

# THE STATE OF STDs IN THE UNITED STATES, 2021

STDs remain far too high,  
even in the face of a  
pandemic.

Note: These data are considered preliminary prior to official 2021 close-out. Data also reflect the effect of COVID-19 on STD surveillance trends.



**1.6 million**  
CASES OF CHLAMYDIA  
4.7% decrease since 2017



**696,764**  
CASES OF GONORRHEA  
25% increase since 2017



**171,074**  
CASES OF SYPHILIS  
68% increase since 2017



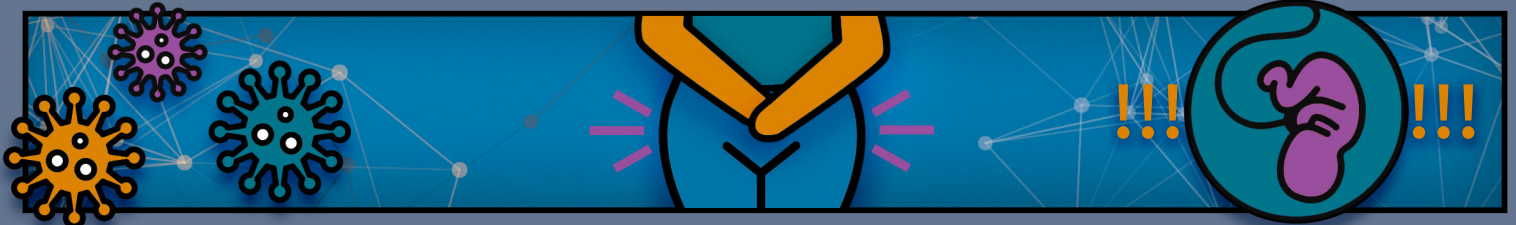
**2,677**  
CASES OF SYPHILIS  
AMONG NEWBORNS  
185% increase since 2017

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ANYONE WHO HAS SEX COULD  
GET AN STD, BUT SOME GROUPS  
ARE MORE AFFECTED

- YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15-24
- GAY & BISEXUAL MEN
- PREGNANT PEOPLE
- RACIAL & ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS

LEFT UNTREATED, STDS CAN CAUSE:



INCREASED RISK OF GIVING  
OR GETTING HIV

LONG-TERM  
PELVIC/ABDOMINAL PAIN

INABILITY TO GET PREGNANT OR  
PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS

PREVENT THE SPREAD  
OF STDS WITH THREE  
SIMPLE STEPS:

**talk** | **test** | **treat**



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