

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	
	Oct	Previous 12-Month Period*	Oct	Previous 12-Month Period*
Chlamydia	2059	22846	1679	19227
Female age 18-25	779	8328	635	7305
Female age ≤ 17	64	827	56	706
Male rectal chlamydia	111	1311	122	1124
Gonorrhea	609	6257	657	6191
Female age 18-25	97	959	91	996
Female age ≤ 17	10	101	12	114
Male rectal gonorrhea	68	805	77	736
Early Syphilis (adult total)	109	1118	91	1095
Primary	14	158	15	168
Secondary	39	366	27	375
Early latent	56	594	49	552
Congenital syphilis	2	18	1	22

* 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	15526	555.9	262	71.1	554	394.6	1257	138.0	1417	112.6
Gonorrhea	5033	180.2	106	28.8	532	379.0	1004	110.2	939	74.6
Early Syphilis	897	32.1	65	17.7	81	57.7	344	37.8	348	27.6
<i>Under 20 yrs</i>										
Chlamydia	2559	354.1	23	28.7	117	333.5	207	68.3	223	84.9
Gonorrhea	444	61.4	10	12.5	55	156.8	112	37.0	54	20.6
Early Syphilis	17	2.4	2	2.5	1	2.9	12	4.0	2	0.8

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.

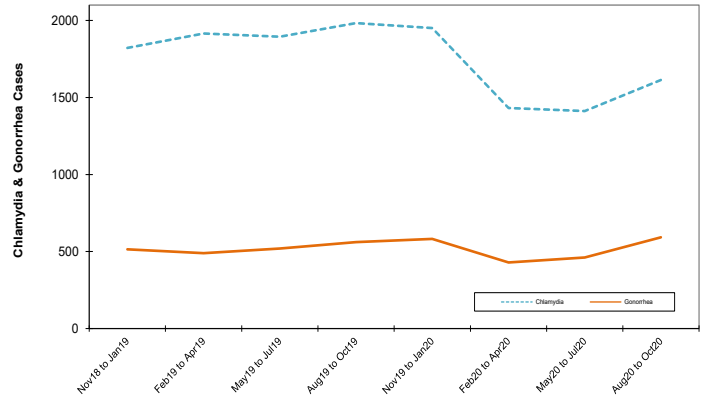
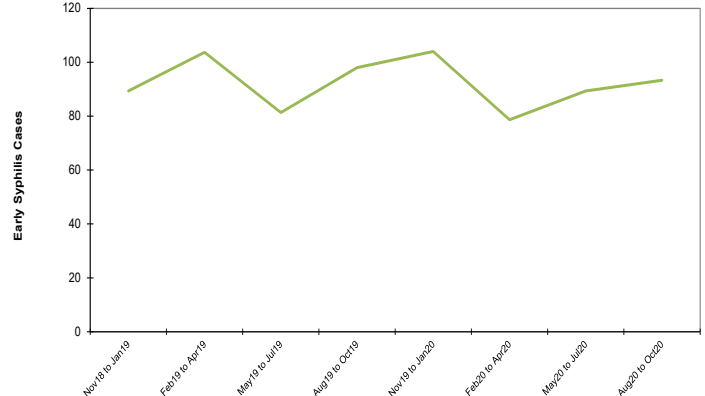


Figure 2. Early Syphilis Reported Among County of San Diego Residents, by 3-Month Period.



Editorial Note: STD Awareness Week – April 11-17, 2021

STD Awareness Week will be observed April 11-17, 2021. This annual observance is an opportunity to bring sexual health and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) back into the public consciousness, which has been dominated recently by the global Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Given the reduction in utilization of sexual health services and routine STD testing due to COVID-19, increasing reports of complications such as congenital syphilis and disseminated gonococcal infection, and continued health disparities (i.e., disproportionate impacts on youth, men who have sex with men, and communities of color), the fight against STDs and the stigma surrounding them is more important now than ever before.

According to a [recent report](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately one in five people in the United States (U.S.), or 20% of the population, had a sexually transmitted infection (STI) on any given day in 2018, and STIs acquired that year cost the U.S. healthcare system nearly \$16 billion in direct medical costs alone. While the long-term effects of COVID-19 on the incidence of STIs and their complications remain to be seen, it is extremely important that all communities understand the available resources for STD testing and treatment and how to access them.

Campaign resources for STD Awareness Week are available through [CDC](#) and the [California Department of Public Health](#). Information about local STD trends and the County's categorical STD clinics, which continue to offer the full range of STD testing and treatment services, is available at <http://www.stdsandiego.org>.

Thank you for being a partner in STD prevention!

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