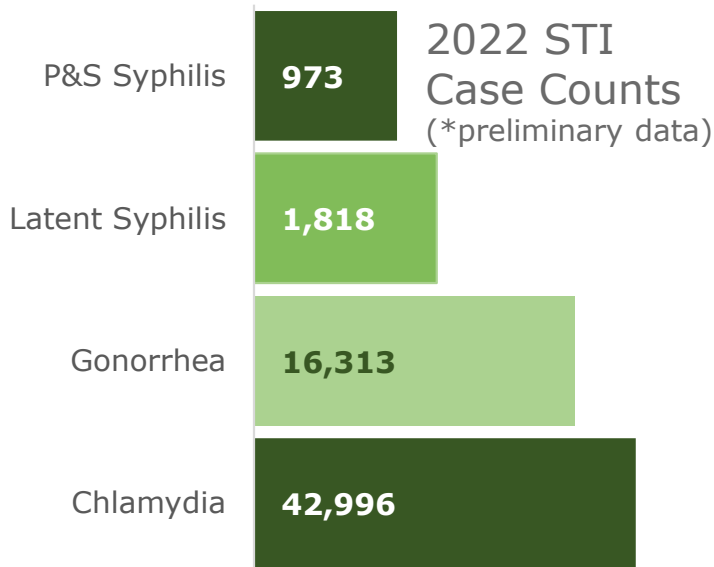


STI Awareness Month – April 2023

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

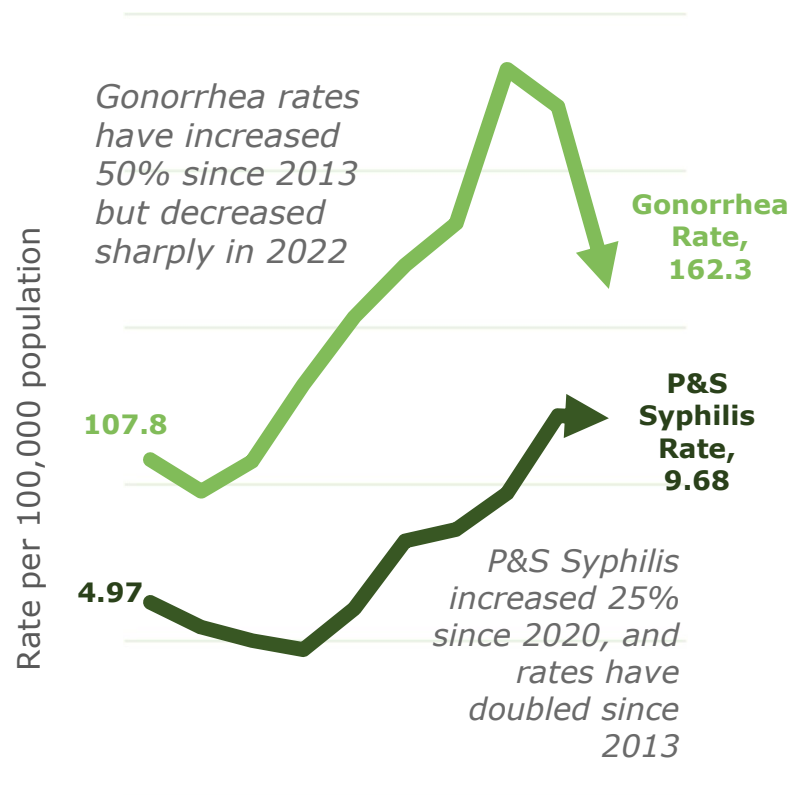
Chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis are the three main reportable STIs.



During 2022, about **52,000** people in Michigan were diagnosed with one or more reportable STIs.

In many cases, an STI can be asymptomatic but still transmissible to sex partners.

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



Increasing syphilis rates among pregnant women has led to increases of transmission to newborns, or congenital syphilis. In 2022, **half** of all symptomatic syphilis diagnoses were among heterosexual men and women, and there were **37 diagnoses** of congenital syphilis, or **35 per 100,00 births**.

These sexually transmitted infections are treatable and preventable.

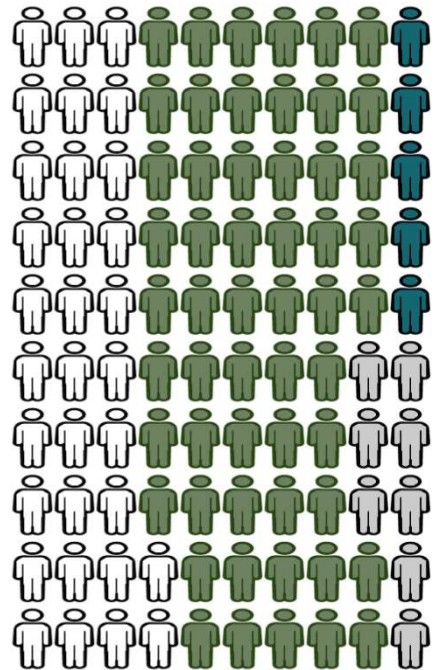
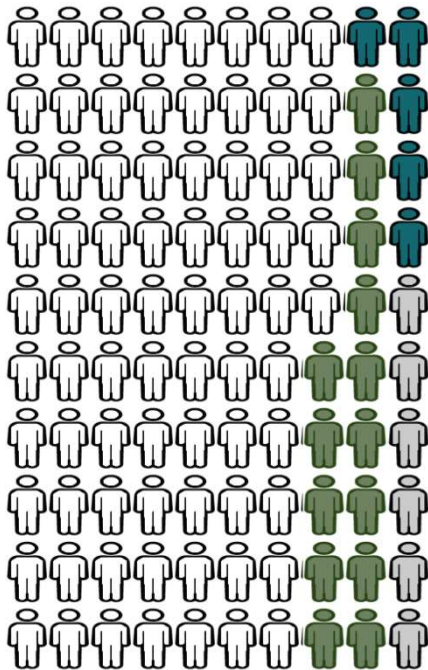
Understanding how STIs are acquired and how to keep your partners safe is good for your sexual health. Abstaining from sex; consistently and correctly using condoms; talking to your partners about getting routine testing; & talking to your doctor about appropriate testing for you are all effective prevention strategies.

Find HIV & STI Testing in your area today: www.Michigan.gov/HIVSTI

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

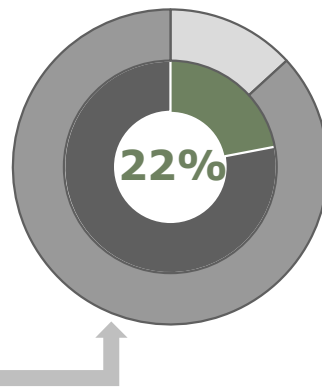
Black people represent **14%** of Michigan's population (2021 ACS Estimate) ...

... but are disproportionately affected by STIs: **56%** of all reported infections



Increasingly, STI patients are turning to **emergency departments** as their first line of health care.

Black Michiganders are more likely to be diagnosed with an STI at an emergency room or urgent care compared to white residents (**22%** vs. 13%).



"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](https://www.cdc.gov))

Sexually Transmitted Infections often co-occur.



Among all people diagnosed with syphilis in 2022, **21%** were living with HIV.



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