

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		2024	
	May	Previous 12-Month Period*	May	Previous 12-Month Period*
Chlamydia	1534	17967	1223	16104
Female age 18-25	535	6064	420	5189
Female age ≤ 17	50	537	46	613
Male rectal chlamydia	136	1718	106	1560
Gonorrhea	578	7344	471	6167
Female age 18-25	50	948	36	599
Female age ≤ 17	7	83	10	86
Male rectal gonorrhea	134	1592	118	1488
Early Syphilis (adult total)	97	1101	53	702
Primary	17	199	7	99
Secondary	26	313	21	208
Early latent	54	589	25	395
Congenital syphilis	1	37	4	33

* 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	6025	439.9	194	108.5	221	370.1	708	151.4	795	136.5
Gonorrhea	2462	179.7	92	51.5	135	226.1	518	110.8	505	86.7
Early Syphilis	166	12.1	11	6.2	10	16.7	74	15.8	50	8.6
<i>Under 20 yrs</i>										
Chlamydia	878	255.2	15	42.2	37	248.8	105	70.0	144	128.1
Gonorrhea	143	41.6	0	0.0	15	100.9	25	16.7	23	20.5
Early Syphilis	5	1.5	0	0.0	1	6.7	1	0.7	1	0.9

Note: Rates are calculated using 2022 Population Estimates; County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services Division, Community Health Statistics Unit. 10/2023.

* 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.

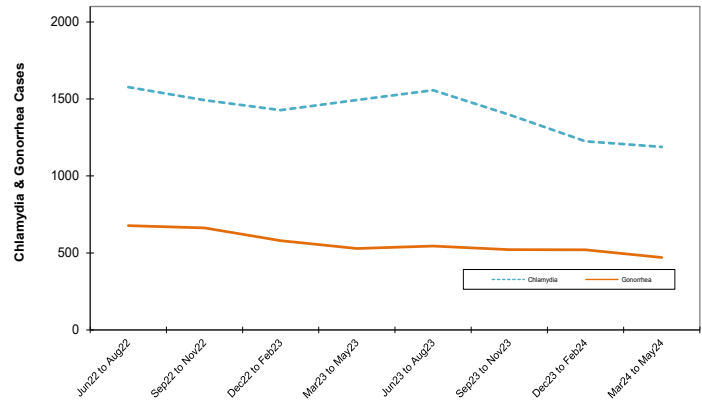
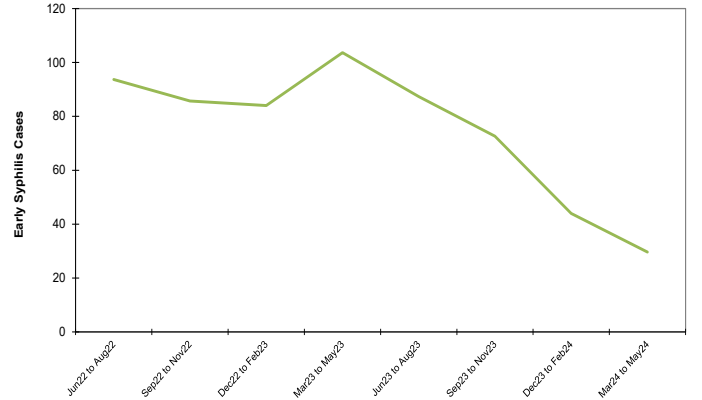


Figure 2. Early Syphilis Reported Among County of San Diego Residents, by 3-Month Period.



Editorial Note: Updated Syphilis Screening Recommendations for California Providers

In response to rising syphilis and congenital syphilis rates in California, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued [updated syphilis screening recommendations](#) that are applicable statewide, regardless of local case rates. Key recommendations are as follows:

- All sexually active persons 15-44 years old, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, should now be screened for syphilis at least once in their lifetime. Following the initial screen, CDPH recommends that syphilis screening be offered annually.
- Syphilis testing should be included whenever a person of any age is tested for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or other sexually transmitted infections, including mpox.
- All pregnant persons should now be screened for syphilis three times: 1) at the confirmation of pregnancy or first prenatal encounter, 2) early in the third trimester (at approximately 28 weeks gestation or as soon as possible thereafter), and 3) at delivery.
- All persons 15-44 years old who enter a correctional facility should ideally be screened for syphilis, preferably at intake.
- Emergency departments and hospital-affiliated urgent care clinics should screen all pregnant persons for syphilis prior to discharge if syphilis test results are not available for the current pregnancy.
- CDPH encourages health care providers to empirically treat for syphilis while awaiting confirmatory testing, if clinically indicated, among persons who have preliminary positive treponemal or non-treponemal test results, particularly if the likelihood of successful follow-up is uncertain.

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