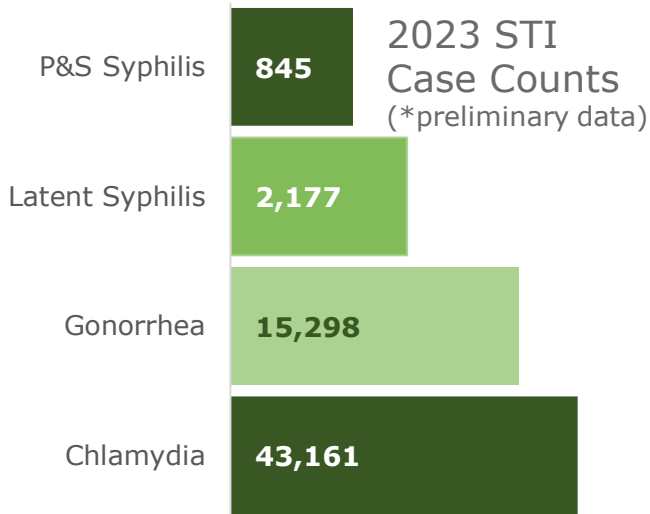


# STI Awareness Month – April 2024

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

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

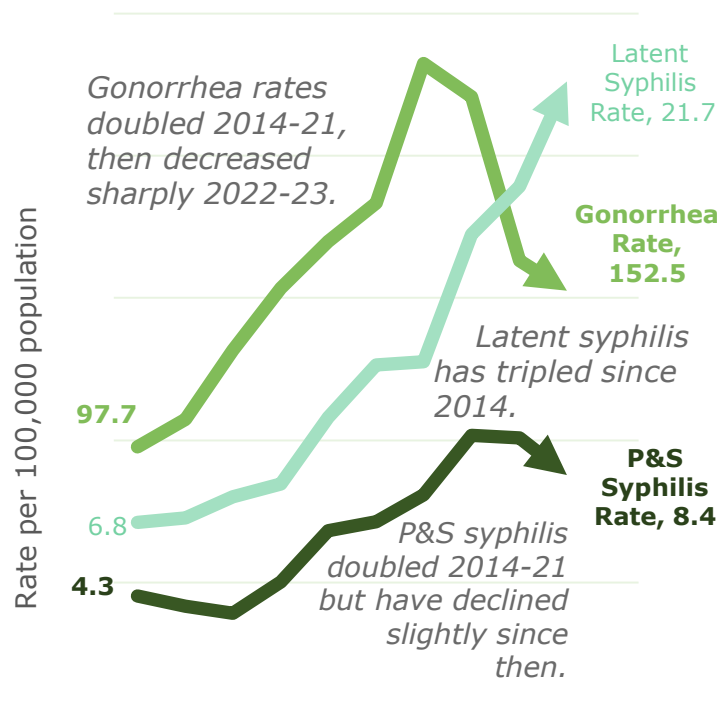


During 2023, about **52,000** people in Michigan were diagnosed with one or more reportable STIs.

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

Increasing syphilis rates among pregnant women has led to quadrupling of transmission to newborns, or congenital syphilis, over the past five years. In 2023, **half** of all symptomatic syphilis diagnoses were among heterosexual men and women, and there were **55 diagnoses** of congenital syphilis, or **53 per 100,000 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 treatable and preventable.

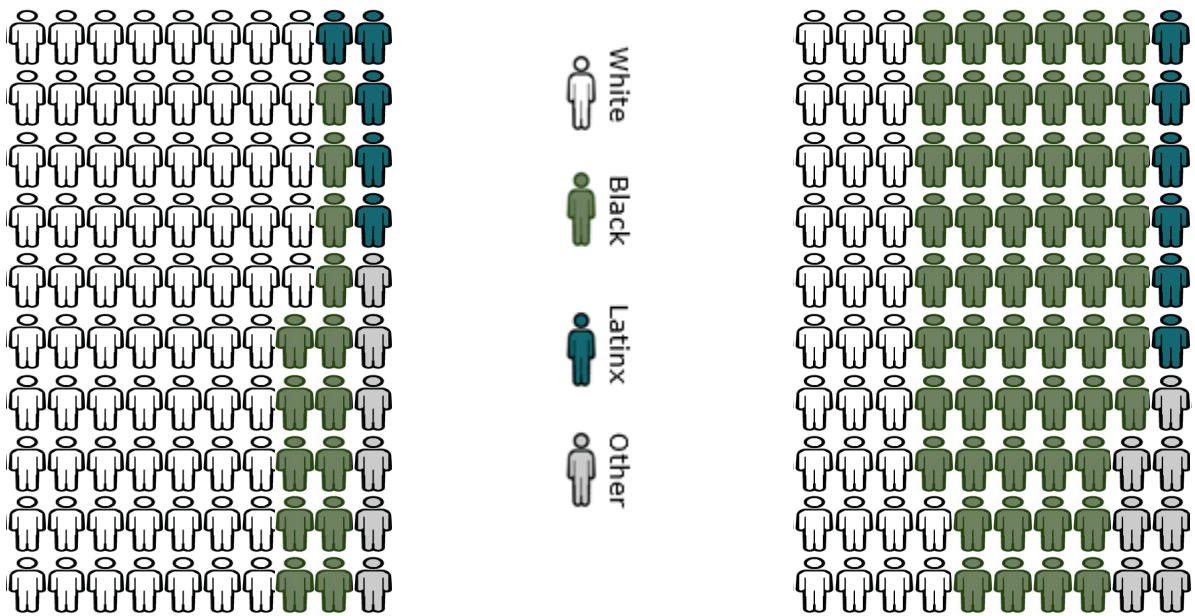
Understanding how STIs are acquired and how to keep your partners safe is good for your sexual health. Abstaining from sex, consistently and correctly using condoms, talking to your partners about getting routine testing, and talking to your doctor about appropriate testing for you are all effective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

Find HIV and STI Testing in your area today: [www.Michigan.gov/HIVSTI](http://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 (2022 ACS Estimate) ...

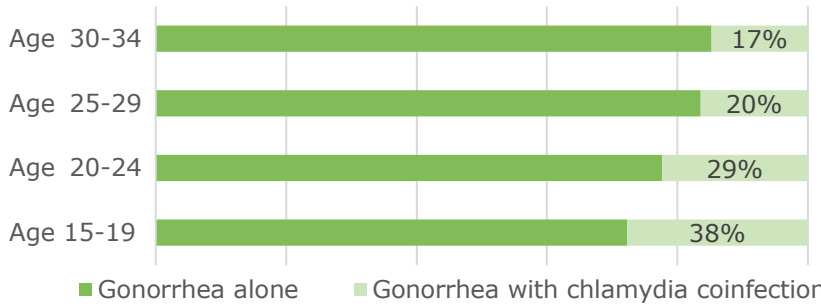
... but are disproportionately affected by STIs: **55%** of all reported infections.



Sexually Transmitted Infections often co-occur.



Among all people diagnosed with gonorrhea, **25%** were co-diagnosed with chlamydia. Coinfection rates are worse for younger age groups.



Among all people diagnosed with syphilis in 2023, **35%** were living with HIV.