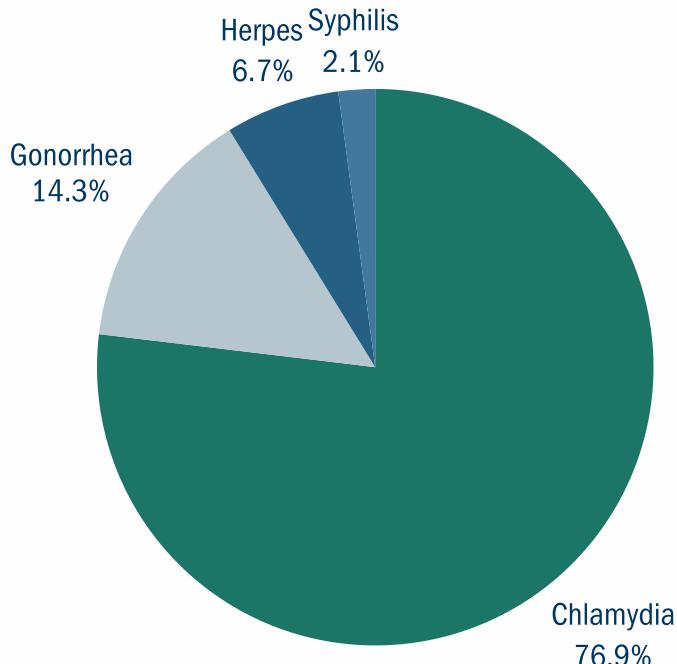




# Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) in Island County

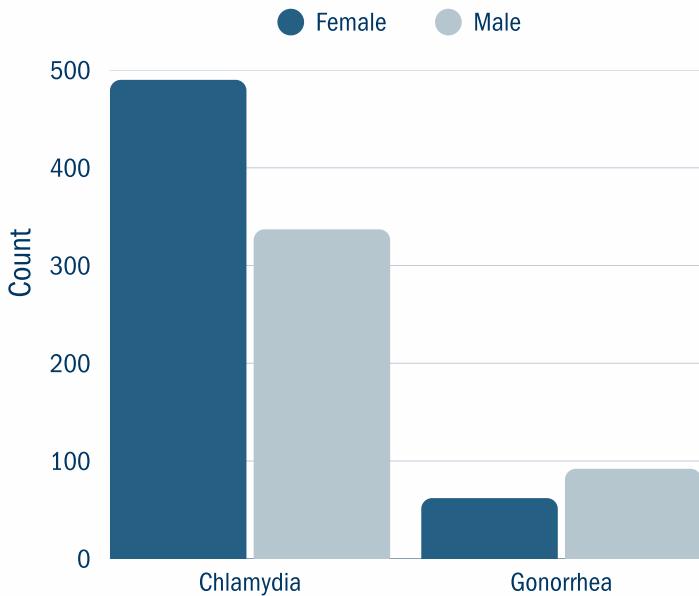
Island County Public Health is notified by health care providers and testing labs when there are cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, genital herpes, and syphilis in Island County. We report to the Washington State Department of Health and monitor case rates and trends of these STIs.

## STI Trends in Island County 2019-2023\*



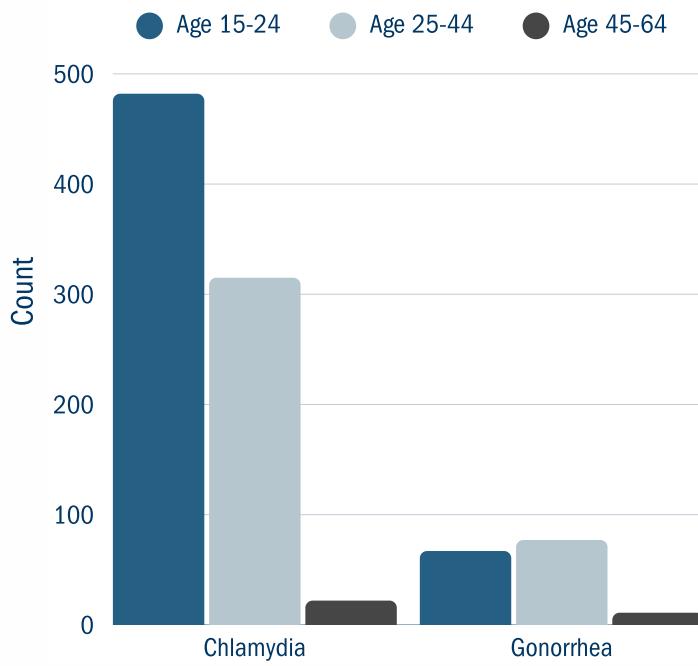
Chlamydia is the most commonly reported STI in Island County. Approximately 77% of all reported STI cases were chlamydia.

### Differences by gender



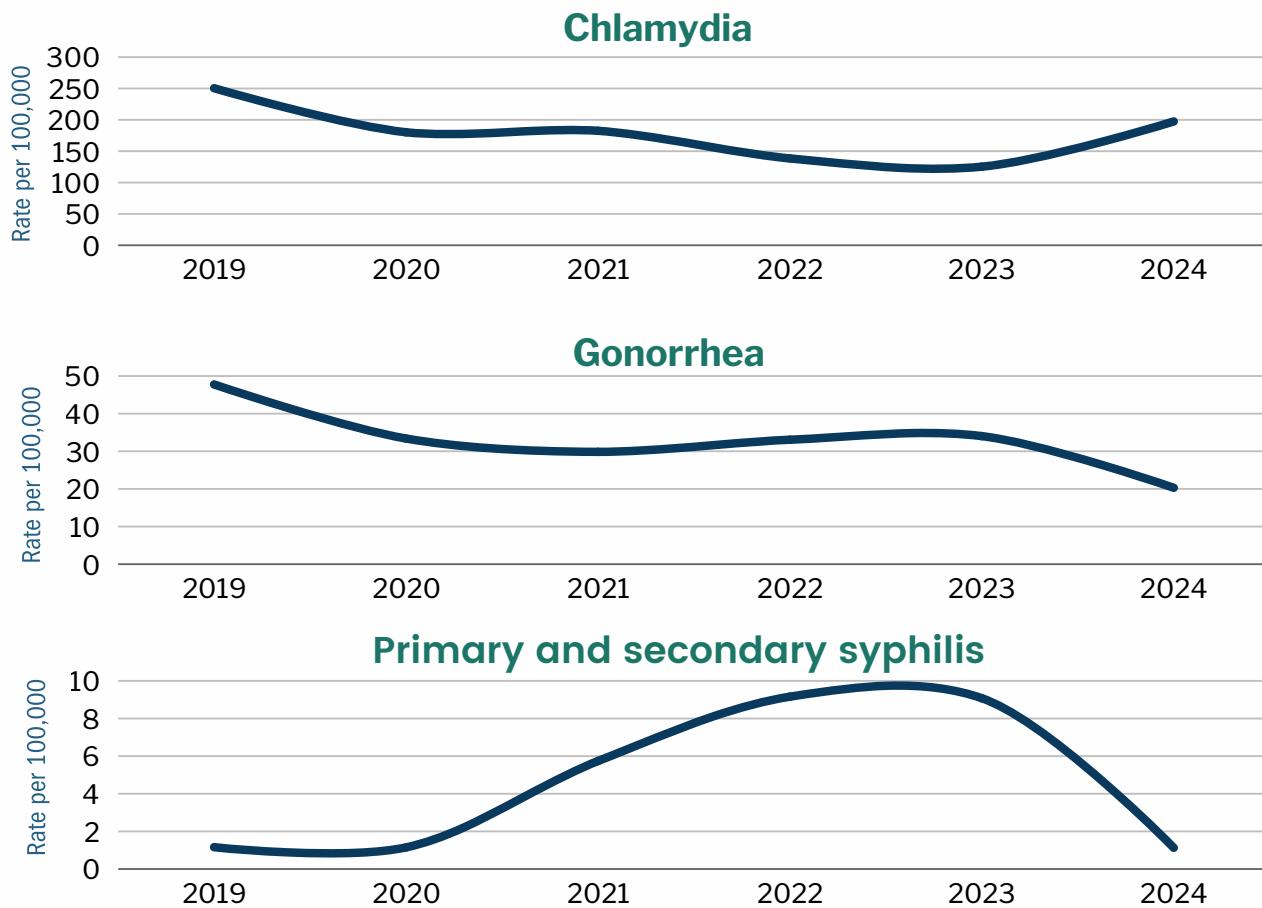
People who identified as female accounted for 58% of chlamydia cases. People who identified as male accounted for 60% of gonorrhea cases.

### Differences by age group



Chlamydia infections are most common in people ages 15-24, while gonorrhea infections are most common in people ages 25-44.

**Data at a glance 2019-2024:** In Island County, rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic, then trended upward. Preliminary data show that gonorrhea and syphilis rates are decreasing. Chlamydia rates are trending upwards, but still lower than the state case rates.\*\*



### Recommendation:

Prioritize syphilis screening for pregnancy capable people

One congenital syphilis case has been reported in Island County from 2019-2024. However, congenital syphilis counts have increased by 42% in Washington State from 2023.

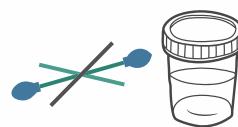
### Prevent the spread of STIs. Talk. Test. Treat.



Use protection. Free condoms available at many locations. Check out the [condom map](#).



Talk about sexual history with your healthcare provider and partner. Limit sexual partners.



Test regularly. Many people don't have symptoms. Females under 25 should test every year. High risk people should test every 3-6 months.



Get treated if you **or** your partner have an STI. Many STIs can be cured. They may cause long-term health effects if not treated.



Make an appointment. [Telehealth services](#) are available if you can't find a provider.

\*\*2019-2023 data exported from the WA State Department of Health (WA DOH) [Community Health Assessment Tool](#) (CHAT) in September 2025. 2024 preliminary data from WA DOH STI program.