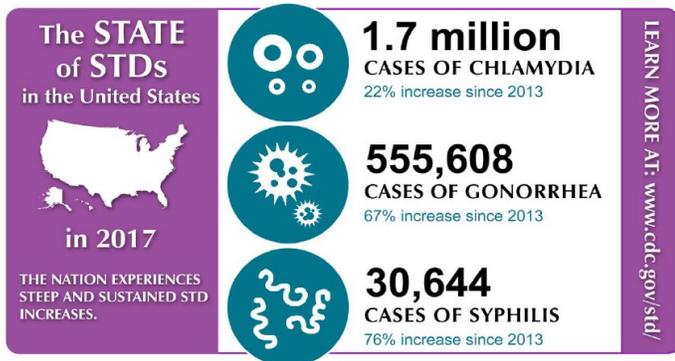


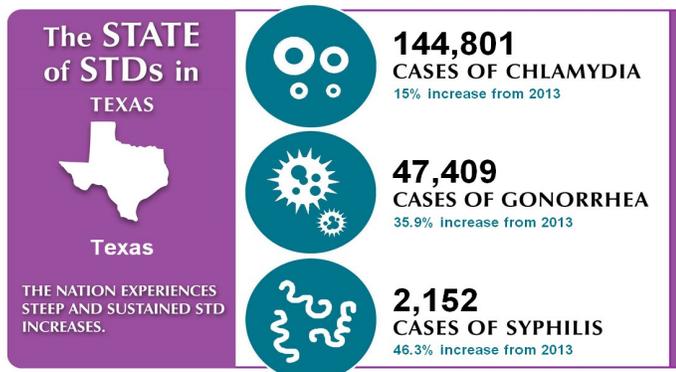
# The State of STDs in Bexar County—2017

## United States



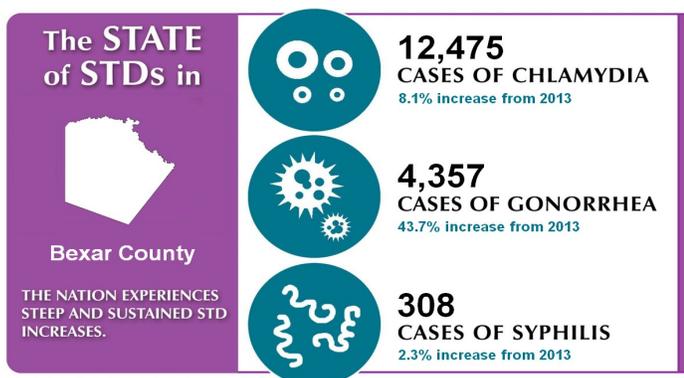
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), **2017 had the highest number of STD cases ever reported in the United States.**
- Congenital syphilis cases have **more than doubled** since 2013; 918 cases reported from 37 states in 2017

## Texas



- **Number of STDs in the state** continues to steadily **increase.**
- Nationally, **Texas ranked 4th** in the number of congenital syphilis cases; 166 cases reported in 2017.

## Bexar County



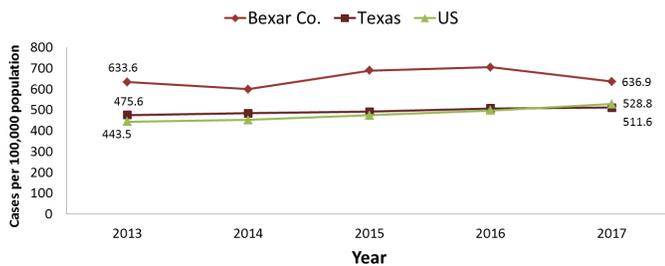
- **Bexar County** ranks 3rd for the most Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Primary & Secondary syphilis cases in the state.
- **Bexar County** reported **17 cases of congenital syphilis** in **2017**, which remains the same as the number reported in 2013.
- **12,308 individuals** were seen at the **Metro Health STD/HIV clinic** in 2017; **this is a 9.5% increase** from 2013.

# The following are efforts taken by Metro Health to address STD cases in Bexar County:

- Metro Health’s Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) follow-up on all positive STD laboratory reports in Bexar County. In 2017, this team initiated more than twice as many partner and cluster investigations compared to 2016, resulting in thousands more individuals being contacted and provided testing services.
- Metro Health’s HIV Prevention and Mobile Outreach team has enabled services to reach individuals where they live and work and remove barriers due to transportation, income, and stigma.
- Metro Health’s Healthy Beats program actively recruits pregnant women to prevent congenital syphilis through testing, treatment, and case management.
- Increased education and awareness of STDs using social media, TV and radio advertisements.
- Increased internal and external collaborations to ensure individuals are tested and treated.

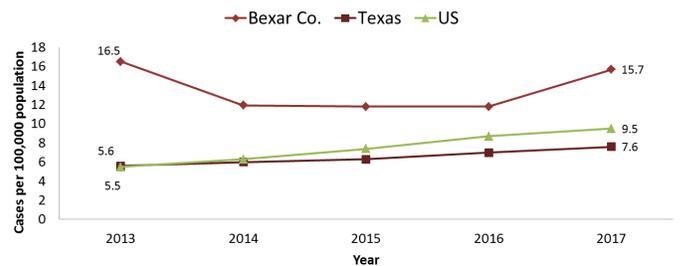
## STD Trends 2013-2017

### Chlamydia Rates for Bexar County, Texas, and United States, 2013-2017



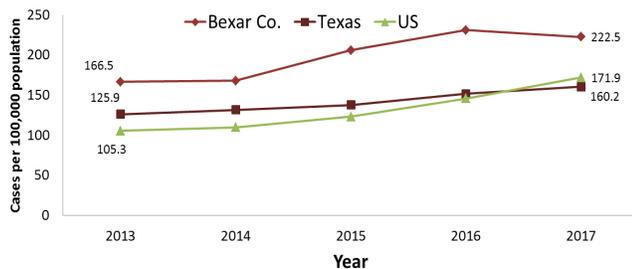
- Rate of chlamydia in Bexar County has been higher than the US and TX since 2013.
- Compared to 2013, in 2017, the rate increased by 0.5% in Bexar County, 7.6% in TX and 19.2% in US.

### Primary and Secondary Syphilis Rates for Bexar County, Texas, and United States, 2013-2017



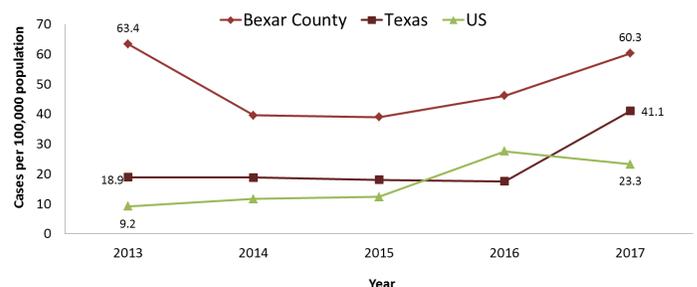
- Rate of primary and secondary syphilis in Bexar County has been higher than the US and TX since 2013.
- Compared to 2013, in 2017, the rate decreased by 4.8% in Bexar County, increased by 35.7% in TX and 72.7% in US.

### Gonorrhea Rates for Bexar County, Texas, and United States, 2013-2017



- Rate of gonorrhea in Bexar County has been higher than the US and TX since 2013.
- Compared to 2013, in 2017, the rate increased by 33.6% in Bexar County, 27.2% in TX and 63.2% in US.

### Congenital Syphilis Rates for Bexar County, Texas, and United States, 2013-2017



- Rate of congenital syphilis in Bexar County has been higher than the US and TX since 2013.
- Compared to 2013, in 2017, the rate decreased by 4.8% in Bexar County, increased by 117.5% in TX and 153.3% in US.