

CDC data reveals one-third of Americans now have an STD; nation producing venereal disease faster than college graduates

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(NaturalNews) New data released by the U.S. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* (CDC) sheds fresh light on the exponential rate at which America is now plunging towards complete moral bankruptcy. Compared to the number of new college graduates being produced every year, the overall number of new sexually-transmitted diseases (STDs) is growing 1,300 percent faster annually -- and in the year evaluated, 2008, the country actually lost about three million jobs, while creating nearly 20 million new STD infections.

According to the new study, entitled *Sexually Transmitted Infections Among US Women and Men: Prevalence and Incidence Estimates, 2008*, there were 19,738,800 new documented STD infections in 2008, roughly 50 percent of which occurred in the 15-to-24 age bracket. Comparatively, there were only 1,524,092 bachelor's degrees awarded that same year, according to the *National Center for Education Statistics*, which means STD growth outpaced college graduate growth by a factor of 13 to 1.

Worse, the overall prevalence of STDs, or the total number of new and existing infections, topped 110 million in 2008, which represents roughly one-third of the entire U.S. population. And while this number accounts for all cases of STD infection, including multiple types of infection in the same person, the implications are no less harrowing as they point to a very serious public health crisis being fueled by sexual promiscuity.

"In 2008, there were an estimated 110 million prevalent STIs among women and men in the United States," explains the CDC report. "Of these, more than 20 percent of infections (22.1 million) were among women and men aged 15 to 24 years. Approximately 19.7 million incident infections occurred in the United States in 2008; nearly 50 percent (9.8 million) were acquired by young women and men aged 15 to 24 years."

According to the data, the STD that experienced the most growth in 2008 was human papillomavirus (HPV), an infection linked to genital warts and cervical cancer. Following HPV are Chlamydia, Trichomoniasis, Gonorrhea, Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 (HSV-2), syphilis, HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), and Hepatitis B.

"CDC's new estimates show that there are about 20 million new infections in the United States each year, costing the American healthcare system nearly \$16 billion in direct medical costs alone," explains a CDC fact sheet on STD rates and prevalence in the U.S. (<http://www.cdc.gov/std/stats/STI-Estimates-Fact-Sheet-Feb-2013.pdf>).

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