

# Experts warning of ‘troubling surge’ in STDs in Europe amid push for better sex health

There has been a significant increase in sexually transmitted infections in European countries, particularly gonorrhoea, syphilis, and chlamydia.

European health authorities warned of a “troubling surge” in cases of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), revealing a need to act urgently to raise awareness and promote sexual health.

In 2022, gonorrhoea cases rose by 48 per cent, syphilis cases by 34 per cent, and chlamydia cases by 16 per cent compared to the previous year, according to the latest **annual reports** from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

“The numbers paint a stark picture, one that demands our immediate attention and action,” said ECDC director Andrea Ammon, adding that this is likely just the “tip of the iceberg” as surveillance data may underestimate the true number of infections.

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