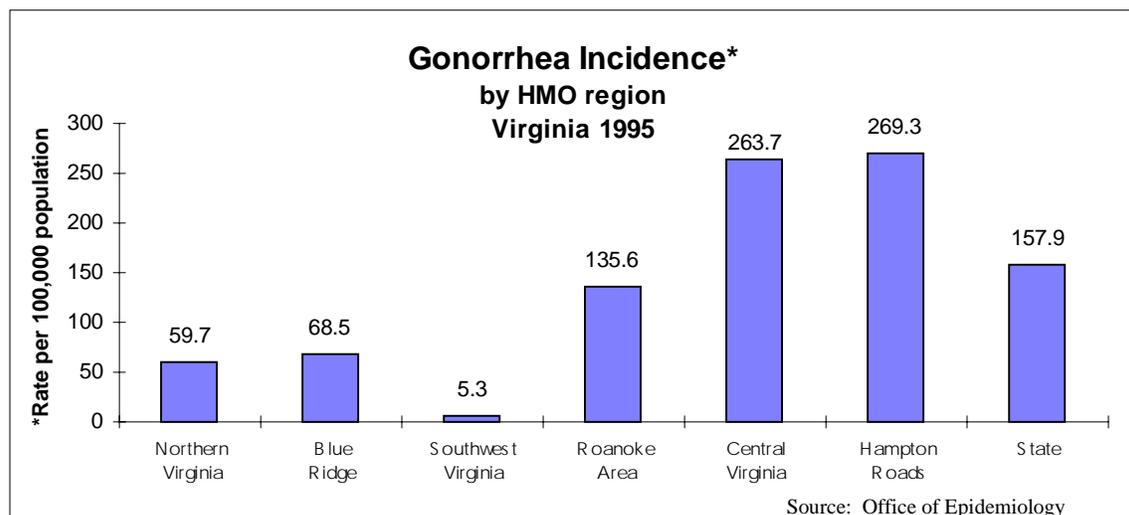
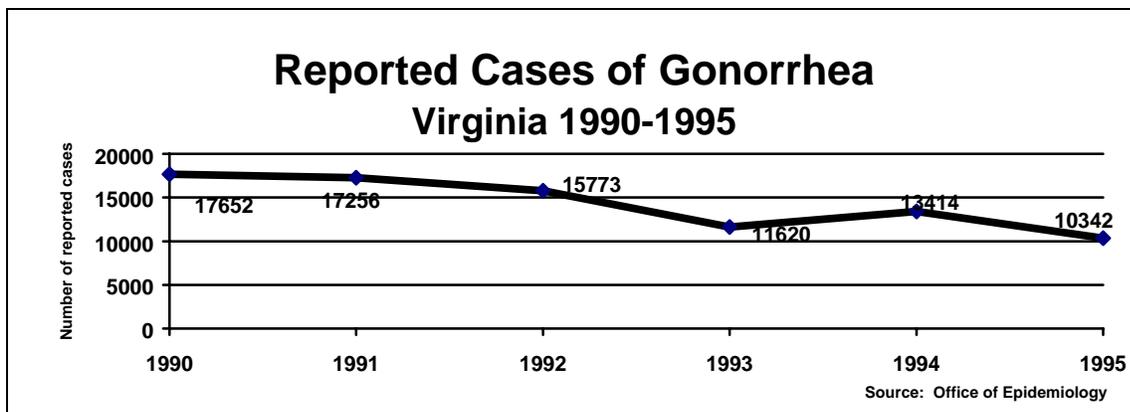


## Sexually Transmitted Diseases: Gonorrhea

**Objective:** Reduce gonorrhea to an incidence of no more than 100 cases per 100,000 people.

Gonorrhea is a bacterial infection which typically causes infection of the lower urinary and genital tract in men and a more extensive infection of the reproductive organs in women. Long-term complications, which occur more commonly in women, include sterility and ectopic pregnancy. It is a disease that puts low income youth and minority populations at particular risk, with 57% of Virginia's 10,342 cases in 1995 occurring in the 15-to-24 year age group, and 79% of the cases involving blacks. The encouraging news is that Virginia, like the rest of the nation, has experienced a downward trend in gonorrhea morbidity in recent years, with the total number of cases in 1995 reflecting a 23% drop from the previous year and the lowest number of cases in any of the last ten years. Disease intervention efforts that have focused on identifying and treating infected individuals and their partners, and expanded screening for the disease are the main reasons for the decline.



**Incidence Rate of Gonorrhea\*  
by Health District, Virginia 1995**

<b>FIRST QUARTILE</b>	Lenowisco	3.3	
	Cumberland Plateau	4.2	
	Mount Rogers	6.2	
	Alleghany	17.6	
	Loudoun	18.1	
	Central Shenandoah	21.2	
	New River	26.9	
	Chesterfield	30.6	
	Fairfax	32.2	
<b>SECOND QUARTILE</b>	Henrico	34.8	
	Lord Fairfax	60.6	
	Arlington	75.8	
	Rappahannock/Rapidan	77.1	
	Prince William	81.5	
	Rappahannock	81.9	
	Hanover	84.4	
	Virginia Beach	86.9	
Three Rivers	92.0		
<b>THIRD QUARTILE</b>	Thomas Jefferson	119.4	<b>Virginia 2000 Objective</b>  <b>100 per 100,000</b>
	West Piedmont	121.1	
	Central Virginia	130.3	
	Piedmont	135.2	<b>Virginia Rate 1995</b>  <b>157.9 per 100,000</b>
	Crater	147.9	
	Southside	160.8	
	Alexandria	210.9	<b>U.S. Rate 1994</b>  <b>168 per 100,000</b>
	Western Tidewater	212.6	
	Chesapeake	212.9	
<b>FOURTH QUARTILE</b>	Eastern Shore	214.1	
	Peninsula	217.6	
	Hampton	249.9	
	Roanoke	301.4	
	Pittsylvania/Danville	415.3	
	Portsmouth	590.8	
	Norfolk	649.3	
Richmond	1197.9		