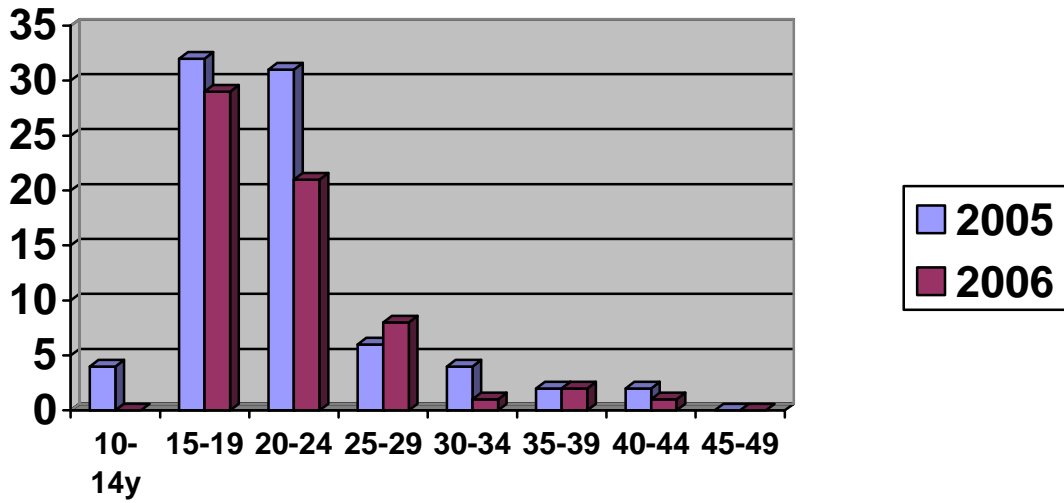
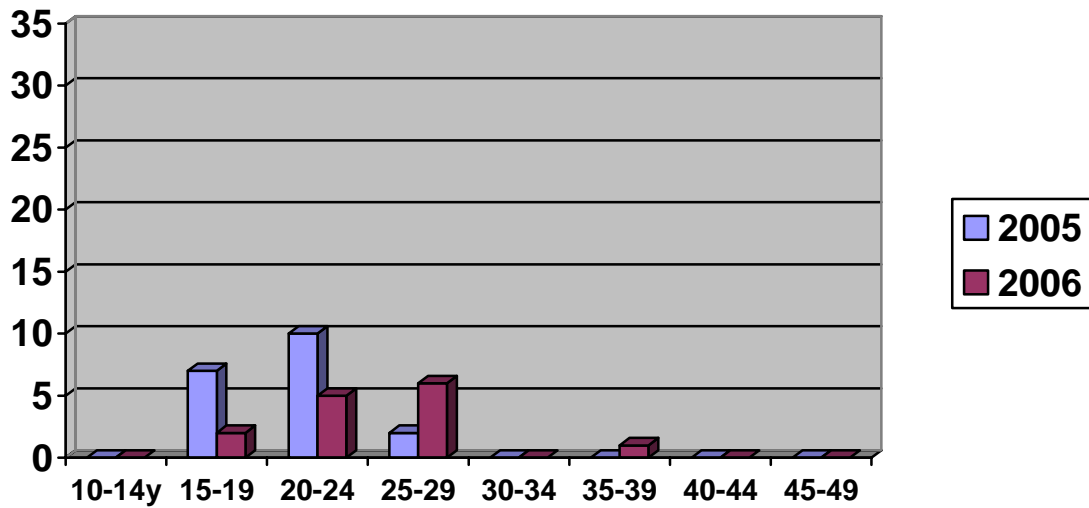


Incidence of Chlamydia Delta-Menominee Counties

Females



Males



The above graphs compare the number of reported cases of Chlamydia in 2005 and 2006, for males and females in Delta-Menominee counties with the highest risk of incidence occurring between 15-29 years of age. Although numbers appear to have decreased slightly over the past year, Chlamydia continues to be a growing concern since data only reflects those individuals who sought testing.

Chlamydia is a sexually transmitted bacterial infection that affects both men and women. In men, the infection manifests as urethritis and in women as a cervical infection. Up to 25% of infected men, and as many as 70% of infected women, do not experience symptoms. If symptoms do occur, they will typically appear 7-28 days after sexual contact with the infected partner. In women, symptoms may include discharge, bleeding between periods, burning and/or frequency of urination, and abdominal pain. Men may have penile discharge, burning and/or frequency of urination, and swollen or tender testicles. Screening and testing for Chlamydia and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) can be done at the local health department. Sexually active adolescent girls should be screened at their annual exam. Adult women with a new sexual partner, or a history of multiple partners, or inconsistent use of barrier methods i.e. condoms, should be screened. Diagnosis is made by obtaining an intraurethral (males) or endocervical (females) culture done by a clinician, or by submitting a urine sample.

Untreated Chlamydia can lead to more serious infections and cause damage to the reproductive organs. Infected pregnant women are at risk of premature rupture of membranes, preterm delivery, and infections passed to the newborn during birth. Chlamydia can be treated with antibiotics, including treatment of sexual partners within the previous 60 days, abstinence during treatment, and use of barrier methods to prevent reinfection.

For more information on Chlamydia and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases, contact the Delta-Menominee Health Department.