

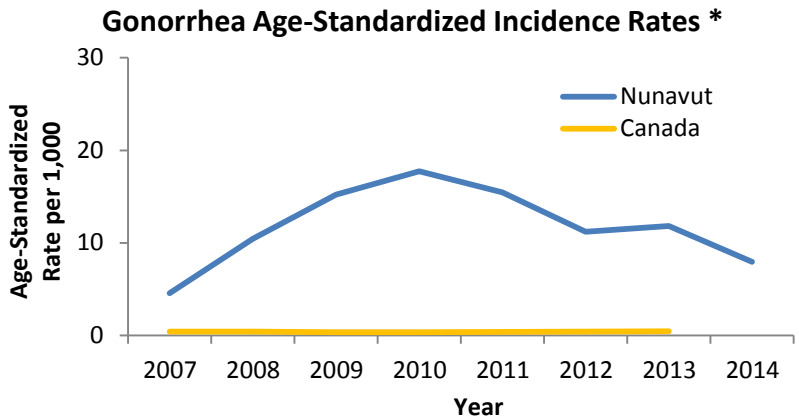


## GONORRHEA

Gonorrhea is a bacterial infection and is the second most commonly reported STI in Canada. Gonorrhea has similar symptoms and long-term health effects as chlamydia. Usually people cannot tell if they have gonorrhea but can still pass on the infection to others. A urine test can determine if you have the infection.

### Nunavut facts:

- The gonorrhea rate appears to be decreasing, with 326 new reported infections in 2014.
- Most (66%) of the reported infections in 2014 were in the 15-24 age group.
- There were more reported infections for women in the younger age groups.

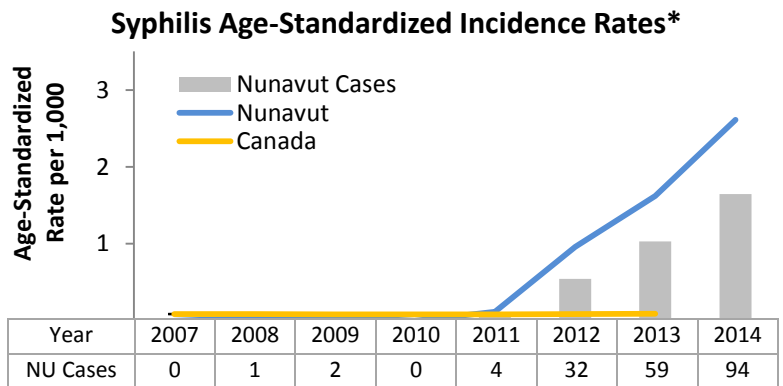


## SYPHILIS

Syphilis is a bacterial infection and has been on the rise throughout Canada. Many people with syphilis do not show any signs but can still pass on the infection to others. Some people who are infected with syphilis may show symptoms such as sores around the genitals, mouth, or anus and rash on the palms or feet. If untreated, it can cause serious damage to the heart, brain, and other organs, and can even lead to death. A blood test can determine if you have syphilis.

### Nunavut facts:

- Syphilis used to be rare in Nunavut, but an outbreak began in 2012. There were 94 cases in 2014.
- The average age of cases in 2014 is 31 years old, with more female cases (56%).



Protect yourself and others; but most importantly respect yourself and your body.

- Use condoms every time you have sex.
- Get tested. Get treated.
- Stop the spread of STIs by asking your partners to get tested.

For more information, visit [www.irespectmyself.ca](http://www.irespectmyself.ca), ask your Community Health Representative, or go to your local health centre or public health.

\*Age-standardized to 1991 Canadian population. National data for 2014 was not available at time of report.