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The San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) recently released the 2013 STD Annual Summary showing continued increases in all three reportable, bacterial STDs: chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. Most striking is the 14.7% increase in syphilis cases since 2012 – over 1,000 early syphilis cases were reported in 2013, the highest total since 1984. The increase was almost entirely due to the increase in reported early latent cases, from 392 (in 2012) to 521 (in 2013). Of the 1,021 cases of early syphilis in 2013, 500 were primary and secondary (P&S) cases (similar to 2012), for a P&S rate of 62.1 per 100,000 residents/year.

The 5,094 chlamydia cases reported in 2013 among San Francisco residents reflected a 4.5% increase since 2012, for a rate of 632.6 per 100,000 residents/year. Gonorrhea cases increased by 1.7%; with 2,524 cases reported in 2013, the rate was 313.4 cases per 100,000 residents/year.

While there have been some improvements in the STD rates among adolescents, they, along with men who have sex with men, still experience a disproportionate burden of STDs in San Francisco. SFDPH continues to prioritize prevention and testing activities in these highest risk populations.

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