

2019 National CDC STD Rankings
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On April 13, 2021, the CDC released their *2019 STD Surveillance Report*. This report presents data for diagnoses of STDs in 2019.

CDC's Division of STD Prevention's main messages in support of this Report are:

1. **Reported STDs in the US reached an all-time high for a 6th consecutive year.** More than 2.5 million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis were reported in 2019, which represents a 28% increase from 2015. The sharpest increase was seen in cases of congenital syphilis, which has nearly quadrupled since 2015.
2. **The STD burden is not equal.** While STDs are increasing among many groups, troubling rates continue to be observed among communities of color, gay and bisexual men and our nation's youth.
3. **We must uphold basic STD prevention and control to halt the rising increases of STDs.** State and local health departments should strengthen the local public health infrastructure and ensure resources are directed appropriately.
4. **We must find and employ innovative solutions to deliver STI control services.** Solutions include telemedicine, STI express clinics and partnerships with pharmacies and retail health clinics.

Comparison of 2018 to 2019 STD Cases and STD Rates

	2018			2019		
	Ranking	# Cases	Rate*	Ranking	# Cases	Rate*
P&S Syphilis	7th	669	14.3	9th	700	15.0
Congenital Syphilis	3rd	46	72.8	5th	68	111.4
Gonorrhea	5th	12,043	257.1	5th	12,800	274.7
Chlamydia	2nd	36,293	774.8	3rd	36,131	775.3

*Rate per 100,000

Primary and Secondary (P&S) Syphilis:

In 2019, Louisiana ranked 9th for primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis case rates (15.0 per 100,000 population). There was a 5% case rate increase from 2018 (14.3 per 100,000 population). A total of 700 cases of P&S syphilis were reported from Louisiana in 2019. In 2018, Louisiana was ranked 7th in the nation for its P&S syphilis case rate.

The number of P&S syphilis cases in the United States was the highest it has been since 1991. Across the nation, the rate of P&S syphilis increased 10%, and in Louisiana the rate increased 5%. However, Louisiana's 2019 P&S syphilis case rate was still 26% greater than the national rate of 11.9 per 100,000.

The CDC provides data on the 70 counties across the nation with the highest number of new cases. Orleans Parish ranks 67th in the nation for the number of P&S syphilis cases in 2019 with 111 cases, while East Baton Rouge Parish ranks 68th with 109 cases.

The Greater New Orleans area was mentioned among the selected Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) with 185 P&S syphilis cases and a rate of 14.6 per 100,000 population.

STATE	P&S Syphilis Case Rate, 2019 (per 100,000)	Reported P&S Syphilis Cases, 2019
Nevada	26.6	808
New Mexico	24.4	511
Mississippi	23.1	690
California	20.9	8,266
Oklahoma	20.1	791
Arizona	18.0	1,290
Alaska	17.5	129
Georgia	16.6	1,750
Louisiana	15.0	700
USA	11.9	38,992

Congenital Syphilis:

In 2019, **Louisiana ranked 5th** for congenital syphilis case rates (111.4 per 100,000 live births). Louisiana ranked 3rd in 2018 and had a rate of 72.8 per 100,000 live births. From 2018 to 2019, there was a 53% increase in the Louisiana congenital syphilis rate. There were a total of 68 congenital syphilis cases reported from Louisiana in 2019 and 46 cases reported in 2018.

Across the United States, the number of CS cases has nearly quadrupled since 2015. Nearly 2,000 cases were reported in 2019 alone. Despite the improved ranking for 2019, the rate in Louisiana increased significantly and was more than double the national rate of 48.5 per 100,000 live births.

STATE	Congenital Syphilis Case Rate, 2019 (per 100,000 live births)	Reported Congenital Syphilis Cases, 2019
Texas	138.2	528
Arizona	133.1	109
New Mexico	117.8	28
Nevada	114.7	41
Louisiana	111.4	68
US TOTAL	48.5	1,870

Chlamydia:

In 2019, **Louisiana ranked 3rd** for chlamydia case rates (775.3 per 100,000 population). Louisiana ranked 2nd in 2018 with a rate of 774.8 per 100,000. The chlamydia rate in Louisiana remained stable from 2018 to 2019. There were a total of 36,131 cases of chlamydia reported from Louisiana in 2019.

The number of chlamydia cases in the United States was the highest it has ever been. The chlamydia case rate in Louisiana was 40% greater than the national case rate of 552.8 per 100,000. Across the nation, the rate of chlamydia increased 3%.

The CDC provides data on the 70 counties across the nation with the highest number of new cases. None of Louisiana's parishes ranked in the top 70 for chlamydia cases.

STATE	Chlamydia Case Rate, 2019 (per 100,000)	Reported Chlamydia Cases, 2019
Alaska	848.1	6,254
Mississippi	847.2	25,303
Louisiana	775.3	36,131
South Carolina	707.1	35,950
New Mexico	681.6	14,283
USA	552.8	1,808,703

Gonorrhea:

In 2019, **Louisiana ranked 5th** for gonorrhea case rates (274.7 per 100,000 population). Louisiana ranked 5th in 2018 with a rate of 257.1 per 100,000 population. There were 12,800 cases of gonorrhea reported from Louisiana in 2019.

The number of gonorrhea cases in the United States was the highest it has been since 1991. Across the nation, the rate of gonorrhea increased 6%, but in Louisiana the rate increased 7%. The gonorrhea case rate in Louisiana was 46% greater than the national rate of 188.4 per 100,000.

The CDC provides data on the 70 counties across the nation with the highest number of new cases. Orleans Parish ranks 63rd in the nation for the number of gonorrhea cases in 2019 with 2,092 cases and a rate of 535 per 100,000.

STATE	Gonorrhea Case Rate, 2019 (per 100,000)	Reported Gonorrhea Cases, 2019
Mississippi	404.1	12,068
Alaska	300.1	2,213
Alabama	296.5	14,492
South Carolina	278.5	14,160
Louisiana	274.7	12,800
USA	188.4	616,392