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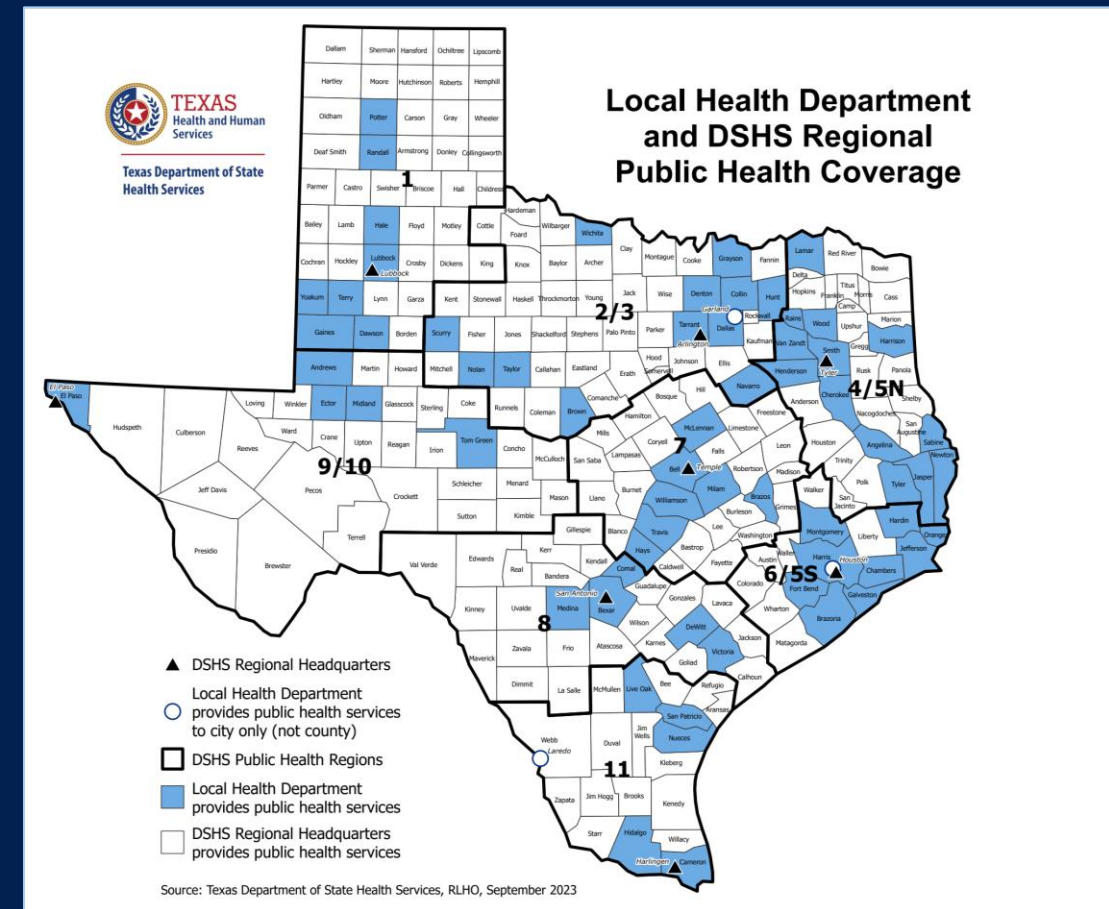
# Texas DSHS



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- Public Health Priorities
  - Core public health activities
  - Mother and child health
  - Data systems and products
- DSHS Restructuring





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# **Public Health Priorities**

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# Core Public Health Activities



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- Core Public Health Activities
  - TB
  - Immunizations
  - Preparedness
- Metrics
- Legislative information and requests



Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID)



# Mothers and Babies: DSHS Activities

- Hear Her Texas Campaign
- Texas AIM
- New data systems
- Congenital Syphilis Plan

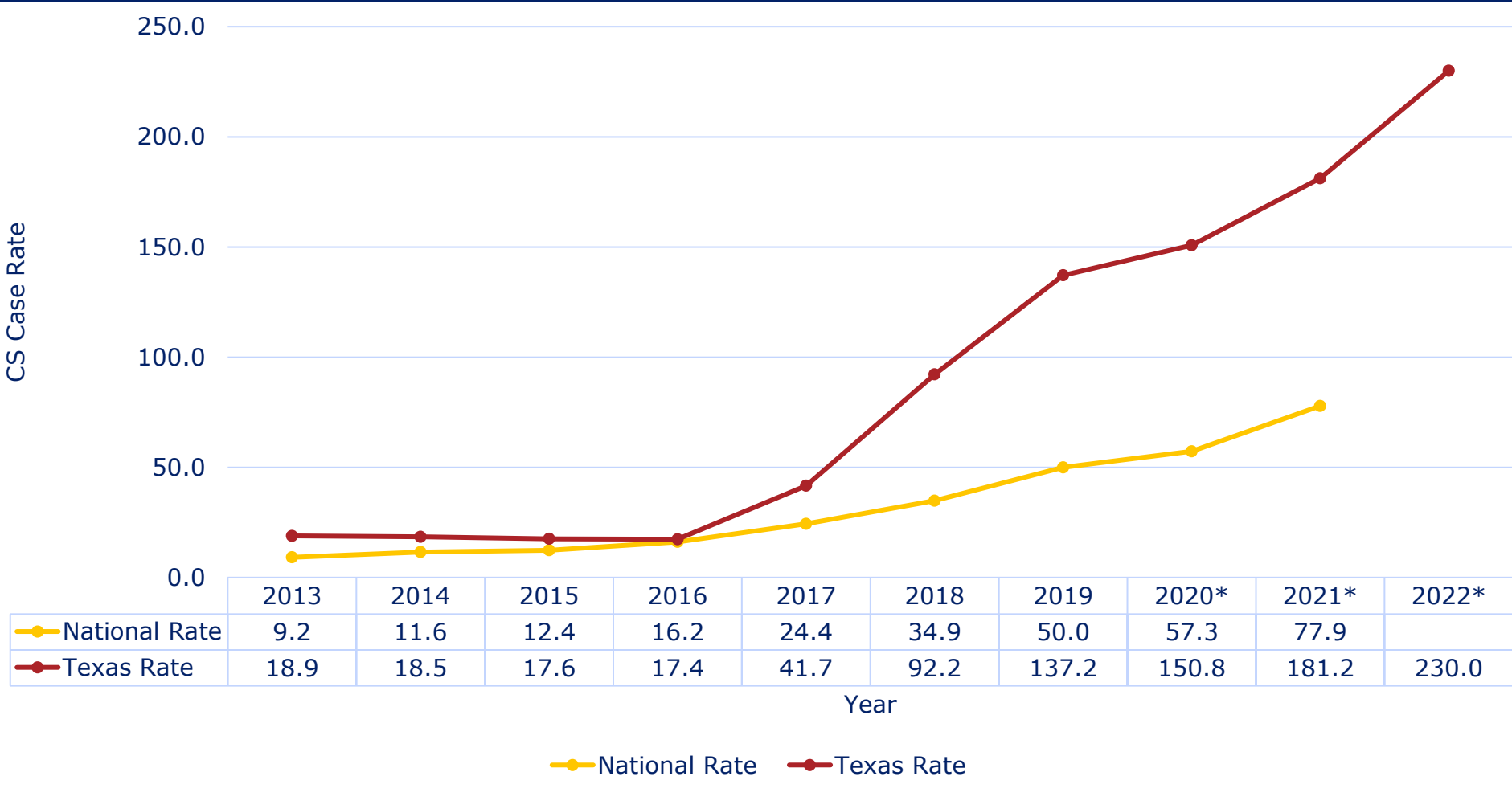


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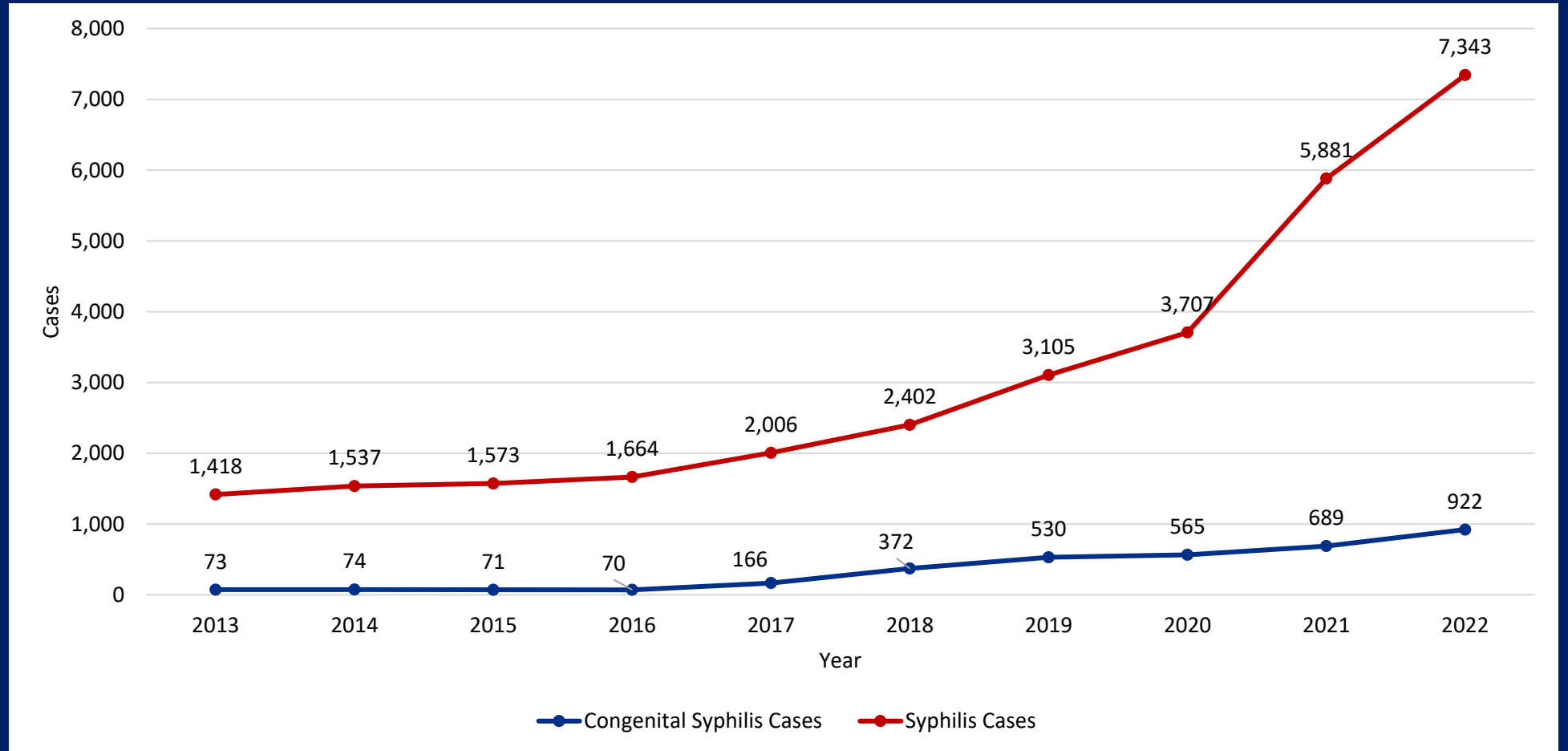
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# CS Case Rates in the United States and Texas by Birth Year, 2013-2022



\*2020, 2021, and 2022 case rates are based on provisional 2020, 2021, and 2022 birth data

# CS Cases and Total Syphilis Cases in Women of Childbearing Age in Texas, 2013-2022



# Mothers and Babies: Congenital Syphilis Plan



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- Prioritizes collaborations
  - 5 different divisions at DSHS
  - Multiple state agencies
  - Healthcare providers
  - Other organizations
- Evaluates surveillance systems, data, program effectiveness
- Strengthens educational components
- Incorporates ongoing work
- Includes milestones



# Collaboration



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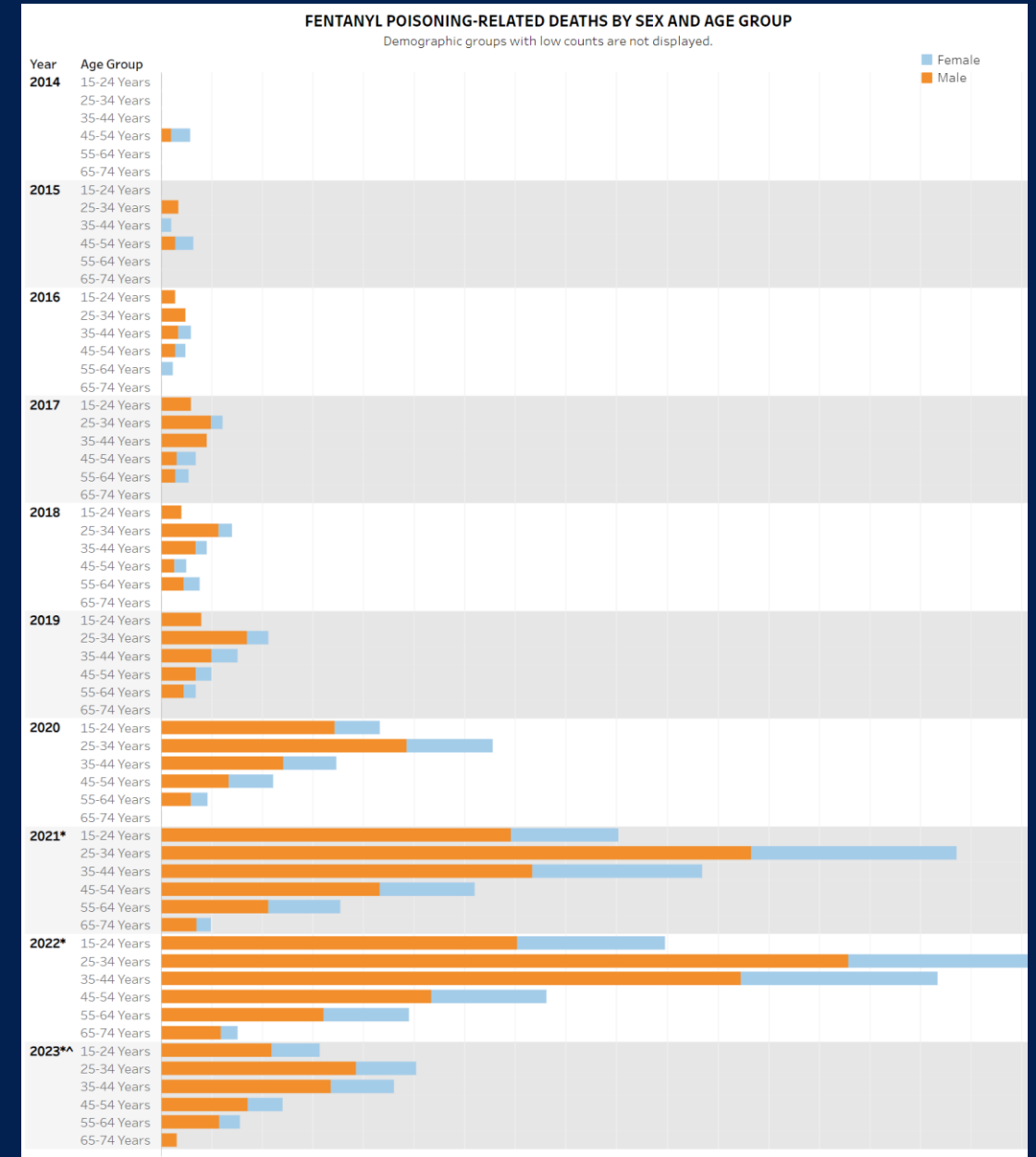
- Work with partners
  - Within divisions
  - Between divisions
  - With other state agencies
  - With academic partners
- Will only get stronger if we work together

# Data Systems and Products



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- Data system modernization
  - COVID updates to NEDSS
  - Development of SHARP
  - New position to maintain focus on this topic
- Actionable Data
  - Timely
  - Usable format





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# **DSHS Restructuring**

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# Thank you!

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