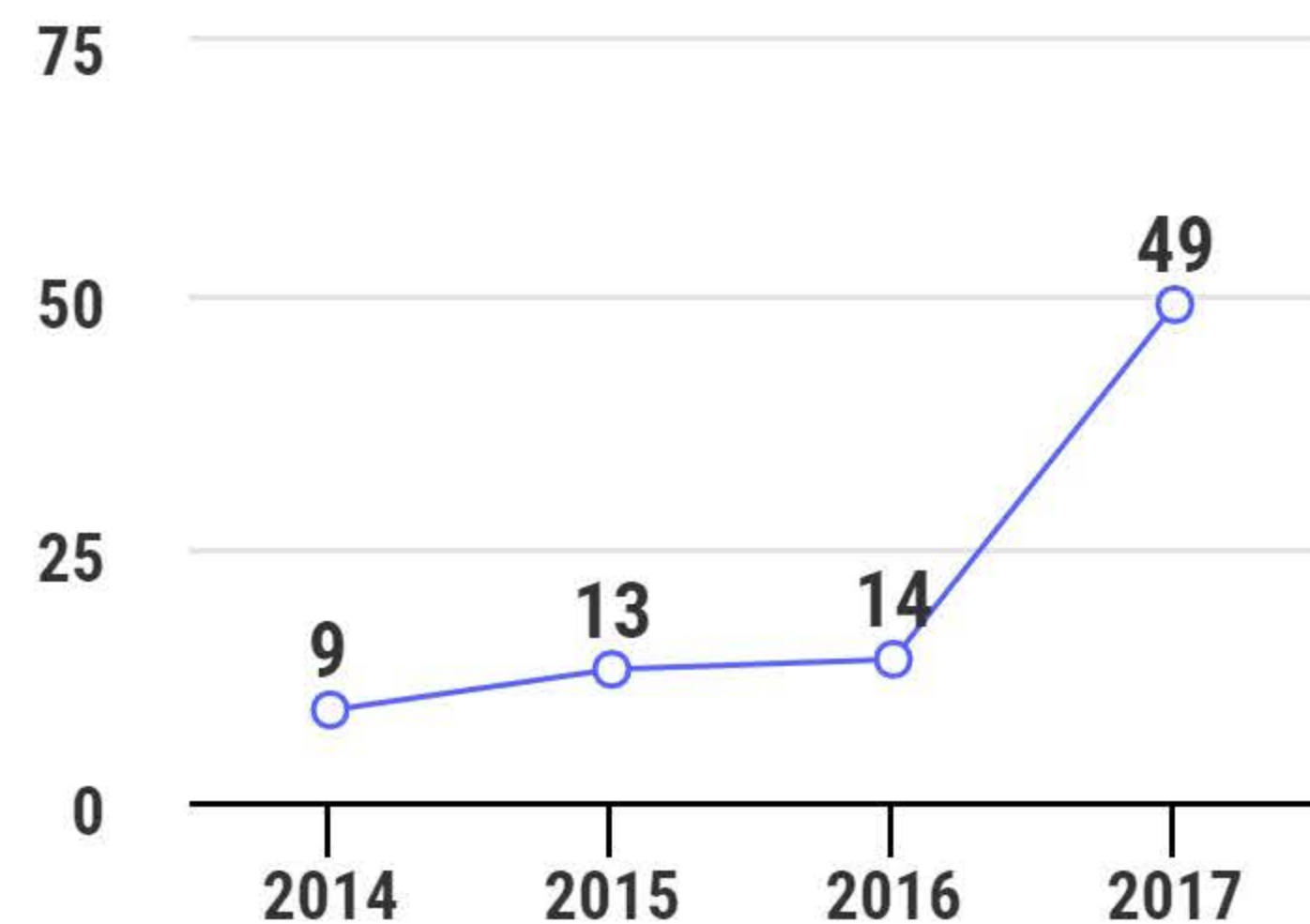


2018 Syphilis Cases- Update

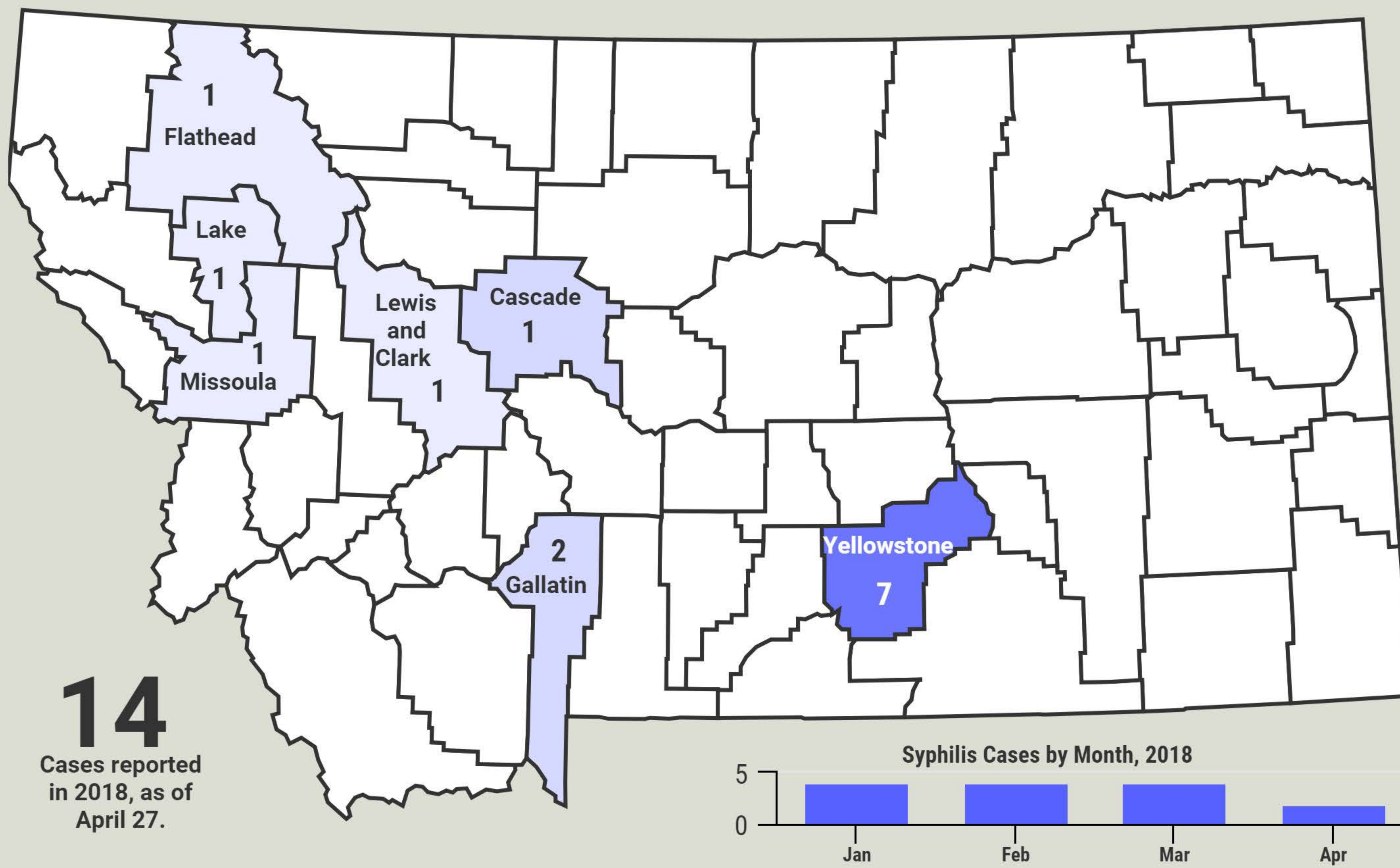
Syphilis cases diagnosed in the primary and secondary stage are infectious and of great concern to public health. The following information characterizes risk factors for syphilis in these stages.

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.

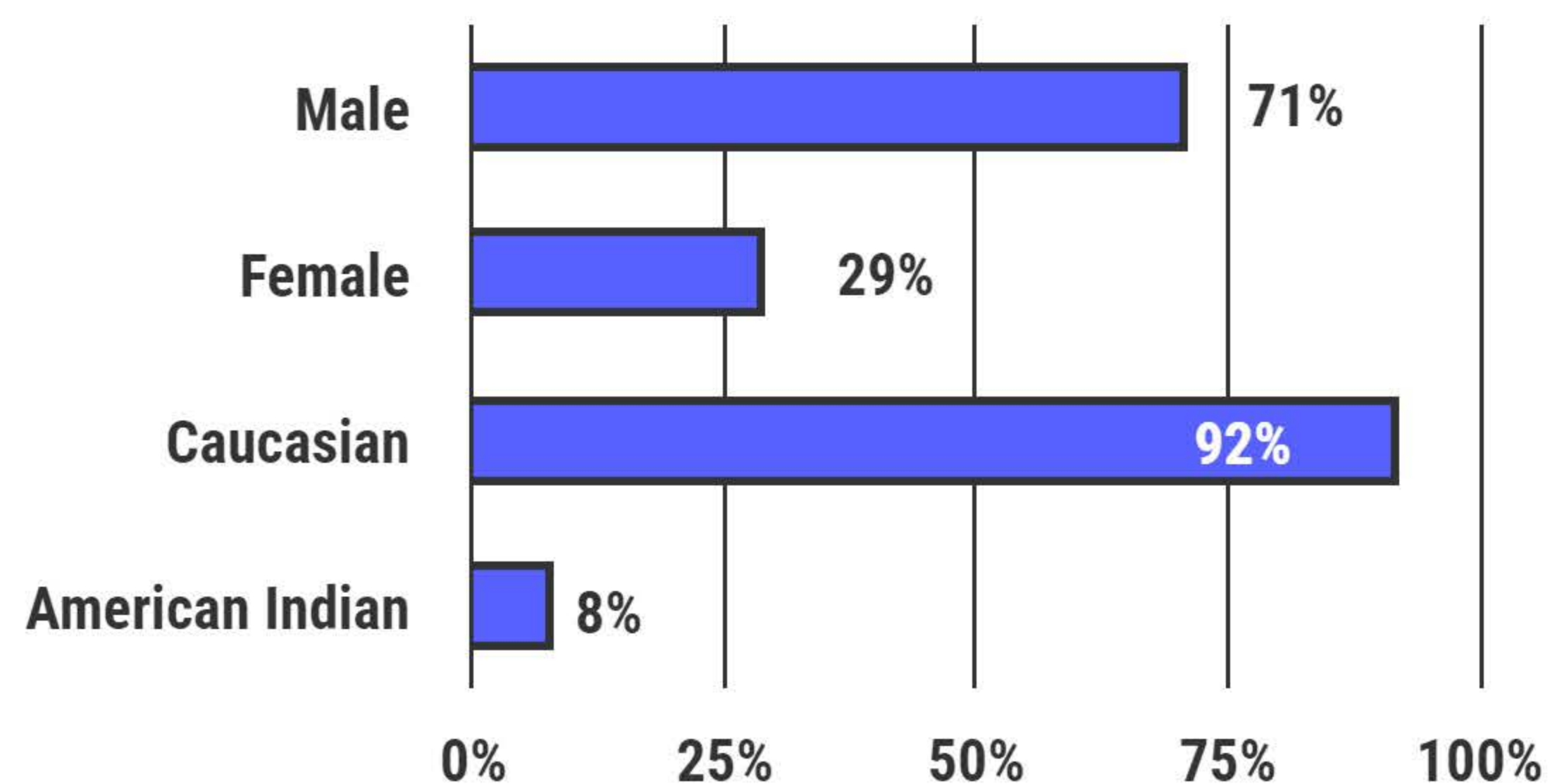
Case counts of primary and secondary syphilis are increasing.



Primary and Secondary Syphilis Cases, Montana, April 27, 2018



Selected Demographics of 2018 cases



Risk Factors of 2018 Syphilis Cases

- 100%** of female cases were women of childbearing age. One case was pregnant.
- SEX** 92% of cases involved high risk sexual activity such as multiple partners and anonymous sex.
- HIV** One case was co-infected with HIV.