



# GONORRHEA 2008

## 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 to your baby.

## 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:

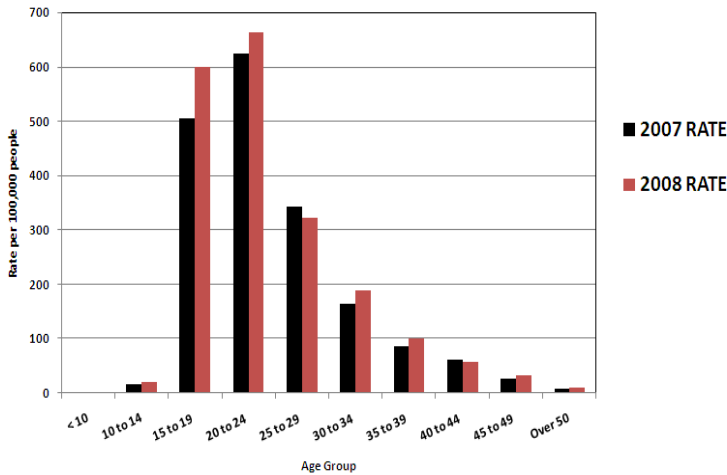
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In 2008 there were 5,207 reported cases of Gonorrhea in Oklahoma. In 2007, Oklahoma ranked 16th out of 50 states for Gonorrhea infection.

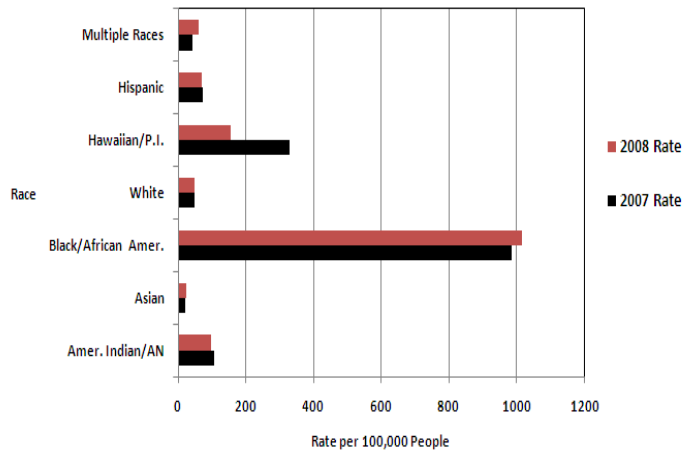
Gonorrhea Rates: Age Group Comparisons for 2007 and 2008



- ◆ Approximately 80% of the reported Gonorrhea cases were between the ages of 15 and 29, with 64% between 15 and 24.
- ◆ Those aged 15 to 19 and 20 to 24 had rates of infection 4 to 5 times higher than the overall state rate, 600 and 624 per 100,000 respectively.

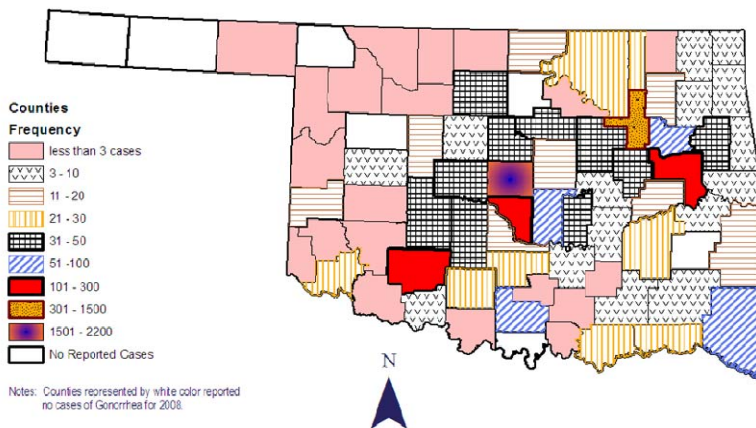
- ◆ The rate among African Americans was 21 times higher than Whites (1,015 per 100,000 compared to 49 per 100,000) and represents the highest rate among all racial/ethnic groups.
- ◆ The rate among American Indians was 2 times higher than the White population.

Gonorrhea Rate Comparisons for Race, 2007 and 2008



Multiple Races category is defined as more than one race or ethnicity.

Reported Cases of Gonorrhea, Oklahoma 2008



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- ◆ Hawaiian/PI's had the second highest rate but only represented 6 cases.
- ◆ Females accounted for 57% of the reported cases.
- ◆ Oklahoma and Tulsa counties reported 69% of the total Gonorrhea cases in 2008.
- ◆ The rate of Gonorrhea in Oklahoma was 143 per 100,000 people, 7% higher than the 2007 rate of 133 per 100,000 people.