

New Hampshire Infectious Disease Surveillance Section STI/HIV Data Summary Report 2017-2021



Data Notes:

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- 1: Case rate per 100,000 persons. Case rates calculated for events <20 are considered statistically unreliable and should be interpreted with caution. The Infectious Disease Surveillance Section restricts the release of calculated rate data to cell sizes ≥5 cases.
- 2. 2021 census data was not available at the time this report was compiled. 2021 rate estimates were thus computed using 2020 census data. This report will be updated once full 2021 census data becomes available.
- 3: Black/African American race category includes Black persons, African American persons, and persons of African descent. Other/Unknown race category includes multi-racial. For HIV/AIDS data, Other/Unknown race category also includes persons of Hispanic ethnicity and those reporting multiple races.
- 4: Hispanic ethnicity may be of any race.
- 5: NC= Not Calculated. As most STI cases have an unknown HIV status, data regarding HIV co-infection is considered incomplete. Rates are not presented due to incomplete data.
- 6: PLWHA= People living with HIV/AIDS.
- 7: County and city data is based upon residence at time of disease diagnosis.
- 8: Infectious syphilis includes cases diagnosed during the primary, secondary, and early non-primary non-secondary stages of syphilis infection in accordance with the CDC case definition. It excludes congenital syphilis and cases of unknown duration or diagnosed during late stage infection.
- 9: MSM= Male-to-male sexual contact. IDU= Injection drug use. Perinatal= Mother with or at risk for HIV. NRR= No reported risk. NIR= No identified risk. Heterosexual Contact= Specific heterosexual contact with a person known either to have or to be at high risk for HIV infection.

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- 10: Data include persons with a diagnosis of HIV infection regardless of stage of disease at diagnosis.
- 11: Indicates a new diagnosis of AIDS in the specified year, regardless of when diagnosed with HIV.
- 12: Concurrent diagnosis is defined as diagnosis of AIDS within 12 months of an initial HIV diagnosis.

Data sources: Patient Reporting Investigating Surveillance Manager (PRISM), enhanced HIV AIDS Reporting System (eHARS), and Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) ArcMap.

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Context: COVID-19 Pandemic

- 1. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, many state and local health resources were reassigned to support COVID-19 containment and mitigation.
- 2. The impact of pandemic-driven changes in patterns of healthcare access and seeking, sexual and other behavior, and disease reporting is not fully understood. Thus, 2020 and 2021 data must be interpreted with caution and may not be comparable to prior years.

Chlamydia

- 1. Chlamydia case counts increased slightly from 2020 to 2021 but remain substantially lower than pre-pandemic counts.
- 2. Persons under age 30, females, and Black or African American persons remain the populations most affected.
- 3. Rates of disease in 2021 were in highest in Hillborough, Strafford, and Cheshire Counties.

Gonorrhea

- 1. Outbreak status was declared in 2016. Gonorrhea incidence decreased in 2019-2020, but 2021 represents the highest number of cases reported in NH in a single year.
- 2. Persons aged 20-35 years; Black or African American person; and men of any age are most commonly diagnosed. Rates among persons of Hispanic ethnicity have been increasing since 2013.
- 3. Hillsborough County, specifically City of Manchester, bore the highest burden of disease in 2021 as well as historically.

Infectious Syphilis⁸ (Primary, Secondary, and Early Non-Primary Non-Secondary)

- 1. Outbreak status was declared in 2017. Infectious syphilis incidence decreased in 2019-2020, but 2021 represents the highest number of cases reported in NH in a single year.
- 2. Gay and bisexual men and other men who reported male sex partners, as well as men living with HIV, remain the populations most affected.
- 3. NH reported 1 case of congenital syphilis in 2018 and 2 cases in 2019. Any case of congenital syphilis indicates missed opportunities for prevention, testing, and treatment. Zero cases of congential syphilis were reported in NH in 2020 and 2021.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection (HIV)

- 1. The number of persons per year newly diagnosed with HIV in NH remains relatively stable.
- 2. Gay and bisexual men and other men who reported male sex partners remain the population most affected.
- 3. Rates of disease remain highest in Hillsborough County. However, in 2021 the rate in Strafford County increased substantially.

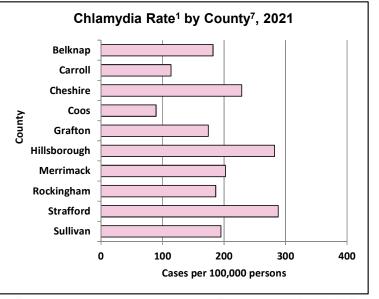
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

- 1. The number of persons per year newly diagnosed with AIDS in NH decreased in 2019-2020 compared to prior years, but returned to baseline in 2021.
- 2. From 2017-2021, 26% of persons newly diagnosed with HIV received an concurrent diagnosis of AIDS (i.e., AIDS diagnosis within 12 months of initial HIV diagnosis). Concurrent diagnosis indicates missed opportunities for prevention, testing, and treatment.

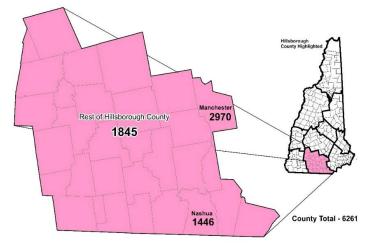
Resources

- 1. CDC/NCHHSTP Atlas: http://gis.cdc.gov/GRASP/NCHHSTPAtlas/main.html
- 2. CDC HIV Surveillance: http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/default.html
- 3. NH DPHS, STD/HIV Publications: http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/bchs/std/publications.htm

YEAR	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}
TOTAL	3689	273.5	3641	269.0	3634	267.3	2895	210.2	3086	224.0
SEX	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases#	Rate ^{1,2}		Rate ^{1,2}
Male	1258	188.4	1239	184.7	1324	196.5	1011	145.5	1079	155.3
Female	2430	356.8	2401	351.7	2309	336.6	1871	274.1	1980	290.1
AGE-SPECIFIC	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}
0-12	0	0.0	1	*	0	0.0	7.0	3.9	1	*
13-19	899	770.1	842	731.4	871	765.0	620	540.7	637	555.5
20-24	1630	1792.1	1584	1776.0	1488	1692.7	1211	1386.0	1278	1462.7
25-29	628	744.8	663	771.6	654	748.3	546	620.7	584	663.8
30-34	261	320.2	273	328.6	283	331.3	248	281.8	275	312.5
35-39	129	165.3	129	161.4	183	224.8	128	150.5	150	176.4
40-44	56	74.5	61	81.5	60	79.9	63	81.2	66	85.1
45-49	35	37.8	34	37.9	44	51.0	35	41.6	32	38.0
50-54	27	26.0	34	33.9	26	26.8	15	15.7	29	30.3
55-59	17	15.3	15	13.5	17	15.4	13	11.9	17	15.6
60+	6	1.8	5	1.4	8	2.2	9	2.4	16	4.3
RACE ³	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}
White	2429	192.8	2439	193.3	2420	191.1	1689	132.0	1772	138.4
Black/African Am.	171	767.0	183	784.1	197	808.3	133	515.9	164	636.2
Asian/Pacific Isl.	58	145.3	50	123.6	71	173.3	35	83.2	37	88.0
AmInd/AlaskNat	5	126.1	8	196.7	7	170.2	10	235.0	3	*
Other/Unknown	1026	4458.7	961	4076.0	939	3887.1	1028	4026.5	1110	4347.7
ETHNICITY	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}
Hispanic⁴	175	348.1	213	405.8	215	393.9	183	315.7	219	377.8
HIV STATUS⁵	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}
PLWHA ⁶	30	NC	28	NC	36	NC	29	NC	23	NC
COUNTY/CITY ⁷	Cases [^]	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases [^]	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases [^]	Rate ^{1,2}	Cases	Rate ^{1,2}
Belknap	127	208.6	139	227.3	113	184.3	102	160.1	116	182.1
Carroll	80	166.2	76	155.9	79	161.5	67	133.7	57	113.8
Cheshire	184	242.2	180	237.2	225	295.7	132	172.6	175	228.9
Coos	64	203.8	103	327.1	69	218.6	56	179.1	28	89.5
Grafton	266	296.0	229	255.3	239	265.9	170	186.6	159	174.5
Hillsborough	1282	310.3	1333	321.5	1336	320.4	1117	264.1	1193	282.1
Manchester	621	561.5	642	575.0	620	555.3	517	459.3	570	506.3
Nashua	277	316.1	297	335.2	310	349.9	276	305.5	286	316.6
Merrimack	380	253.6	339	225.0	330	218.0	302	196.3	311	202.2
Rockingham	722	235.4	675	219.0	666	215.0	531	169.0	586	186.5
Strafford	488	375.8	486	374.4	471	360.6	364	278.1	377	288.0
Sullivan	91	211.5	81	187.9	104	241.0	53	123.1	84	195.1
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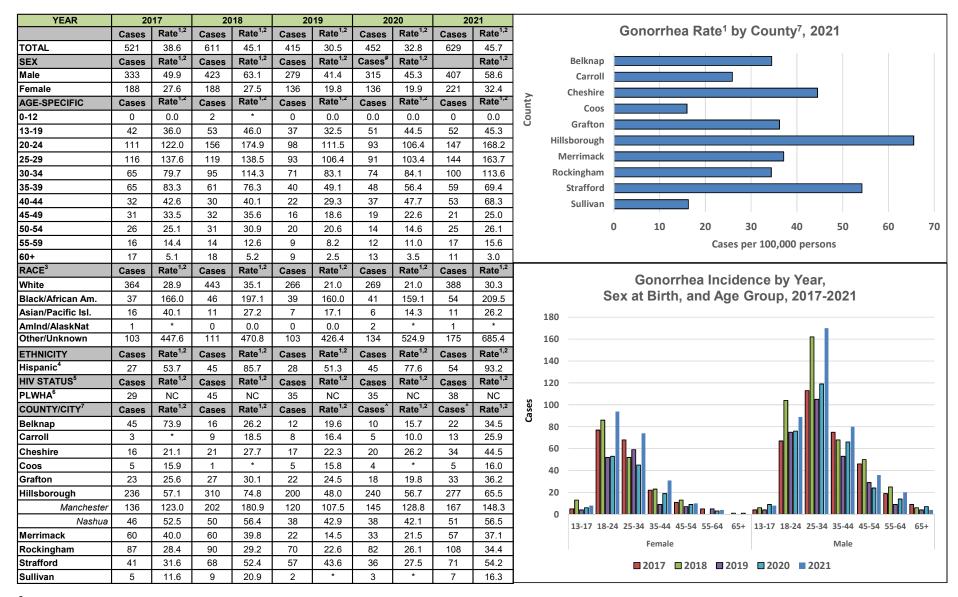
Chlamydia - Hillsborough County, 2017-2021



^{*}Cases excluded due to unknown sex assigned at birth in 2020 (1) and 2021 (2)

Cases excluded due to unknown age in 2017 (1) and 2021 (1)

[^]Cases excluded due to unknown county in 2017 (5), 2019 (2), and 2020 (1)



^{*}Cases excluded due to unknown sex assigned at birth in 2020 (1) and 2021 (1)

[^]Cases excluded due to unknown county in 2020 (1) and 2021 (2)

