Clark County Public Health STI HIV Prevention Program

Rachel Vinson, BSN, RN

Program Manager II STI HIV Prevention Program Clark County Public Health

April 24, 2024



Presentation objectives

- Discuss purpose and importance of STI and HIV surveillance activities
- Review surveillance data and trends
- Shared understanding of the comprehensive STI and HIV prevention services provided by Clark County Public Health
- Highlight community partnerships





STI and HIV surveillance

• Public health surveillance includes reporting, investigation, collection, and distribution of data about illness and death.

 STI and HIV surveillance data directs the implementation of programmatic activities to help control and prevent the spread of infection or virus.



Reporting notifiable conditions

- Health care providers, facilities, laboratories, food service establishments, child care facilities, and schools are legally required to notify CCPH of suspected or confirmed cases of selected diseases or conditions.
- Resources for providers
 are available on the CCPH
 website.





STI HIV surveillance data

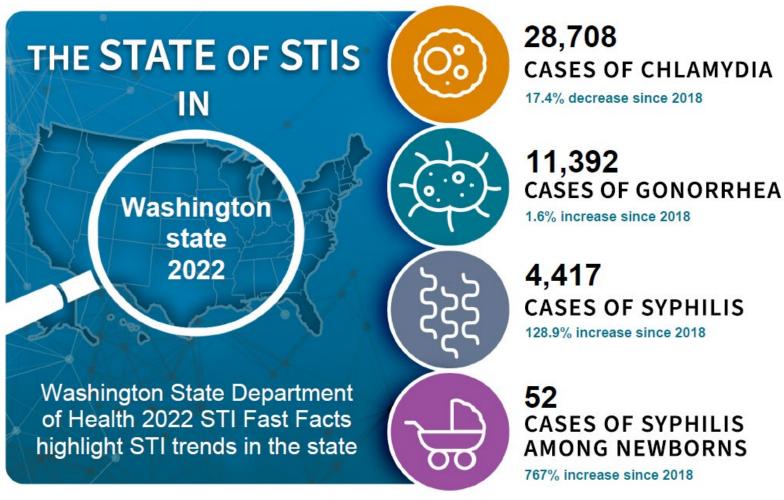


National STI trends, 2022

1.6 million THE CASES OF CHLAMYDIA STATE of STIs 6.2% decrease since 2018 IN THE 648,056 UNITED STATES, CASES OF GONORRHEA 11% increase since 2018 2022 207,255 CASES OF SYPHILIS CDC's 2022 STI Surveillance 80% increase since 2018 Report underscores that STIs 3,755 must be a public health CASES OF SYPHILIS priority AMONG NEWBORNS 183% increase since 2018



Washington state trends, 2022





Washington state, 2022

Figure 12: P&S Syphilis Rates by Gender and Race and Ethnicity Group, WA State, 2022

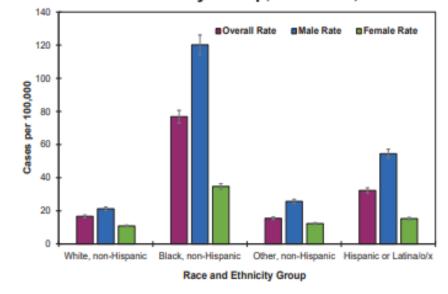
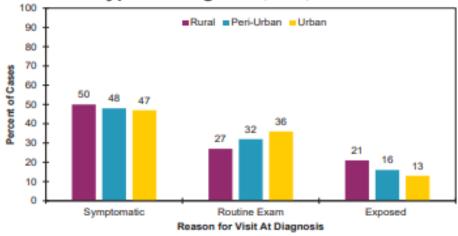
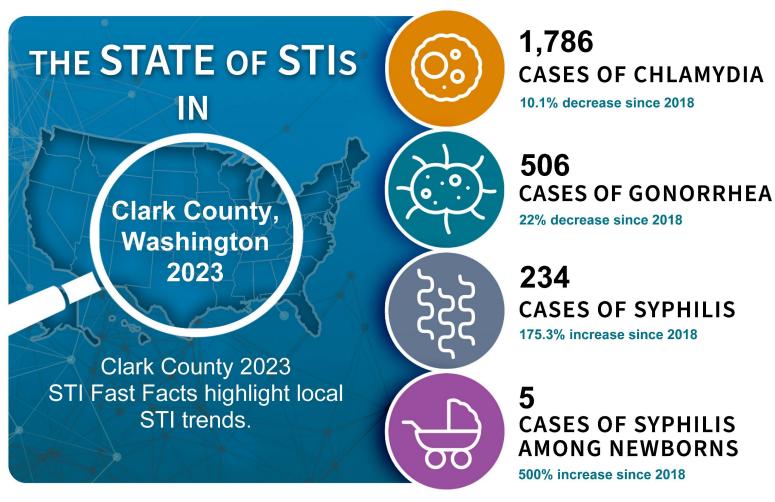


Figure 14: Patient Reason for Provider Visit at Syphilis Diagnosis, WA, 2022





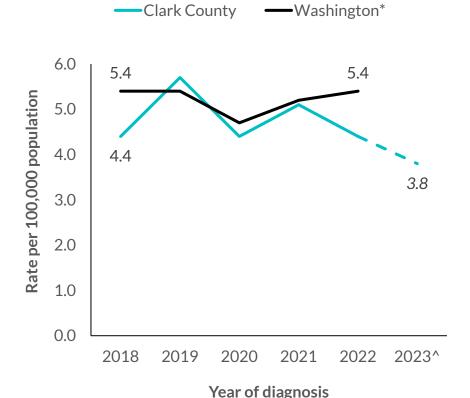
Clark County trends, 2023





Clark County HIV rates, 2018-2023[^]

HIV rates in Clark County and Washington



HIV trends in Clark County

Year of diagnosis	Cases	Rate	% diff from previous year	Trend
2018	21	4.4	-22.2%	
2019	28	5.7	+25.0%	1
2020	22	4.4	-21.4%	1
2021	26	5.1	+18.1%	1
2022	26	5.0	0%	
2023^	20	3.8	-23.1%	1

^HIV data for 2023 are preliminary and subject to change. These data are italicized and dashed to show that they are preliminary. *State data only available through 2022



STI and HIV prevention services



STI HIV Prevention team

- Disease Intervention Specialist
- HIV/AIDS Specialist
- Public Health Nurse
- Epidemiologist
- Office Assistant
- Program Manager





Preventing the spread



Case investigation and disease intervention



Testing and treatment



Resources, referrals and health education



Importance of prevention activities

Congenital and maternal syphilis can result in serious health consequences for the newborn which include:

- Miscarriage
- Stillbirth
- Prematurity
- Low birth weight
- Death shortly after birth





Prevention activities

Supporting our community providers:

- Supplying Bicillin to community providers
- Education on treatment and reporting guidelines
- Connecting patients to providers for care and treatment





Additional prevention activities

The STI HIV Prevention Program also provides:

- Testing for gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, HIV and hepatitis C
- Treatment for gonorrhea and chlamydia
- Linking to care for syphilis
- Telehealth and at-home test kits
- Health education





Importance of community partnerships

Some of our community partnerships include:

Oregon AIDS Education and Training Center



The Free Clinic of Southwest Washington



Sea Mar Community Health Centers



Columbia River Mental Health Services



Cascade AIDS Project SW WA





Thank you!

For more information:

www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/sexually-transmitted-diseases-std

