

Region IX

In 2011, the chlamydia positivity rate among women aged 15-24 years tested in family planning clinics in Region IX was 5.8%, representing a slight increase from 2010 (5.5% positivity). In 2010, test volume in Region IX almost tripled due to the implementation of an electronic data system in the California and Los Angeles Project Areas that reported data from almost every federally-funded family planning clinic site in the state (rather than the smaller number of sentinel sites reported in prior years). It is likely that the decrease in positivity from 2009 to 2010 is an artifact of changes in reporting practices. In 2011, 95.1% of all chlamydia tests reported in this population were nucleic acid amplification tests.

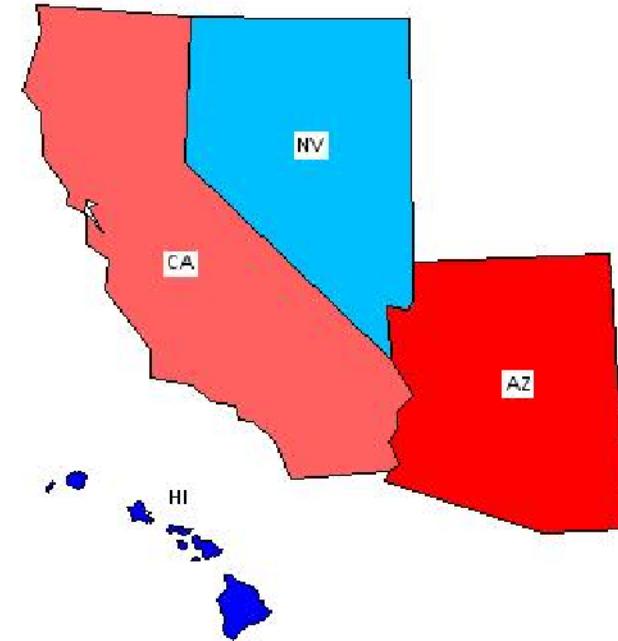


Figure A. Chlamydia - Trends in Positivity Among Women Aged 15-24 Years Tested in Family Planning Clinics, Infertility Prevention Project, United States, Region IX, 1996 - 2011

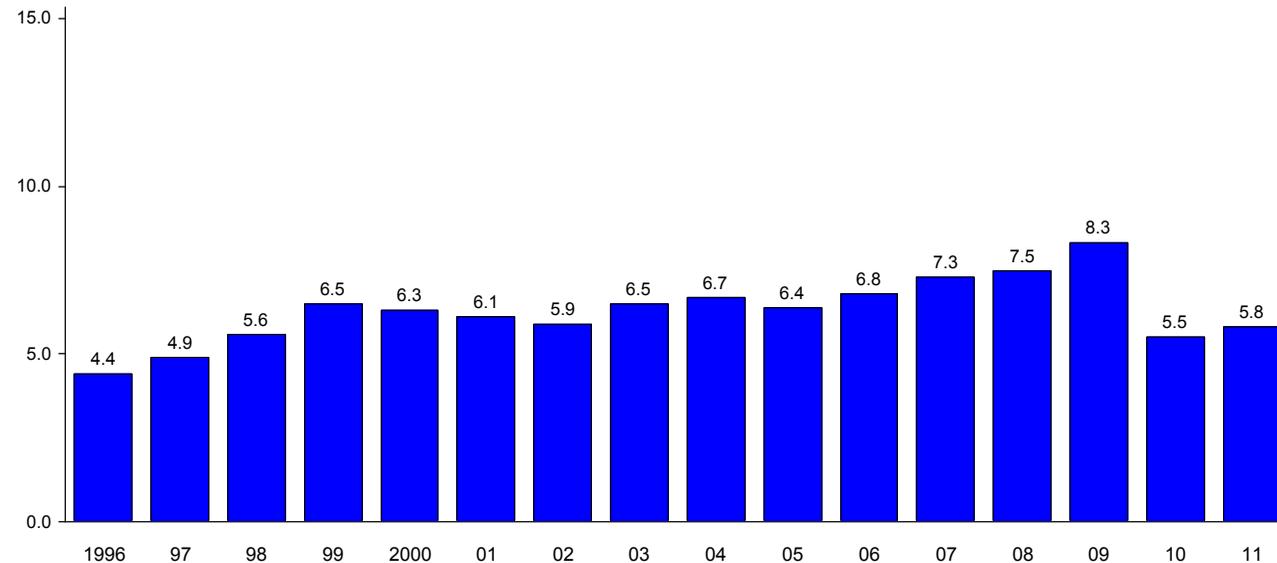
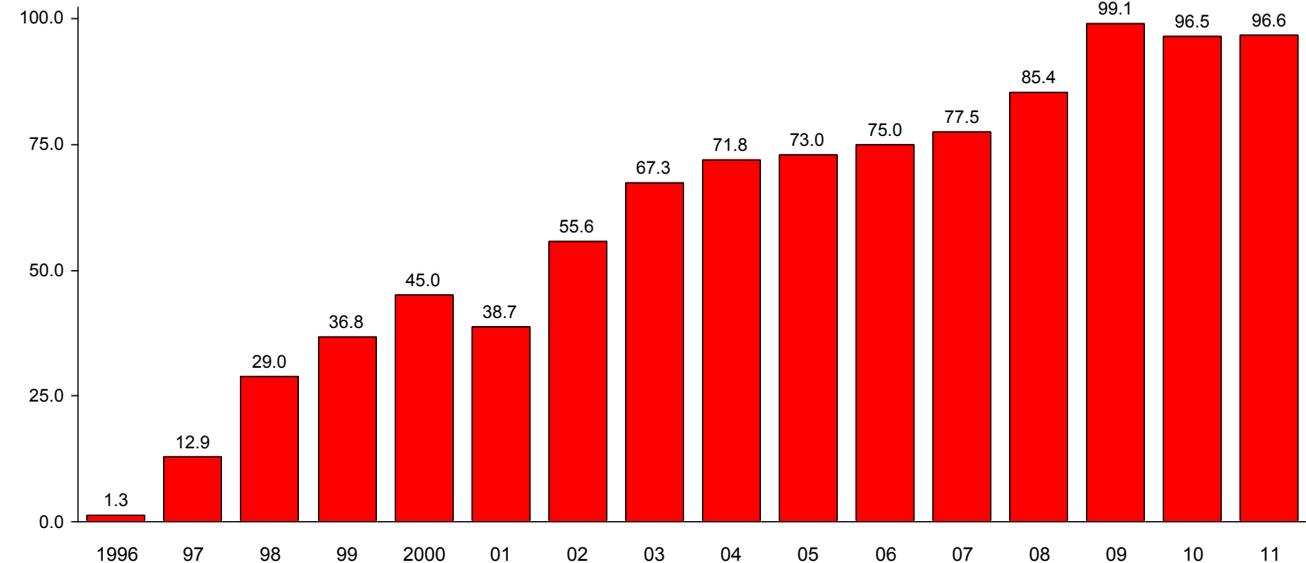


Figure B. Chlamydia - Percentage* of Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests Used Among Women Aged 15-24 Years Tested in Family Planning Clinics, Infertility Prevention Project, United States, Region IX, 1996-2011



*Tests with unknown test technology are excluded. From 1996-2011, the % of tests missing test technology information ranged from 0.0% to 1.8%