

# 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.**

	2023 Previous 12- November Month Period*		2024 Previous 12- November Month Period*	
Chlamydia	1308	17625	1259	16192
Female age 18-25	377	5705	424	5377
Female age ≤ 17	68	622	44	565
Male rectal chlamydia	107	1714	75	1235
Gonorrhea	507	6524	482	6140
Female age 18-25	48	746	43	581
Female age ≤ 17	8	92	11	83
Male rectal gonorrhea	134	1513	117	1465
Early Syphilis (adult total)	75	1043	31	566
Primary	9	163	4	86
Secondary	26	307	13	152
Early latent	40	573	14	328
Congenital syphilis	2	38	3	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.**

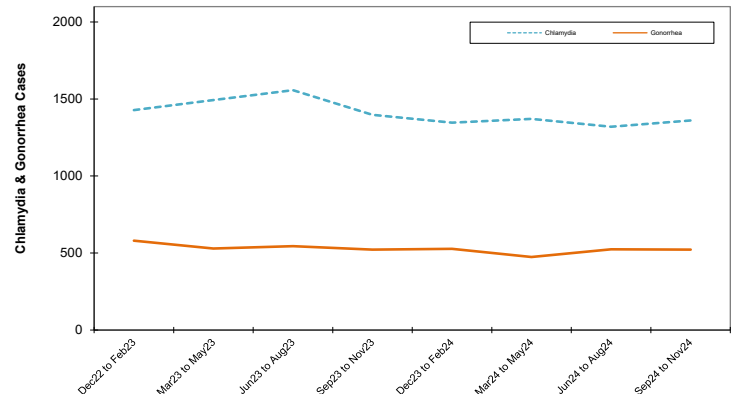
	All Races*		Asian/PI		Black		Hispanic		White	
	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate
All ages										
Chlamydia	14977	496.5	451	117.9	606	428.0	1616	154.1	1974	151.2
Gonorrhea	5633	186.8	217	56.7	363	256.4	1120	342.0	1211	92.8
Early Syphilis	514	17.0	28	7.3	52	36.7	231	22.0	146	11.2
Under 20 yrs										
Chlamydia	2240	298.0	36	45.3	91	262.3	222	67.8	321	123.2
Gonorrhea	373	49.6	5	6.3	29	83.6	65	19.8	47	18.0
Early Syphilis	18	2.4	1	1.3	2	5.8	9	2.7	2	0.8

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.

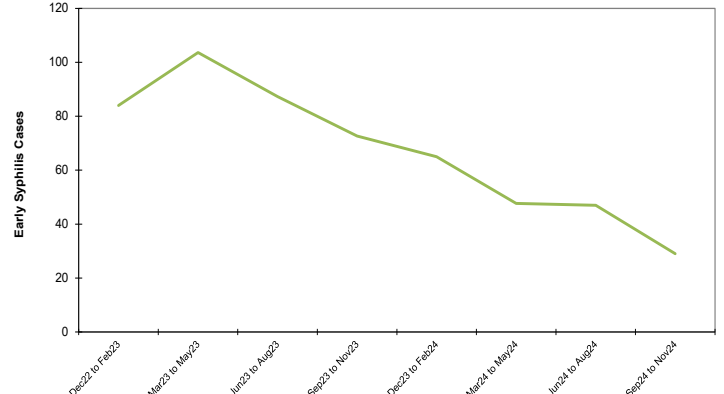
\* Includes cases designated as "other," "unknown," or missing race/ethnicity.

**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: 2023 Sexually Transmitted Infection Surveillance Data Now Available

From 2022 to 2023, reported cases and rates of early syphilis (i.e., primary, secondary, and early latent syphilis), gonorrhea, and chlamydia decreased in San Diego County, while reported cases and rates of congenital syphilis and total syphilis (including late latent syphilis and syphilis of unknown duration) increased (**Figure 3 and Figure 4**). Among congenital syphilis cases, two stillbirths and one infant death were reported. 2023 sexually transmitted infection (STI) surveillance data slides are now available at <http://www.stdsandiego.org> by clicking on the "Reports and Statistics" tab. Key observed trends include:

- 36 cases of congenital syphilis, with a rate of 95.0 cases per 100,000 live births (an 8.2% rate increase from 2022)
- 2,431 cases of syphilis of any stage, with a rate of 73.9 cases per 100,000 population (a 13.7% rate increase from 2022)
- 1,089 cases of early syphilis, with a rate of 33.1 cases per 100,000 population (a 3.8% rate decrease from 2022)
- 6,651 cases of gonorrhea, with a rate of 202.1 cases per 100,000 population (a 13.7% rate decrease from 2022)
- 17,720 cases of chlamydia, with a rate of 538.5 cases per 100,000 population (a 2.4% rate decrease from 2022)

Significant health disparities persist, with disproportionate impacts of STIs on communities of color, men who have sex with men, and youth. The rates of early syphilis, for which race/ethnicity information is most complete, among black men and women were 3.0 and 3.2 times the rates among white men and women, respectively. MSM accounted for 64.3% of reported early syphilis cases in 2023. The highest rates of chlamydia were among women aged 20-24 years.

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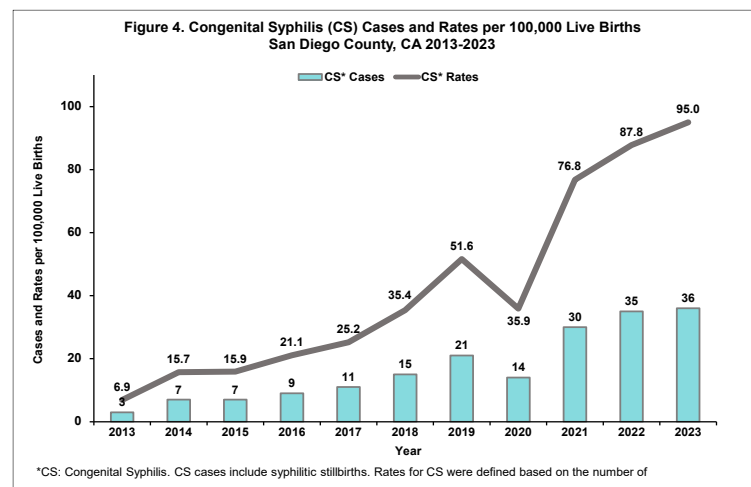
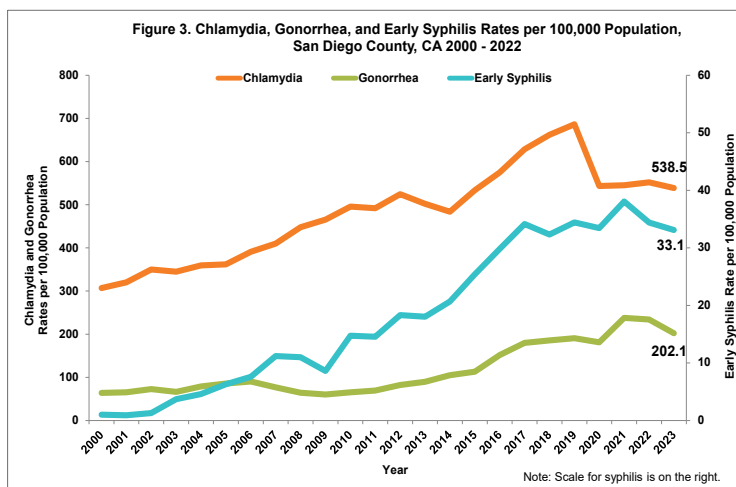
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## Editorial Note (Continued)

Providers can decrease the impact of STIs in the region by:

- Providing low-barrier access to sexual health services
- Conducting appropriate STI screening and testing and, if indicated, treatment according to the [2021 STI Treatment Guidelines \(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)\)](#)
- Screening for syphilis according to the [most recent guidance](#) from the California Department of Public Health and ensuring that pregnant persons receive appropriate screening and timely treatment for syphilis
- Linking persons who are candidates for doxycycline STI post-exposure prophylaxis (Doxy-PEP) and HIV pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP and PEP) to those interventions.
- Promptly [reporting](#) cases of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chancroid to the HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch within the required timeframes. This helps to ensure accuracy of local STI surveillance data and timely investigation of priority STI cases to interrupt disease transmission.



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