

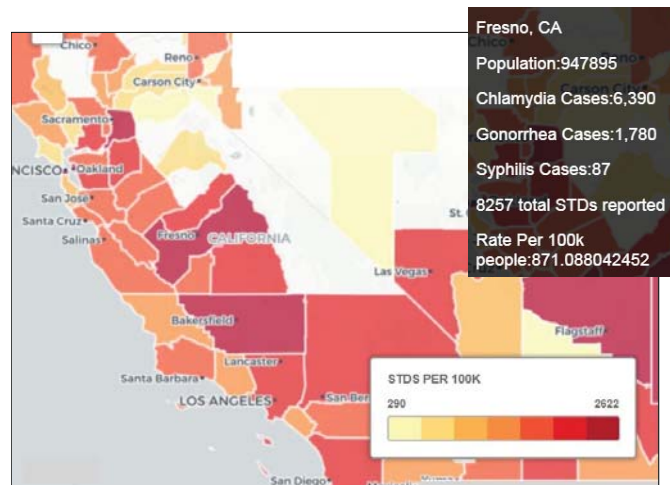


Are Teens Being Prevented from Buying Condoms from Pharmacies in Fresno County?

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Background

- Compared to the State of California, Fresno County has one of the highest rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea
- Sexually transmitted infection (STIs) rates are highest in 15-24 year olds
- Condoms, when used appropriately decrease the rate of STIs and unplanned pregnancy



Methods

- Fresno County licensed pharmacy list obtained
- Phone survey using standardized script
- Four questions asked
- Analysis
 - Descriptive statistics
 - Chi-squared tests

Objectives

- Explore if teenagers in Fresno County are being prevented from purchasing condoms at pharmacies
- Are rural pharmacy practices different than urban?

Specific Measures

- Sells condoms
- Identification required to buy
- Age restriction
- Accessibility of condoms
 - No employee assistance required

Results

	Rural	Urban	p-value
Sell condoms (%)	79	69	0.22
No ID required (%)	93	86	0.39
No age restriction (%)	81	83	0.86
Accessible (%)	63	66	0.78

Discussion

- There was not a statistical difference between rural and urban pharmacies
- Few pharmacies required ID or had age restrictions

Limitations

- Unable to contact 10% of pharmacies
- Missing information about ID and age requirements for some pharmacies

Conclusions

- Fresno County teens have ample choices to obtain condoms
- Few pharmacies in Fresno County required ID or had age limits for purchasing condoms
- Most pharmacies had accessible condoms

