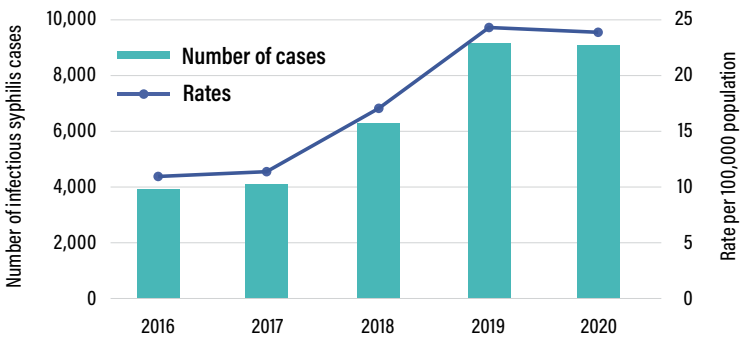
Infectious Syphilis and Congenital Syphilis in Canada, 2020*

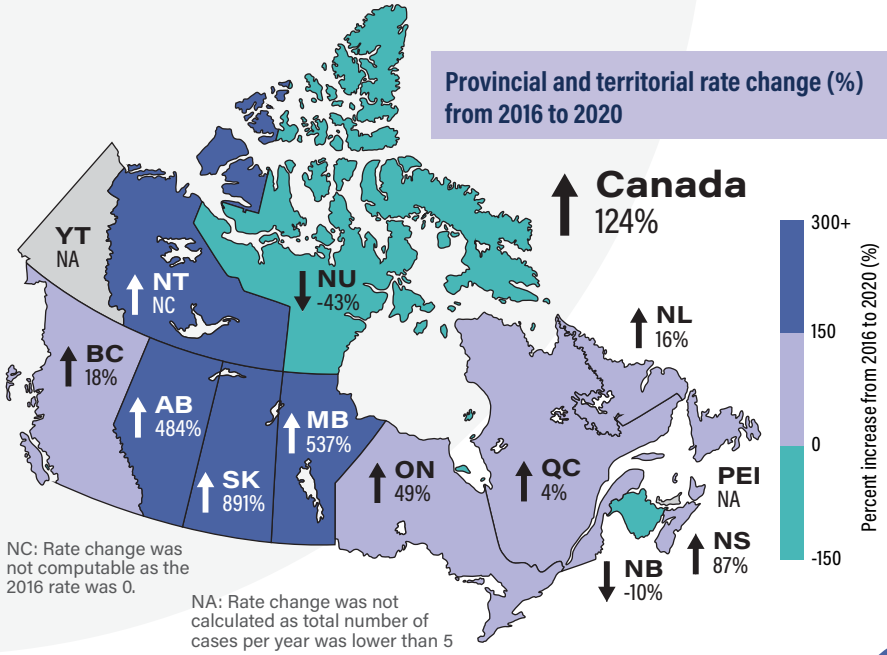
9,126 CASES
of infectious syphilis were reported in 2020, for a **rate of 24 per 100,000** population

In the past 5 years (2016 to 2020), **rates of infectious syphilis among females** increased by ▲ **740%** while **male rates** increased by 70% during the same period

Number of cases and rates of infectious syphilis in Canada, 2016-2020



Provincial and territorial rate change (%) from 2016 to 2020



NC: Rate change was not computable as the 2016 rate was 0.

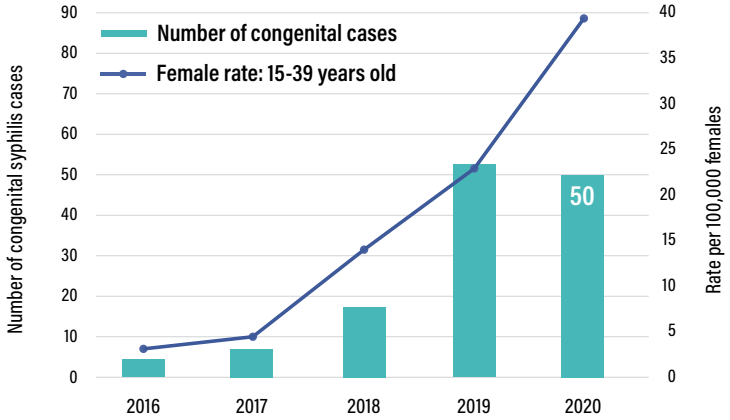
NA: Rate change was not calculated as total number of cases per year was lower than 5

2% decrease in infectious syphilis rates from 2019 to 2020: Might be explained by decreased demand for and ability to deliver STBBI services (including testing) due to COVID-19 pandemic†

Nationally, **1 in 3 cases (30%) are among females in 2020** (compared to 8% in 2016). Proportion of cases who are gbMSM is decreasing‡

25 to 39 year olds had the highest rate of infectious syphilis in 2020, but the highest rate increase in past five years was among **15-24 year olds**

Number of confirmed congenital syphilis cases and reported infectious syphilis rates among females aged 15-39



There were
50 CASES
of confirmed congenital syphilis in 2020

Note there was a revision to the original infographic related to congenital syphilis case counts.

* Data was directly obtained from all provinces and territories (PTs). Ten PTs submitted data for the full calendar year of 2020 while three PTs (NB, NL, NU) provided partial counts; annual counts were estimated. ***Data for 2020 is preliminary.***

† Survey of the impact of COVID-19 on the ability to provide STBBI prevention, testing and treatment including harm reduction services in Canada. Public Health Agency of Canada, Centre for Communicable Diseases and Infection Control. 2021.

‡ Gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.

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