



Fact Sheet

Broward County

Sexually Transmitted Infections



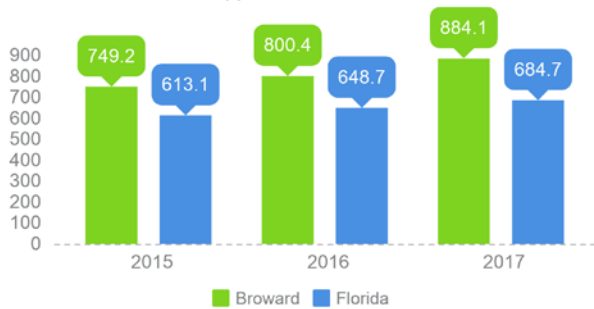
Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are a major health concern in the United States. These infections have serious health implications for the entire population. Many times the symptoms and consequences are more severe for women who may even pass the disease to their baby if they are infected during pregnancy. STIs caused by bacteria or parasites (like chlamydia, syphilis, and gonorrhea) may be treated through a healthcare provider; however, viral infections (such as HIV/AIDS) currently have no cure; instead they have medication that can help keep the disease under control.



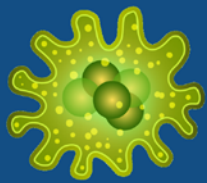
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Total Bacterial Infections

The Florida Department of Health monitors cases for the top three bacterial STIs -Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis.



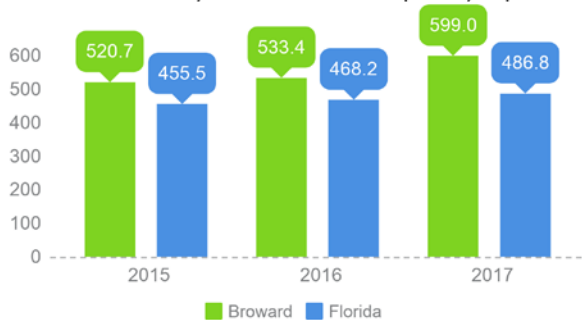
Broward's rate for total bacterial STIs has **increased** annually from 2015 to 2017 when the rate reached **884.1**. During this same time period, Broward's rate has been consistently higher than that of Florida.



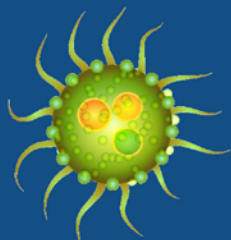
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Chlamydia

Chlamydia is the most frequently reported bacterial STI in the United States.



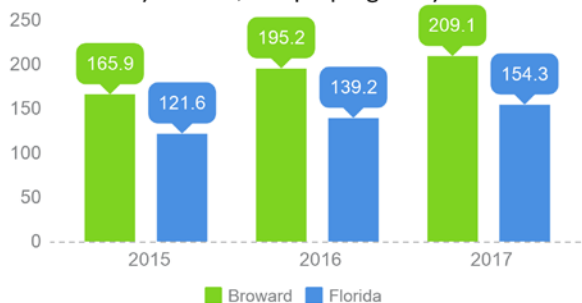
Broward's rate for total chlamydia **increased** annually from 2015 to 2017 when the rate reached **599.0**. During this same time period, Broward's rate has been consistently higher than that of Florida.



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Gonorrhea

Gonorrhea is another bacterial STI that can have serious health implications for women including pelvic inflammatory disease, ectopic pregnancy and infertility.



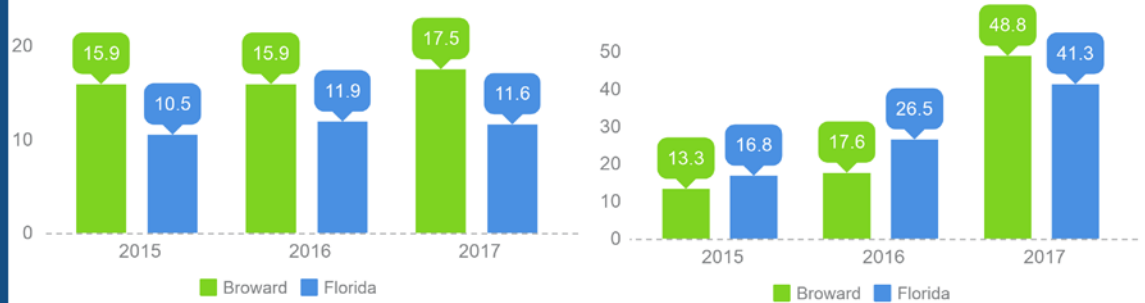
Broward's gonorrhea has **increased** annually from 2015 to 2017 when the rate reached **209.1**. During this same time period, Broward's rate has been consistently higher than that of Florida.



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Syphilis

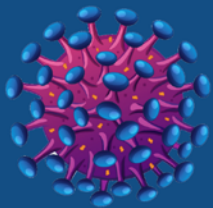
Syphilis is primarily a sexually transmitted disease that can result in serious complications when left untreated. Passing syphilis to a developing baby during pregnancy can lead to serious health problems such as: premature births, stillbirths and, in some cases, death shortly after birth.



Infectious Syphilis

Congenital Syphilis

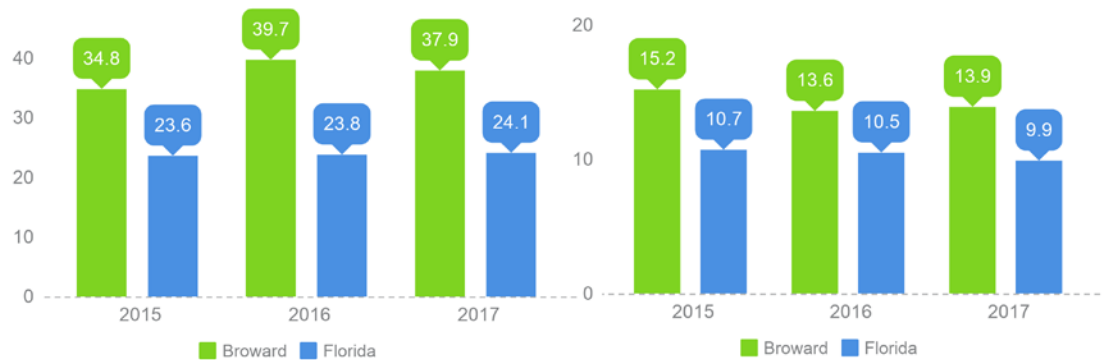
Broward's infectious syphilis rate **increased** from 2016 to 2017 when the rate reached **17.5**. During this time, Broward's rate has been consistently higher than that of Florida. In regards to congenital syphilis, the **Broward rate increased significantly in 2017 to 48.8, up from 17.6 in 2016.**



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HIV/AIDS*

HIV is a virus that weakens the body's immune system. HIV causes AIDS, a disease that decrease the body's ability to fight infections and certain cancers.



HIV

AIDS

Broward's rate for HIV **decreased** from 2016 to 2017 (39.7 to 37.9 respectively). During the same time period, the rate for AIDS increased slightly from 13.6 to 13.9; however this number represents an overall **decrease** from the 2015 rate of 15.2. Despite these improvements, Broward has remained at a higher rate than Florida for both HIV and AIDS.

* measures new cases by year of diagnosis as of 6/2017

Source: Florida Charts, 2017



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