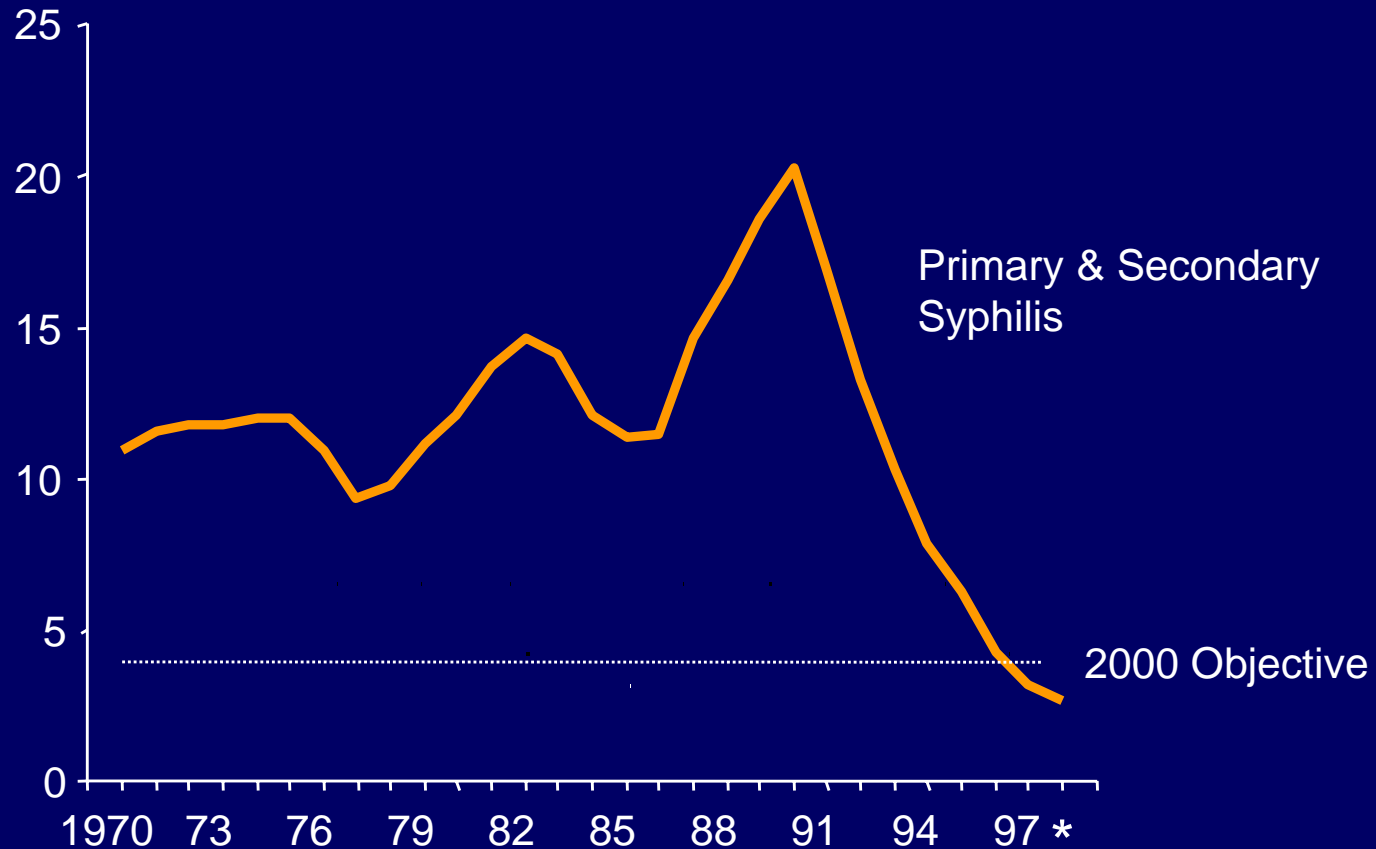
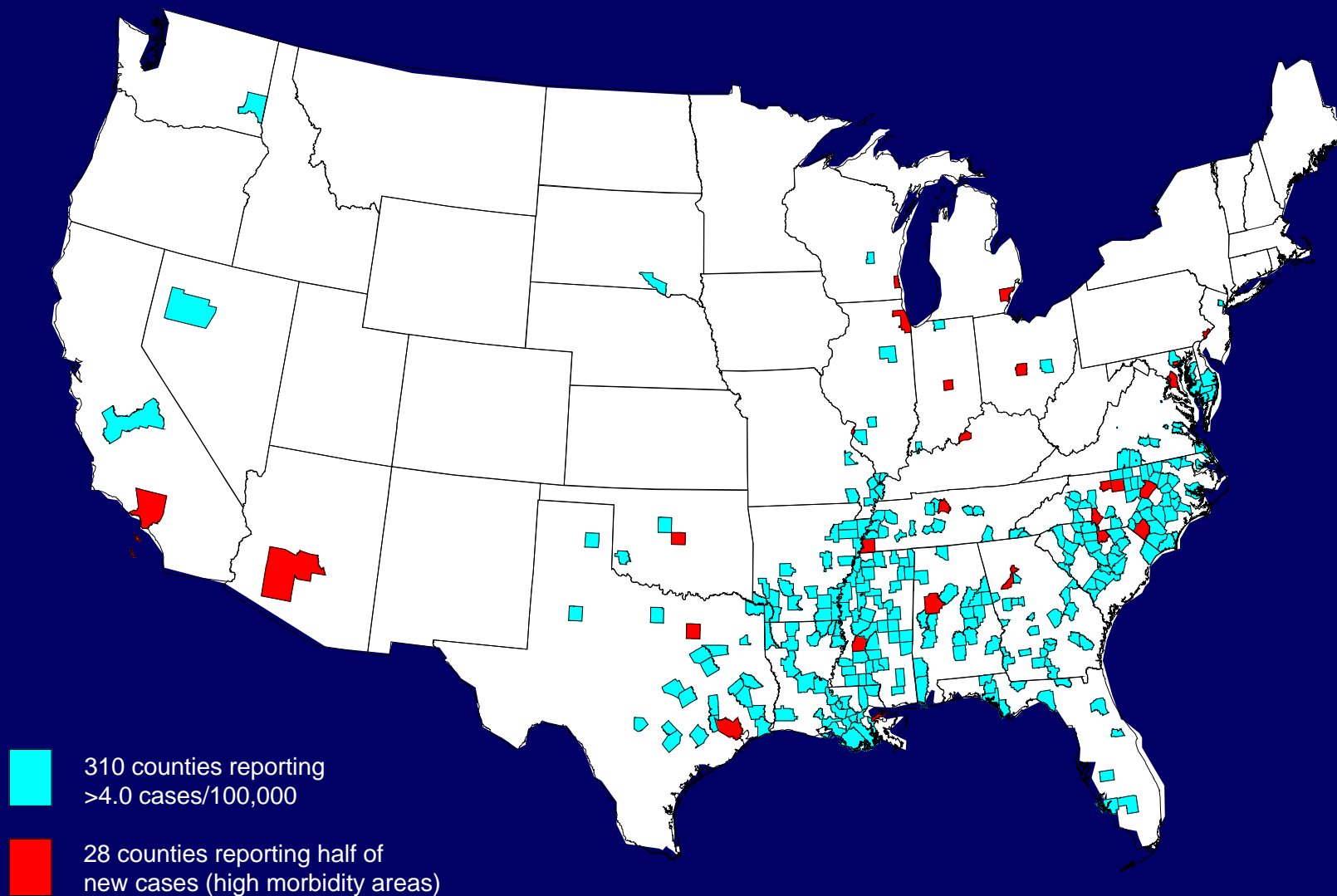


Primary and secondary syphilis rates--United States, 1970-1998 and the Healthy People Year 2000 objective

Rate (per 100,000 population)



Primary and secondary syphilis--United States, 1998*

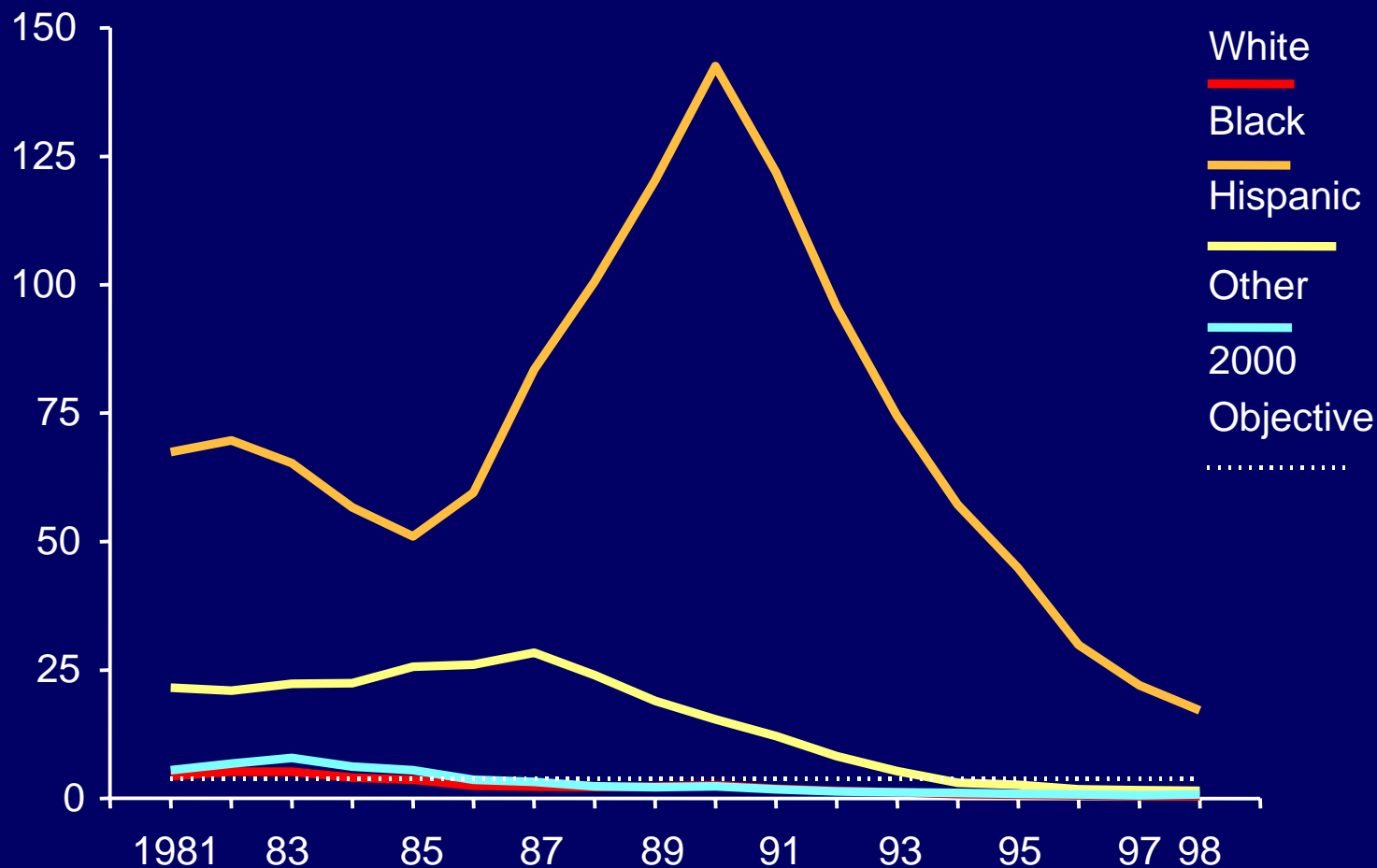


*Note: 1998 P&S rate for the U.S. is 2.6 per 100,000 (HP2000 target = 4.0)

Source: CDC STD Surveillance System

Infectious syphilis - Rates by race/ethnicity: United States, 1981-1998 and the Healthy People year 2000 objective

Rate (per 100,000 population)



Note: "Other" includes Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native populations

Syphilis Elimination

Public Health Importance

- **Persistence of syphilis is a sentinel public health event**
 - **identification & repair of breakdown in basic public health capacity**
 - **rebuilding of trust in public health system**
- **Reduction of glaring racial disparity**
- **Prevention of HIV transmission**
- **Improved infant health**
- **Annual cost-savings of almost \$1 billion**

National Plan for Syphilis Elimination

Five Key Strategies

Cross-Cutting Strategies

- Enhanced surveillance
- Strengthened community involvement and partnerships

Intervention Strategies

- Rapid outbreak response
- Expanded clinical and laboratory services
- Enhanced health promotion

Syphilis Elimination The Nashville Model

- ***STD FREE!* community coalition**
 - Community & ministers' forums
 - 5 Action Workgroups (faith community, schools & higher education, community & social service agencies, healthcare, and law enforcement & courts)
- **Surveillance & outbreak response**
 - Simplified reporting process; provider education
 - Intensified case finding, partner f/u & analysis
- **Clinical & laboratory services**
 - Expanded clinic hours; street outreach; staff cross-training
 - Rapid screening in jails & homeless shelters
 - Return of processing to State laboratory
- **Health promotion**
 - Education at community events & health fairs
 - Media blitzes, signs from public bathrooms to church bulletin boards

Syphilis Elimination Historic Opportunity

- **Important, measurable health outcomes**
- **Substantial cost savings**
- **Supports multiple public health goals**
 - **Reduction of racial disparities**
 - **Infectious disease control**
 - **Bio-terrorism preparedness**
 - **Reproductive health**
- **Focus for Federal agency collaboration**
- **Addresses unfinished history & broken trust**

