



Syphilis in Women and Congenital Syphilis in Canada, 2019

In 2019, almost **2,000** cases of infectious syphilis were reported among females in Canada



Nearly 1 in every 4 syphilis cases is female

The proportion of female cases increased from 6% in 2015, to **24%** in 2019



Females of reproductive age are most affected

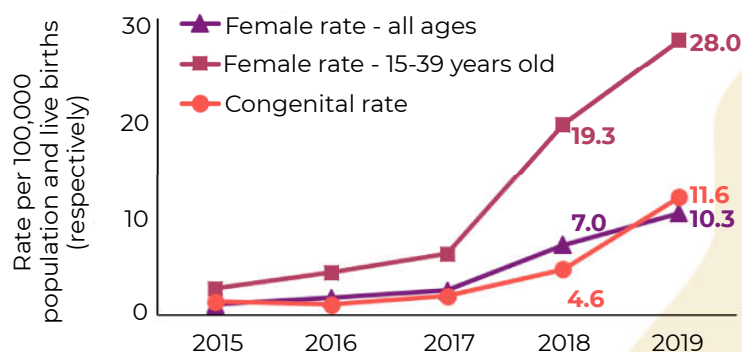
Between 2015 and 2019, the rates were highest in females aged **15-39 years**



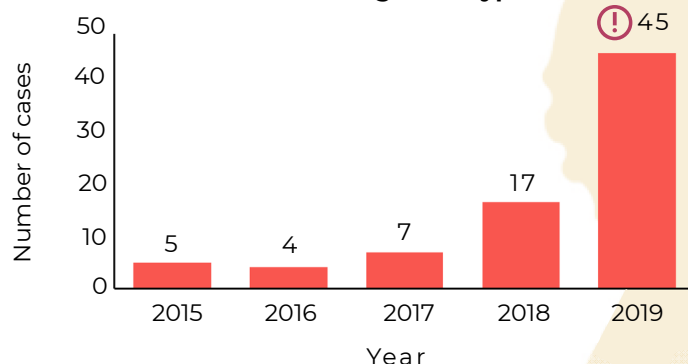
Congenital syphilis cases are the highest ever reported

In 2019, there were **45 confirmed cases** and **25 probable cases*** of congenital syphilis

Infectious syphilis rates in females and congenital syphilis rates



Number of confirmed cases of congenital syphilis



Risk factors for maternal and congenital syphilis in Canada†



Access to and use of prenatal care
Inadequate or none



Substance use
Alcohol, tobacco and methamphetamines



Socioeconomic status
Lower income



Geography
Rural and remote residence



Stigma
Historical trauma
Discrimination in healthcare

Preliminary 2018 and 2019 data were cordially shared by provinces and territories and are expected to differ slightly from final counts

*Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec have a probable congenital syphilis case definition

†For more information, please refer to the *Syphilis in Canada - Technical Report on Epidemiological Trends, Determinants and Interventions, 2020*



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