residents of Southern California without recent travel to regions where clade I mpox virus (MPXV) is known to circulate, indicating community transmission. All three cases were hospitalized and are now recovering. Local health departments and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have conducted enhanced surveillance and contact tracing to identify additional cases and sources of infection and prevent further transmission.

While public health investigation of these cases has indicated that person-to-person spread of clade I MPXV is occurring in Southern California, primarily impacting communities of gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men and their social networks, the risk to the public is currently low. No clade I mpox cases have been reported in San Diego County, although overall mpox cases have increased in recent weeks compared to earlier this year (but remain significantly lower than in 2022, 2023, and 2024) (see **Figure 3**).

Since 2024, there has been a large and ongoing outbreak of clade I mpox in Central and Eastern African countries and travel-associated clade I mpox cases in other regions, including six cases in the United States. The three recent cases from the Los Angeles region are the first clade I mpox cases that are not associated with international travel. Clade I MPXV may be more severe than clade II MPXV, which has been circulating at low levels in the United States since 2022. In addition to avoiding exposure to MPXV, the two-dose JYNNEOS vaccine remains the most effective tool to prevent infection with and severe disease due to clade I and II MPXV. Currently, there is no recommendation for a vaccine booster for those who have completed the two-dose series.

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Commercial laboratories have been instructed to submit the following clinical specimens to the San Diego County Public Health Laboratory for clade-specific MPXV testing:

- Positive orthopoxvirus (non-variola orthopoxvirus (NVO) or OPXV) without clade determination
- Positive MPXV generic without clade determination
- Positive orthopoxvirus (NVO or OPXV) with a negative clade II MPXV test
- Positive orthopoxvirus (NVO or OPXV) with an indeterminate clade II MPXV test.
- For additional information, guidance, and resources, please see recent health alerts issued by the [County of San Diego \(10/21/25\)](#) and [CDPH \(10/17/25\)](#).

Figure 3: Mpox Confirmed and Probable Cases by Episode Date
San Diego County

