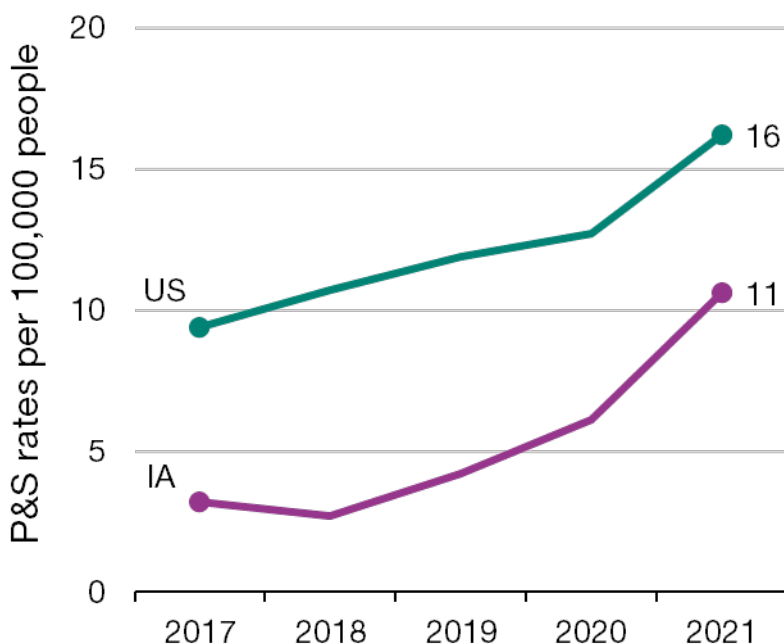


## The most recent CDC data suggests that sexually transmitted infection rates have continue to rise.

In 2021, chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis continued to increase in the United States (US) – reaching a total of more than 2.5 million reported cases – a 7% increase overall from 2017 to 2021. CDC continues to support US jurisdictions like Iowa (IA) as we work together to turn the tide on STIs.

### Syphilis & congenital syphilis rates are rising in the US and Iowa

**Primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis** are the most infectious stages of syphilis and represent new infections. From 2017 to 2021, P&S syphilis rates per 100,000 people **rose 72% in the US** and **rose 231% in Iowa**.



**Congenital syphilis (CS)** occurs when syphilis is passed to a baby during pregnancy. The growing rate of CS per 100,000 live births in the US mirrors the rising rates of P&S syphilis.

From 2017 to 2021, CS rates rose 219% in the US and rose 475% in Iowa.

**Routine screening and timely treatment of syphilis** can prevent mother-to-child transmission during pregnancy.



### Chlamydia & gonorrhea are the most common bacterial STIs in Iowa

#### 2021 Cases in Iowa

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>15,620</b>          | <b>6,403</b>           |
| new cases of chlamydia | new cases of gonorrhea |

**Chlamydia** and **gonorrhea** are often asymptomatic. Preventing the spread of these STIs relies on screening to detect infections and starting treatment early.



## CDC provided \$2,299,150 to Iowa to prevent and control STIs in 2022

**\$741,561**

### Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health

Departments (STD-PCHD) provides all states and 9 cities and territories with 5-year funding to prevent and control STIs. In 2022, total STD-PCHD funding was \$95.5 million. <sup>1</sup>

**\$1,557,589**

### The Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development

Funding was a \$200 million per year investment to support 21st century outbreak response via the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

## CDC supports states' STI prevention and treatment efforts by:



Providing on-the-ground support



Promoting treatment best practices



Monitoring STI trends



Turning data into action

## Prevention-focused policies can help reduce STI rates



**Prenatal Syphilis Screening is not required at any point** in Iowa. CDC recommends all pregnant women should be screened for syphilis at the first prenatal visit, and at 28 weeks and delivery if the mother lives in a community with high syphilis rates or is at risk for syphilis.



**Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT)** provides patients' sex partners with STI treatment without a physical exam. **EPT is authorized** for treating chlamydia and gonorrhea in Iowa.

For more information, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/std>

<sup>1</sup> CDC STI funding and \$8,000,000 from CDC HIV funding.

