

Seattle and King County Monthly Syphilis Report: October 2023

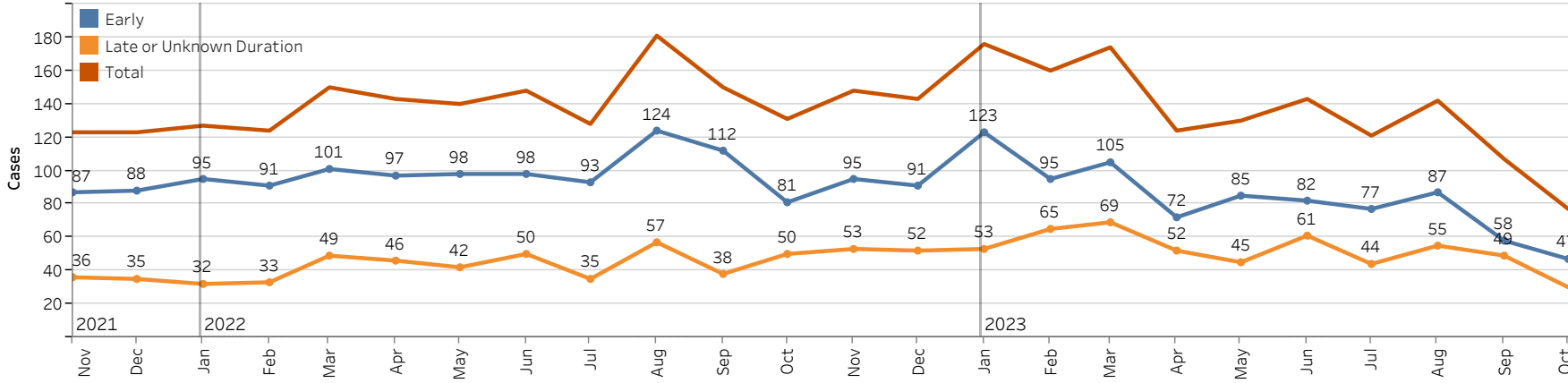
Recent data are incomplete*

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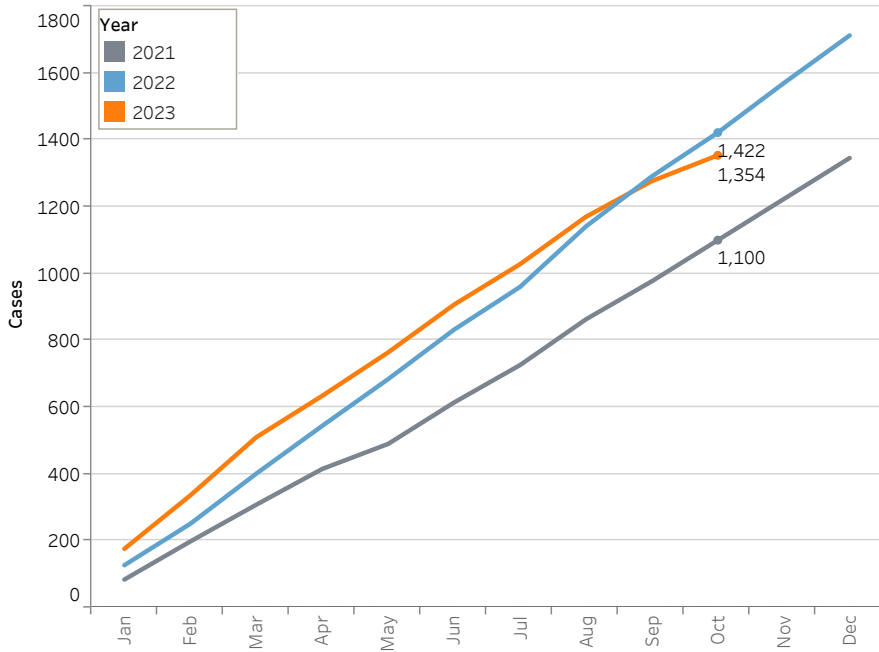
MSM = men who have sex with men
MSW = men who have sex with women only

Early syphilis includes primary, secondary, and early non-primary, non-secondary stages.

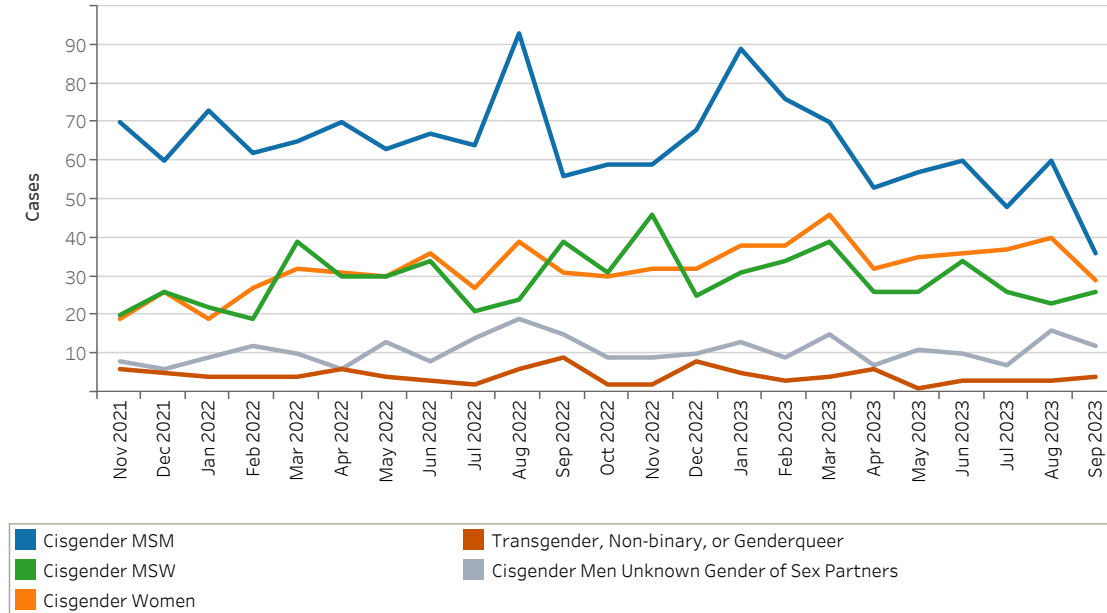
Syphilis Cases by Stage, King County November 2021-October 2023



Cumulative Syphilis (all stages) Cases by Month and Year, King County 2021-2023



Syphilis (all stages) Cases by Gender and Gender of Sex Partners, King County November 2021-September 2023**



**Due to incomplete reporting cases for the most recent month are not shown by gender and gender of sex partners.

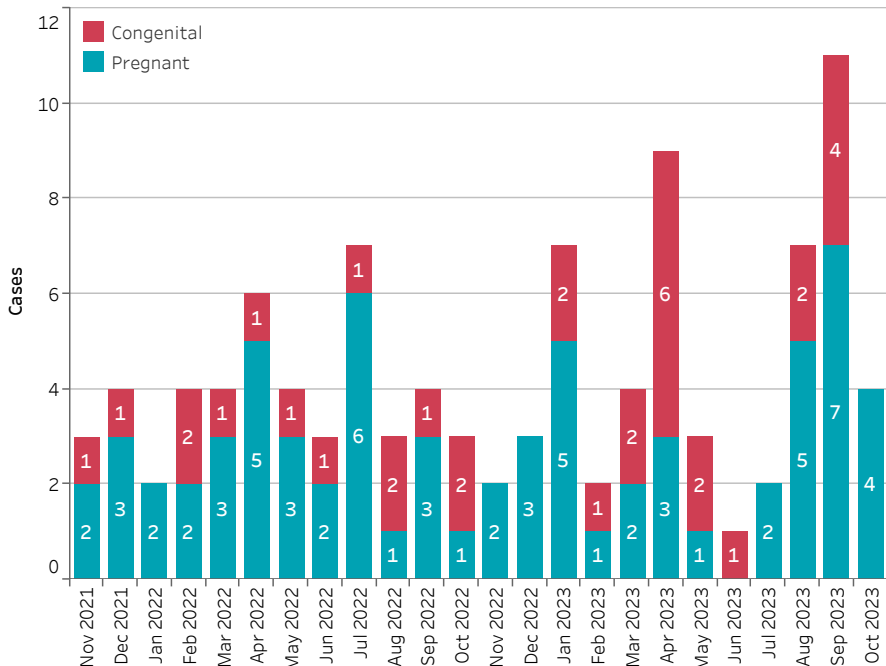
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Syphilis (all stages) cases by gender and gender of sex partners and year of diagnosis

Cases diagnosed January-October

	2022	2023
Cisgender MSM	672	576
Cisgender MSW	289	278
Cisgender Women	302	358
Cisgender Men Unknown Gender of Sex Partners	115	109
Transgender, Non-binary, or Genderqueer	44	33

Pregnant and congenital syphilis cases, King County November 2021-October 2023



30 syphilis cases were **pregnant** at the time of diagnosis and **19** **congenital** cases have been diagnosed in 2023.

Syphilis (all stages) cases by race/ethnicity, age, and risk among cisgender men who have sex with men (MSM), cisgender men who have sex with women (MSW), cisgender women, Seattle and South King County November 2021-October 2023¹

Characteristics	Region							
	Seattle				South King County			
	MSM		MSW and Women		MSM		MSW and Women	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total Cases	900	100%	588	100%	381	100%	638	100%
Race/ethnicity								
American Indian/Alaska Native	10	1%	15	3%	5	1%	16	3%
Asian	70	8%	28	5%	26	7%	26	4%
Black	86	10%	169	29%	54	14%	152	24%
Hispanic/Latinx	187	21%	76	13%	112	29%	124	19%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	7	1%	7	1%	11	3%	14	2%
White	406	45%	218	37%	114	30%	207	32%
Multiracial	20	2%	24	4%	8	2%	32	5%
Other/Unknown	114	13%	51	9%	51	13%	67	11%
Age								
10-14	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
15-19	5	1%	9	2%	9	2%	27	4%
20-24	62	7%	44	7%	42	11%	73	11%
25-29	130	14%	85	14%	46	12%	100	16%
30-34	199	22%	95	16%	79	21%	114	18%
35-44	253	28%	178	30%	102	27%	175	27%
45-54	157	17%	100	17%	60	16%	84	13%
>=55	94	10%	77	13%	43	11%	63	10%
Total Interviewed	104	12%	249	42%	57	15%	332	52%
Risk factors among interviewed cases²								
Homeless (past 3 months)	12	12%	88	35%	5	9%	70	21%
Injection Drug Use (past year)	5	5%	20	8%	1	2%	13	4%
Methamphetamine Use (past year)	15	14%	73	29%	4	7%	70	21%
Opioids Use (past year) ³	2	2%	49	20%	1	2%	36	11%
Substance Use (past year) ⁴	16	15%	83	33%	4	7%	75	23%
Exchange Sex (past year)	3	3%	13	5%	4	7%	6	2%
No Risk Identified	86	83%	130	52%	48	84%	231	70%

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²Risk factors are limited to cases interviewed by Public Health staff. Percentages shown are among interviewed cases. No risk identified includes cases with no reported homelessness, injection drug use, methamphetamine use, opioid use, or exchange sex.

³Opioids not used as directed by a doctor. Includes fentanyl use.

⁴Substance use includes any injection drug, methamphetamine, or opioid use.