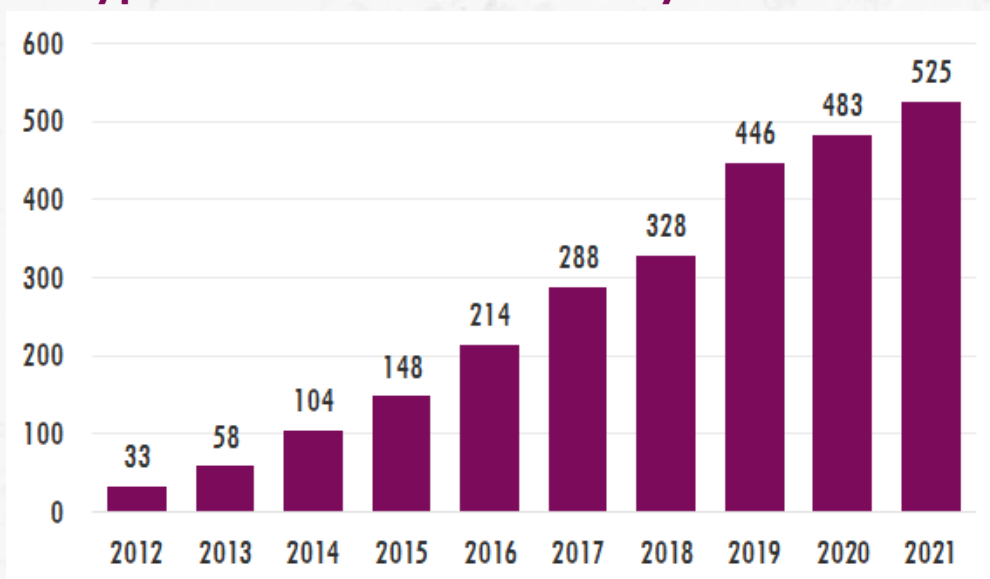


Syphilis is **on the rise** among California's babies.

Syphilis is an infection spread by sexual contact. Congenital syphilis is when syphilis is passed on from birthing parent to baby during pregnancy or during delivery. It can be life-threatening to the baby.

The number of babies born with **congenital syphilis** increased for the **9th year** in a row.



Since 2012, there have been **195 stillbirths or neonatal deaths** due to congenital syphilis.



Syphilis in babies is **PREVENTABLE**.



Testing & treatment are key to preventing syphilis.



Talk to your doctor & sex partners about prevention.

For more information, visit the California Department of Public Health's Congenital Syphilis webpage (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/CongenitalSyphilis.aspx>).

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