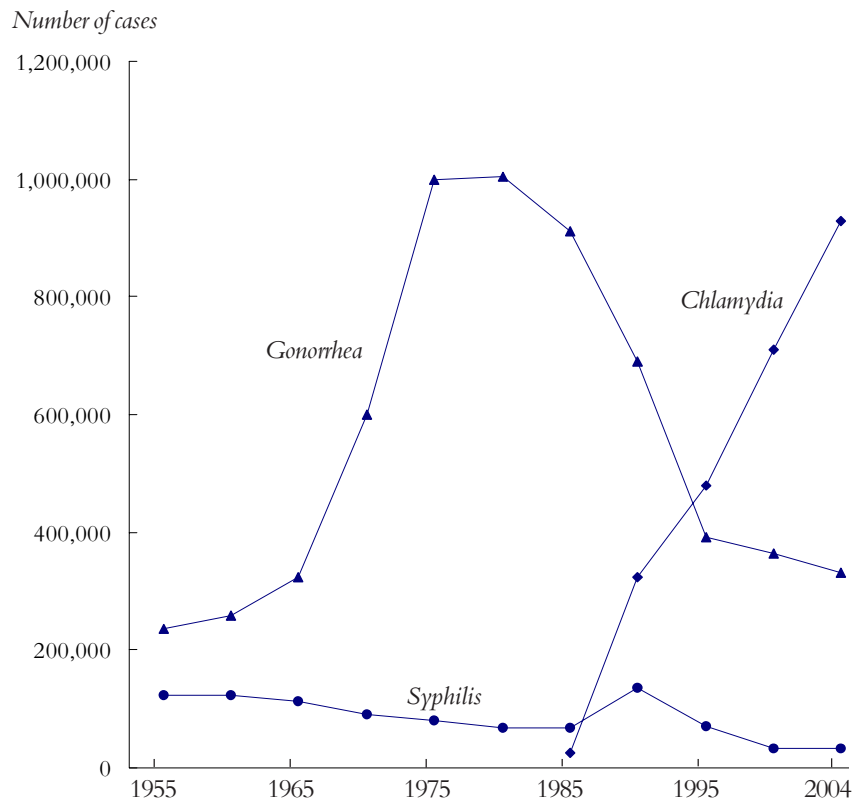


Figure 3-6 • Reported cases of certain sexually transmitted diseases in the United States, 1955–2004 (both sexes)¹

Gonorrhea, syphilis, and chlamydia are the three most prevalent sexually transmitted diseases, but it is chlamydia (which was first reported in 1984, a year not shown in this figure) that is by far the most likely of the three to afflict females (about four-fifths of all reported cases). Its prevalence soared to more than 900,000 cases in 2004. Untreated, chlamydia can result in sterility and ectopic pregnancy.



¹Number of cases reported by state health departments.

Source: Centers for Disease Control, *Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance, 2004*, 2004, Table 1.
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