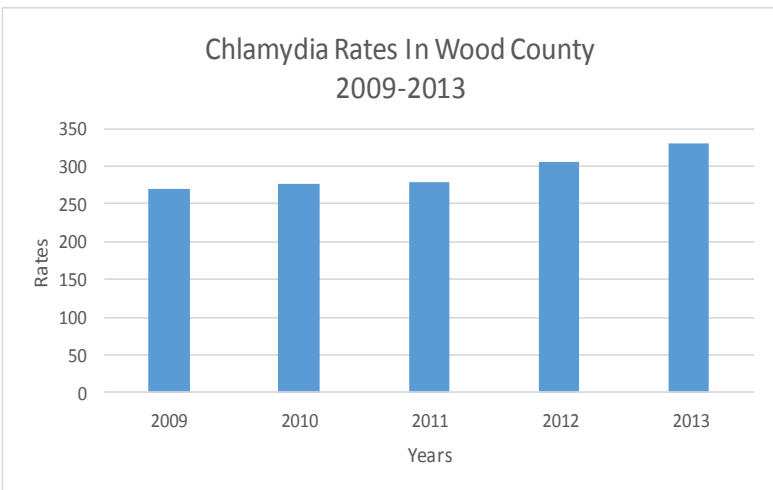


# Sexually Transmitted Diseases

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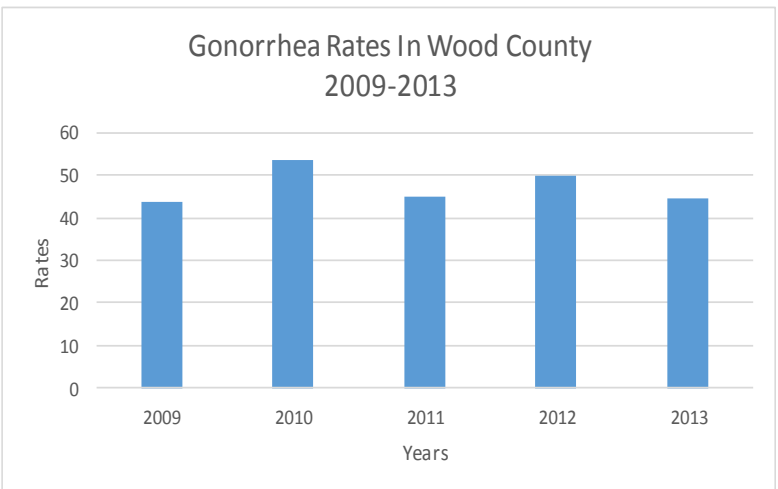
Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are a group of illnesses that are acquired through engaging in sexual activity with an infected person. According to the *2012 Wood County Community Health Assessment*, 69% of Wood County adults have had sexual intercourse. The same assessment found that of the county’s youth, 32% have had sexual intercourse. It is important to understand the types of diseases someone can be exposed to when they engage in sexual activity. The graphs below show the rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea among Wood County residents from 2009 to 2013.



Over the years both the U.S. and Ohio has seen a rise in chlamydia rates. Wood County has also seen a similar trend.

### Sexually Transmitted Diseases

- Bacterial Vaginosis
- Chlamydia
- Chancroid
- Gonorrhea
- Hepatitis
- Herpes
- HIV/AIDS
- HPV
- Syphilis
- Trichomoniasis
- Pubic Lice



Graphs: Rate are shown per 100,000 persons and were calculated using census estimates for that year except for 2013 which utilizes 2012.

# Wood County Fast Facts

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), youth ages 15 to 24 make up about 25% of the sexually active population, however they account for half of the STDs reported in the U.S. In Wood County, 32% of youth have had sexual intercourse, this number increases to 62% for those 17 and older.

**55%** of sexually active youth have had multiple partners.

**10%** have had 4 or more partners.

**22%** are sexually active by age 13.

**1%** of sexually active youth have had a STD.

**18%** of sexually active youth report having consumed alcohol or drugs before their last sexual encounter.

## Prevention

- Abstinence
- Vaccination
- Mutual monogamy
- Reduced number of sexual partners
- Condoms

## Actions Taken

- Patient Education
- Free STD Screenings
- Vaccinations
- Free Condoms, AKA "Brown Bag Special"
- Link: <http://bit.ly/1bUvwdd>



### Data Sources:

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