



## ***STI Testing – A Gateway to HIV (& Syphilis) Diagnoses in Black and Latino Youth***

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- AIDS Service Organization providing:
  - Education, Testing, and Outreach
  - Clinic services including HIV & STI Treatment, PrEP and DoxyPep
  - On-site Pharmacy
  - Wrap-around support: Meals, oral health, case management, housing, mental health, & transportation
- Conduct 3000-4000 HIV & STI tests per year
- Funding has been focused on MSM and Transgender Women
  - There is a need to provide testing for cis-women and cis-men who have sex with women
  - Especially for those under 30



# Methods



- Rapid finger stick HIV testing using *Insti* tests
- Rapid syphilis tests from Diagnostics Direct
- Urine, oral, or anal swabs gonorrhea and chlamydia sent to Texas DSHS lab
- SAAF testing is onsite M-F, with late hours Tuesday and Sat 11-3. SAAF also hosts outreach events.
- Clients complete an assessment, entered into the DSHS database each month
- Evaluated testing data at SAAF from

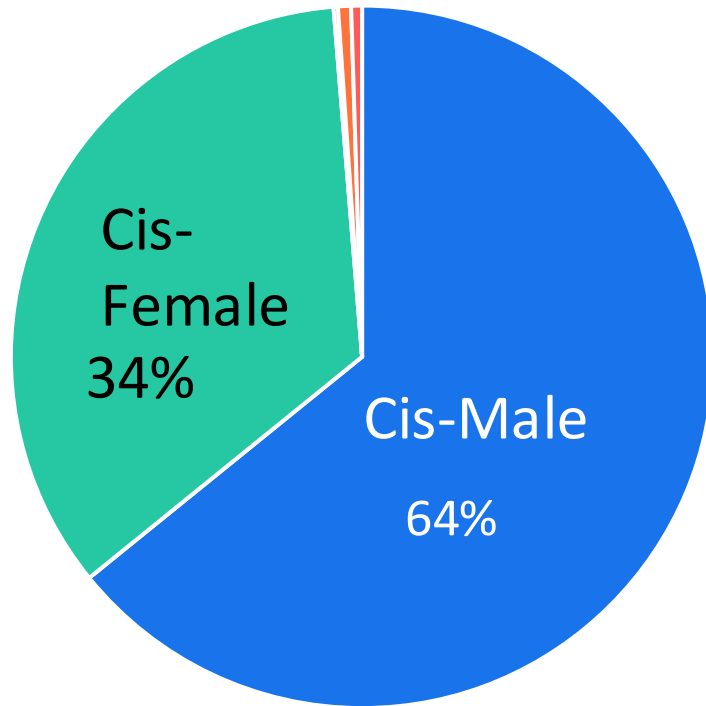
**Dec 2022 through November 2024**

- More than 8000 HIV and syphilis tests and more than 6000 GC/CT tests

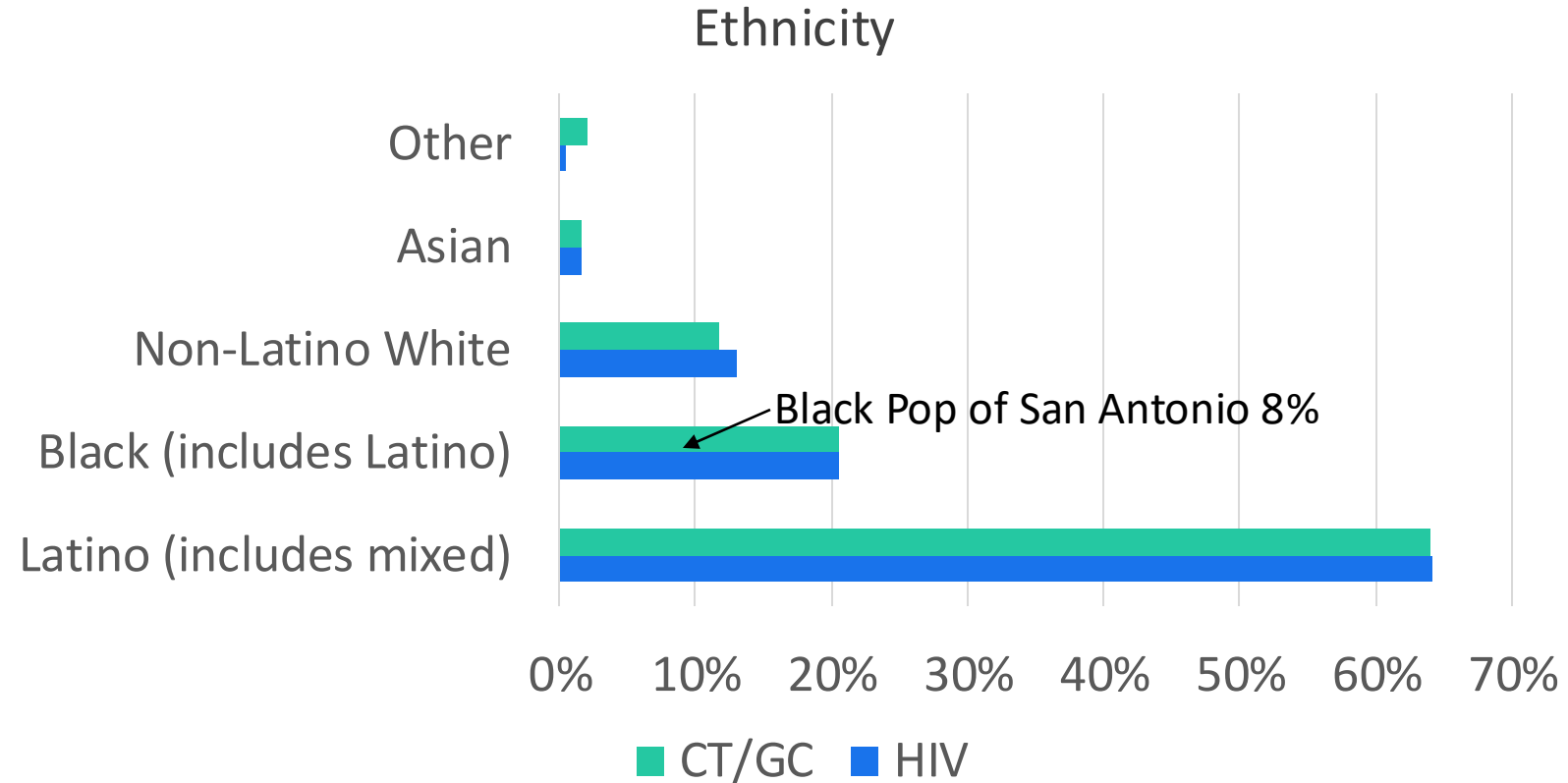


# Who Is Testing at SAAF?

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- Trans (FTM) 0.2%
- Trans (MTF) 0.6 %
- Not Specified/Non-Binary 0.5 %



HIV Tests N=8,363  
Syphilis N = 7,526  
GC/CT Tests N=6,418



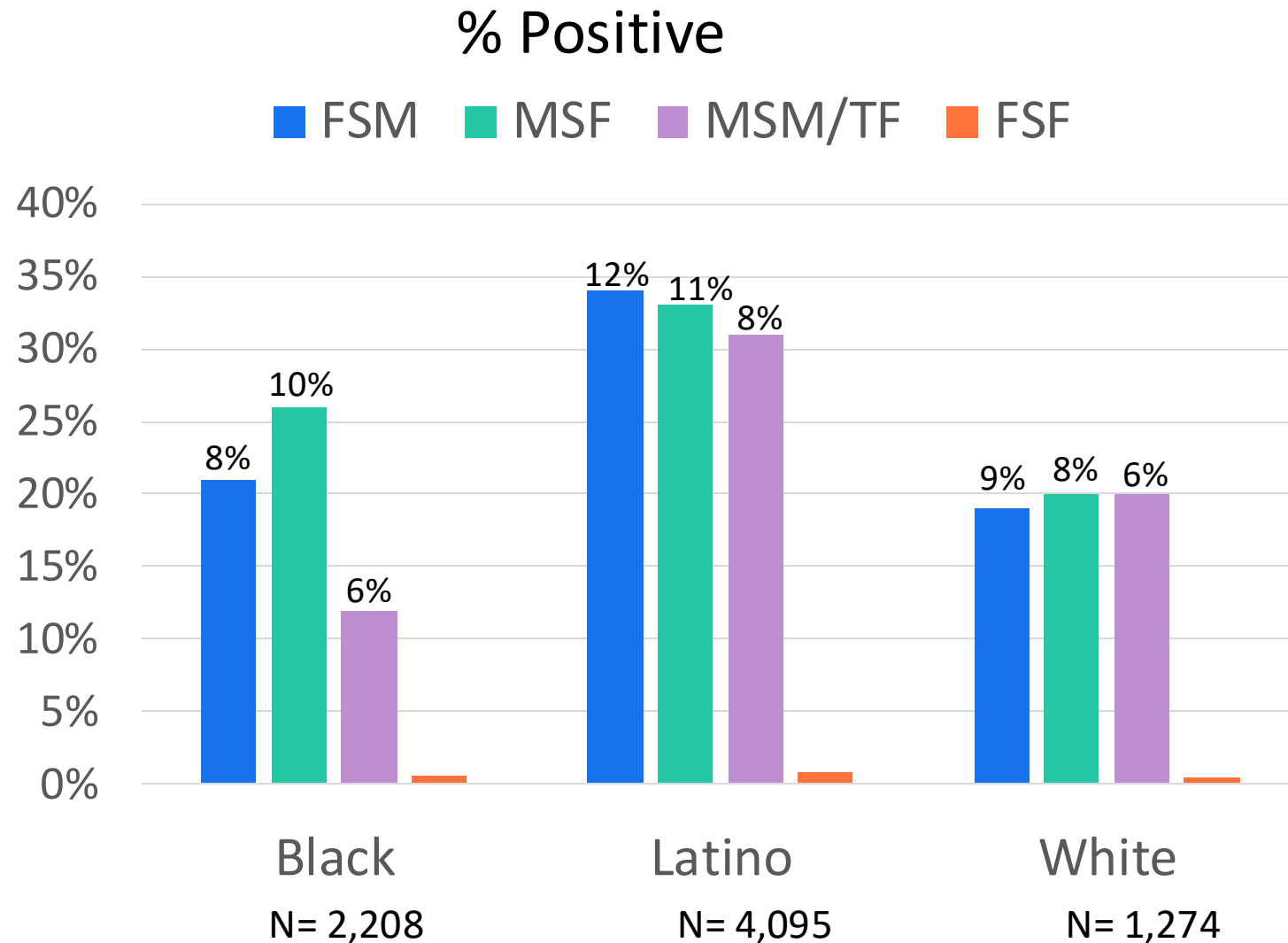
# Sexual Partners and Chlamydia Positivity

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## Funding focuses on CDC Priority Groups

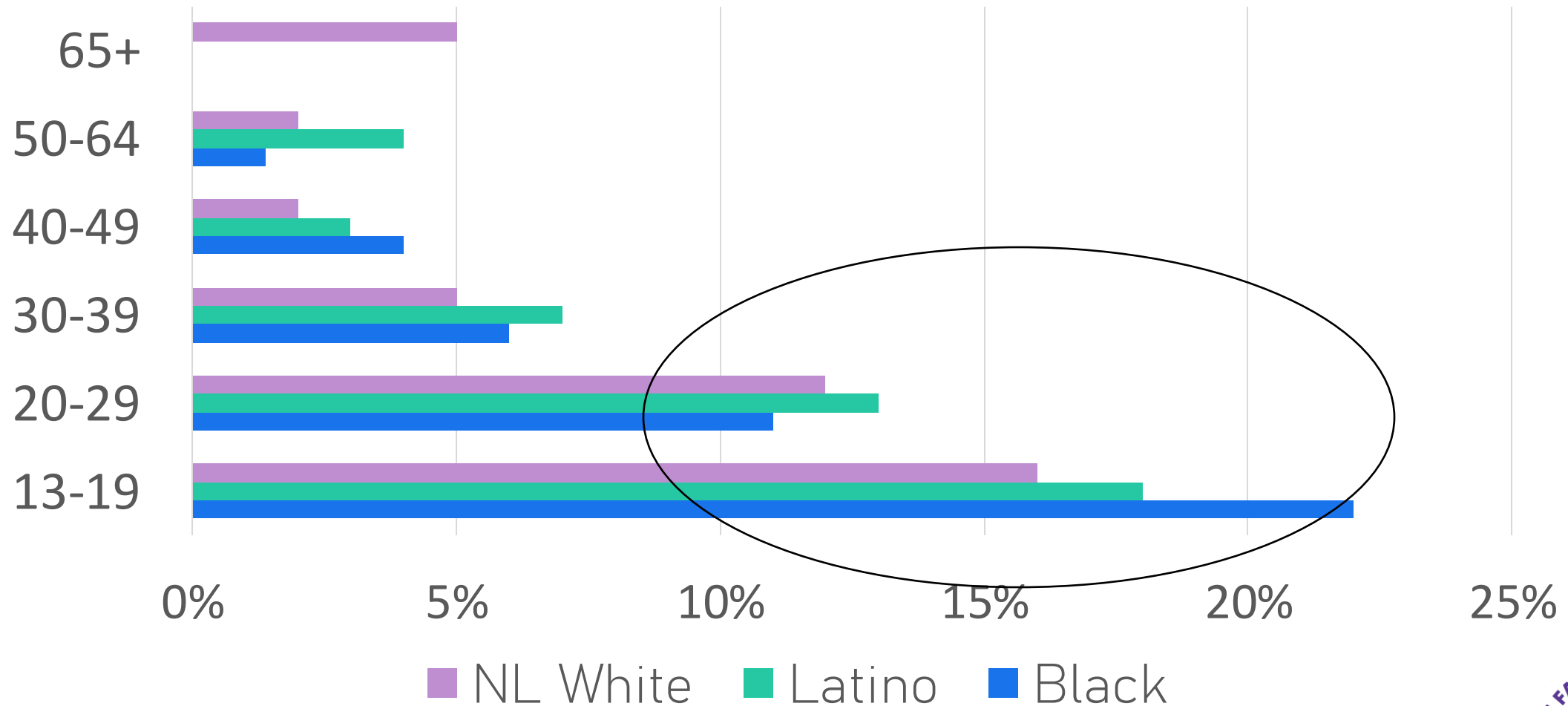
For All Tests:

- 51% of tests in People Assigned Male at Birth are under 30
  - 30% Positive
- 63% of tests in People Assigned Female at Birth are under 30
  - 36% Positive



# Age and Ethnicity of CT Positive

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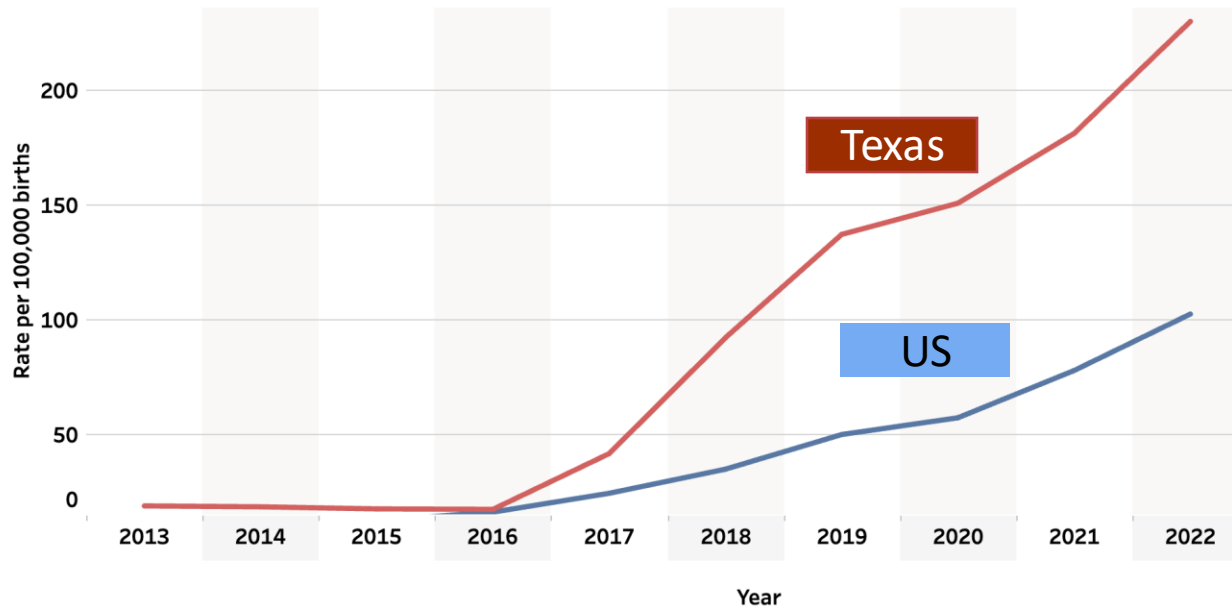




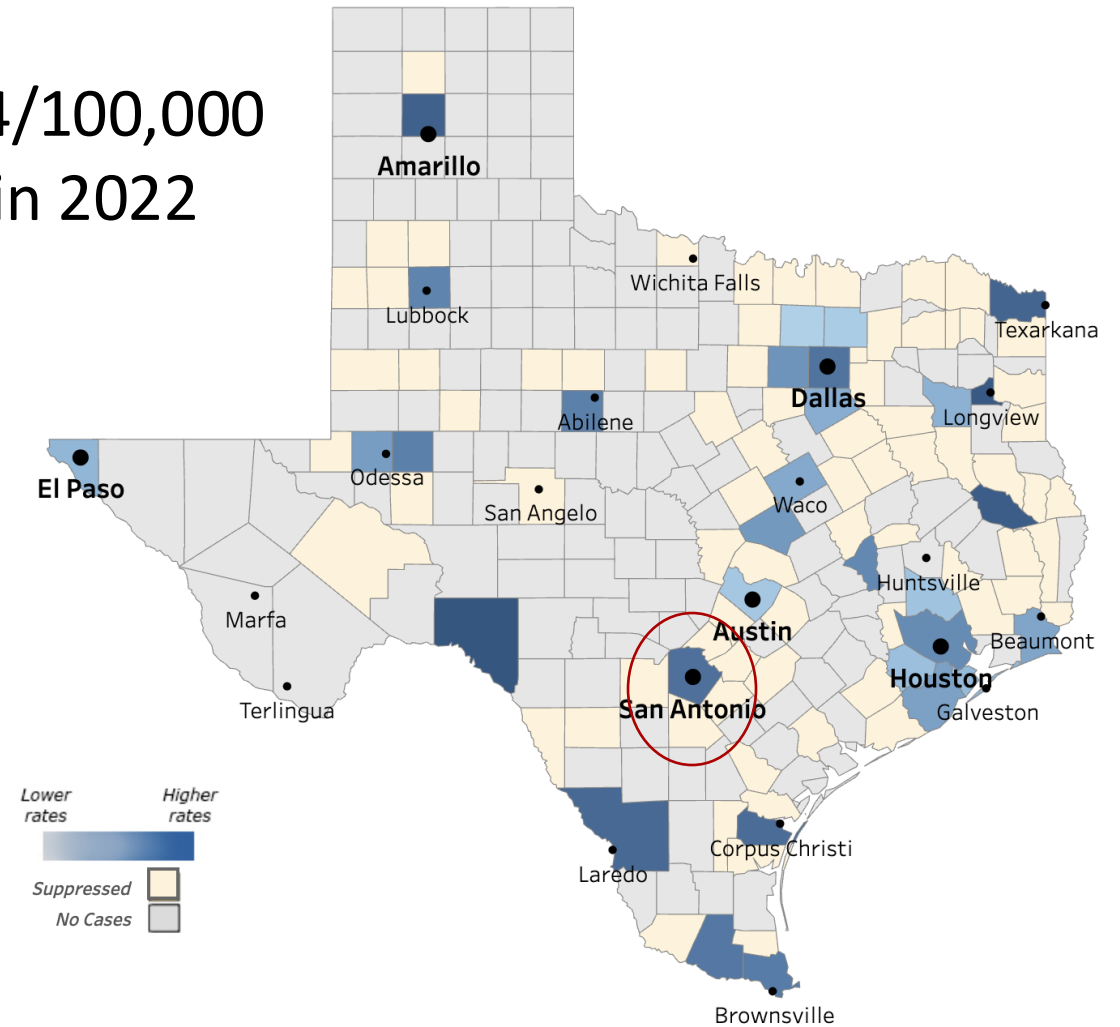
# Congenital Syphilis in Bexar County

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Congenital Syphilis Rates in Texas 2013-2022  
Babies born to women ages 15-44 years



444/100,000  
in 2022



<https://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/dashboard/diseases/congenital-syphilis>



# Age Distribution of Individuals Diagnosed with Syphilis

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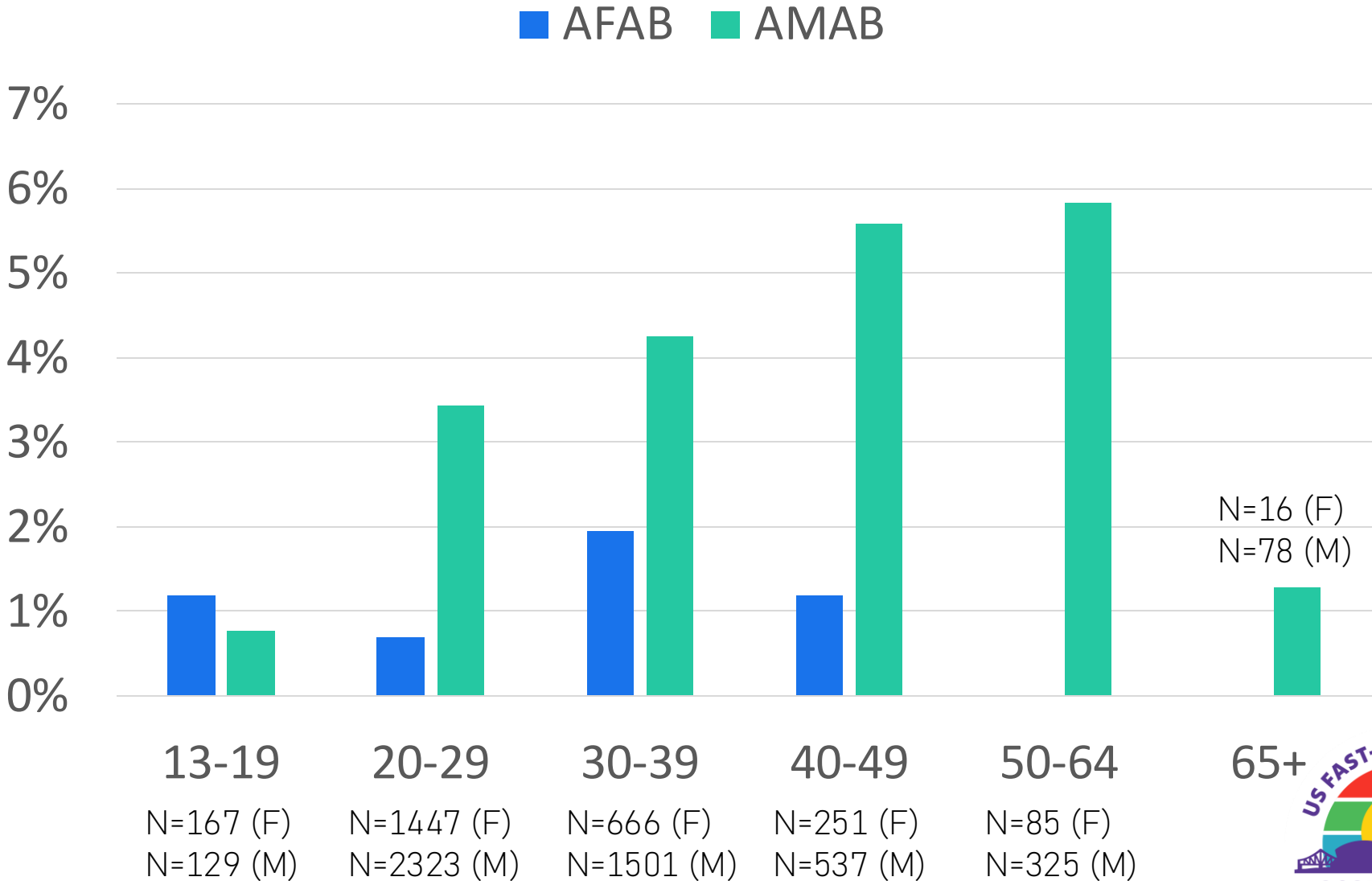
**Women of “childbearing age” (15-44) are more likely to test positive for syphilis**

**Positive:**

**Black MSM = 10%**  
**Black MSF = 1.5%**  
**Black FSM = 0.6%**

**Latino MSM = 7.3%**  
**Latino MSF = 1.3%**  
**Latino FSM = 1.4%**

**White MSM = 5.6%**  
**White MSF = 0.6%**  
**White FSM = 0.4%**





# Why does this matter?

- Focus on “priority populations” misses opportunity to educate and test youth/FSM, MSF
- Cis-women are at risk for congenital syphilis
- HIV is lurking around the corner

