

# CONGENITAL SYPHILIS QUICK FACTS for OKLAHOMA

# CONGENITAL SYPHILIS

is a MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS  
in Oklahoma and across the United States.



A pregnant woman with syphilis in Oklahoma often has one or more risk factors:

- Inconsistent or no prenatal care,
- A sexual partner with a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of syphilis,
- A Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) diagnosis in the past year,
- Current illicit drug use,
- Incarceration in the past year,
- Current homelessness or unstable housing,
- Multiple sexual partners, and/or
- A sexual partner with any of the above risk factors.



Since 2014,  
Oklahoma has seen a  
**283%**  
increase in  
congenital syphilis.

From 2014 to 2018,  
Oklahoma  
experienced an  
**860%**  
increase in the  
number of primary  
and secondary syphilis  
cases in women.

Oklahoma's absolute  
rate increase is  
**higher**  
than the national  
average,  
**higher**  
than the Southern  
regional average, and  
**higher**  
than all of our  
neighboring states.

In 2016,  
Oklahoma had the  
**20th highest**  
rate of primary and  
secondary syphilis of  
all states in the nation.

In 2017, Oklahoma's  
rate was the  
**12th highest.**

In 2018,  
Oklahoma had the  
**9th highest**  
rate (13.5 per 100,000),  
which is 25% higher  
than the national rate.