

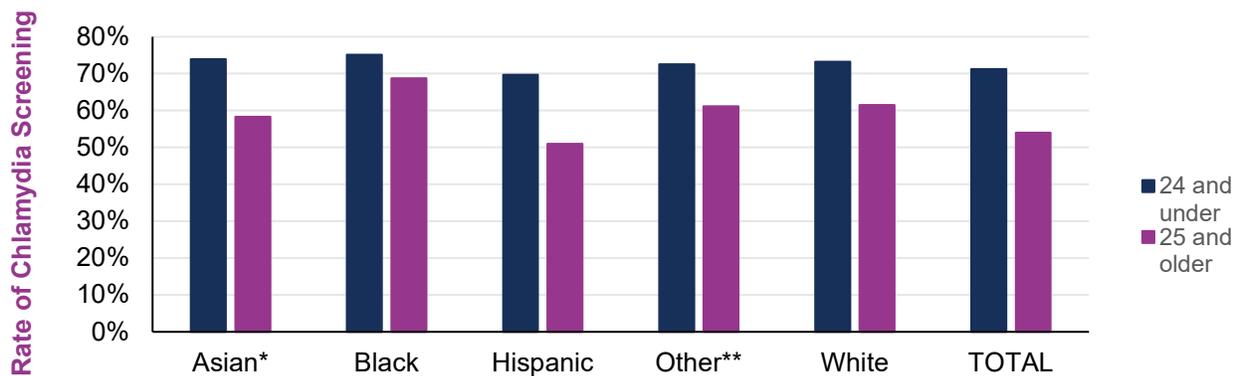
Chlamydia Screening by Race/Ethnicity

Chlamydia trachomatis is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States (US) with over 1.7 million cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2018.¹ In California, the chlamydia infection rate is highest among women aged 15 to 24.² Notably, the majority of cases are asymptomatic; thus, the true burden of chlamydia infection is underestimated.³ In 2014, the US Preventive Services Task Force updated its previous recommendation on chlamydia screening for all sexually active females who are 24 years or younger and reserved screening for women 25 and older based on behavior risk criteria.⁴ The Family Planning, Access, Care and Treatment (Family PACT) Program updated policy according to this recommendation and continually monitors chlamydia-screening rates within the Program.



In Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19, 71% of sexually active women aged 24 years and younger had at least one chlamydia screening test in the Family PACT Program. In women aged 24 and under, African American/Black women had the highest chlamydia screening rate (75%) with Hispanics (70%) having the lowest (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Chlamydia Screening in Female Family PACT Clients by Age and Ethnicity, FY 2018-19



Data Source: Medi-Cal Management Information System/ Decision Support System |
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*Asian include Pacific Islanders and Filipinos; ** Other include American Indian and Alaskan Native

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