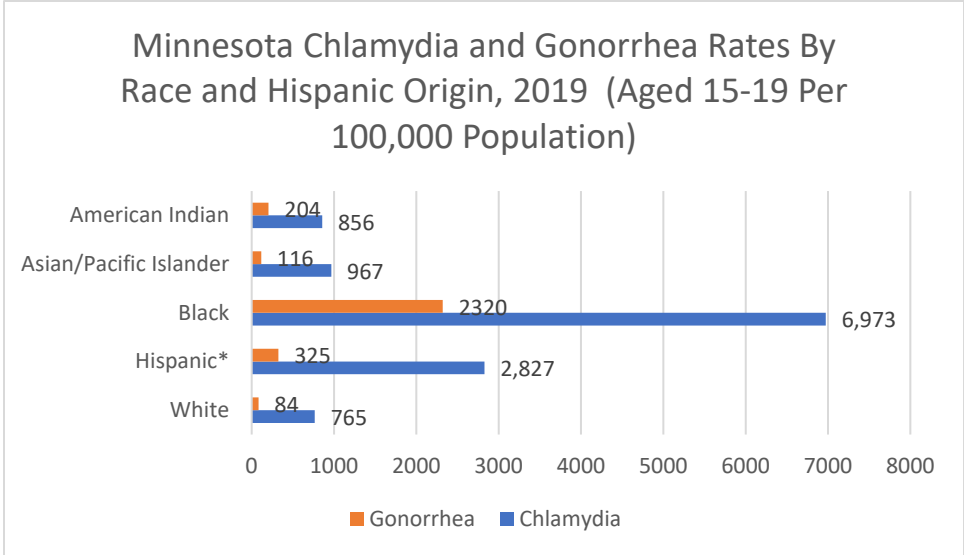
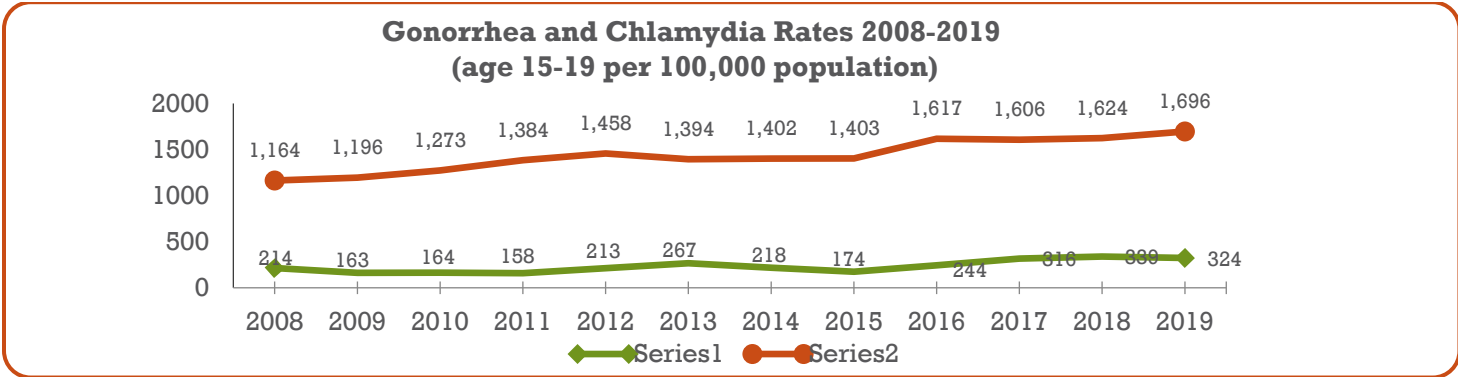
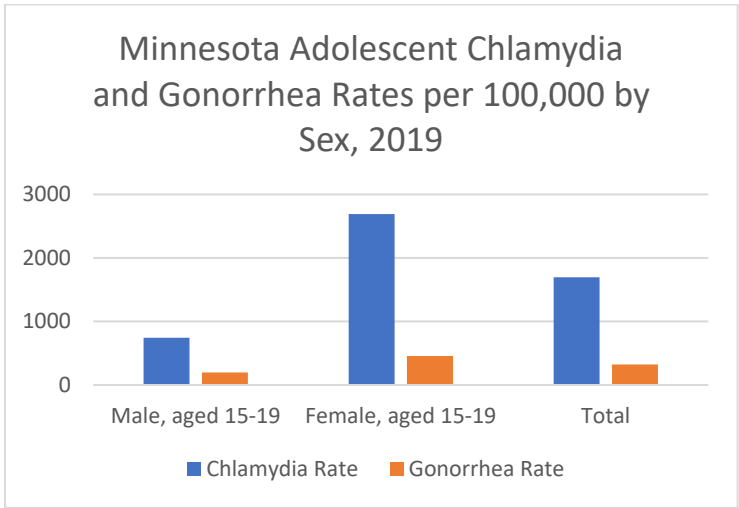


Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) among Minnesota Adolescents

Minnesota STI Rates:

Although they account for only 7% of the population in Minnesota, adolescents aged 15-19 accounted for 25% of chlamydia and 15% of gonorrhea cases in 2019.^{1,2} Consistent with national trends, chlamydia and gonorrhea rates are disproportionately high among female adolescents. Chlamydia rates increased by 4.4% from 2018 to 2019 while gonorrhea rates decreased 4.4% in that same time.³ The chlamydia rate is at an all-time high for this age group. And although gonorrhea rates decreased slightly this year, it still represents the second highest rate in recent years.

There were 8 new cases of HIV among adolescents aged 15-19-year in Minnesota in 2019. There are currently 48 adolescents (aged 15-19) living with HIV in Minnesota.⁴



Racial and Ethnic Disparities: STI rates are disproportionately high in communities of color in Minnesota.⁵ The rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea were highest among Black and American Indian youth. The gonorrhea rate is 28 times higher and the chlamydia rate is nearly 9 times higher among Black youth compared to white youth, who have the lowest STI rates of all racial/ethnic groups.

Strategies to eliminate these persistent disparities must address social determinants of health (i.e. poverty, racism, and unequal access to health care and education), which disproportionately affect the health of adolescents of color.⁶

*Data related to Hispanic youth may be counted in other racial categories as well

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