

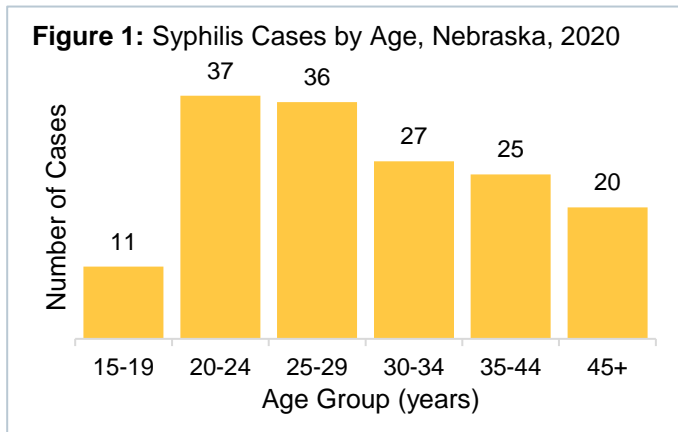
SYPHILIS

Nebraska 2020:

In 2020, there were 156 cases of primary, secondary, and early latent syphilis reported in Nebraska. Of those, 50 were primary, 54 were secondary, and 52 were early latent. There were no reported cases of congenital syphilis in 2020.

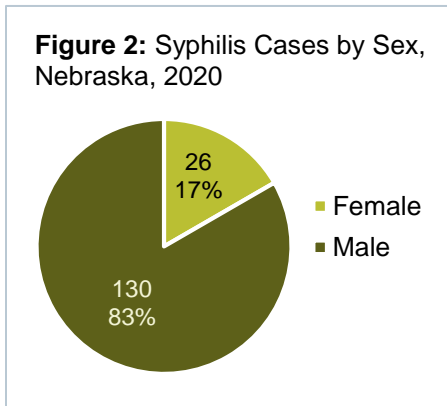
By Age:

Syphilis is present in all ages, but the highest number of cases occurred in the 20-24 year old and 25-29 year old age groups (Figure 1).



By Sex:

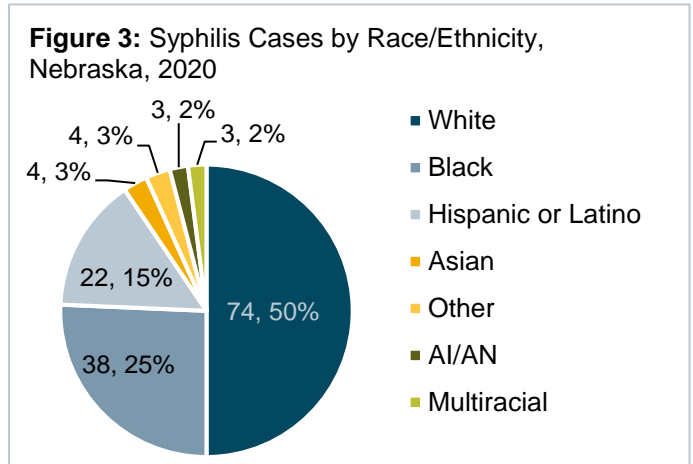
Overall, males accounted for five times as many syphilis cases compared to females (Figure 2).



Additionally, when broken down by age, more males were diagnosed with syphilis than females in every age group.

By Race/Ethnicity:

Whites made up 50% of all syphilis cases in 2020, with Blacks at 25% and Hispanics at 15%. Compared to census data, these minority populations are disproportionately impacted by syphilis (Figure 3).



Risk Factors:

Of cases where risk factors were identified, sex without a condom was the most common (Table 1).

Table 1: Syphilis Risk Factors by Sex

Syphilis Risk Factor	Female	Male
Sex with females	1	23
Sex with males	9	68
Sex with transsexual partner(s)	0	1
Met sex partners via internet/dating apps	0	19
Sex while intoxicated/high	2	30
Sex without condom	11	78
Sex with anonymous partners	0	47

Pregnancy Status of Females:

Finally, of the 26 females diagnosed with syphilis in 2020, 6 were pregnant, 15 were not pregnant, and data were missing for 5.