

Teens and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) in Anne Arundel County

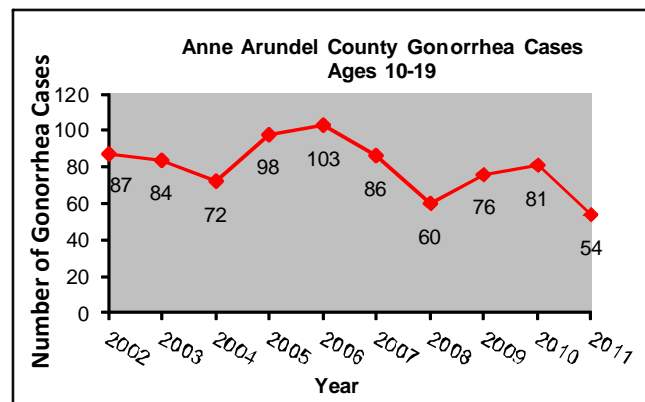
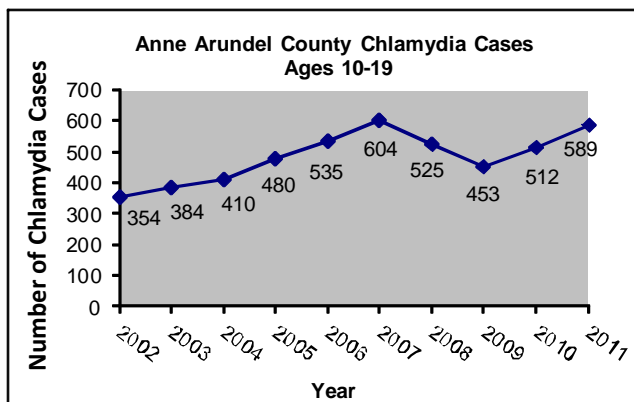


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Nationally, the number of teens diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection (STI) has increased. The number of teens diagnosed with gonorrhea continues to fluctuate from year to year. With the exception of 2008 and 2009, the number of teens diagnosed with chlamydia has continued to increase.

- According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), African-American and Hispanic women are most affected by chlamydia and gonorrhea.
- Sexually active teens and young adults are at increased risk for STIs when compared to older adults.
- The most common STIs among teens and young adults are human papillomavirus (HPV) and chlamydia.

Below are the trends for reportable cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea in Anne Arundel County youth between the ages of 10 and 19.



Syphilis and HIV Among Teens

The number of teens infected with STIs are increasing. Even though the most common STIs affecting teens are chlamydia and gonorrhea, there are a small number of teens contracting syphilis and HIV. Between 2005 and 2010, there were eight cases of syphilis that affected people under the age of 20. From 2005 to 2008, there were six cases of HIV in Anne Arundel County that affected people under the age of 20. In 2009 alone, there were six people under the age of 20 diagnosed with HIV.

Teens need to protect themselves from all STIs and get tested if they are sexually active. The best method of protection is abstinence.

For more information, visit www.aahealth.org/programs/comm-diseases/std.

Source: Infectious Disease Control Program, Anne Arundel County Department of Health