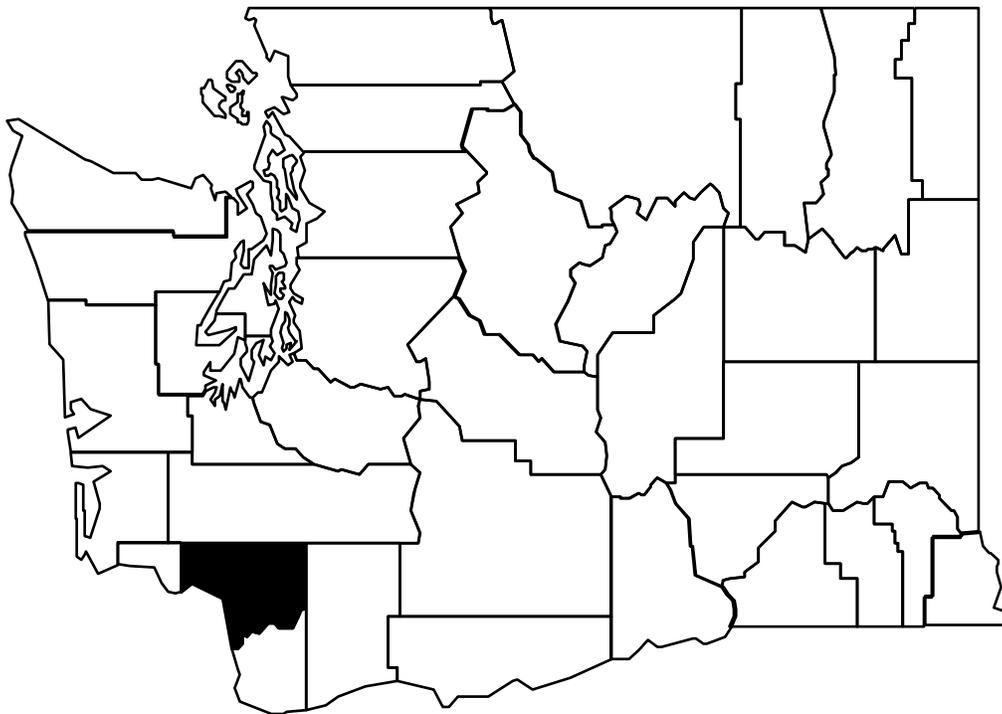


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Introduction

Sexually transmitted infections continue to be the most frequently diagnosed and reported notifiable conditions in Washington State. This report describes the sexually transmitted disease burden in Cowlitz County. Data are presented for the more commonly reported diseases of primary and secondary syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea when at least five (5) cases of disease were diagnosed in 2010. The incidence rates, including those by age and sex, are presented graphically. The report concludes with tables containing a decade of historical data by age group and gender.

Data Sources, Definitions and Limitations

Cases: Surveillance cases are the number of new episodes of disease (not unique persons) diagnosed in a given year. Cases are identified and submitted by health care providers to local health jurisdictions and entered into the Washington State Department of Health Public Health Information Management System – Sexually Transmitted Diseases (PHIMS-STD) data system. To be included in surveillance reporting, each case must meet disease definitions (see below). Data presented in this report represent new cases of infection diagnosed during a given year and reported through March of 2011.

Confidence Intervals: A confidence interval is a range around a measurement that suggests how precise the measurement is. The confidence interval displays both the possible range around the estimate and also how stable the estimate is. Wider confidence intervals in relation to the estimate itself indicate instability. A confidence interval is always qualified by a particular confidence level, usually expressed as a percentage. In this report, 95% confidence intervals are used.

Disease Definitions:

Chancroid – A sexually transmitted infection caused by the bacterium *Haemophilus ducreyi* that may include the symptoms of painful genital sores and swollen pelvic lymph nodes. Cases are defined by laboratory detection of *H. ducreyi* from a clinical specimen.

Chlamydia (CT) – A sexually transmitted infection caused by the bacterium *Chlamydia trachomatis* that may include the symptoms of swelling and pain of internal sexual organs, however the infection often has no symptoms in women. Cases are defined by laboratory detection of *C. trachomatis* from a clinical specimen.

Genital Herpes (HSV) – A sexually transmitted infection caused by the herpes simplex viruses type 1 and type 2 that may include the symptoms of blisters or sores in the genital area. Cases are defined by laboratory detection of herpes simplex virus (HSV1 or HSV2) or positive antibody response from a clinical specimen. Reportable cases include only adult genital initial infection and neonatal infection.

Gonorrhea (GC) – A sexually transmitted infection caused by the bacterium *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* that may include the symptoms of swelling and pain of

internal sexual organs, however the infection sometimes has no symptoms. Cases are defined by laboratory detection of the bacterium *N. gonorrhoeae* from a clinical specimen.

Granuloma Inguinale (GI) – A sexually transmitted infection caused by the bacterium *Klebsiella granulomatis* that may include the symptoms of slowly increasing genital sores and swollen pelvic lymph nodes. Cases are defined by microscopic examination of a clinical specimen.

Lymphogranuloma Venereum (LGV) – A sexually transmitted infection caused by three strains of *Chlamydia trachomatis* that may include the symptoms of genital sores and swollen pelvic lymph nodes. Cases are defined by laboratory detection of the L1, L2 and L3 serovars of *C. trachomatis* from a clinical specimen.

Syphilis – A sexually transmitted infection caused by the bacterium *Treponema pallidum* that may include many kinds of symptoms or none at all depending upon the stage of disease. Cases are defined and assigned a stage by a combination of positive blood tests, symptoms, and history of previous treatment. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides guidelines with additional details of surveillance definitions and staging criteria. The stages of primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis are grouped together for analysis in this report.

Primary – identified by the presence of one or many painless sores.

Secondary – identified by the presence of a rash on one or more areas of the body, often with fever, fatigue or other symptoms at the same time.

Other Stages – additional stages of syphilis include, early latent, latent, late latent, and congenital. See CDC guidelines for specific criteria: www.cdc.gov/std/

Incidence Rates: Incidence rates in this report are calculated as the number of new episodes of a disease (not unique persons) diagnosed in a given year divided by the total population (age and sex appropriate) for that year, expressed as a rate per 100,000. Incidence rates allow comparisons between two or more populations by standardizing the denominator and are the most appropriate statistic to use when investigating differences between groups. Rates were not calculated for incident case totals fewer than five because the rates are unstable.

Limitations: The data presented in this report may be subject to a number of limiting factors. Clinically diagnosed cases (without laboratory confirmation) may be missed through public health surveillance systems. Depending upon diagnosing practices, completeness of reporting may vary by the source of health care. In addition, the diagnosing practitioner is responsible for providing the case information including the patient demographic data items of age and gender upon which many of the analyses in this report depend.

Biases could exist in the data due to under-reporting, inability of certain populations to access medical services, error in laboratory reporting, or differential reporting or screening by disease and source of care. Also, small increases or decreases in numbers

from year to year can look large if the actual number of cases is small. Care should be taken in interpreting these data in light of known limitations.

Population: Denominator population estimates for incidence rates are from Washington State Adjusted Population Estimates, Office of Financial Management (OFM), November 2010.

Tabular Data: The data tables are provided in hopes that community and local partners will use these historical data as a resource for future health planning. Users of these data should keep in mind that small numbers often produce rates that can be unstable from year to year and may not be reliable when comparing across strata within a particular year. Data tables for additional years previous are available upon request.

Anyone with specific questions about how these data should be interpreted is encouraged to contact the STD Services Section at 360-236-3460.

Cowlitz County STD Disease Trends

Table 1. Washington State Reportable Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Cowlitz County, 2010

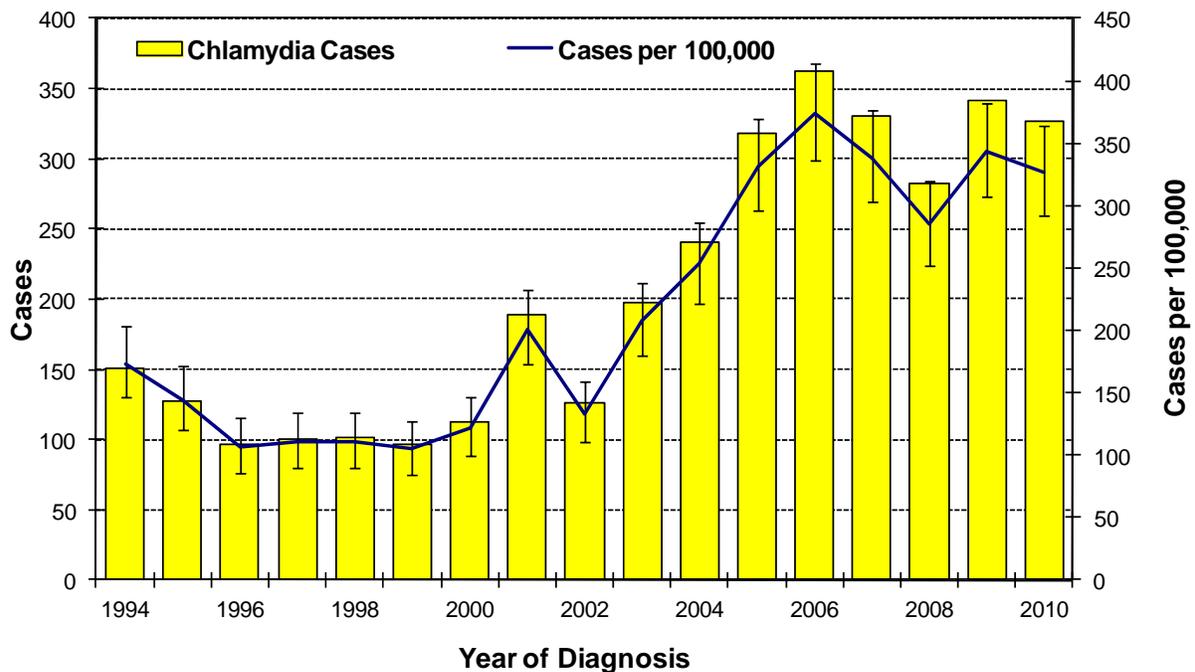
Disease	County Cases	County Rate§	WA State Rate§
Chlamydia	327	327.0	317.8
Gonorrhea	35	35.0	42.6
P&S Syphilis	1	1.0	3.9
Genital Herpes	41	41.0	30.1
Chancroid/GI/LGV	1		
Total	405		

§ Crude incidence rate per 100,000 population.

* Rates should not be calculated for years with fewer than five cases.

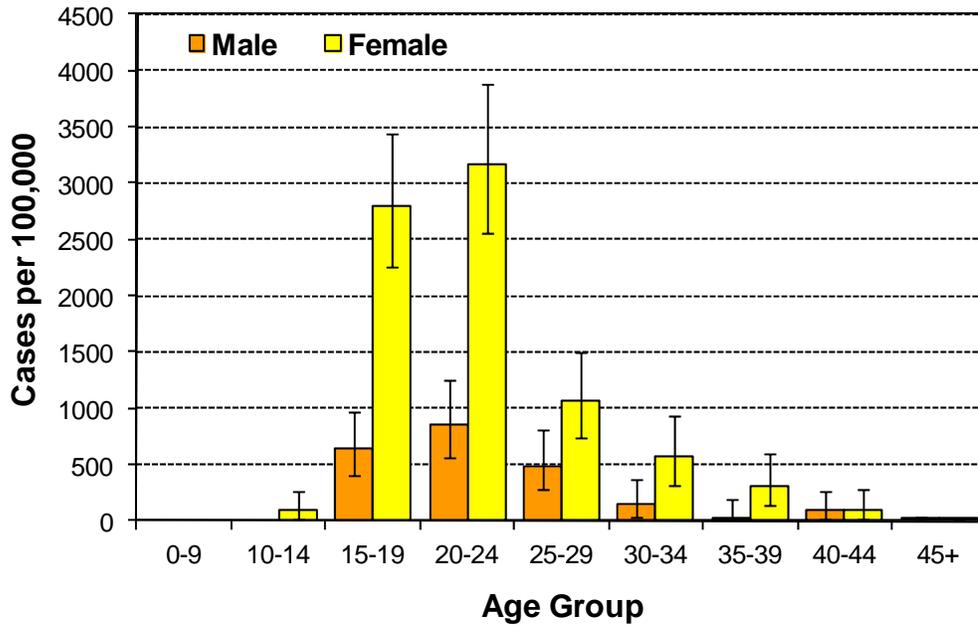
Chlamydia

Figure 1. Chlamydia Cases and Incidence Rates* per 100,000 population, Cowlitz County, 1994-2010



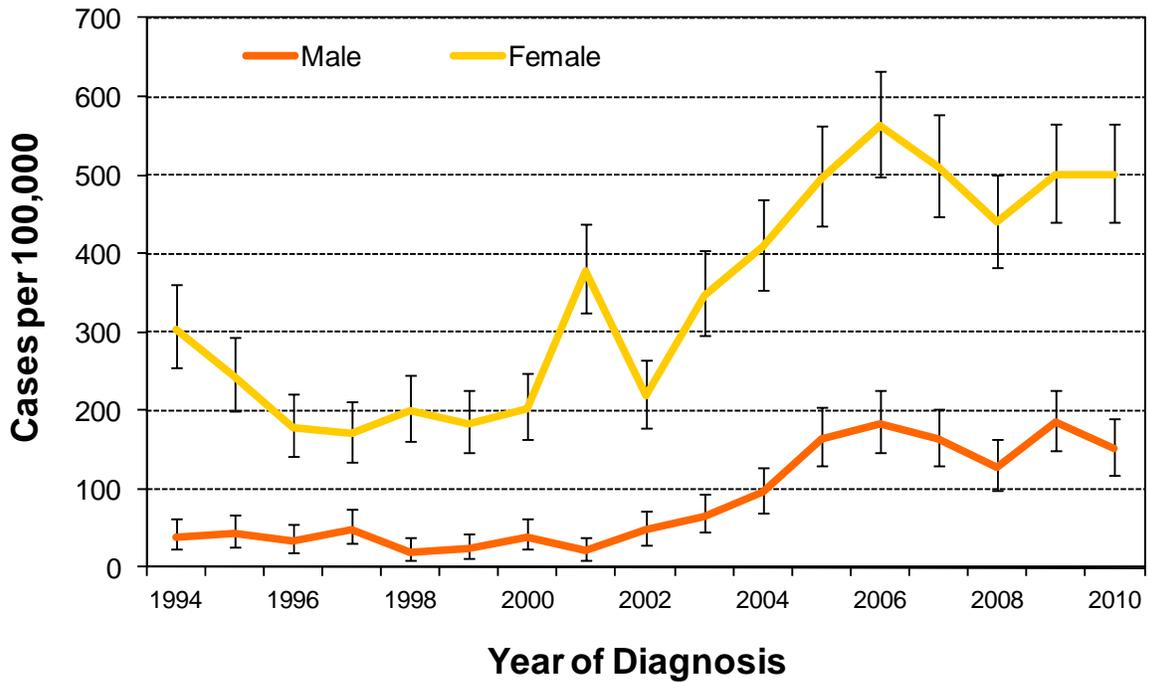
* Crude incidence rate with 95% confidence intervals.

Figure 2. Age-specific Chlamydia Incidence Rates* by Gender, Cowlitz County, 2010



* Age-specific crude incidence rate with 95% confidence intervals.

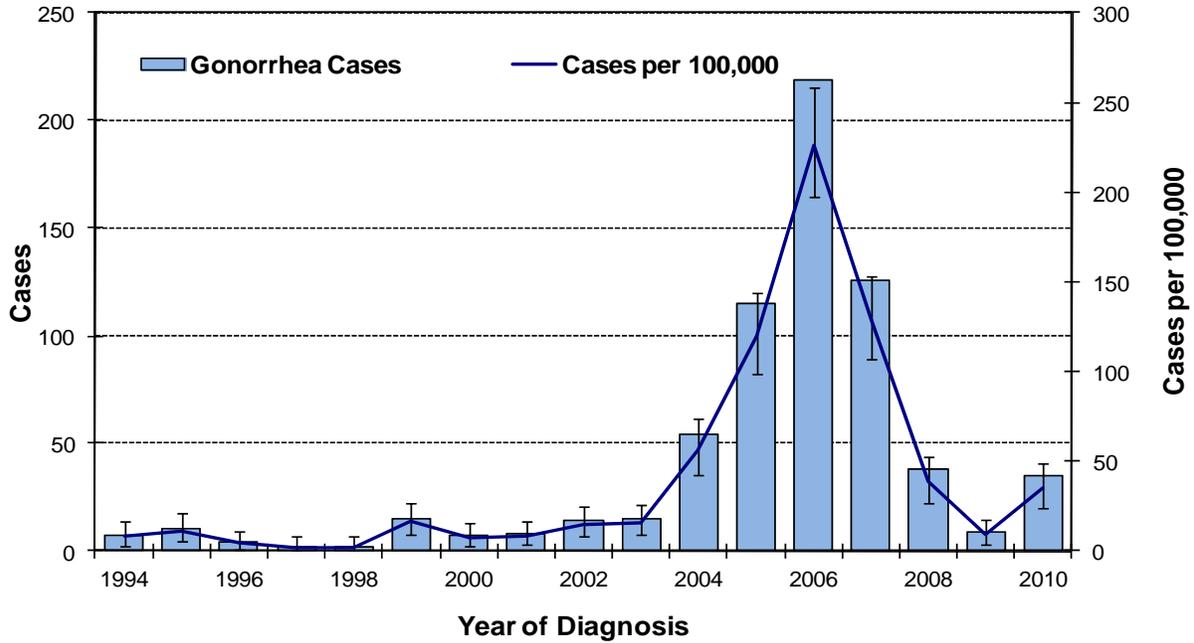
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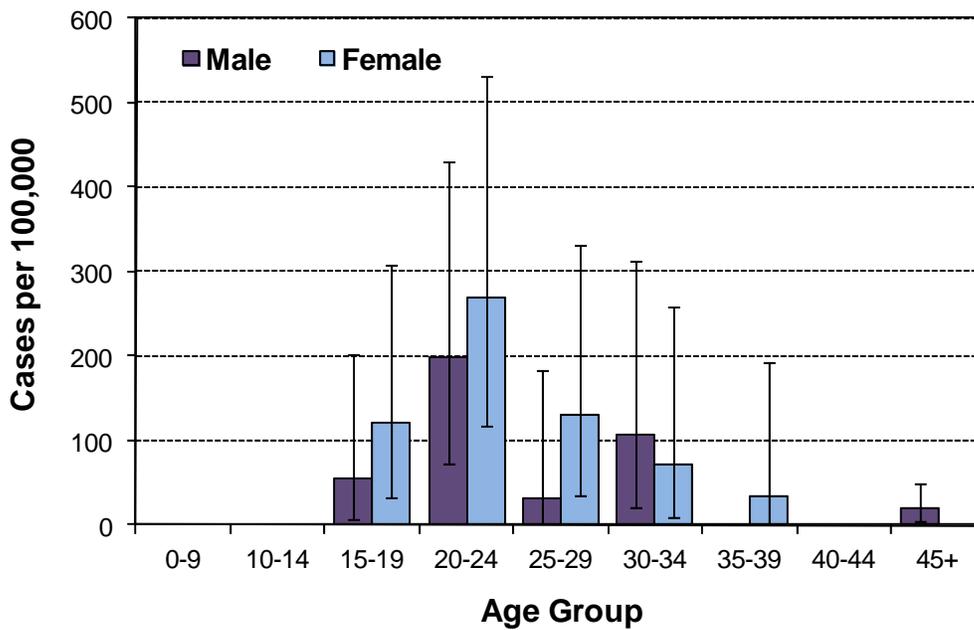
Gonorrhea

Figure 4. Gonorrhea Cases and Incidence Rates* per 100,000 population, Cowlitz County, 1994-2010



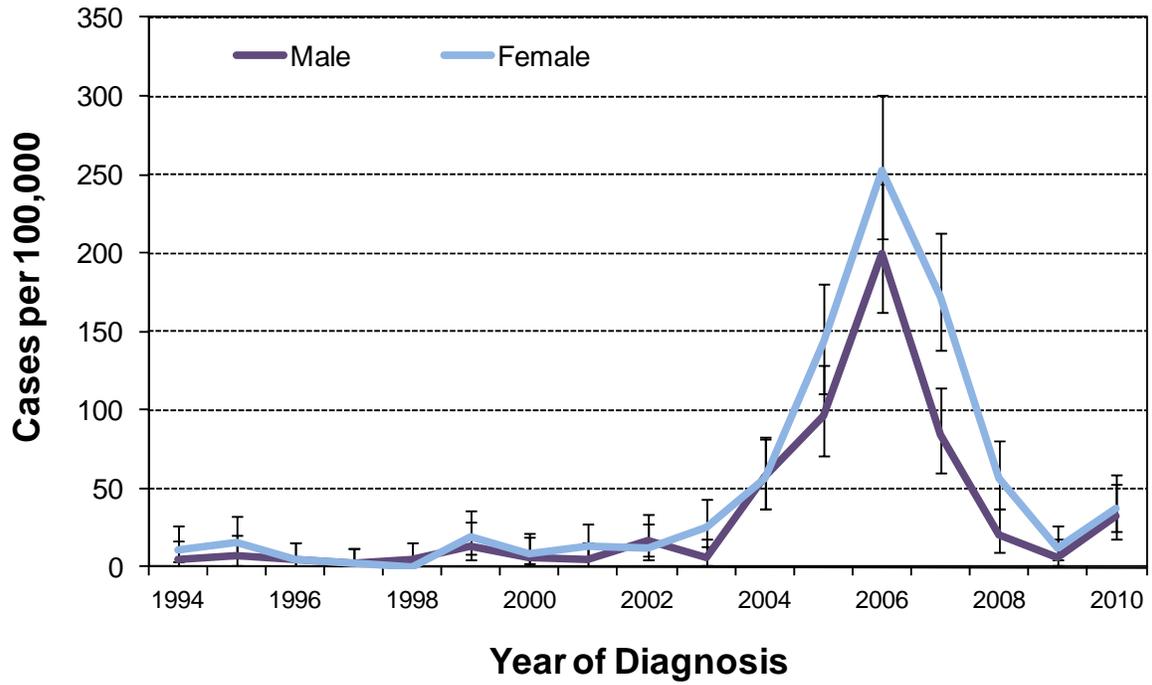
* Crude incidence rate with 95% confidence intervals.

Figure 5. Age-specific Gonorrhea Incidence Rates* by Gender, Cowlitz County, 2010



* Age-specific crude incidence rate with 95% confidence intervals.

Figure 6. Gonorrhea Incidence Rates by Gender*, Cowlitz County, 1994-2010



* Gender-specific crude incidence with 95% confidence intervals.

Data Tables

Table 2. Chlamydia Cases and Incidence Rates by Gender and Age Group

	Age Group	Total		Males		Females	
		Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate
2001	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	1	13.7	0	0.0	1	28.1
	15-19	74	1,071.5	1	27.8	73	2,208.3
	20-24	55	1,022.4	2	73.3	53	2,000.2
	25-29	30	564.3	3	113.5	27	1,009.9
	30-34	10	165.7	1	33.2	9	297.5
	35-39	9	135.0	2	60.0	7	209.9
	40-44	5	68.2	0	0.0	5	137.8
	45+	2	5.6	0	0.0	2	10.7
	Missing	3	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
	All Ages	189	201.3	10	21.5	179	377.9
2002	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	4	54.4	0	0.0	4	112.1
	15-19	47	680.5	8	222.7	39	1,176.9
	20-24	42	762.5	9	321.9	33	1,216.8
	25-29	14	267.6	1	38.4	13	494.3
	30-34	4	66.4	2	66.4	2	66.3
	35-39	5	77.4	0	0.0	5	155.0
	40-44	2	27.4	1	27.1	1	27.7
	45+	3	8.2	0	0.0	3	15.7
	Missing	5	0.0	1	0.0	4	0.0
	All Ages	126	133.5	22	47.0	104	218.5
2003	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	8	109.0	1	26.4	7	196.9
	15-19	86	1,248.0	6	167.7	80	2,414.2
	20-24	67	1,188.8	14	488.4	53	1,913.9
	25-29	18	343.8	4	153.6	14	532.1
	30-34	6	101.4	1	33.8	5	168.8
	35-39	5	79.6	3	95.3	2	63.8
	40-44	2	27.7	0	0.0	2	55.9
	45+	3	8.0	2	11.2	1	5.1
	Missing	2	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.0
	All Ages	197	207.6	31	65.9	166	346.9
2004	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	5	68.9	0	0.0	5	142.1
	15-19	84	1,219.5	6	168.0	78	2,351.7
	20-24	100	1,743.7	28	960.2	72	2,554.0
	25-29	24	453.2	3	113.7	21	790.4
	30-34	10	173.8	1	34.8	9	312.1
	35-39	10	162.4	2	64.6	8	261.4
	40-44	3	41.8	1	27.5	2	56.4
	45+	3	7.9	3	16.4	0	0.0
	Missing	2	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0
	All Ages	241	252.9	45	95.2	196	408.0
2005	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	6	84.1	0	0.0	6	173.4
	15-19	99	1,426.2	6	166.7	93	2,783.5
	20-24	118	2,034.1	32	1,085.7	86	3,013.7
	25-29	50	925.7	23	854.7	27	996.2
	30-34	18	323.5	7	252.3	11	394.4
	35-39	12	195.2	2	64.5	10	328.2
	40-44	6	85.1	4	112.1	2	57.5
	45+	4	10.2	2	10.7	2	9.8
	Missing	5	0.0	2	0.0	3	0.0
	All Ages	318	331.6	78	164.0	240	496.6

Continued Table 2. Chlamydia

Age Group	Total		Males		Females		
	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	
2006	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	3	42.7	0	0.0	3	88.0
	15-19	96	1,370.2	17	467.5	79	2,344.1
	20-24	133	2,252.8	22	733.4	111	3,822.4
	25-29	67	1,196.5	21	754.1	46	1,634.1
	30-34	30	553.5	12	443.8	18	662.8
	35-39	15	241.3	7	222.9	8	260.1
	40-44	4	58.3	3	86.2	1	29.6
	45+	2	5.0	2	10.5	0	0.0
	Missing	12	0.0	4	0.0	8	0.0
All Ages	362	374.0	88	183.2	274	561.8	
2007	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	2	28.9	0	0.0	2	59.6
	15-19	109	1,540.4	10	272.1	99	2,910.3
	20-24	122	2,047.6	31	1,026.0	91	3,098.4
	25-29	47	811.7	13	451.4	34	1,168.4
	30-34	22	409.0	9	335.2	13	482.6
	35-39	11	176.3	6	189.9	5	162.3
	40-44	5	75.1	3	88.7	2	61.1
	45+	4	9.8	4	20.4	0	0.0
	Missing	8	0.0	3	0.0	5	0.0
All Ages	331	338.4	79	162.8	251	509.5	
2008	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	15-19	113	1,589.1	21	568.2	92	2,694.1
	20-24	105	1,750.2	22	724.4	83	2,801.8
	25-29	29	483.9	8	267.9	21	698.5
	30-34	17	312.4	5	184.0	12	440.4
	35-39	5	80.9	3	95.9	2	65.6
	40-44	3	46.0	0	0.0	3	93.8
	45+	4	9.6	3	15.0	1	4.6
	Missing	6	0.0	1	0.0	5	0.0
All Ages	282	284.8	63	128.2	219	439.3	
2009	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	2	29.4	0	0.0	2	60.4
	15-19	134	1,903.1	24	656.1	110	3,251.6
	20-24	119	1,985.3	27	890.7	92	3,105.2
	25-29	46	753.3	17	559.0	29	946.1
	30-34	24	434.8	12	434.6	12	435.0
	35-39	7	116.2	5	164.2	2	67.2
	40-44	5	78.1	3	91.7	2	63.9
	45+	5	11.8	3	14.7	2	9.1
	Missing	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
All Ages	342	343.4	91	184.0	251	500.5	
2010	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	3	44.5	0	0.0	3	91.5
	15-19	116	1,682.8	23	643.1	93	2,804.0
	20-24	120	2,001.6	26	857.1	94	3,173.8
	25-29	48	782.5	15	491.4	33	1,070.9
	30-34	20	356.9	4	142.7	16	571.0
	35-39	10	172.0	1	34.0	9	312.9
	40-44	6	93.9	3	91.7	3	96.3
	45+	4	9.3	3	14.4	1	4.5
	Missing	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
All Ages	327	327.0	75	151.1	252	500.5	

Table 3. Gonorrhea Cases and Incidence Rates by Gender and Age Group

	Age Group	Total		Males		Females	
		Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate
2001	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	15-19	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	20-24	3	55.8	0	0.0	3	113.2
	25-29	1	18.8	0	0.0	1	37.4
	30-34	2	33.1	1	33.2	1	33.1
	35-39	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	40-44	1	13.6	0	0.0	1	27.6
	45+	1	2.8	1	5.9	0	0.0
	Missing	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	All Ages	8	8.5	2	4.3	6	12.7
2002	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	15-19	4	57.9	2	55.7	2	60.4
	20-24	3	54.5	1	35.8	2	73.7
	25-29	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	30-34	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	35-39	3	46.5	2	61.9	1	31.0
	40-44	1	13.7	0	0.0	1	27.7
	45+	3	8.2	3	17.2	0	0.0
	Missing	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	All Ages	14	14.8	8	17.1	6	12.6
2003	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	15-19	2	29.0	0	0.0	2	60.4
	20-24	3	53.2	0	0.0	3	108.3
	25-29	3	57.3	1	38.4	2	76.0
	30-34	4	67.6	0	0.0	4	135.0
	35-39	2	31.8	2	63.5	0	0.0
	40-44	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	45+	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Missing	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
	All Ages	15	15.8	3	6.4	12	25.1
2004	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	15-19	13	188.7	2	56.0	11	331.6
	20-24	19	331.3	13	445.8	6	212.8
	25-29	9	169.9	4	151.6	5	188.2
	30-34	4	69.5	3	104.5	1	34.7
	35-39	4	65.0	2	64.6	2	65.4
	40-44	3	41.8	2	55.1	1	28.2
	45+	2	5.2	1	5.5	1	5.0
	Missing	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	All Ages	54	56.7	27	57.1	27	56.2
2005	0-9	1	7.8	0	0.0	1	15.8
	10-14	1	14.0	0	0.0	1	28.9
	15-19	22	316.9	5	138.9	17	508.8
	20-24	42	724.0	16	542.8	26	911.1
	25-29	14	259.2	8	297.3	6	221.4
	30-34	9	161.7	2	72.1	7	251.0
	35-39	8	130.2	5	161.3	3	98.5
	40-44	9	127.7	6	168.1	3	86.2
	45+	6	15.4	3	16.0	3	14.8
	Missing	3	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
	All Ages	115	119.9	46	96.7	69	142.8

Continued Table 3. Gonorrhea

	Age Group	Total		Males		Females	
		Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate
2006	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	1	14.2	0	0.0	1	29.3
	15-19	42	599.5	11	302.5	31	919.9
	20-24	62	1,050.2	20	666.7	42	1,446.3
	25-29	47	839.3	21	754.1	26	923.6
	30-34	29	535.1	19	702.7	10	368.2
	35-39	12	193.0	7	222.9	5	162.5
	40-44	10	145.8	7	201.1	3	88.9
	45+	8	20.1	7	36.6	1	4.8
	Missing	8	0.0	4	0.0	4	0.0
	All Ages	219	226.2	96	199.9	123	252.2
2007	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	15-19	28	395.7	6	163.3	22	646.7
	20-24	35	587.4	9	297.9	26	885.3
	25-29	25	431.8	6	208.3	19	653.0
	30-34	21	390.4	12	446.9	9	334.1
	35-39	10	160.3	5	158.3	5	162.3
	40-44	2	30.0	1	29.6	1	30.5
	45+	4	9.8	2	10.2	2	9.4
	Missing	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
	All Ages	126	128.8	41	84.5	85	172.6
2008	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	15-19	7	98.4	0	0.0	7	205.0
	20-24	7	116.7	3	98.8	4	135.0
	25-29	8	133.5	2	67.0	6	199.6
	30-34	7	128.6	0	0.0	7	256.9
	35-39	5	80.9	3	95.9	2	65.6
	40-44	1	15.3	0	0.0	1	31.3
	45+	2	4.8	2	10.0	0	0.0
	Missing	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
	All Ages	38	38.4	10	20.3	28	56.2
2009	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	15-19	1	14.2	0	0.0	1	29.6
	20-24	4	66.7	0	0.0	4	135.0
	25-29	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	30-34	1	18.1	0	0.0	1	36.2
	35-39	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	40-44	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	45+	3	7.1	3	14.7	0	0.0
	Missing	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	All Ages	9	9.0	3	6.1	6	12.0
2010	0-9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	10-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	15-19	6	87.0	2	55.9	4	120.6
	20-24	14	233.5	6	197.8	8	270.1
	25-29	5	81.5	1	32.8	4	129.8
	30-34	5	89.2	3	107.0	2	71.4
	35-39	1	17.2	0	0.0	1	34.8
	40-44	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	45+	4	9.3	4	19.2	0	0.0
	Missing	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	All Ages	35	35.0	16	32.2	19	37.7