



Infectious syphilis and congenital syphilis in Canada, 2023*

INFECTIOUS SYPHILIS **12,135**
CASES IN 2023

MOST IMPACTED
POPULATION GROUPS IN 2023

BY SEX & GENDER

The rate among **FEMALES** has **TRIPLED** since 2018 – a **MUCH FASTER INCREASE** than among males



BY SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

There has been a **FASTER INCREASE** in cases in the **NON-GBMSM** POPULATION, compared to GBMSM, since 2018 (177% increase vs. 2% increase)

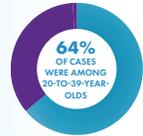


BY AGE GROUP

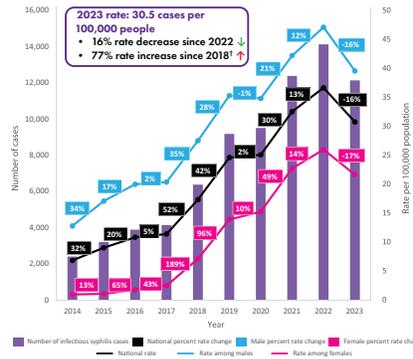
Males aged 30 to 39 years old had the **HIGHEST RATE** of any age group, male or female, in the population and represented 22% of total cases

MALES: 25-29- and 30-39-year-olds had the HIGHEST RATES (49% of male cases)

FEMALES: 20-24- and 25-29-year-olds had the HIGHEST RATES (40% of female cases)



Number of reported cases and rates of infectious syphilis** in Canada, by sex, from 2014 to 2023



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CONGENITAL SYPHILIS **53**
CASES IN 2023

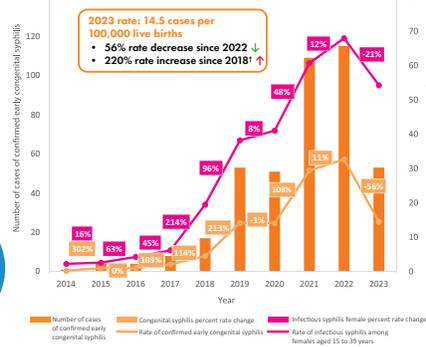


In 2023, there were 174 reported cases of confirmed early congenital syphilis, probable early congenital syphilis, syphilitic stillbirths, and unknown-stage congenital syphilis.[†]

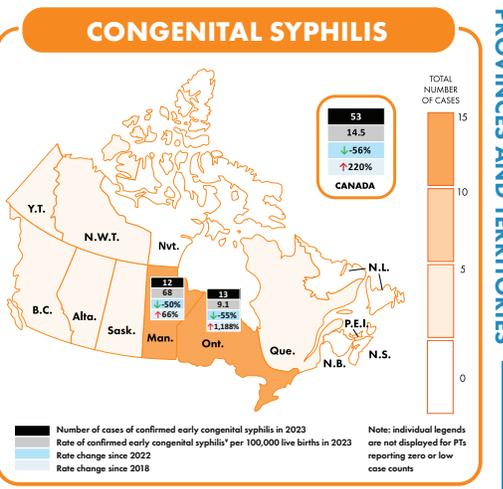
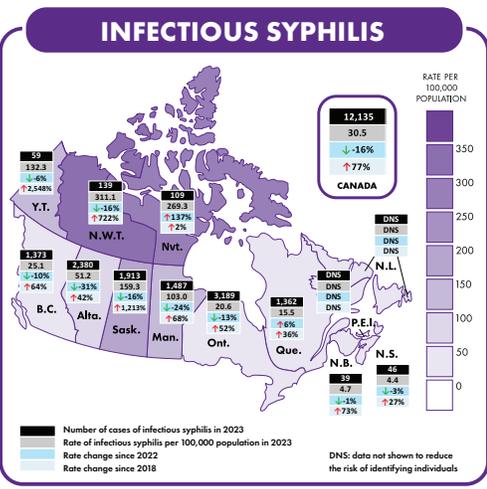
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Number of reported cases and rates of confirmed early congenital syphilis and rates among females aged 15-39 years in Canada, from 2014 to 2023



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Social and structural determinants of health and health inequities play a role in the differences in rates of syphilis across different populations.^{††}

Syphilis screening and timely treatment are essential to prevent transmission and complications. Find PHAC's recently updated syphilis screening recommendations in the [STBBI Guides for Health Professionals](#).

Reporting between 2020 and 2022 occurred in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to have an impact on sexually transmitted and blood-borne infection (STBBI) services.^{†††}

See the Notes section in the text description.
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