

Maine STD Incidence, January 1 to December 31, 2005

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During 2005, the Maine CDC received reports of 2,253 chlamydia diagnoses, 142 gonorrhea diagnoses and three cases of "early" (primary, secondary and early latent) syphilis. The number of chlamydia diagnoses in 2005 represents a 6% increase over the 2004 total. Far fewer gonorrhea diagnoses were reported in 2005 than were seen in 2004, with a 34% decrease noted. The three syphilis cases diagnosed in 2005 represent a slight increase over the two cases reported in 2004.

Gonorrhea was diagnosed most frequently among residents of southern and central Maine, while chlamydia diagnoses were distributed more evenly throughout the state. Men who have sex with men (MSM) were disproportionately affected by gonorrhea, accounting for roughly one-quarter of diagnoses. Chlamydia infections were most often diagnosed in young people between the ages of 15 and 24, with this age group accounting for 74% of diagnoses.

The table below shows specific information about 2005 Chlamydia and Gonorrhea diagnoses.

(rounded percents are listed in parentheses)

Sex	Chlamydia cases, 1/1/05 through 12/31/05	Gonorrhea cases, 1/1/05 through 12/31/05
Male	606 (27)	80 (56)
Female	1647 (73)	62 (44)
Total	2253 (100)	142 (100)
Race		
White	1644 (73)	102 (72)
Black or African American	88 (4)	24 (17)
Asian	19 (1)	1 (1)
American Indian/Alaska Native	18 (1)	1 (1)
Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander	2 (<1)	0
More than one Race	0	0
Some Other Race	7 (<1)	0
Unknown	475 (21)	14 (10)
Total	2253 (100)	142 (100)
Ethnicity		
Hispanic	14 (1)	4 (3)
Not Hispanic	1765 (78)	126 (89)
Unknown	474 (21)	12 (8)
Total	2253 (100)	142 (100)
Age		
Less than 15	22 (1)	0
15-19	747 (33)	34 (24)
20-24	927 (41)	44 (31)
25-29	317 (14)	28 (20)
30-39	191 (8)	22 (15)
40-54	46 (2)	6 (4)
55+	3 (<1)	8 (6)
Age Unknown	0	0
Total	2253 (100)	142 (100)
Region of Residence		
Northern ¹	550 (24)	25 (18)
Central ²	812 (36)	53 (37)
Southern ³	891 (40)	64 (45)
Unknown	0	0
Total	2253 (100)	142 (100)

¹**Northern Maine:** Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington Counties.

²**Central Maine:** Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo Counties.

³**Southern Maine:** Cumberland and York Counties.