

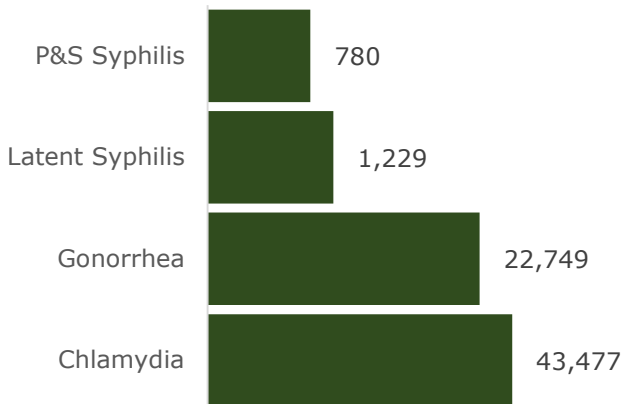
STI Awareness Month – April 2021

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

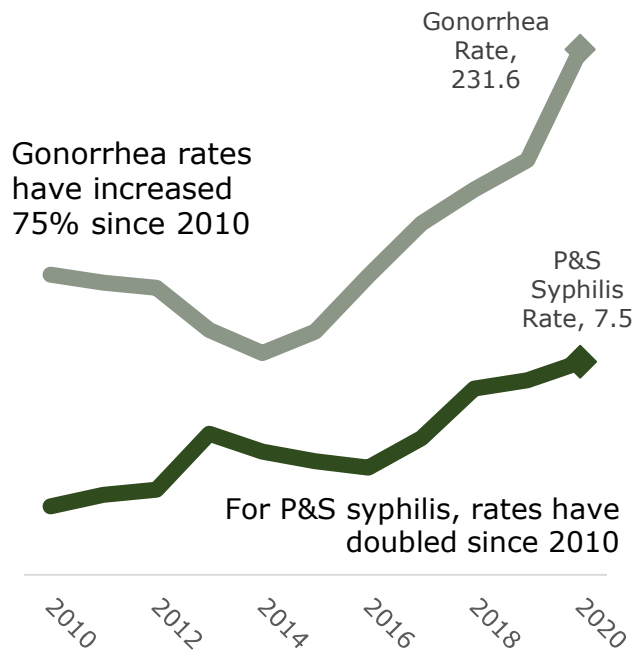
Chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis are the three main reportable STIs.

Rates of gonorrhea and syphilis are increasing in Michigan across many counties and sub-populations.

Preliminary data, 2020 diagnoses



During 2020, about 55,000 people in Michigan were diagnosed with one or more reportable STIs.



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 them.