

SYPHILIS

ONTARIO 2024



Focus on infectious syphilis and early congenital syphilis

Rates of infectious syphilis cases have more than doubled in Ontario in the last 10 years.

2X
more cases

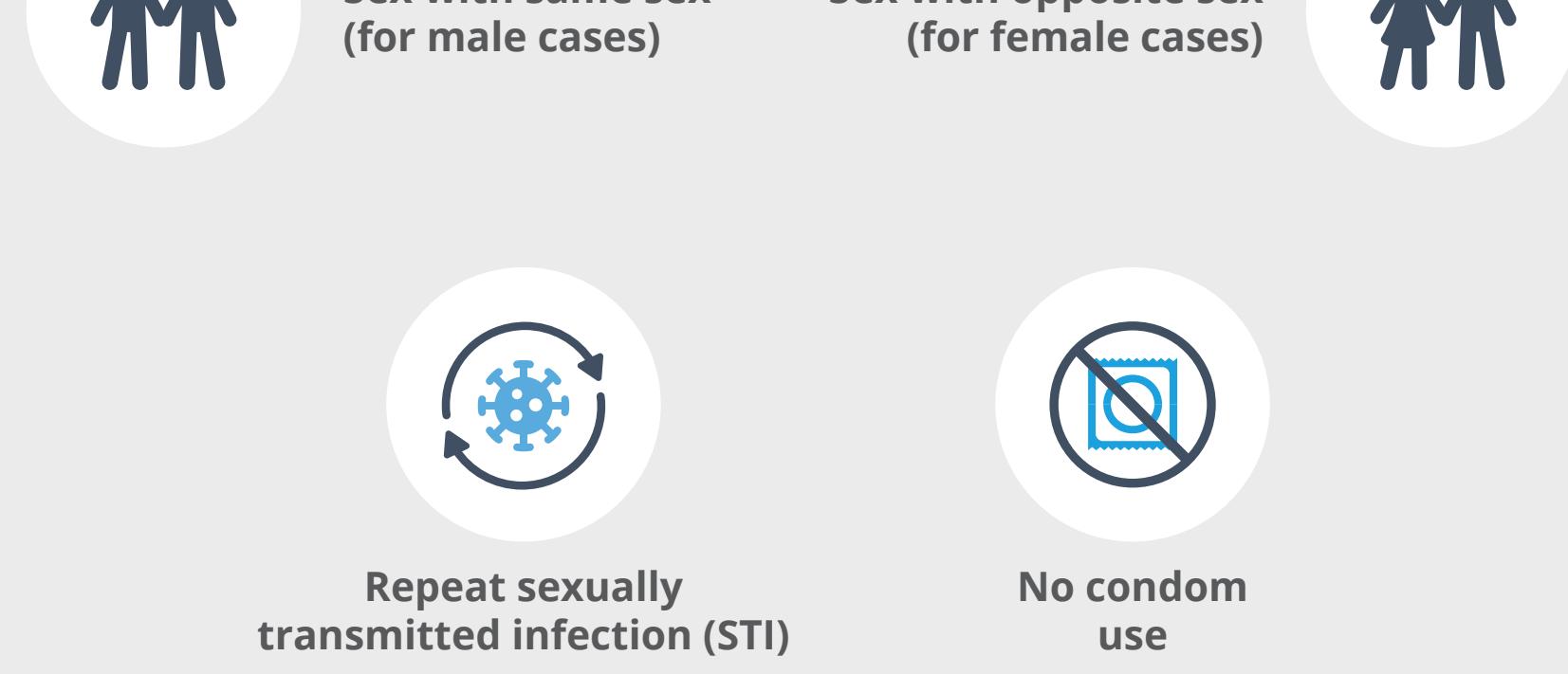
2,904

Infectious syphilis cases reported in Ontario (2024)

8 → 18

From 8 cases to 18 cases per 100,000 population (from 2015 to 2024)

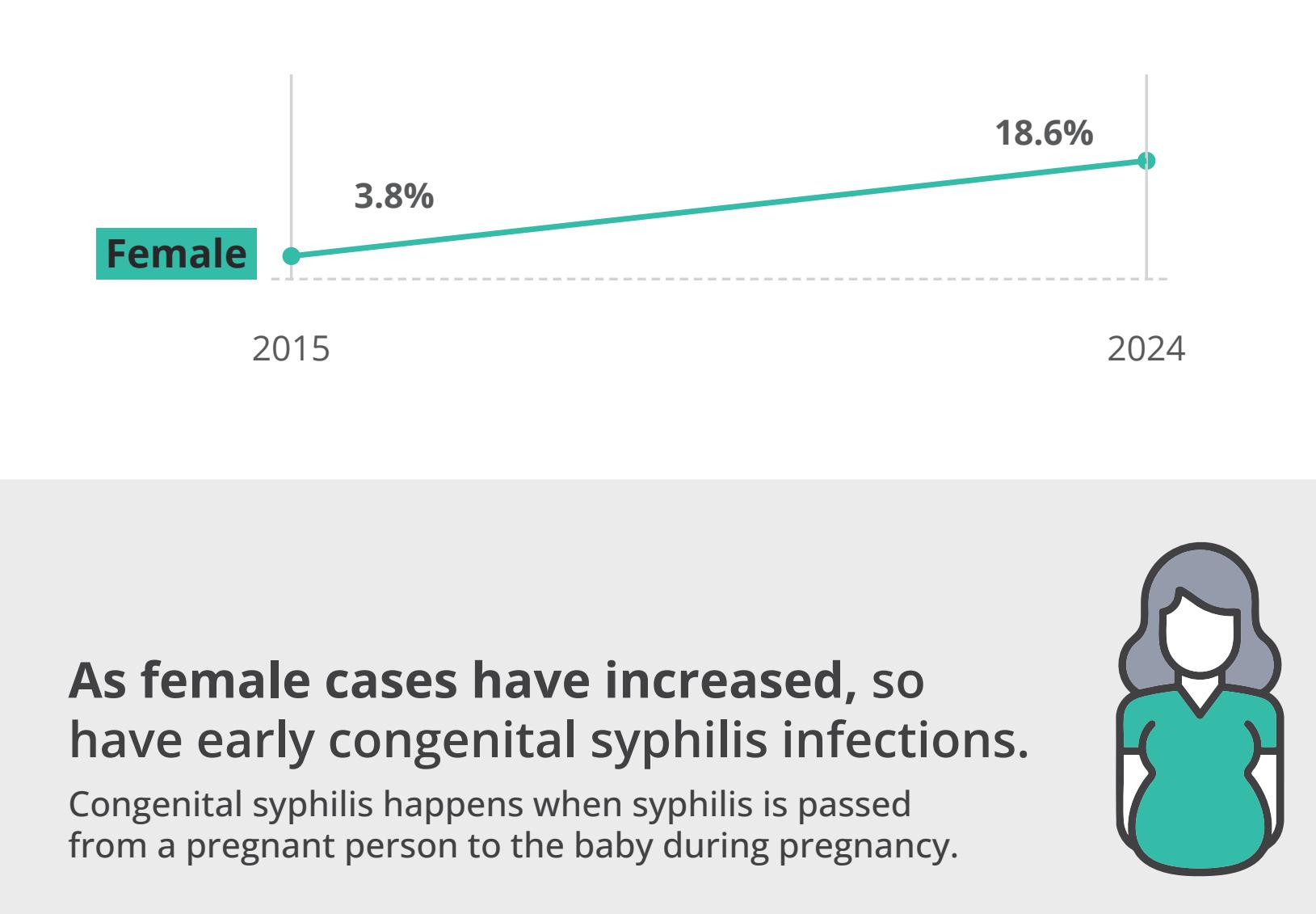
Males Account for the Majority of Cases



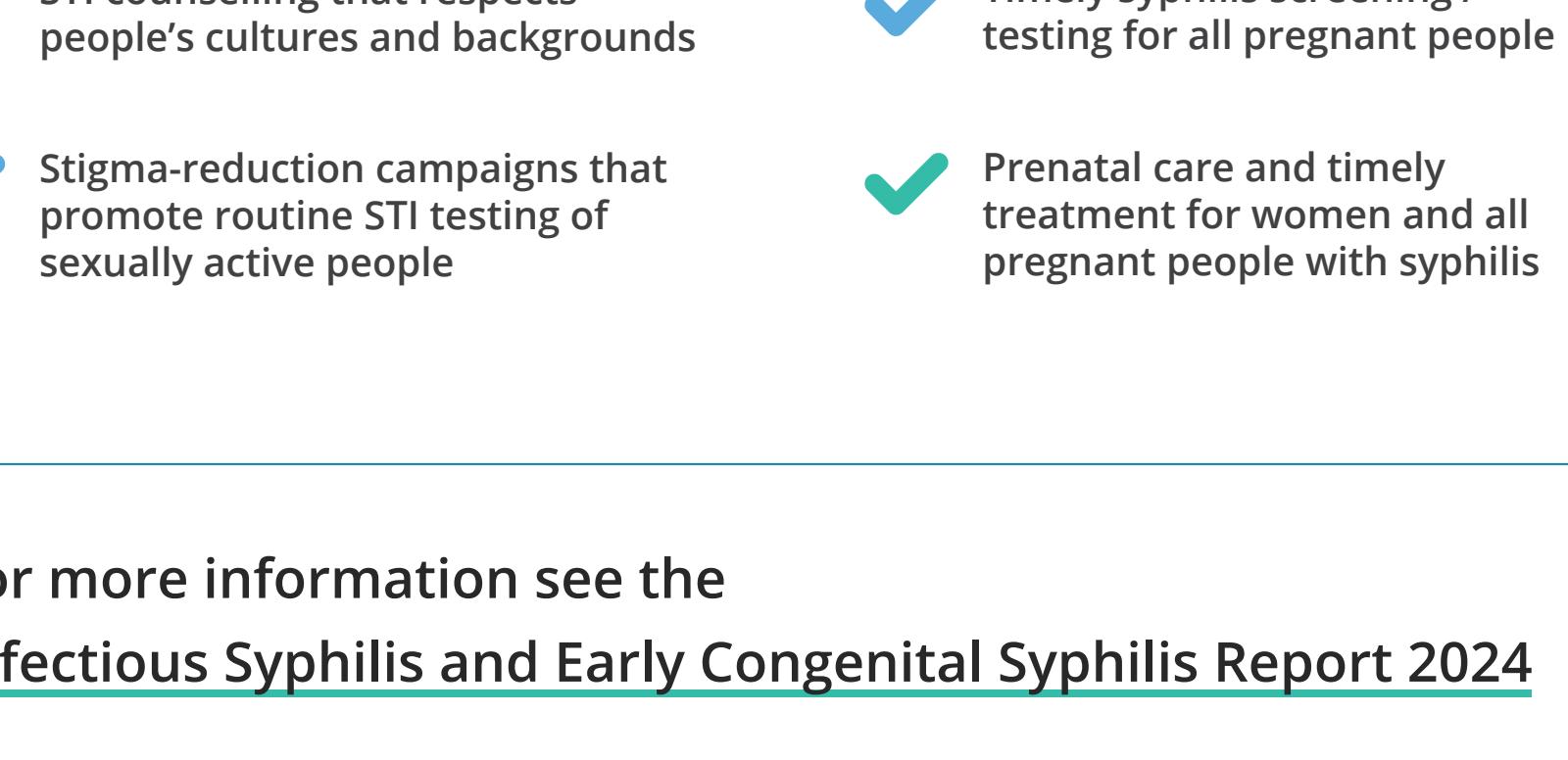
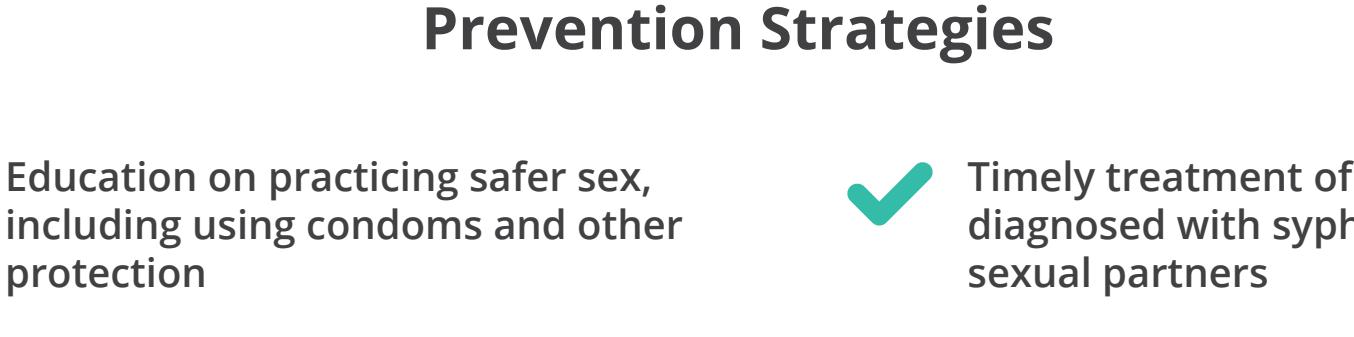
30-34 years

Highest rates by age group for both **males** and **females**

Most Common Risk Factors for Getting Syphilis



The proportion of all infectious syphilis cases among females has increased five-fold in the last 10 years.



Prevention Strategies

- ✓ Education on practicing safer sex, including using condoms and other protection
- ✓ STI counselling that respects people's cultures and backgrounds
- ✓ Stigma-reduction campaigns that promote routine STI testing of sexually active people
- ✓ Timely treatment of individuals diagnosed with syphilis and their sexual partners
- ✓ Timely syphilis screening / testing for all pregnant people
- ✓ Prenatal care and timely treatment for women and all pregnant people with syphilis

For more information see the [Infectious Syphilis and Early Congenital Syphilis Report 2024](#)