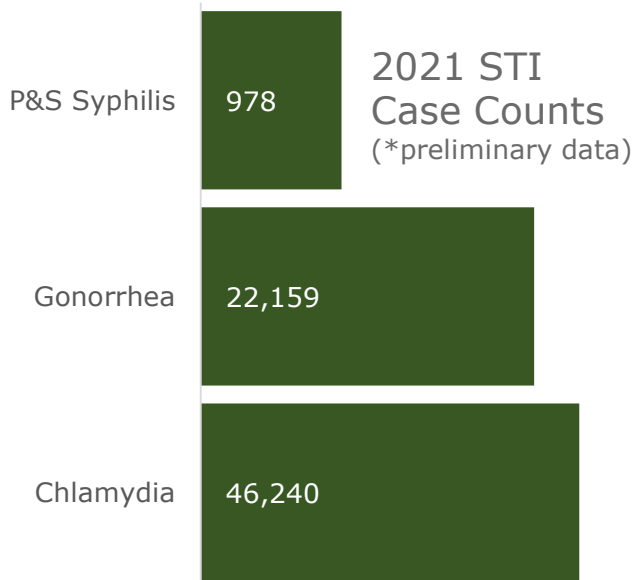


# STI Awareness Month – April 2022

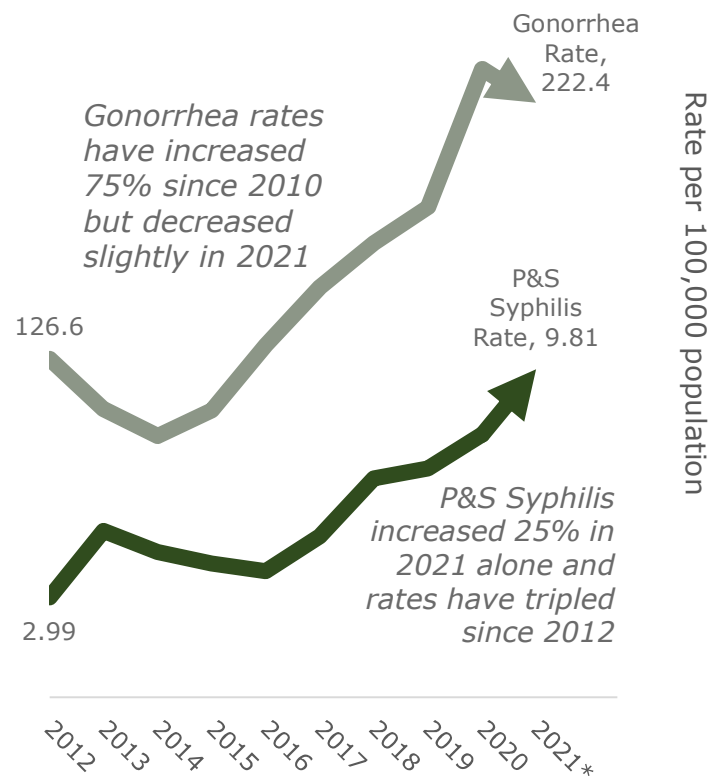
Sexually transmitted infections, or STIs, are among the most common infections in Michigan.

Chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis are the three main reportable STIs.



During 2021, about **57,000** people in Michigan were diagnosed with one or more reportable STIs. There were also **42** diagnoses of congenital syphilis, or **40 per 100,00** births.

In the past 10 years, rates of gonorrhea and syphilis have increased in Michigan across many counties and sub-populations.



These sexually transmitted infections are fully treatable and preventable.

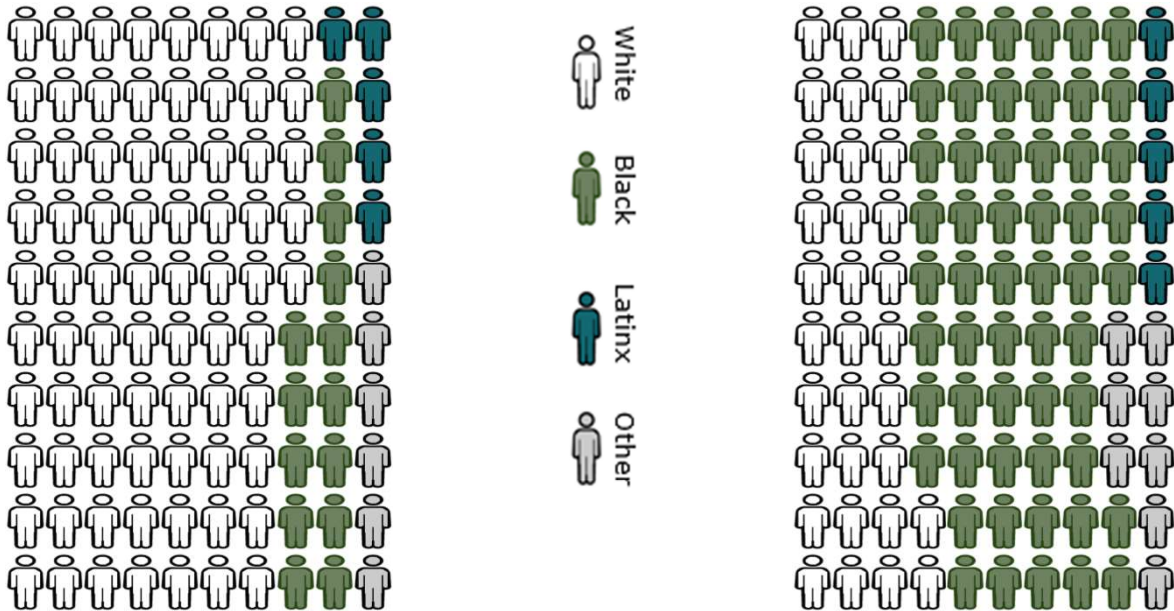
Understanding risk, getting regularly tested, talking about testing with partners, consistently and correctly using condoms, reducing the number of partners, getting prompt treatment for STIs, and abstaining from sex are all effective prevention strategies.

In Michigan, clinicians have the option to use a treatment method called Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) in select cases of gonorrhea, chlamydia, and trichomoniasis. EPT helps individuals avoid reinfection by allowing the provider the option to prescribe antibiotics for sex partners of infected patients without examining these partners.

Health disparities are preventable differences in the burden of disease, made visible by comparing rates between different populations.

Black people represent **14%** of Michigan's population (2020 ACS Estimate) ...

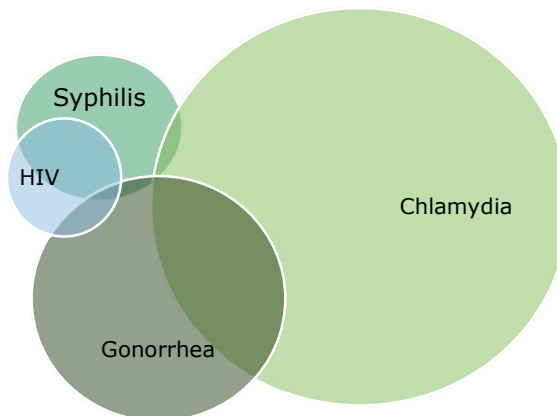
... but are disproportionately affected by STIs: **54%** of all reported infections



These health disparities are inequitable and are directly related to the historical and current unequal distribution of social, political, economic, and environmental resources (from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)).

Sexually Transmitted Infections often co-occur with other infections.

Among all people diagnosed with syphilis in 2021, **26%** were living with HIV.



Among people diagnosed with gonorrhea, **28%** were co-diagnosed with Chlamydia.



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