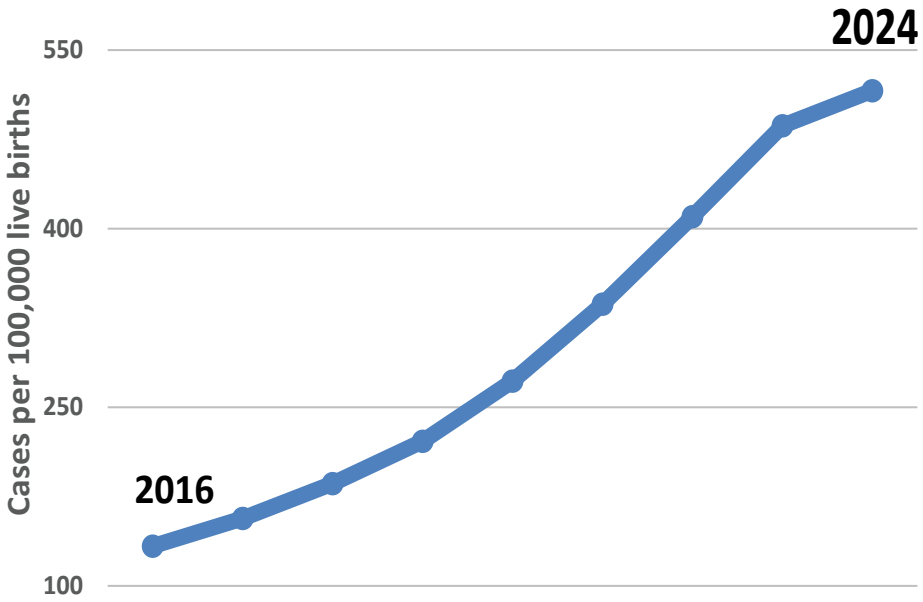
Cases of Syphilis During Pregnancy Is Increasing

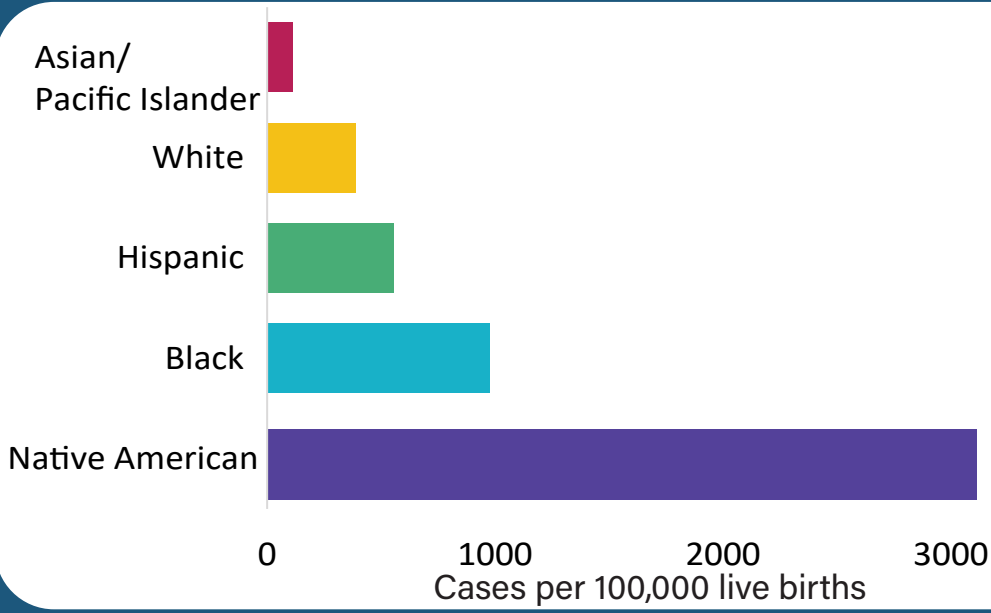
Native American and Black Communities are Hit Hardest

New data from the Big Cities Health Inventory, an open-source platform providing health metrics for the 35 large U.S. cities that comprise the Big Cities Health Coalition.



IN BIG CITIES, THE RATE OF SYPHILIS DURING PREGNANCY INCREASED OVER 300% FROM 2016 TO 2024

Average rates were higher than the U.S. but the overall trend in big cities mirrors trends seen across the U.S.



RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED

*In 2024, compared to White women, the burden was **8x** higher among Native Americans women and **2.5x** higher among Black women.*

- Syphilis spreads through sexual networks and disproportionately burdens communities affected by drug use. But it's easily cured, with a single dose of penicillin in many cases.
- If untreated, it can cause heart and brain damage, blindness, deafness, and paralysis.
- Congenital syphilis can cause miscarriage, lifelong health complications, and even infant death.
- Funding is needed for widespread screening, partner notification services and treatment, and public education.

For more data on syphilis during pregnancy in big cities, visit ***BigCitiesHealthData.org***

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