

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AMONG YOUNG AMERICANS

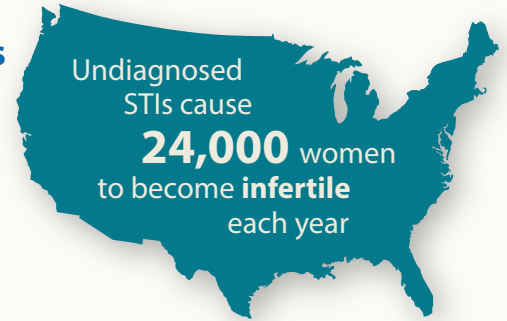
Youth bear disproportionate share of STIs

Americans ages 15-24 make up just **27%** of the sexually active population

But account for **50%** of the **20M** new **STIs** in the U.S. each year



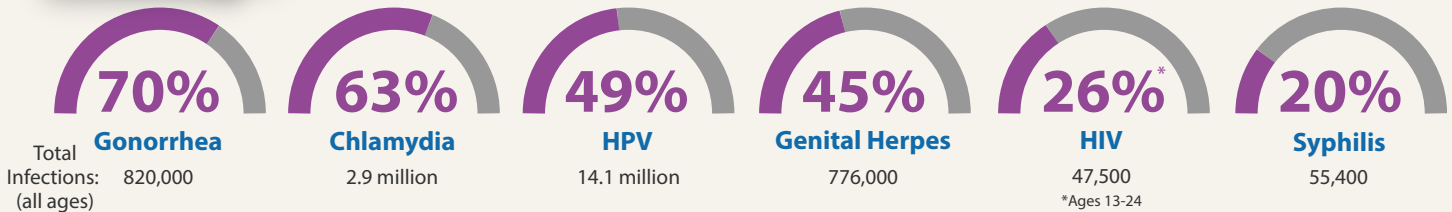
Consequences are particularly severe for young women



Ages 15-24

Ages 25+

Young people account for a substantial proportion of new STIs



Many do not know they're infected because STIs often have no symptoms

Data are cases among youth ages 15-24



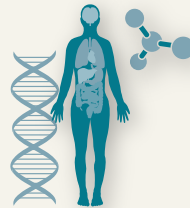
Unique factors place youth at risk



Insufficient Screening
Many young women don't receive the chlamydia screening CDC recommends



Confidentiality Concerns
Many are reluctant to disclose risk behaviors to doctors



Biology
Young women's bodies are biologically more susceptible to STIs



Lack of Access to Healthcare
Youth often lack insurance or transportation needed to access prevention services



Multiple Sex Partners
Many young people have multiple partners, which increases STI risk

Young people can protect themselves

GET TESTED

REDUCE RISK BEHAVIORS

GET VACCINATED AGAINST HPV

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