



2020 STD Update

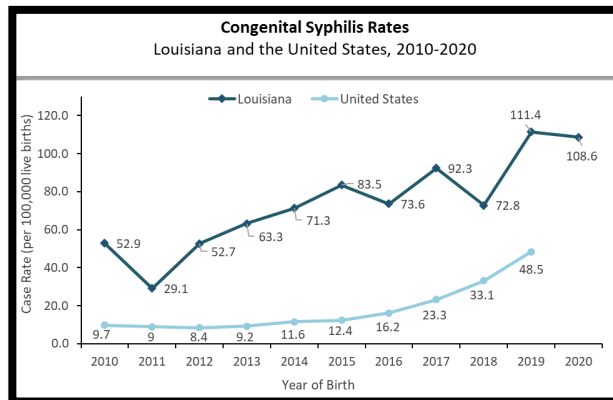
Congenital Syphilis, Louisiana

A case of congenital syphilis (CS) occurs when a pregnant women living with inadequately treated syphilis passes the infection on to her infant in utero or during delivery. This may result in stillbirth, death of the newborn, or significant future health and developmental problems. Congenital syphilis can be prevented by early detection of maternal syphilis and treatment that begins at least 30 days before delivery. Below are CDC recommended treatments for different stages of syphilis during pregnancy.

Stage of Syphilis	Recommended Treatment
Primary, Secondary, or Early Non-Primary Non-Secondary Syphilis	2.4 M units benzathine penicillin (1 dose)
Unknown/Late Latent	7.2 M units benzathine penicillin (3 doses at 1 week intervals)

Louisiana and the United States

- In 2020, Louisiana had 108.6 cases per 100,000 live births (63 cases). From 2019 to 2020, there was a 2.5% decrease in the Louisiana congenital syphilis rate.
- 63 cases of congenital syphilis were reported in 2020. This represents a 7% decrease in the number of cases when compared to 2019 (68).



Louisiana

In 2020, there were a total of 63 cases of congenital syphilis in Louisiana:

- **45%** of cases occurred in four regions of Louisiana: New Orleans (Region 1), Alexandria (Region 6), Shreveport (Region 7) and Monroe (Region 8).
- **79%** of mothers were Black, **17%** were White and **4%** were Hispanic/Latina.
- **48%** of mothers were under the age of 30 at the time of delivery.
- **89%** of mothers received timely prenatal care that began at least 2 months prior to delivery. Among them,
 - **32%** did not receive a test at their first prenatal care visit.
 - **25%** did not receive a third trimester test.

Region	2020 Case Count	Percentage of Cases
Region 1 - New Orleans	6	9.5%
Region 2 - Baton Rouge	5	7.9%
Region 3 - Houma	4	6.3%
Region 4 - Lafayette	3	4.8%
Region 5 - Lake Charles	2	3.2%
Region 6 - Alexandria	9	14.3%
Region 7 - Shreveport	15	23.8%
Region 8 - Monroe	15	23.8%
Region 9 - Hammond/Slidell	4	6.3%
Total	63	100%