



San Francisco Monthly STD Report

Data for February, 2021
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Table 1. STDs among residents, February, 2021. Female syphilis cases include patients assigned as female at birth.

	2021		2020	
	month	YTD	month	YTD
Gonorrhea	278	549	428	1,007
Male rectal gonorrhea	84	173	119	279
Chlamydia	376	829	712	1,620
Male rectal chlamydia	107	227	191	465
Syphilis (adult total)	146	327	169	320
Primary & secondary	31	73	39	89
Early latent	56	139	89	167
Unknown latent	34	54	14	23
Late latent	25	61	27	41
Neurosyphilis	2	5	1	2
Congenital syphilis	0	1	0	0
Female syphilis	11	25	16	31

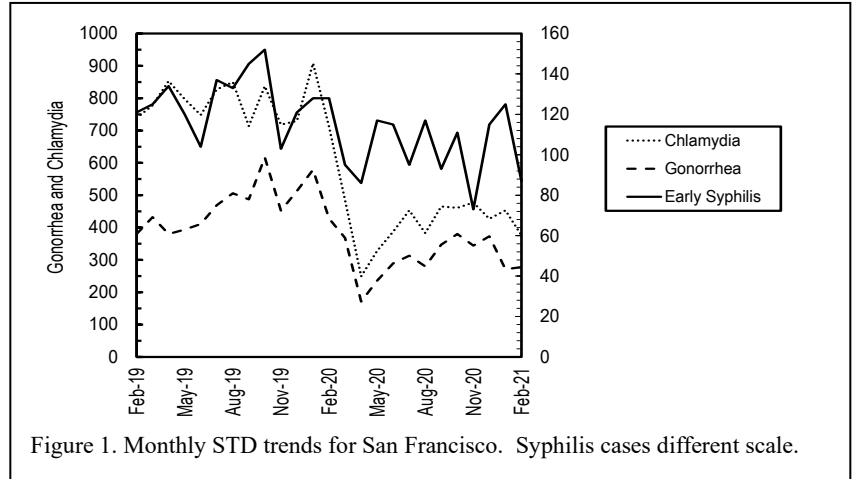


Figure 1. Monthly STD trends for San Francisco. Syphilis cases different scale.

Table 2. Selected STD cases and rates for San Francisco by age and race/ethnicity, 2021 through February only. Rates equal cases per 100,000 residents per year based on 2010 US Census Data.

	(All races)		Asian/PI		African American		Hispanic		White	
	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate
<i>All ages</i>										
Chlamydia	829	617.7	97	219.0	110	1,410.8	133	655.3	202	359.2
Gonorrhea	549	409.1	45	101.6	99	1,269.8	114	561.7	168	298.7
Early syphilis	212	158.0	32	72.3	19	243.7	41	202.0	92	163.6
<i>Under 20 yrs</i>										
Chlamydia	80	863.4	5	135.5	26	3,317.0	13	616.5	5	244.7
Gonorrhea	12	129.5	0	0.0	4	510.3	4	189.7	0	0.0
Early syphilis	1	10.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	47.4	0	0.0

Table 3. HIV testing among City Clinic patients, February, 2021.

	2021		2020	
	month	YTD	month	YTD
Tests	167	359	331	782
Antibody positive	4	7	4	7
Acute HIV infection	0	0	0	0

Note: All statistics are provisional until the annual report is released for the year. Morbidity is based on date of diagnosis. Totals for past months may change due to delays in reporting from labs and providers.

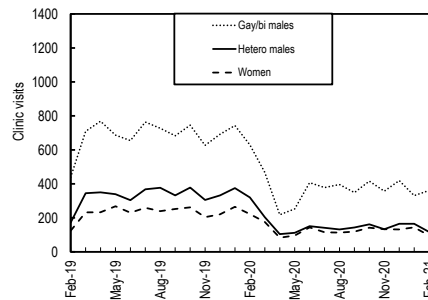


Figure 2. City Clinic visits by gender and orientation.

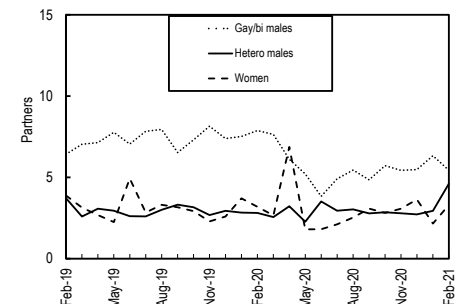


Figure 3. Average number of recent* sex partners for City Clinic visits by gender and sexual orientation. *Recall period is 3 months.

SFDPH launches new social media campaign "Have Good Sex" to support sexual health and wellness for all San Franciscans

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to sexual health services declined significantly in 2020, reflected in a 40% decline in HIV and STI testing in San Francisco. The COVID-19 pandemic challenged us to be more innovative in how to offer these much-needed services. In 2020, San Francisco City Clinic implemented telehealth and express visits to serve as many patients as quickly and safely as possible, and continues to offer low-cost STI testing, diagnosis, and treatment regardless of insurance status. To make sexual health care even more accessible, SFDPH has launched a home HIV/STI testing program, [TakeMeHome](#), which provides San Franciscans with access to FREE HIV and STI screening in the privacy of their own home. To request a kit through [TakeMeHome](#), users fill out a brief eligibility questionnaire and enter an address where they want the kit to be sent. Eligible users will be sent a discreet package containing swabs, a fingerstick, and a card for collecting their samples, as well as resources and instructions on what to do if they find out their test results are positive.

But access to care is not the only barrier to sexual health and wellness. Addressing and confronting stigma is one of our biggest challenges in HIV and STI prevention. To celebrate sex-positivity, health, and wellness in communities of color in San Francisco, the SFDPH STD program, in collaboration with 510Media, launched a new social media campaign on February 16th: [Have GOOD Sex](#). The goal of the campaign is to address the stigma associated with sex and sexuality and create a place for conversations on sexual health and pleasure. With a focus on Black and Latinx San Franciscans ages 18 - 49, and promoted by local influencers, [Have GOOD Sex](#) combines social media with social influencers to move with culture and be a part of the conversation. [Have GOOD Sex](#) also promotes the [TakeMeHome project](#).

For more information on sexual health and to learn more about SFDPH's clinic-based sexual health services, visit [SF City Clinic](#).

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