

# Key features of syphilis in the U.S. in 2004

Syphilis is a preventable and curable sexually transmitted disease (STD). Syphilis disproportionately affects a small percentage of the population and research shows that these are often isolated groups involved in high-risk activities such as illicit drug use, exchanging sex for money or drugs, unprotected sexual intercourse and having multiple sex partners.

- U.S. primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis rate in 2004 was 2.7 cases/100,000 population (7,980 cases).
- U.S. congenital syphilis rate was 8.8 cases/100,000 live births (353 cases).
- Half of U.S. P&S cases in 2004 were in 20 counties, less than 1% of 3,140 counties.

## Key features of syphilis in Oregon in 2004

### Primary and secondary syphilis cases, rates and rank

- Oregon's 29 cases ranked 32 among 50 states, District of Columbia and 3 territories.
- Oregon's rate of 0.8 cases/100,000 population ranked 38 among 50 states, District of Columbia and 3 territories.
- Oregon's rate was 0.3 times the U.S. rate of 2.7 cases/100,000 population.

### Male-female ratios (primary and secondary syphilis)

- In Oregon, 28 (97%) cases in 2004 were among males, compared to 83% nationally. The rate among males (1.6/100,000) was 0.3 times that of the U.S. male rate (4.7/100,000).
- In Oregon, 1 (3%) cases were among females, compared to 16% nationally. The rate among females (0.1/100,000) was 0.1 times that of the U.S. female rate (0.8/100,000).
- The ratio of male to female rates in Oregon was 26.3:1.0, higher than the U.S. ratio of 5.3:1.0.

### Racial disparities (primary and secondary syphilis)

- In Oregon in 2004, the racial distribution of the 29 cases was: White = 19; Black = 2; Hispanics = 7; Asian = 1; American Indian = 0. The race adjusted rates (per 100,000 population) were: White = 0.6; Black = 2.9; Hispanics = 2.1; Asian = 0.7; American Indian = 0.0.
- 65.5% of cases were among Whites, compared to 40% nationally.
- 6.9% of cases were among Blacks, compared to 41% nationally. The rate among Blacks (2.9) was 4.8 times that of Whites (0.6).
- 24.1% of cases were among Hispanics, compared to 16% nationally. The rate among Hispanics (2.1) was 3.5 times that of Whites (0.6).
- 3.4% of cases were among Asians, compared to 2% nationally. The rate among Asians (0.7) was 1.2 times that of Whites (0.6).
- 0.0% of cases were among American Indians, compared to 1% nationally. The rate among American Indians (0.0) was 0.0 times that of Whites (0.6).

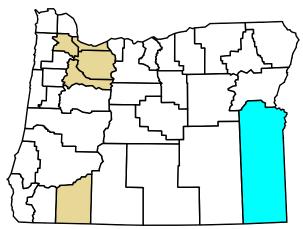
#### **Congenital Syphilis**

Syphilis can be transmitted from mother to fetus during pregnancy causing stillbirths or congenital syphilis that may result in lifelong health problems.

- Oregon had 0 congenital syphilis cases born in 2004.
- The congenital syphilis rate in the state was 0.0 cases/100,000 live births.
- The congenital syphilis rate in Oregon was 0.0 times the U.S. rate of 8.8/100,000 live births.



For more information, visit http://www.cdc.gov/stopsyphilis/





#### **Oregon Rates**



