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Gonorrhea

The Facts

- Gonorrhea (gon a REE a) is a sexually transmitted disease (STD).
- Anyone can get gonorrhea. It is very common among teens and young adults.
- Young, sexually active males and females need testing every year.
- Many people who have gonorrhea don't know it. Often the disease has no symptoms.
- You can pass gonorrhea to others without knowing it.
- Gonorrhea is easy to treat and cure.

How does someone get gonorrhea?

- You can get gonorrhea by having sex with someone who has it.
- "Having sex" means having anal, oral, or vaginal contact.
- If you are a pregnant woman who has gonorrhea, you can pass the infection

What are the symptoms of gonorrhea?

IF YOU ARE A WOMAN

Can get gonorrhea in the anus, eyes, mouth, throat, urinary tract, or uterus. You may not notice any symptoms. If you do have symptoms, they will vary depending on what part of your body is infected. If you have gonorrhea in the uterus or urinary tract, you might notice these symptoms:

- Vaginal bleeding between your periods.
- Pain or burning when you pass urine.
- Increased vaginal discharge.

If you have gonorrhea in the rectum, you might notice these symptoms:

- Itching, soreness, bleeding, a discharge from your rectum, or painful bowel movements.

If you have gonorrhea in the throat, you might notice that your throat is sore.

IF YOU ARE A MAN

Can get gonorrhea in the anus, eyes, mouth, penis, or throat. You may not notice any symptoms. If you do have symptoms, they will vary depending on what part of your body is infected. If you have gonorrhea in the penis, you might notice these symptoms:

- Pain or burning when you pass urine.
- A discharge from your penis.
- Painful or swollen testicles.

If you have gonorrhea in the rectum, you might notice:

- Itching, soreness, bleeding, a discharge from your rectum, or painful bowel movements.

If you have gonorrhea in the throat, you might notice that your throat is sore.

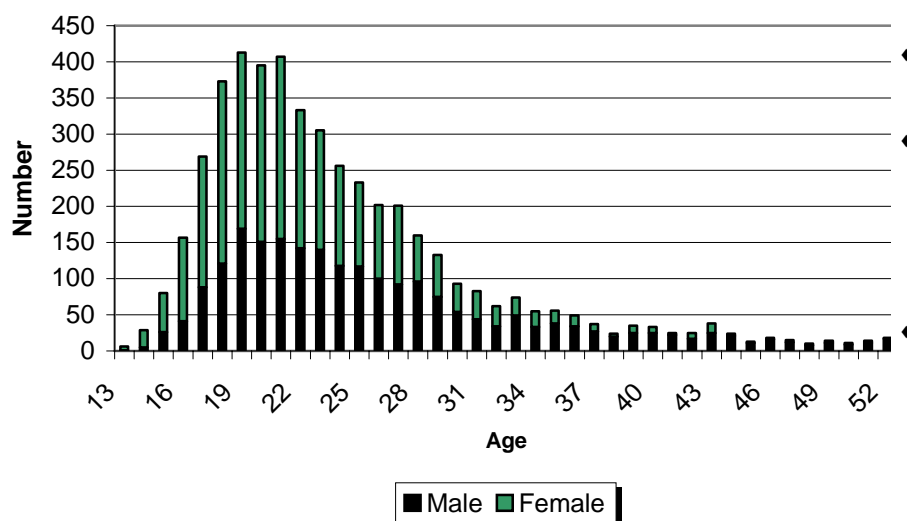
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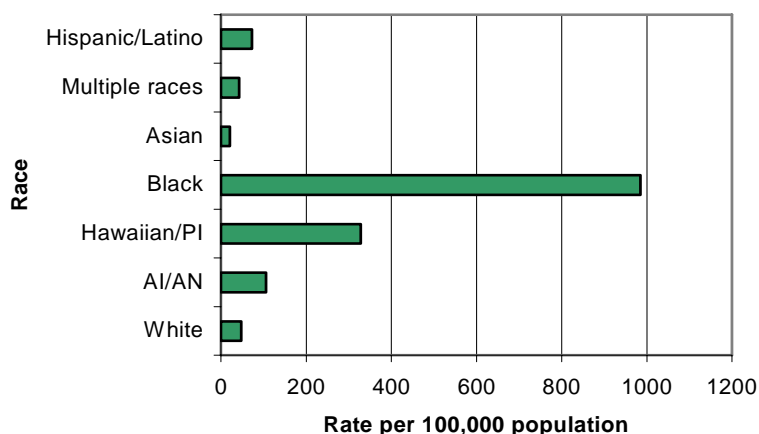
Gonorrhoea Cases by Age and Sex, Oklahoma 2007



- ◆ In 2007 there were 4,827 reported cases of Gonorrhoea in Oklahoma.
- ◆ Females accounted for 54% of the cases.
- ◆ Approximately 81% of the reported Gonorrhoea cases were between the ages of 15 and 29, with 55% between 20 to 29.
- ◆ Those aged 15 to 19 and 20 to 24 had rates of infection 4 to 5 times higher than the overall state rate, 506 and 624 per 100,000 respectively.

- ◆ The rate among African Americans was 21 times higher than Whites (985 per 100,000 compared to 48 per 100,000) and represents the highest rate among all racial/ethnic groups.
- ◆ The rate among American Indians was 2 times higher than the White population.
- ◆ Hawaiian/PI's had the second highest rate but only represented 12 cases.
- ◆ In 2006, Oklahoma ranked 14th out of 50 states for Gonorrhoea infection.
- ◆ The rate of Gonorrhoea in Oklahoma was 133 per 100,000 people, 12% higher than the U.S. rate of 121 per 100,000 people.
- ◆ Oklahoma and Tulsa counties reported 65% of the total Gonorrhoea cases in 2007.

Rate Comparison per 100,000 by Race, Oklahoma 2007



Hispanic/Latino category includes people who consider themselves Multi-racial/Ethnic.

Reported Gonorrhoea Cases by County Oklahoma 2007

