



# San Francisco Monthly STI Report

Data for September, 2021  
Report prepared November 30, 2021

Table 1. STIs among residents, September, 2021. Female syphilis cases include patients assigned as female at birth.

	2021		2020	
	month	YTD	month	YTD
Gonorrhea	525	3,683	347	3,010
Male rectal gonorrhea	187	1,221	100	863
Chlamydia	572	4,487	465	4,369
Male rectal chlamydia	176	1,307	134	1,212
Syphilis (adult total)	169	1,483	140	1,242
Primary & secondary	33	320	40	406
Early latent	84	614	49	549
Unknown latent	8	201	26	133
Late latent	44	348	25	154
Neurosyphilis	1	17	2	13
Congenital syphilis	0	1	0	4
Female syphilis	20	147	14	128

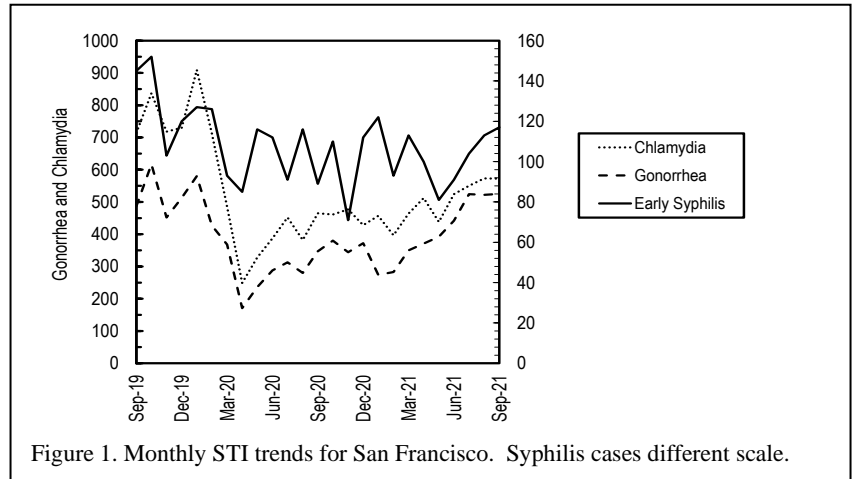


Figure 1. Monthly STI trends for San Francisco. Syphilis cases different scale.

Table 2. Selected STI cases and rates for San Francisco by age and race/ethnicity, 2021 through September 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	4,487	743.0	508	254.9	535	1,524.8	768	840.9	1,166	460.7
Gonorrhea	3,683	609.8	333	167.1	515	1,467.8	688	753.3	1,338	528.7
Early syphilis	934	154.7	112	56.2	108	307.8	227	248.6	368	145.4
<i>Under 20 yrs</i>										
Chlamydia	330	791.5	27	162.6	80	2,268.1	55	579.6	29	315.3
Gonorrhea	91	218.3	8	48.2	27	765.5	14	147.5	10	108.7
Early syphilis	4	9.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	31.6	0	0.0

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

	2021		2020	
	month	YTD	month	YTD
Tests	370	2,457	204	2,042
Antibody positive	1	25	2	31
Acute HIV infection	1	4	1	1

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.

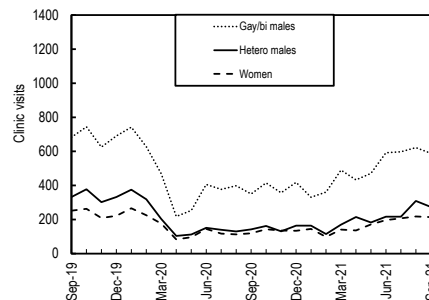


Figure 2. City Clinic visits by gender and orientation.

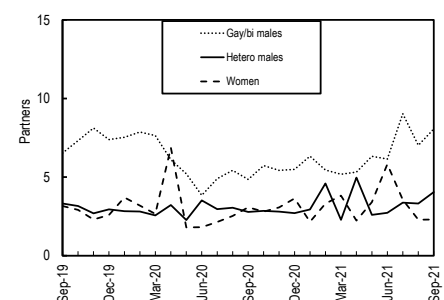


Figure 3. Average number of recent\* sex partners for City Clinic visits by gender and sexual orientation.

\*Recall period is 3 months.

## Don't Think, Know: Free STI Lab-Based Home Testing Program

To increase low-barrier access to chlamydia and gonorrhea screening in young women of color, SFPDPH has launched the [Don't Think, Know](#) FREE home testing program. Free, home-based STI testing is a potentially game-changing approach for expanding access to sexual health services. This is especially critical given the significant impact COVID-19 has had on our health care delivery system, as evidenced by steep declines in STI screening in the past 1.5 years.

[Don't Think, Know](#) is the second home STI testing program launched by SFPDPH in 2021, and follows the successful roll-out of the [TakeMeHome](#) program.

Tests offered via [Don't Think, Know](#) include vaginal chlamydia and gonorrhea. The program is currently available to young women, girls, transmen, and any person with a vagina between the ages of 12-30 in San Francisco County who is sexually active or has had sex in the past. Pregnant people and people experiencing symptoms of a possible STI should see a health care provider.

Participants have the option of ordering the STI kit directly online via their mobile device. Youth who are currently experiencing homelessness or do not feel comfortable receiving the test kit at their home have the option of shipping the kit to one of our partnering agencies. The test kit is sent to the participant's address of choice in a plain white envelope. The vaginal sample is self-collected and mailed back in the pre-paid envelope. Confidential results are available online or by phone one week after shipping the sample. Positive results require an in-person clinic visit to receive treatment.

To learn more, please visit [Don't Think, Know](#) at: [sf.dontthinkknow.org](http://sf.dontthinkknow.org)

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