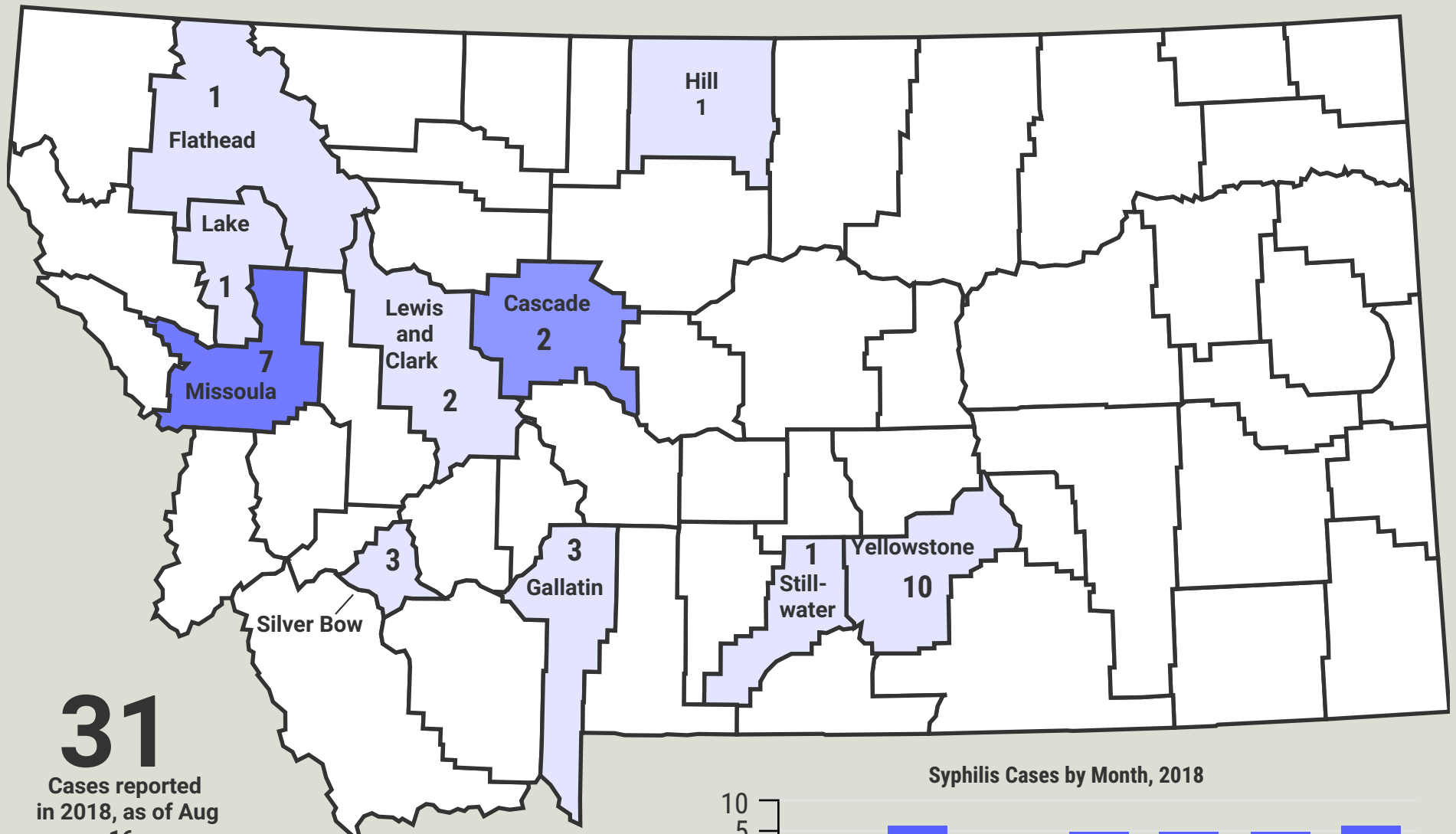


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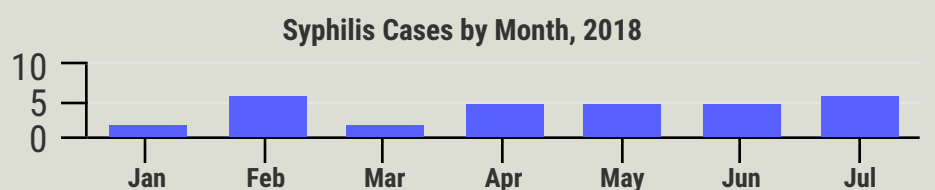
Syphilis cases diagnosed in the primary and secondary stage are infectious and of great concern to public health. The following information characterizes risk factors for syphilis in these stages.

Primary and Secondary Syphilis Cases, Montana, Aug 17, 2018

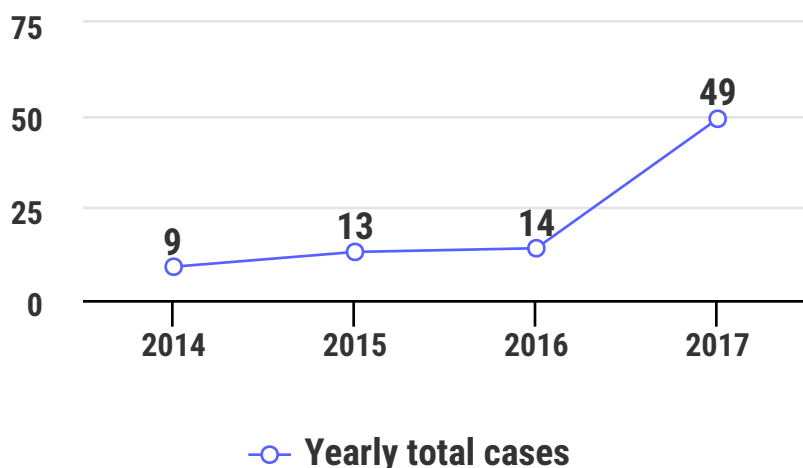
*Darker shading indicates cases reported within the last month.



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Cases reported in 2018, as of Aug 16.

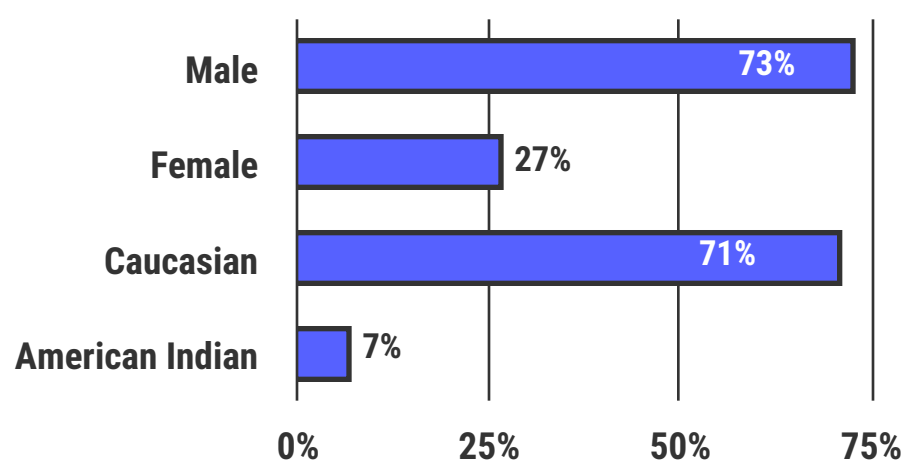


Case counts of primary and secondary syphilis are increasing.



Most of those affected are men who have sex with men, but women of childbearing age have been diagnosed with syphilis, which is a concern especially for pregnant women and their unborn children.

Selected Demographics of 2018 cases



Risk Factors of 2018 Syphilis Cases

- 63%** were men who have sex with men.
- 65%** cases with known information used social media apps and online sites to meet their partners.
- HIV** Five cases were co-infected with HIV.