



### Key features of syphilis in the U.S. in 2003

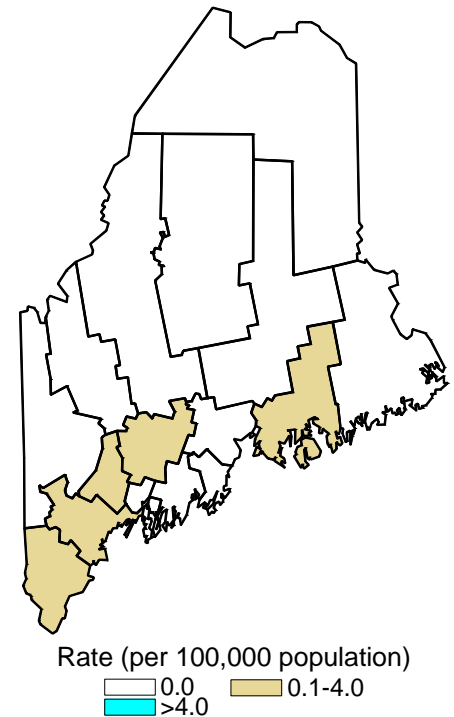
*Syphilis is a preventable and curable sexually transmitted disease (STD). Syphilis disproportionately affects a small percentage of the population and research shows that these are often isolated groups involved in high-risk activities such as illicit drug use, exchanging sex for money or drugs, unprotected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

- U.S. primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis rate in 2003 was 2.5 cases/100,000 population (7,177 cases).
- U.S. congenital syphilis rate was 10.3 cases/100,000 live births (413 cases).
- Half of U.S. P&S cases in 2003 were in 19 counties, less than 1% of 3,140 counties.

### Key features of syphilis in Maine in 2003

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

- Maine's 8 cases ranked 44 among 50 states, District of Columbia and 3 territories.
- Maine's rate of 0.6 cases/100,000 population ranked 43 among 50 states, District of Columbia and 3 territories.
- Maine's rate was 0.2 times the U.S. rate of 2.5 cases/100,000 population.



Maine Rates

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

- In Maine, 8 (100%) cases in 2003 were among males, compared to 83% nationally. The rate among males (1.3/100,000) was 0.3 times that of the U.S. male rate (4.2/100,000).
- In Maine, 0 (0%) cases were among females, compared to 17% nationally. The rate among females (0.0/100,000) was 0.0 times that of the U.S. female rate (0.8/100,000).
- The ratio of male to female rates in Maine was 1.3:0.0, lower than than the U.S. ratio of 4.9:1.0.

#### Racial disparities (primary and secondary syphilis)

- In Maine in 2003, the racial distribution of the 8 cases was: White = 7; Black = 0; Hispanics = 0; Asian = 0; American Indian = 0. The race adjusted rates (per 100,000 population) were: White = 0.6; Black = 0.0; Hispanics = 0.0; Asian = 0.0; American Indian = 0.0.
- 100% of cases were among Whites, compared to 42% nationally.
- 0.0% of cases were among Blacks, compared to 39% nationally. The rate among Blacks (0.0) was 0.0 times that of Whites (0.6).
- 0.0% of cases were among Hispanics, compared to 16% nationally. The rate among Hispanics (0.0) was 0.0 times that of Whites (0.6).
- 0.0% of cases were among Asians, compared to 2% nationally. The rate among Asians (0.0) was 0.0 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.*

- Maine had 0 congenital syphilis cases born in 2003.
- The congenital syphilis rate in the state was 0.0 cases/100,000 live births.
- The congenital syphilis rate in Maine was 0.0 times the U.S. rate of 10.3/100,000 live births.