

# STIs & HIV/AIDS



## AFRICAN-AMERICANS/BLACKS

ONCE CALLED VENEREAL DISEASES, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AFFECT MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AND ECONOMIC LEVELS. THEY ARE MOST PREVALENT AMONG TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS. ALMOST HALF OF ALL STIS OCCUR IN YOUNG PEOPLE 15 TO 24 YEARS OLD. BLACKS AND LATINOS HAVE A HIGHER INCIDENCE OF STIS AND HIV/AIDS THAN WHITES IN CONNECTICUT AND THE RATE OF DEATH FROM HIV/AIDS WHEN COMPARED WITH LATINOS AND WHITES IS HIGHEST AMONG BLACKS.

### HIV/AIDS

Incidence rates of HIV/AIDS for Connecticut residents by ethnicity per 100,000 from 2001-2005:

Latino	81.9
<b>Black</b>	<b>73.2</b>
White	11.0
Asian	3.4

The death rate from HIV/AIDS is almost 15 times higher for blacks and almost 10 times higher for Latinos than for whites in Connecticut. From 2000 to 2004 the death rate per 100,000 from HIV/AIDS was:

<b>Black</b>	<b>27.0</b>
Latino	17.8
White	1.8

### SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

The incidence rates per 100,000 population by ethnic group for chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis in Connecticut were each highest among blacks from 2001 to 2005.

<b>Chlamydia</b>	
<b>Black</b>	<b>895.4</b>
Latino	465.9
White	49.4

<b>Gonorrhea</b>	
<b>Black</b>	<b>383.2</b>
Latino	102.2
White	13.3

<b>Syphilis</b>	
<b>Black</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Latino	1.5
White	0.7

Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health, The 2009 Connecticut Health Disparities Report

**Together we can eliminate health disparities.**

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