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Foreword

As part of the BC Centre for Excellence (BC-CFE) in HIV/AIDS's mandate to evaluate the outcomes of STOP HIV/AIDS programming in BC, we have developed quarterly HIV/AIDS monitoring reports. These reports provide up-to-date data on a variety of key HIV-related surveillance and treatment indicators. Selection of these indicators was achieved through a collaborative process with various Health Authority (HA) representatives. There are six reports in total, one for each HA and one for the province of BC as a whole. In addition, there is a technical report which explains how each HIV indicator is calculated. Data used in these reports come from the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), MSP billings, hospitalization data from the Discharge Abstract Database, the Sunquest Laboratory database at the Provincial Public Health Microbiology and Reference Laboratory, Providence Health Care laboratory and the BC-CFE Drug Treatment Program (DTP) Database.

The objectives of these reports are to:

1. Provide timely HA-specific information on key HIV indicators which will guide and inform HIV leaders and innovators in the development of future HIV interventions and programs which will ultimately lead to decreasing the burden of HIV in BC. The indicators will reflect ongoing or past successful public health interventions and highlight areas in the HIV care spectrum which require further attention and support.
2. Highlight limitations in our current data due to incomplete or time lagged data and to develop future strategies to improve complete and timely data capture.

These reports are produced for the benefit of individual HA's. As such, we are enthusiastic about your involvement and cooperation regarding the development of these monitoring reports. Please forward your comments and queries to Irene Day, Director of Operations at the BC-CFE at iday@cfenet.ubc.ca.

** Please note that for the Q3 2014 report, a coding revision resulted in data display errors in Indicator 5, HIV Cascade of Care (on page 37 of this report), which has been updated. All other figures and reports remain accurate. Please disregard any previous reports and use this updated version. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Day at iday@cfenet.ubc.ca.*

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The above databases were supplemented with:

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The Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention (STOP) HIV/AIDS BC Provincial Program: A Note on Monitoring and Interpreting HIV Indicators

The Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention (STOP) of HIV/AIDS programme is a provincial initiative to improve HIV diagnosis and care delivery in BC through increased HIV-specific funding to all HSDA's across BC. The STOP provincial programme is an expansion of a four-year STOP pilot project which was implemented in two Health Service Delivery Areas in March 2010; the Vancouver HSDA which bears the largest burden of the HIV epidemic in the province and the Northern Interior HSDA which bears a high burden of HIV-related mortality. The STOP pilot project demonstrated the urgent need for improved efforts in early diagnosis of HIV and timely initiation of antiretroviral therapy (ART) initiation.

The expansion to a province-wide programme was announced on November 30th 2013 by the BC Ministry of Health with roll out of funding beginning on April 1st, 2013. This funding is intended to be used in the implementation and evaluation of HIV-related diagnosis and care initiatives within individual HA's. Goals of the project include: 1. A reduction in the number of new HIV infections in BC; 2. Improvements in the quality, effectiveness, and reach of HIV prevention services; 3. An increase in early diagnosis of HIV; 4. A reduction in AIDS cases and HIV-related mortality.

The goals of HA-led STOP-funded initiatives are to work toward achieving these goals. To these ends some outcome measures or indicators of progress have been drafted that should be considered in the design and implementation phases of these initiatives.

HIV Testing Episodes and Rates

In this section, the number of HIV test episodes and point of care (POC) HIV tests conducted each quarter in BC is shown. In general terms the goal is to increase the number of tests performed and to maximize testing efficiency. Test episodes are allocated by region according to where the test is performed.

Indicator 1. HIV Testing Episodes

Figure 1.1 HIV Test Episodes for BC, 2009 Q4–2014 Q3 ¹

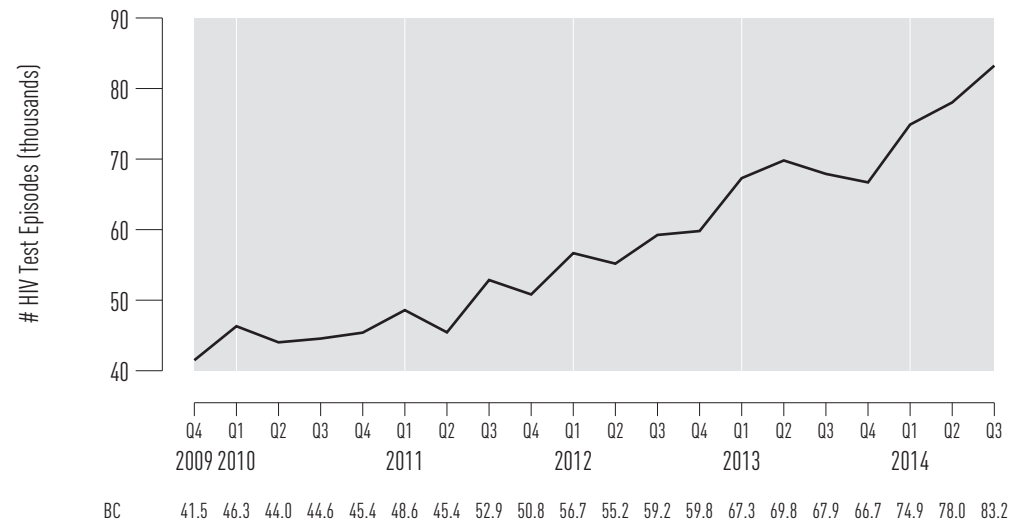


Figure 1.2 HIV Test Episodes by Gender and Prenatal Status for BC, 2009 Q4–2014 Q3 ^{1,2}

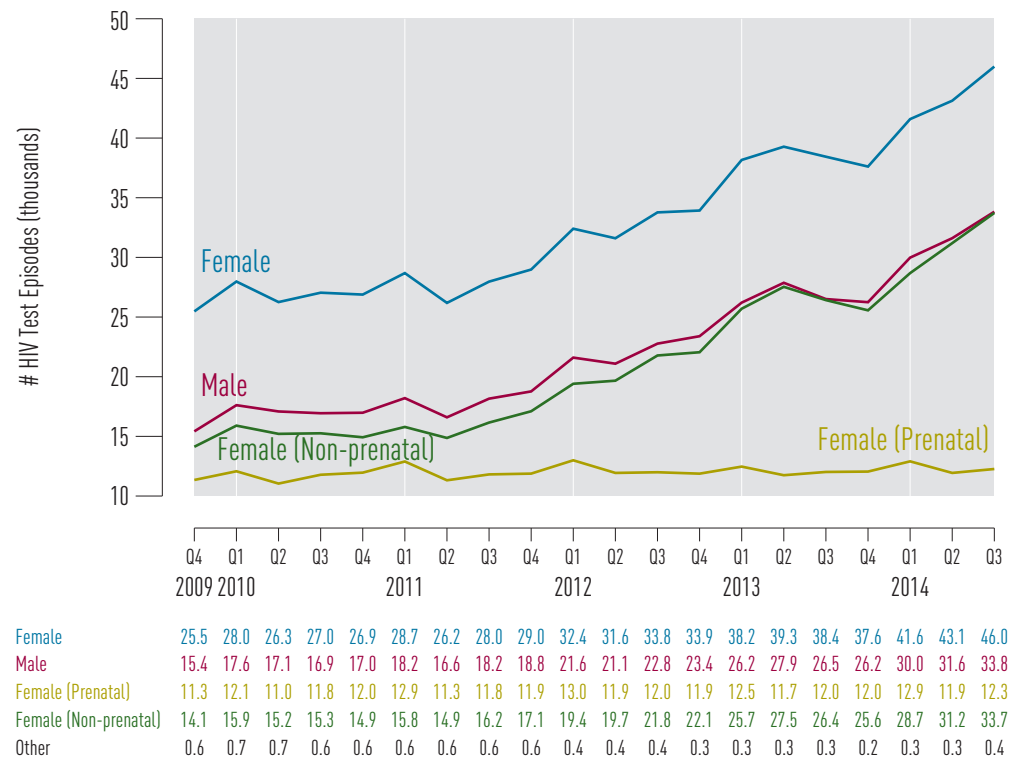


Figure 1.3 HIV Test Episodes by Age Category for BC, 2009 Q4–2014 Q3 ^{1,2}

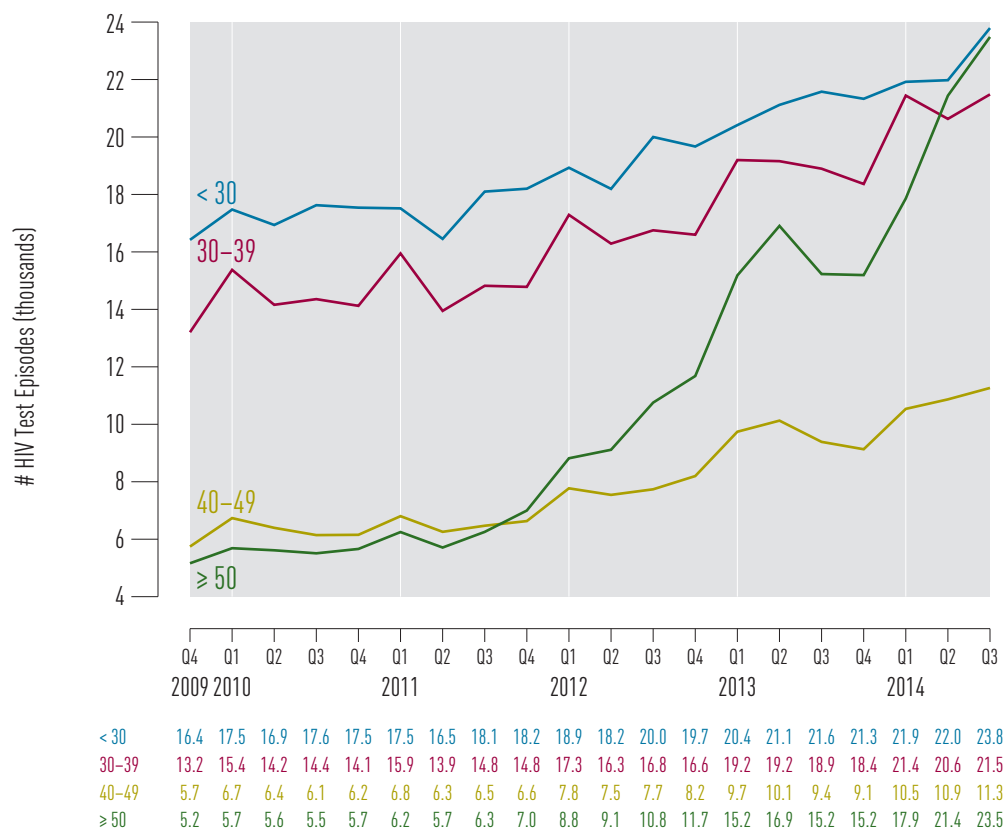
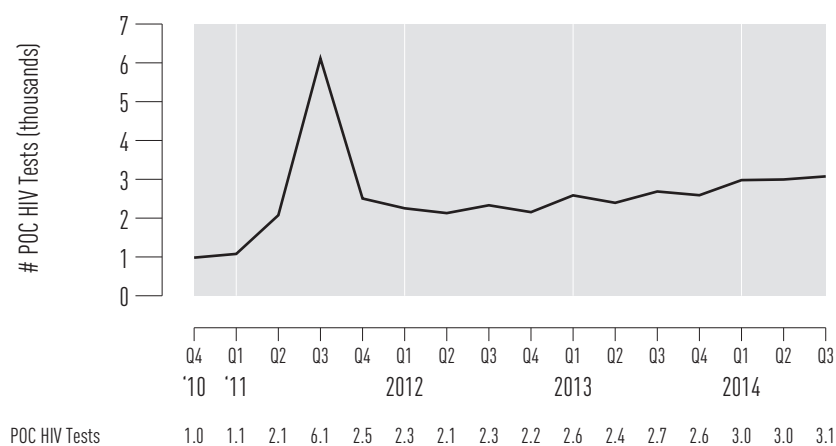


Figure 1.4 Point-of-Care HIV Tests for BC, 2010 Q4–2014 Q3 ¹



¹ Data Source: The BC Public Health Microbiology and Reference Laboratory (BCPHMRL) courtesy of the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC).

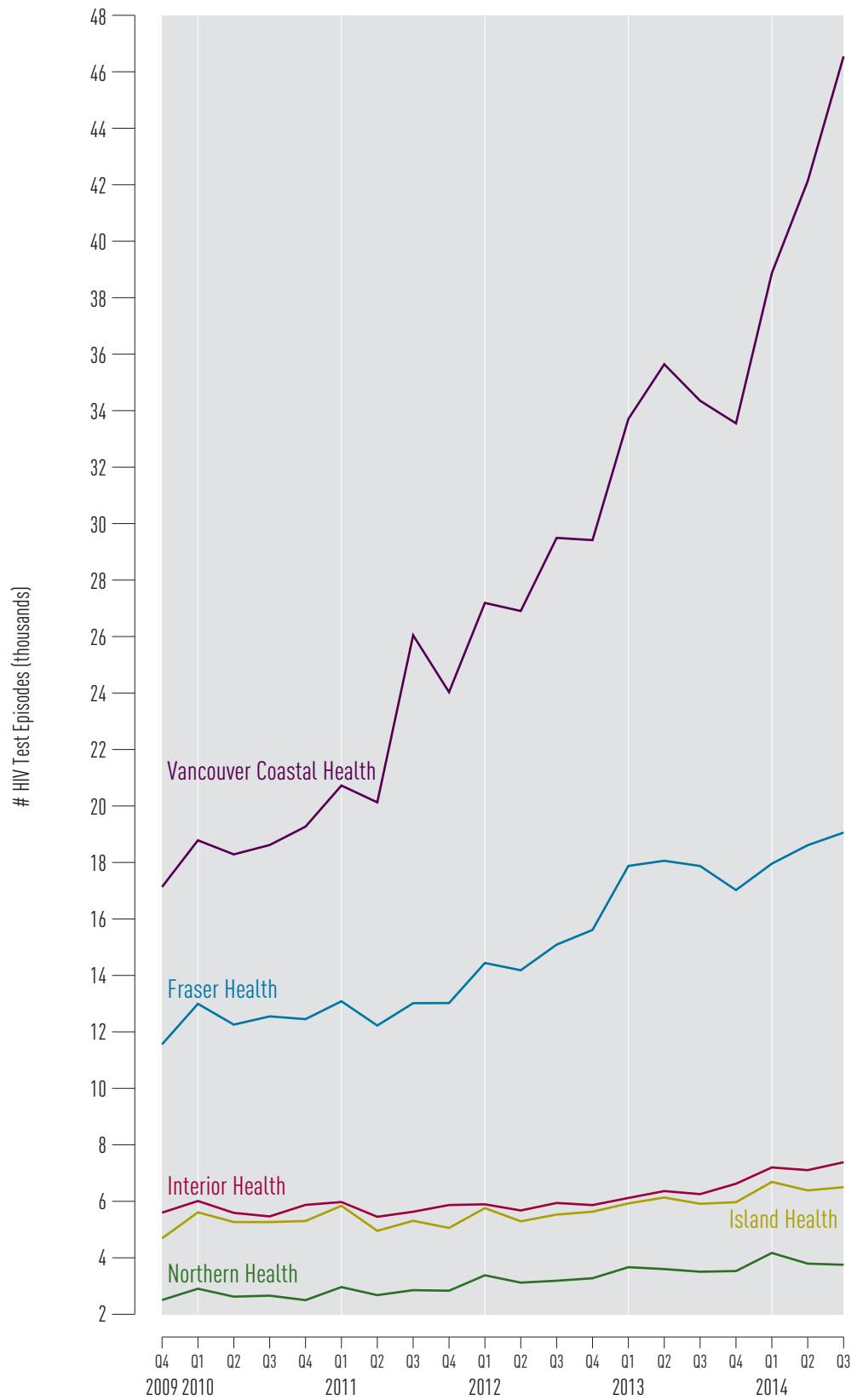
NB: HIV screening tests conducted by the ViHA Laboratory are not included.

Limitations:

- Repeat tests in individuals who test using various identifiers may not be identified and these individuals may be counted more than once.
- In Fraser Health, POC testing data are available from March 2011 forward. In Interior Health, POC testing data are available for May 2011 forward. For all other health authorities, POC testing data are available from the fourth quarter of 2010 forward.

² NB: Testing does not include point of care tests.

Figure 1.5 HIV Test Episodes for BC by Health Authority, 2009 Q4–2014 Q3



Fraser Health	11.6	13.0	12.3	12.5	12.5	13.1	12.2	13.0	13.0	14.4	14.2	15.1	15.6	17.9	18.1	17.9	17.0	18.0	18.6	19.1
Interior Health	5.6	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.6	7.2	7.1	7.4
Island Health	4.7	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.8	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.8	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.0	6.7	6.4	6.5
Northern Health	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	4.2	3.8	3.8
Vancouver Coastal Health	17.1	18.8	18.3	18.6	19.3	20.7	20.1	26.0	24.0	27.2	26.9	29.5	29.4	33.7	35.6	34.4	33.5	38.9	42.1	46.5

Figure 2.1 Rate of HIV Testing for BC and Health Authorities, 2009–2013 ¹

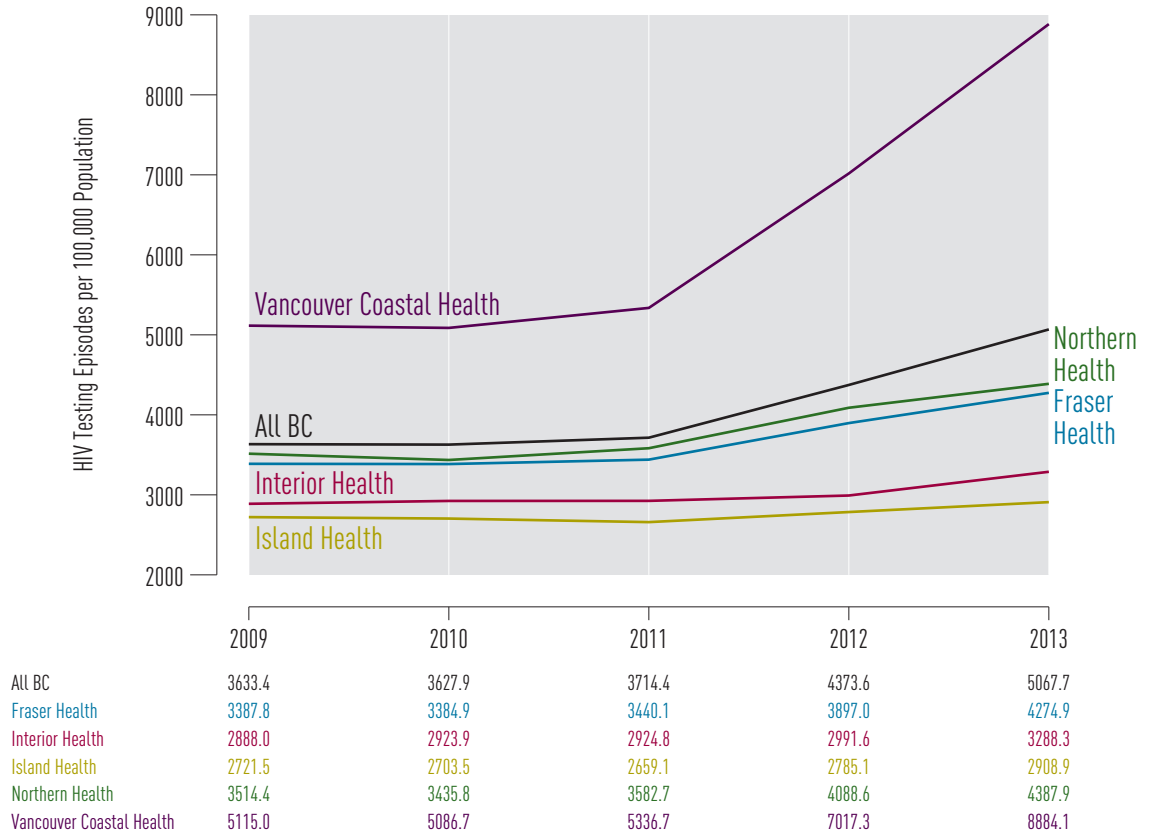


Figure 2.2 Rate of HIV Testing by Gender for BC, 2009–2013 ¹

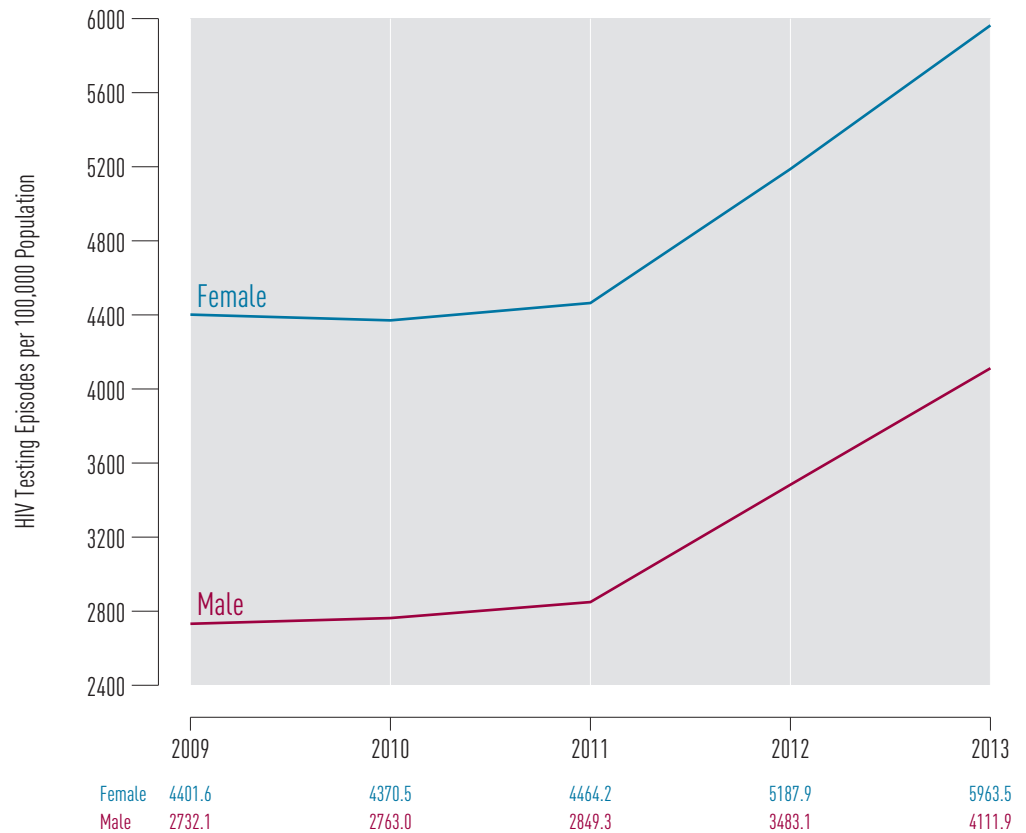
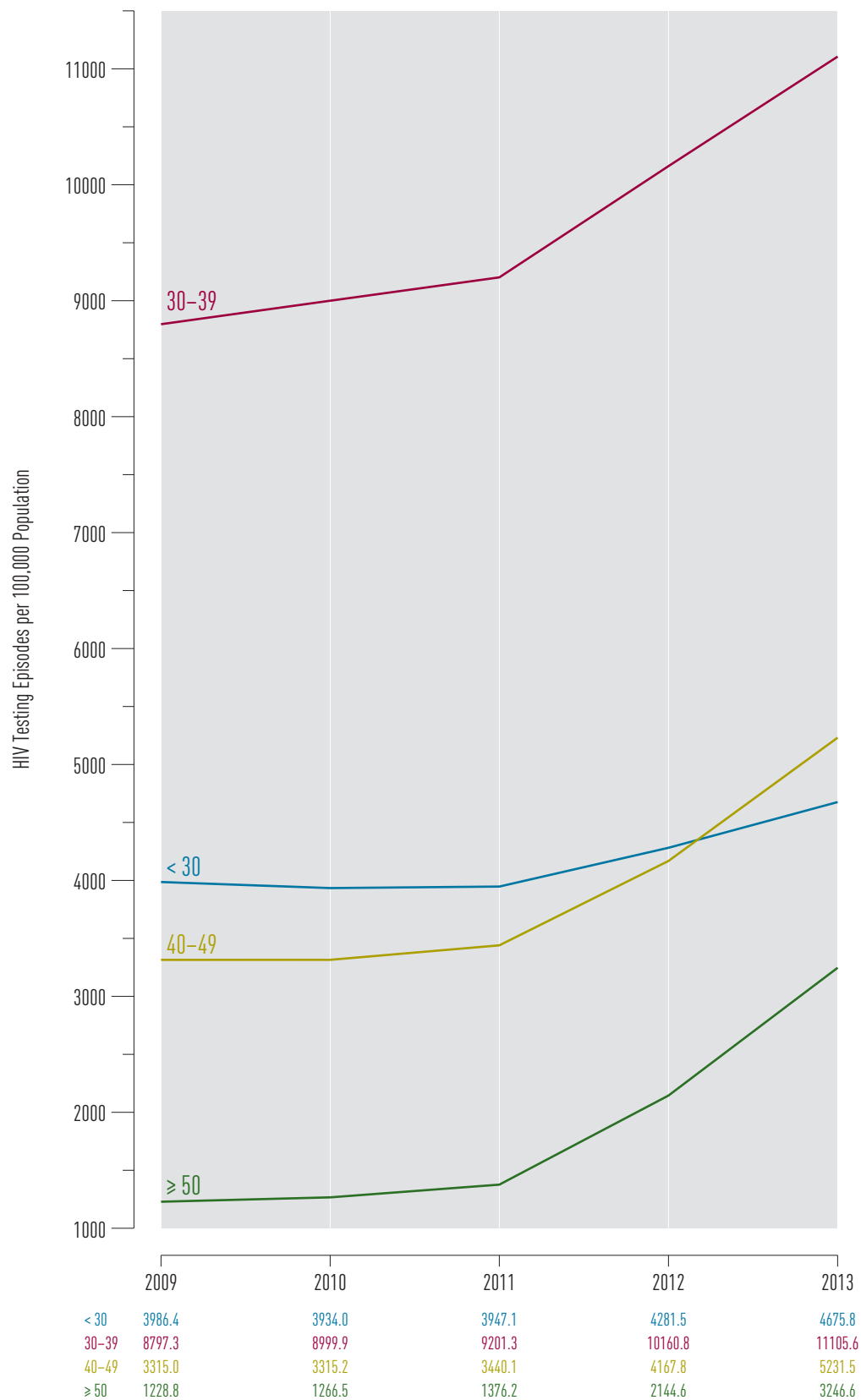


Figure 2.3 Rate of HIV Testing by Age Category for BC, 2009–2013 ¹



¹ NB: Testing does not include point of care tests.

New HIV Diagnoses

Trends in HIV diagnoses by gender and exposure category are described. Interpreting HIV diagnoses must be done with consideration that trends are influenced by both changes in testing rate as well as changes in transmission rates. It is important to note that new HIV diagnoses cases and rates are not synonymous with HIV incidence as a person may have become infected with HIV long before they tested positive for HIV. However, as there is no reliable method for measuring HIV incidence we follow trends in HIV diagnoses.

Indicator 3. New HIV Diagnoses

Figure 3.1 New HIV Diagnoses for BC, 2009 Q4–2014 Q3 ³

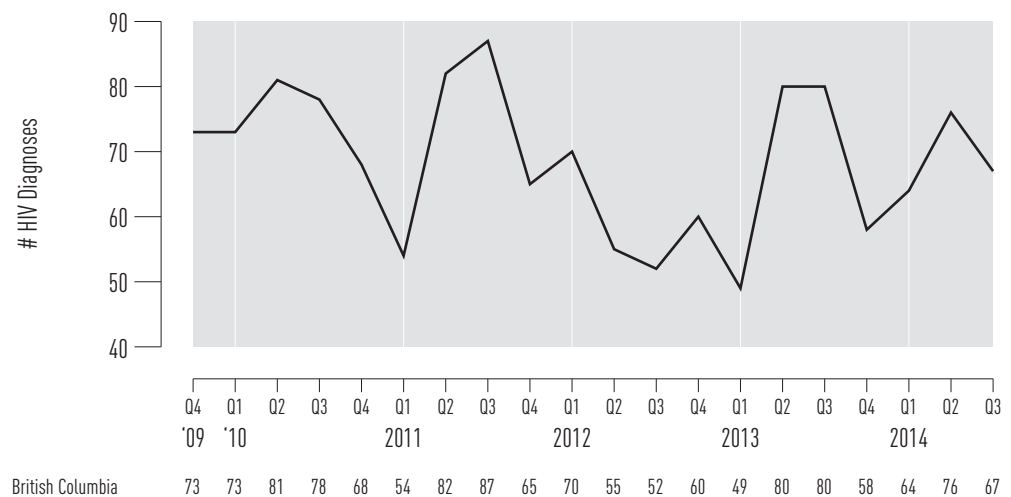
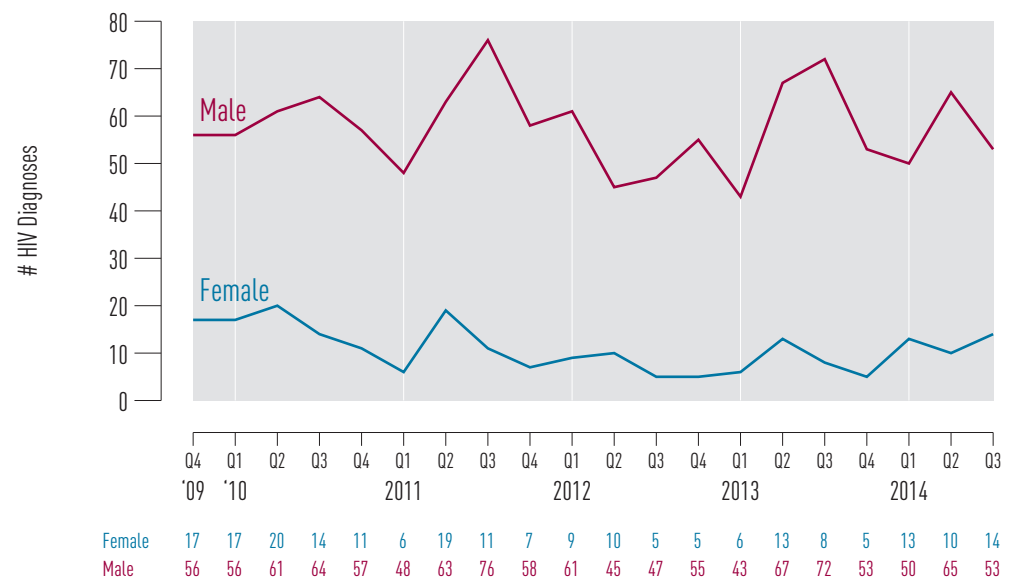


Figure 3.2 New HIV Diagnoses for BC by Gender, 2009 Q4–2014 Q3 ³



³ Data Source: BCCDC.

Figure 3.3 New HIV Diagnoses for BC by Age Category, 2009 Q4–2014 Q3 ³

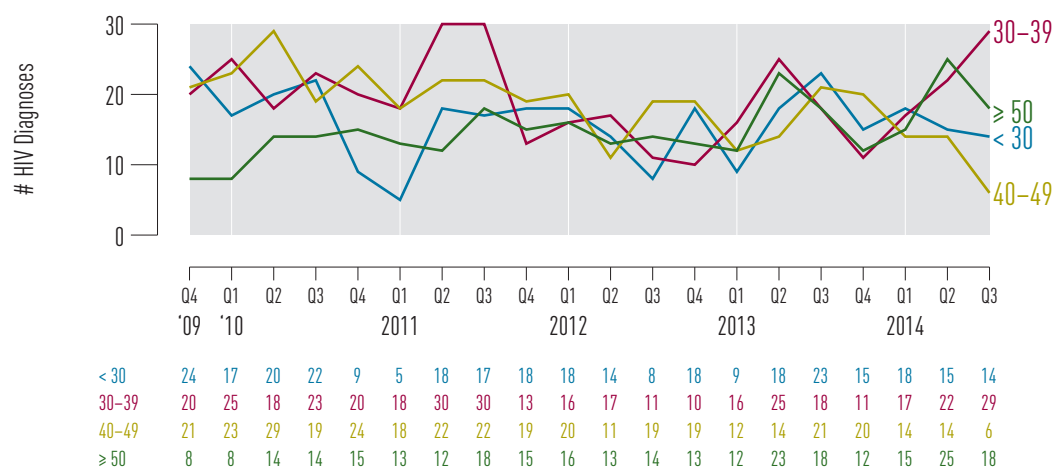
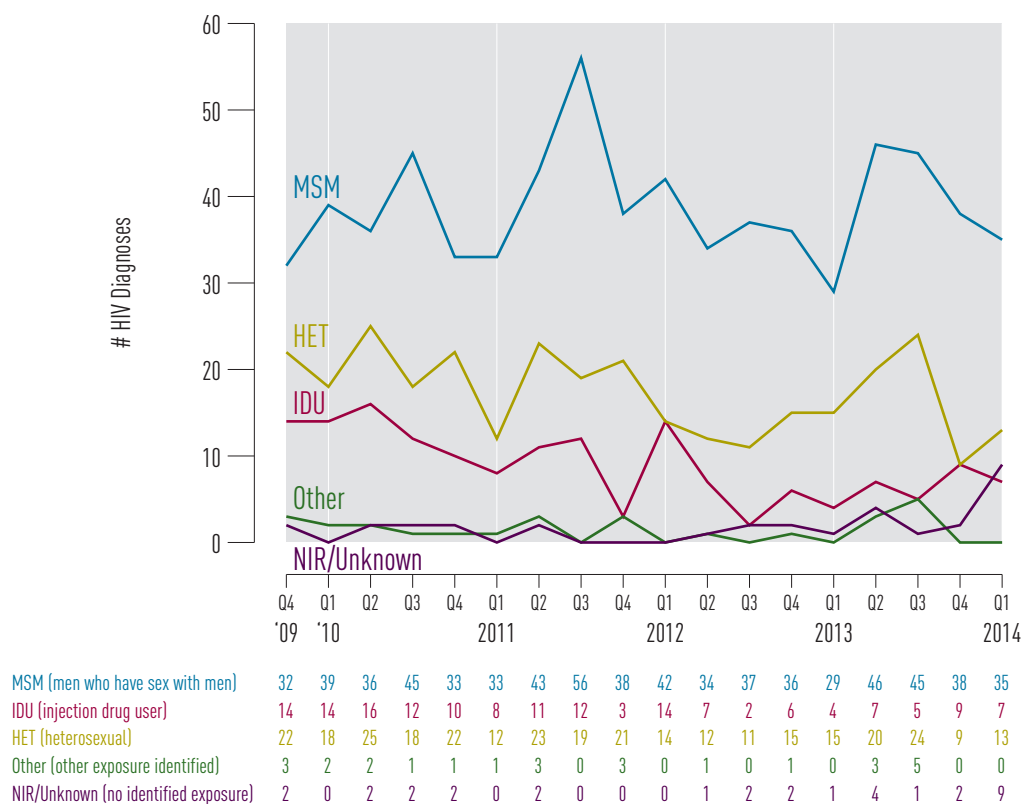


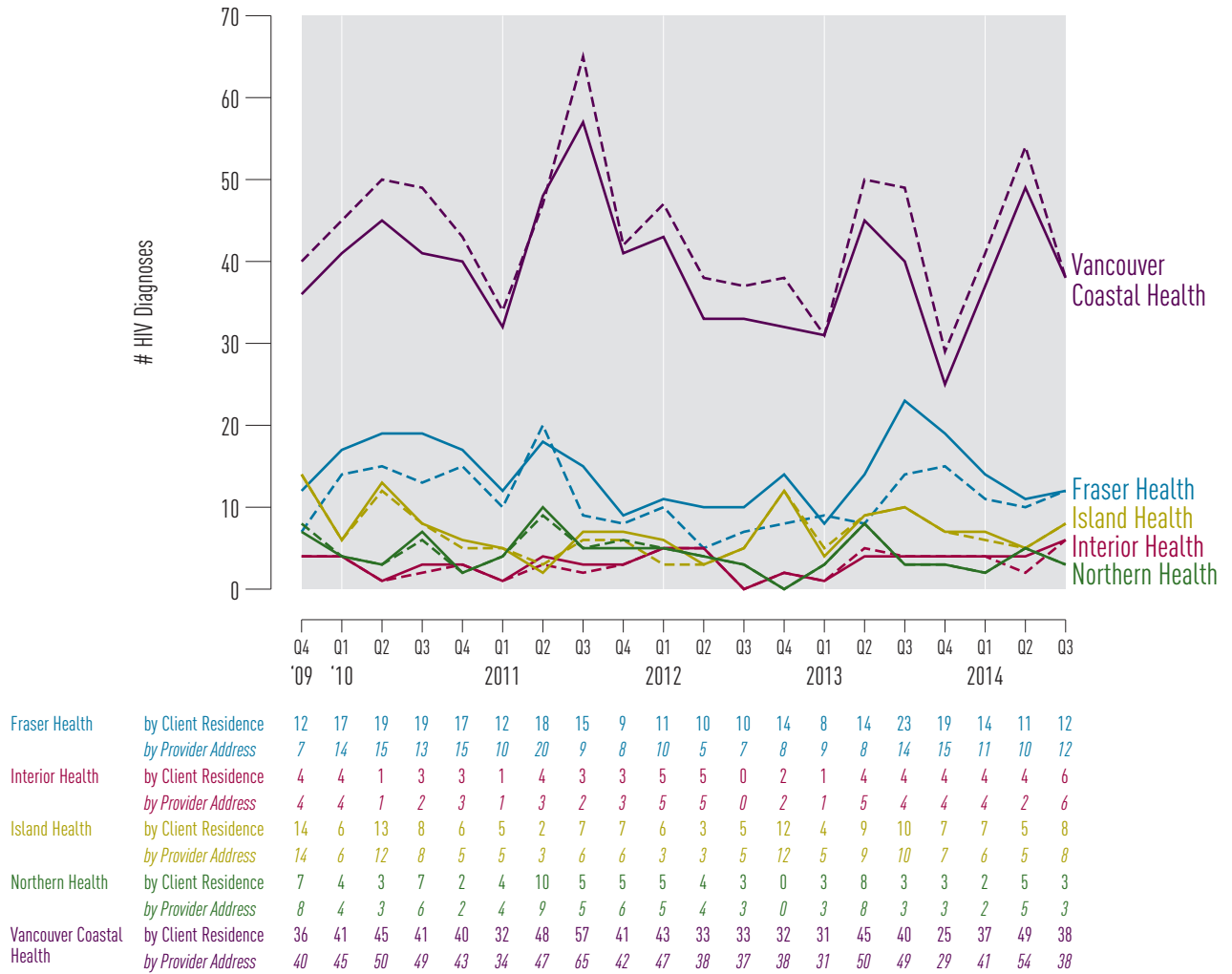
Figure 3.4 New HIV Diagnoses for BC by Exposure Category, 2009 Q4–2014 Q1 ^{3,4}



³ Data Source: BCCDC.

⁴ MSM=men who have sex with men; IDU= injection drug user; HET=heterosexual. NIR=No identified risk/exposure. "By Provider Address" is graphed as dashed line in same colour.

Figure 3.5 New HIV Diagnoses for BC by Health Authority, 2009 Q4–2014 Q3 ³



³ Data Source: BCCDC. “By Provider Address” is graphed as dashed line in same colour.

Stage of HIV infection at diagnosis

Classification of stage of HIV infection, in the absence of information regarding recent testing history, is reliant on clinical information available at the time of diagnosis, including first CD4+ cell count, laboratory results suggestive of acute HIV infection, and clinical presentation with an AIDS-defining illness (Table 1). The benefits of Treatment as Prevention (TasP) are maximized when antiretroviral therapy (ART) is initiated at high CD4 cell counts. Accordingly, it is preferable that individuals newly diagnosed with HIV be in the early stages of HIV infection (stage 0 or 1) to allow for early ART initiation.

N.B. Interpretation of stage of HIV infection at diagnosis should proceed with caution. Early increases in diagnosis at late stage (i.e., low CD4 counts) may represent a “catching up” of previously missed long term infected individuals rather than a trend toward diagnosis at later stage of infection.

Indicator 4. Stage of HIV Infection at Diagnosis

Table 1 Staging Classifications of Infection at Time of HIV Diagnosis Based on CDC HIV Surveillance Case Definitions

Stage	Criteria		
0	Laboratory criteria met for acute HIV infection, or previous negative or indeterminate HIV test within 180 days of first confirmed positive HIV test.		
1	Stage 0 not met	CD4 ≥500	No AIDS case report
2a		CD4 350–499	
2b		CD4 200–349	
3		(CD4 <200	AIDS case report)
Unknown		No available CD4	No AIDS case report

Figure 4.1 Stage of HIV Infection at Diagnosis for BC, 2010–2013 ⁵

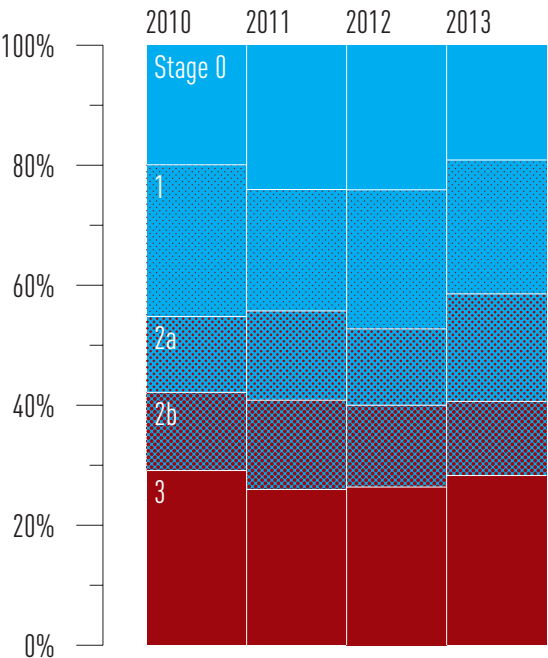
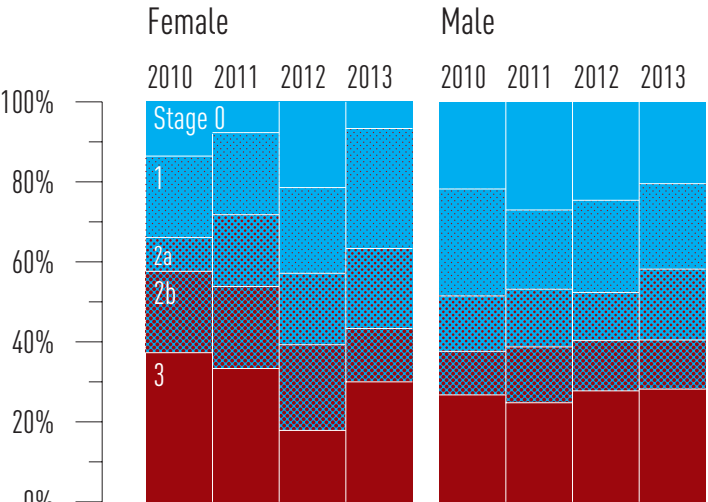


Figure 4.2 Stage of HIV Infection at Diagnosis by Gender for BC, 2010–2013 ⁵



	BC				Female				Male			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Stage 0	52	63	53	48	8	3	6	2	44	60	47	45
Stage 1	66	53	51	56	12	8	6	9	54	44	44	47
Stage 2a	33	39	28	45	5	7	5	6	28	32	23	39
Stage 2b	34	39	30	31	12	8	6	4	22	31	24	27
Stage 3	76	68	58	71	22	13	5	9	54	55	53	62
Unknown	35	26	16	15	2	4	1	1	33	21	15	14
Total (n=)	296	288	236	266	61	43	29	31	235	243	206	234

5 Data Source: BCCDC

Figure 4.3 Stage of HIV Infection at Diagnosis by Age Category for BC, 2010–2013 ⁵

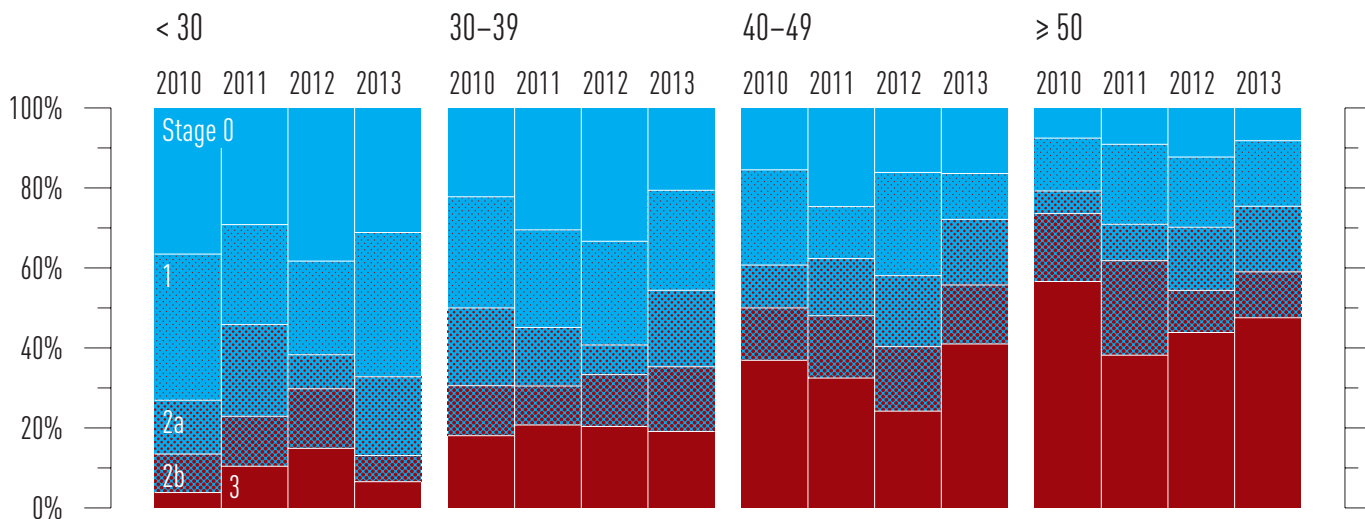
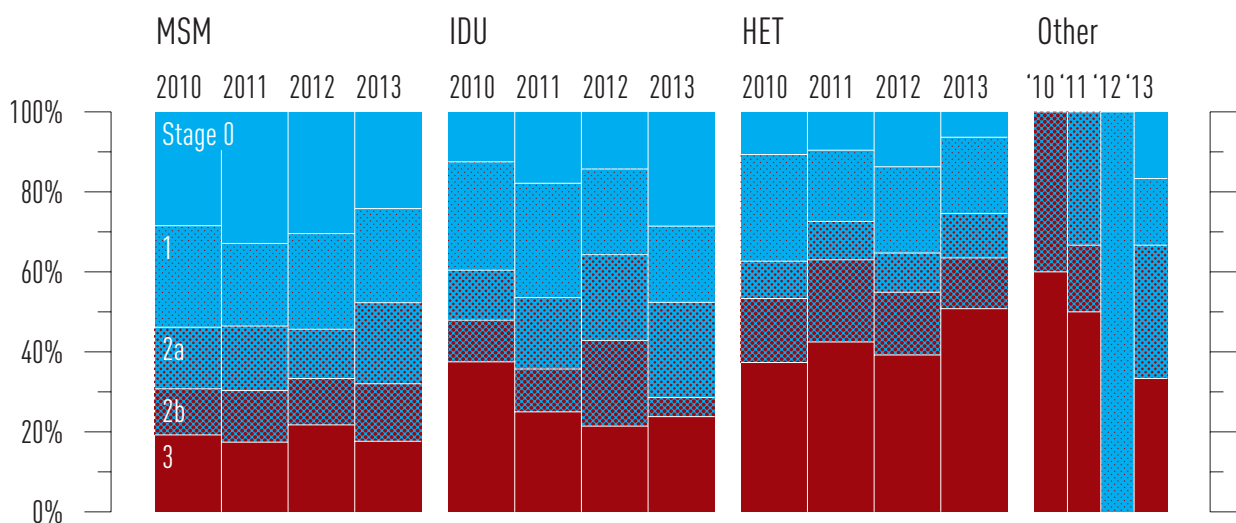


Figure 4.4 Stage of HIV Infection at Diagnosis by Exposure Category for BC, 2010–2013 ^{5,6}



	< 30 years				30–39 years				40–49 years				≥ 50 years				MSM				IDU				Heterosexual				Other				NIR/Unknown			
	2010	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13
Stage 0	19	14	18	19	16	25	18	14	13	19	10	10	4	5	7	5	37	51	42	37	6	5	4	6	8	7	7	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Stage 1	19	12	11	22	20	20	14	17	20	10	16	7	7	11	10	10	33	32	33	36	13	8	6	4	20	13	11	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Stage 2a	7	11	4	12	14	12	4	13	9	11	11	10	3	5	9	10	20	25	17	31	6	5	6	5	7	7	5	7	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Stage 2b	5	6	7	4	9	8	7	11	11	12	10	9	9	13	6	7	15	20	16	22	5	3	6	1	12	15	8	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stage 3	2	5	7	4	13	17	11	13	31	25	15	25	30	21	25	29	25	27	30	27	18	7	6	5	28	31	20	32	3	3	0	2	2	0	2	5
Unknown	11	6	7	1	13	10	3	4	10	5	2	4	1	5	4	6	22	15	10	4	4	6	1	4	7	2	1	4	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	0
Total (n=)	63	54	54	62	85	92	57	72	94	82	64	65	54	60	61	67	152	170	148	157	52	34	29	25	82	75	52	67	6	7	2	9	4	2	5	8

6 MSM=men who have sex with men; IDU= injection drug user; HET=heterosexual. NIR=No identified risk/exposure.

Indicator 5. HIV Cascade of Care

The success of seek, test, treat and retain (STTR) strategies like STOP is reliant on early diagnosis of HIV, linking newly diagnosed HIV-positive persons with ongoing care, retaining persons in HIV-care; initiating ART based on best evidenced practices and maintaining optimal ART adherence to ensure a suppressed viral load. These stages of HIV-care can be summarized as: 1. HIV diagnosis, 2. Linkage to HIV care, 3. Retention in HIV care, 4. On ART and 5. Achieving a suppressed VL; collectively, they are referred to as the cascade of care. Leakage between any of these stages of HIV-care means a reduction in the potential of ART as a benefit to the HIV-positive individual and as an HIV transmission prevention method on a population level. Thus, when interpreting trends in the cascade of care, we strive to see increases along each step of the cascade of care (ie. reduced attrition) with the ultimate goal being 100% within each stage of the cascade. Monitoring the Cascade of Care provides a picture as to where deficiencies lie in the delivery and uptake of HIV-care. In this section we present the cascade of care for the year 2012 in BC overall and stratified by sex and age for each Health Authority.

Figure 5.1 Estimated Cascade of Care for BC, Year Ending 2014 Q3 ⁷

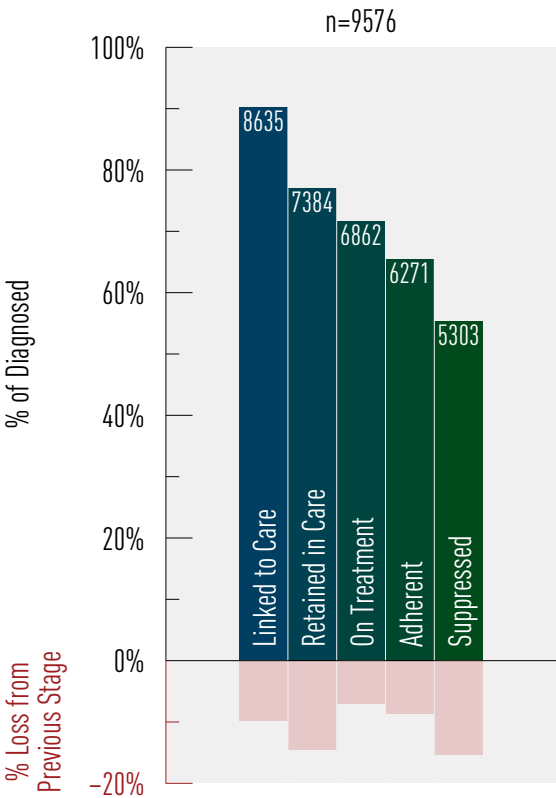
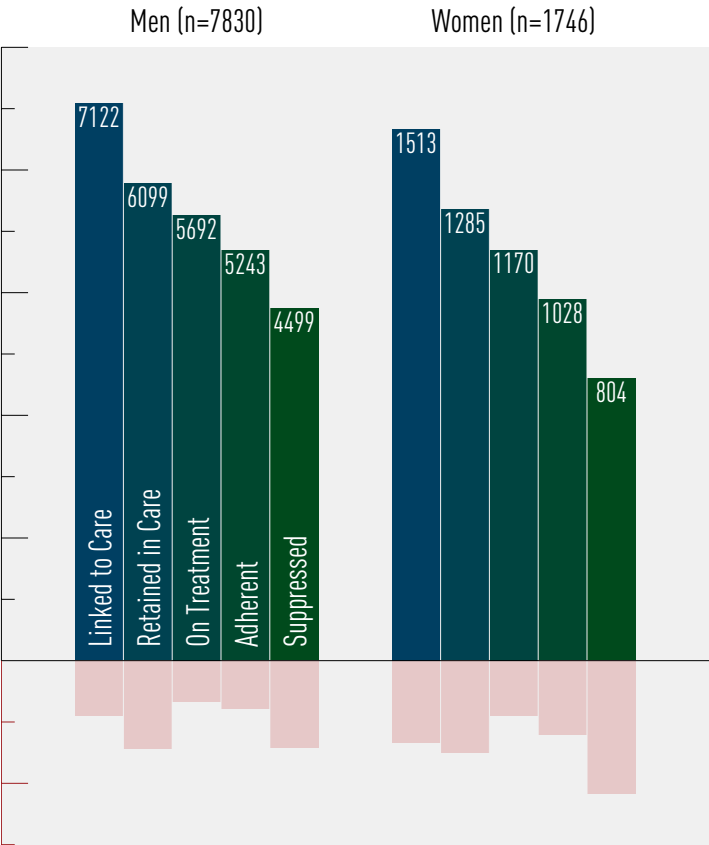


Figure 5.2 Estimated Cascade of Care for BC by Gender, Year Ending 2014 Q3 ⁸



^{7,8} Data is for the period 2013 Q4–2014 Q3.

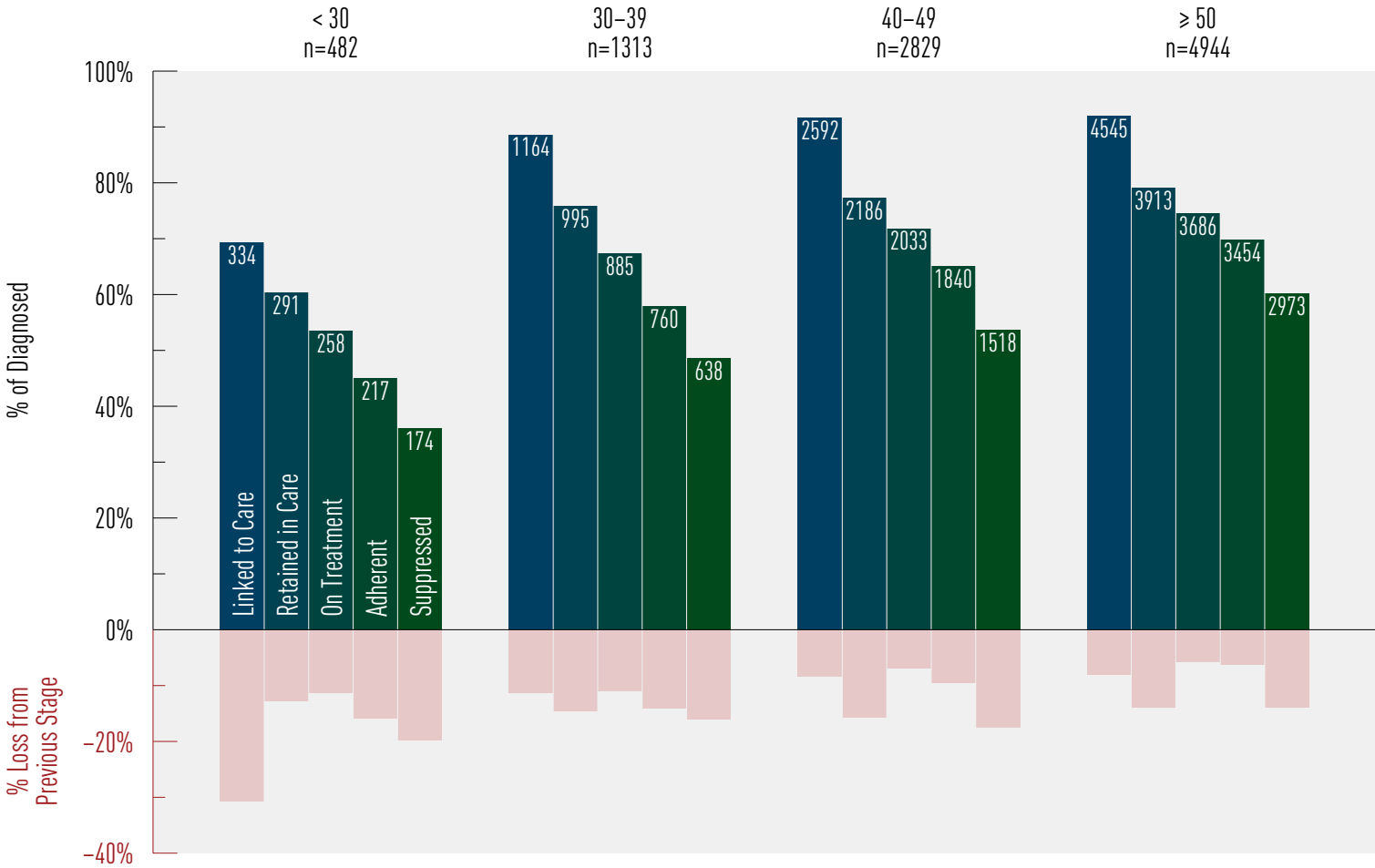
Data Sources:

- 1 British Columbia Centre for Excellence Drug Treatment Program (DTP) Database (ARV use, VL and CD4 count).
- 2 Administrative data (ex. MSP billings; hospitalization data from the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)).

Limitations: HA assignment is based on the most recent HA of residence of the patient, if not available of the HIV-care provider. If the most recent HA of residence is not updated then the designated HA may be incorrect.

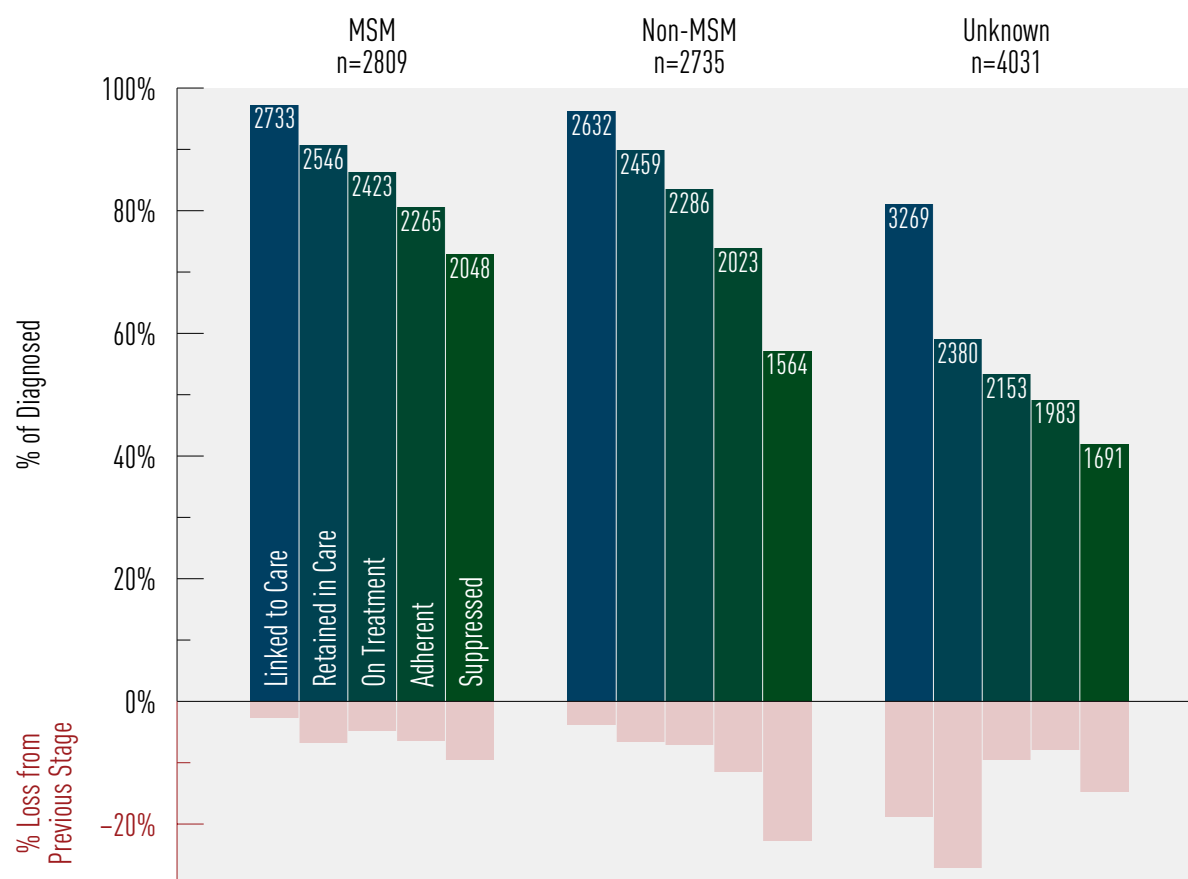
NB: Transgender has been assigned to their biological sex.

Figure 5.3 Estimated Cascade of Care for BC by Age Category, Year Ending 2014 Q3 ⁹



⁹ Data is for the period 2013 Q4–2014 Q3.
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Figure 5.4 Estimated Cascade of Care for BC by MSM Status, Year Ending 2014 Q3 ¹⁰



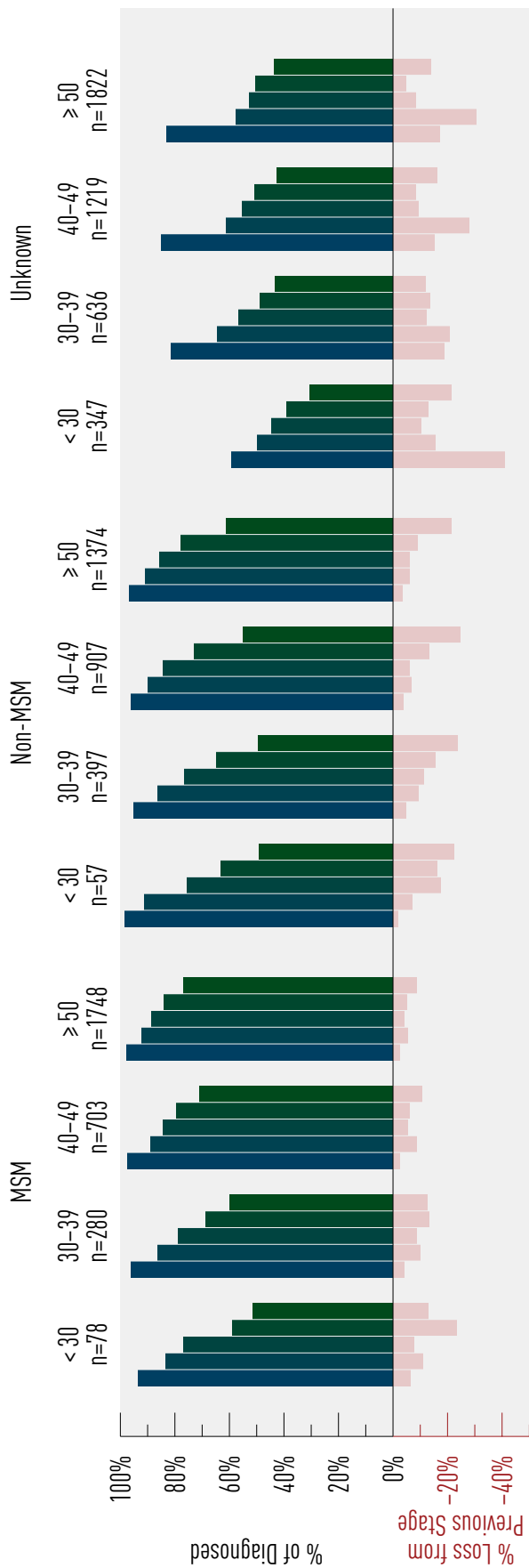
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- 2 Administrative data (ex. MSP billings; hospitalization data from the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)).

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Figure 5.5 Estimated Cascade of Care for BC by Age Category and MSM Status, Year Ending 2014 Q3 ¹¹

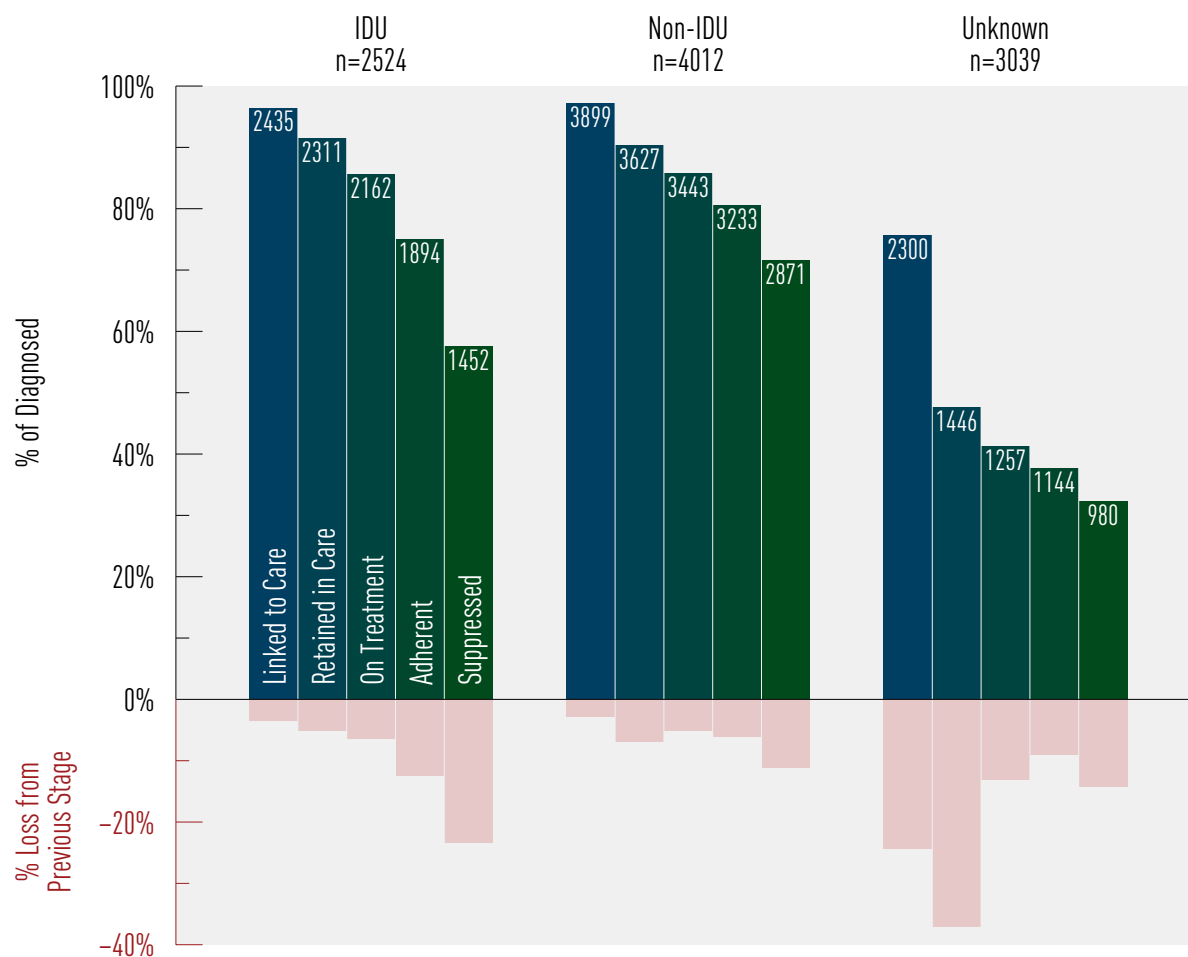


¹¹ Data is for the period 2013 Q4–2014 Q3.

Data Sources:

- 1 British Columbia Centre for Excellence Drug Treatment Program (DTP) Database (ARV use, VL and CD4 count).
 - 2 Administrative data (ex. MSP billings; hospitalization data from the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)).
- Limitations: HA assignment is based on the most recent HA of residence of the patient, if not available of the HIV-care provider. If the most recent HA of residence is not updated then the designated HA may be incorrect.

Figure 5.6 Estimated Cascade of Care for BC by History of IDU, Year Ending 2014 Q3 ¹²



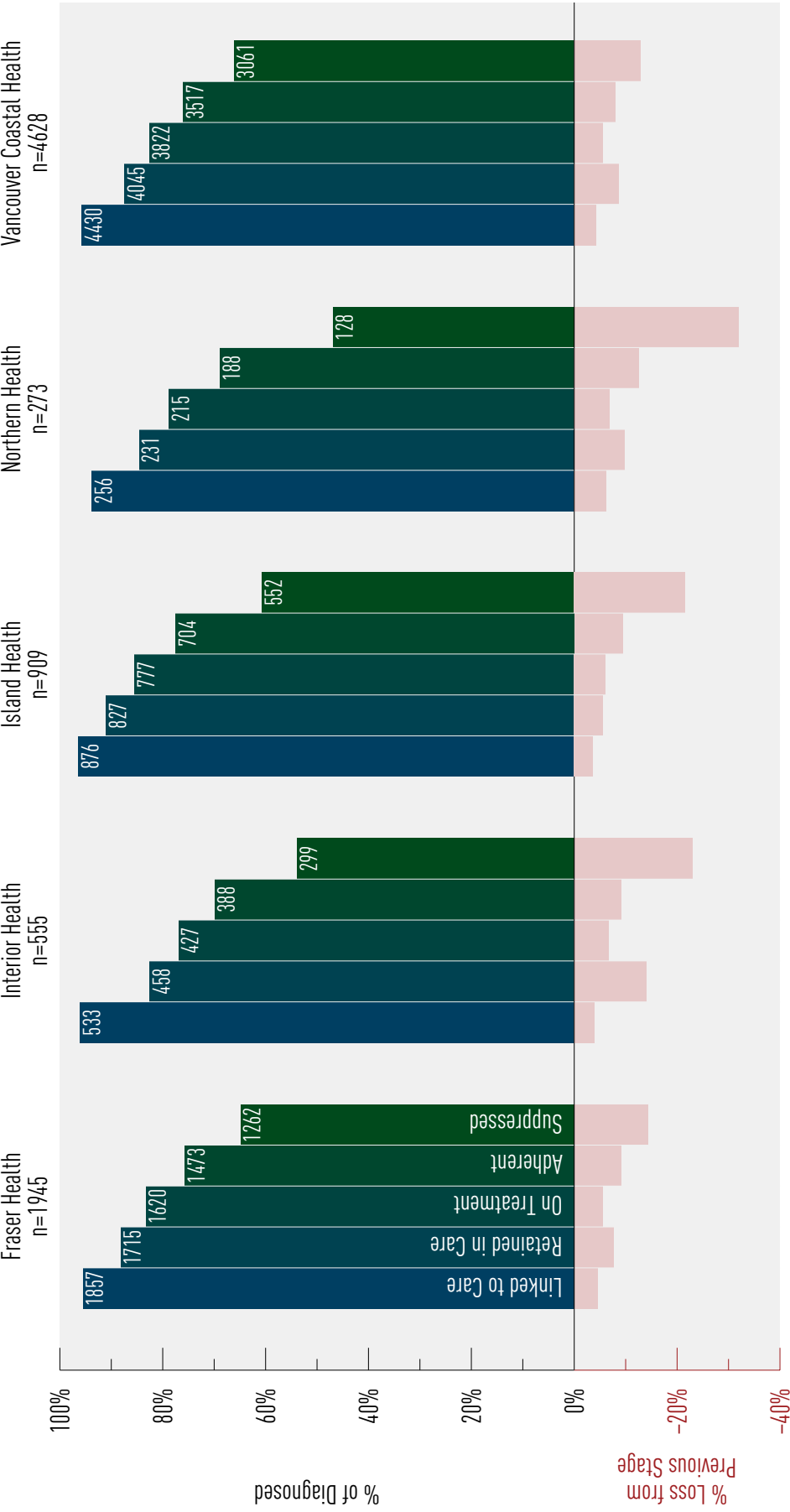
¹² Data is for the period 2013 Q4–2014 Q3.

Data Sources:

- 1 British Columbia Centre for Excellence Drug Treatment Program (DTP) Database (ARV use, VL and CD4 count).
- 2 Administrative data (ex. MSP billings; hospitalization data from the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)).

Limitations: HA assignment is based on the most recent HA of residence of the patient, if not available of the HIV-care provider. If the most recent HA of residence is not updated then the designated HA may be incorrect.

Figure 5.7 Estimated Cascade of Care for BC by Health Authority, Year Ending 2014 Q3¹³



¹³ Data is for the period 2013 Q4–2014 Q3.

Data Sources:

- 1 British Columbia Centre for Excellence Drug Treatment Program (DTP) Database (ARV use, VL and CD4 count).
 - 2 Administrative data (ex. MSP billings; hospitalization data from the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)).
- Limitations: HA assignment is based on the most recent HA of residence of the patient, if not available of the HIV-care provider. If the most recent HA of residence is not updated then the designated HA may be incorrect.

Indicator 6. The Programmatic Compliance Score (PCS)

The Programmatic Compliance Score (PCS) is a summary measure of risk of future death, immunologic failure and virologic failure from all causes for people who are starting ART for the first time. It is composed of patient- and physician-driven effects. PCS scores range from 0–6 with higher scores indicative of poorer health outcomes and greater risk of death. Table 1 provides mortality, immunologic failure and virologic failure probabilities for given PCS scores. We interpret an individual with a $PCS \geq 4$ as being 22 times more likely to die, almost 10 times more likely to have immunologic failure and nearly 4 times as likely to demonstrate virologic failure compared to those individuals with a PCS score of 0. A detailed description of how the PCS score is calculated and its validation can be found in the technical report. In short, PCS scores are calculated by summing the results (yes=1, no=0) of six un-weighted non-performance indicators based on IAS–USA treatment guidelines:

1. having <3 CD4 cell count tests in the first year after starting antiretroviral therapy (ART);
2. having <3 plasma viral load (VL) tests in the first year after starting ART;
3. not having drug resistance testing done prior to starting ART;
4. starting on a non-recommended ART regimen;
5. starting therapy with $CD4 < 200$ cells/ μ L; and
6. not achieving viral suppression within 9 months since ART initiation.

In this section we provide PCS scores and their components over time for the province of BC. A decline to 0%, (**i.e., all individuals having a score of 0**) is the eventual goal.

Table 2. The Probability of Mortality, Immunologic Failure and Virologic Failure based on the Programmatic Compliance Score

Programmatic Compliance Score	Mortality Risk Ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	Immunologic Failure Risk Ratio (95% CI)	Virologic Failure Risk Ratio (95% CI)
0 (Best score)	1 (–)	1 (–)	1 (–)
1	3.81 (1.73–8.42)	1.39 (1.04–1.85)	1.32 (1.05–1.67)
2	7.97 (3.70–17.18)	2.17 (1.54–3.04)	1.86 (1.46–2.38)
3	11.51 (5.28–25.08)	2.93 (1.89–4.54)	2.98 (2.16–4.11)
4 or more (Worst score)	22.37 (10.46–47.84)	9.71 (5.72–16.47)	3.80 (2.52–5.73)

Reference: Lima VD, Le A, Nosyk B, Barrios R, Yip B, et al. (2012) Development and Validation of a Composite Programmatic Assessment Tool for HIV Therapy. *PLoS ONE* 7(11): e47859. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0047859

Figure 6.1 PCS Components for BC, 2012 Q4–2014 Q3 ¹⁴

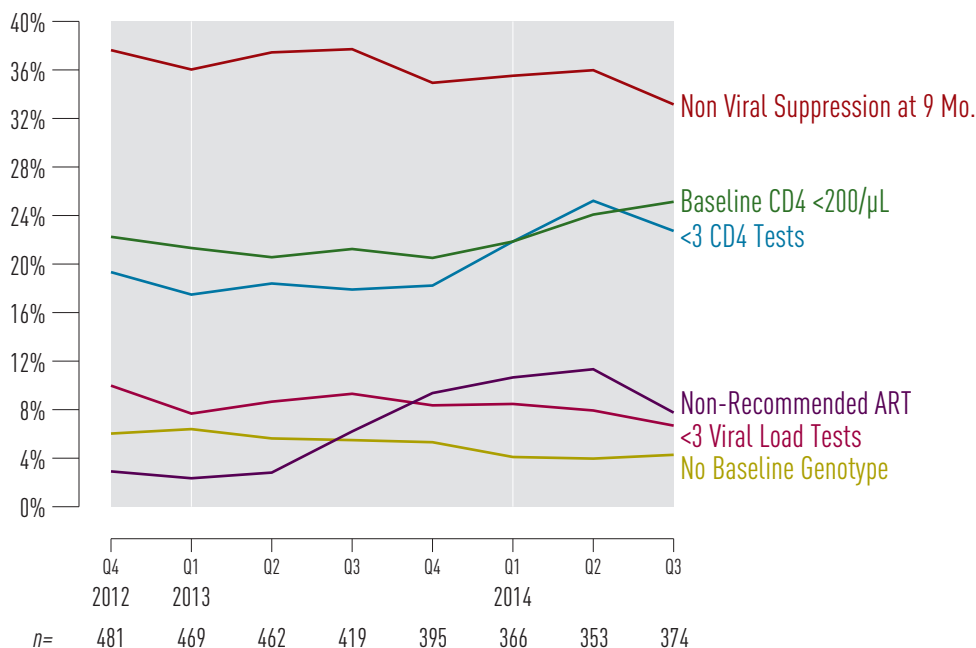
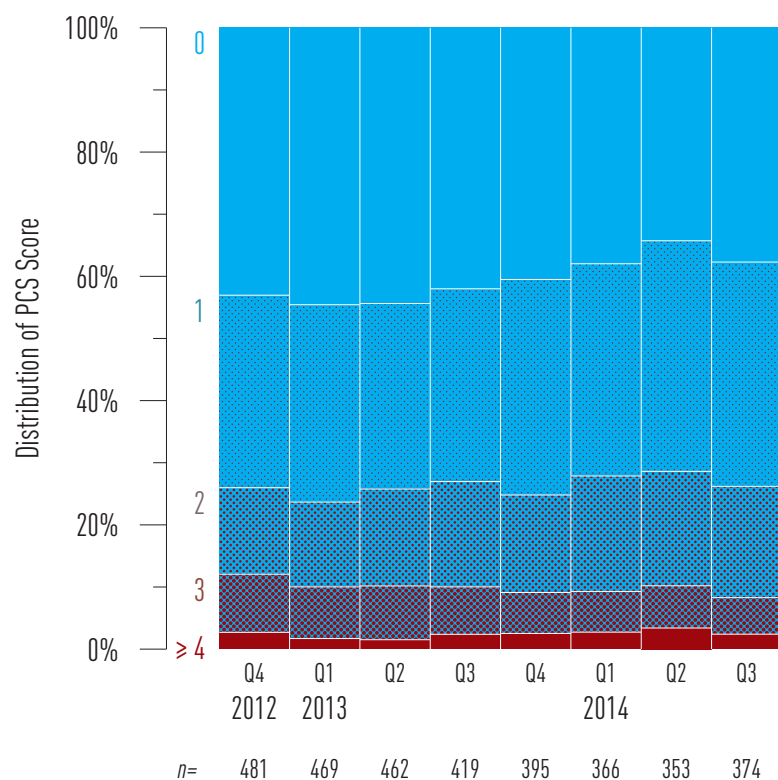


Figure 6.2 Historical Trends for PCS Score for BC, 2012 Q4–2014 Q3 ^{14,15}



¹⁴ Data Source: British Columbia Centre for Excellence Drug Treatment Program (DTP) Database. Limitations: CD4 cell count capture is approximately 80%.

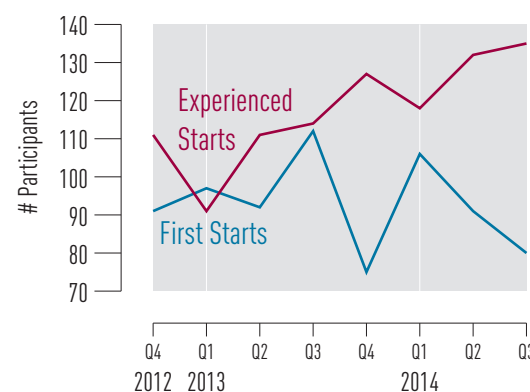
¹⁵ Each quarter's data is calculated as the sum of the 4 quarters leading up to it. e.g. 2013 Q1 is calculated from 2012 Q2 – 2013 Q1. NB: A score of 0 is the best score and a score of 4 or more is the worst score.

Antiretroviral Uptake

In this section we present trends in ART uptake, the number and proportion of new HIV treatment initiations and the number of active and inactive DTP participants. Trends in ART uptake should be interpreted under the consideration of changing BC HIV treatment guidelines. BC HIV treatment guidelines are updated regularly by the BC-CfE Therapeutic Guidelines Committee and reflect those of the International AIDS Society. Most recent changes were made in 2012 and HIV treatment is now recommended for all HIV-positive adults regardless of CD4 cell count; as evidence demonstrates that early initiation of HIV treatment maximizes both the individual's health outcomes as well as the potential of ART as a form of HIV transmission prevention at a population level. As such, trends in the number and proportion of persons on ART and new ART starts (in both naïve and experienced persons) are expected to increase over time at higher CD4 cell counts.

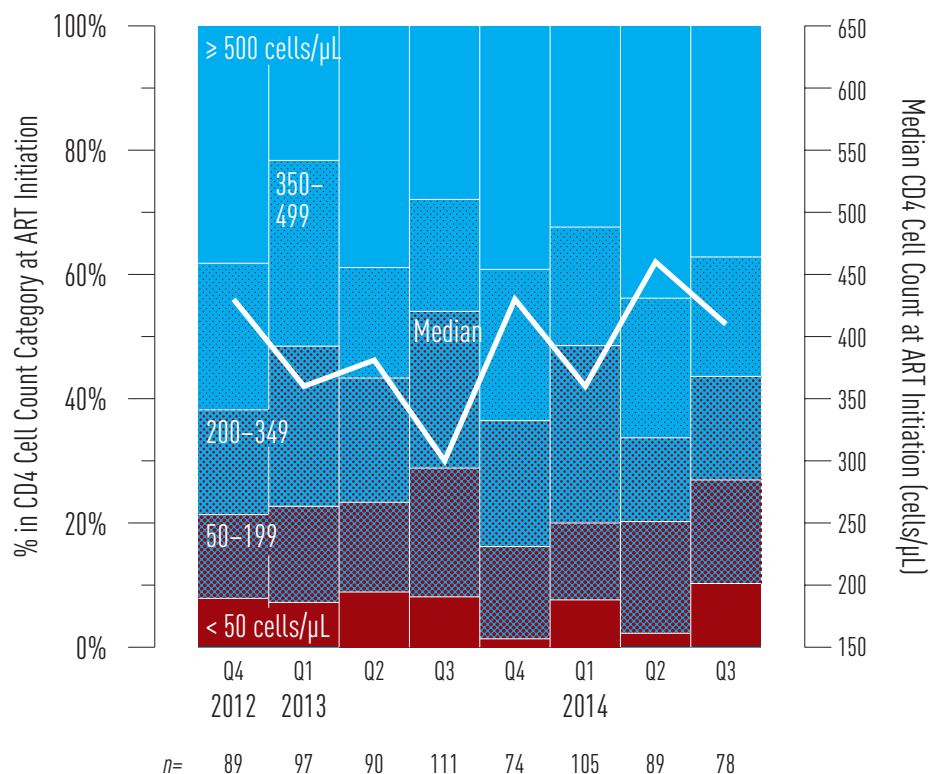
Indicator 7. New Antiretroviral Therapy Starts in BC

Figure 7 BC-CfE Drug Treatment Program Enrollment: New ART Participants in BC, 2012 Q4–2014 Q3 ¹⁶



Indicator 8. CD4 Cell Count at ART Initiation

Figure 8 CD4 Cell Count at ART Initiation of ART-Naïve DTP Participants in BC, 2012 Q4–2014 Q3 ¹⁷



¹⁶ Data Source: Drug Treatment Program Database
Limitation: DTP participants are designated to an HA based on most current residence provided by the participant.

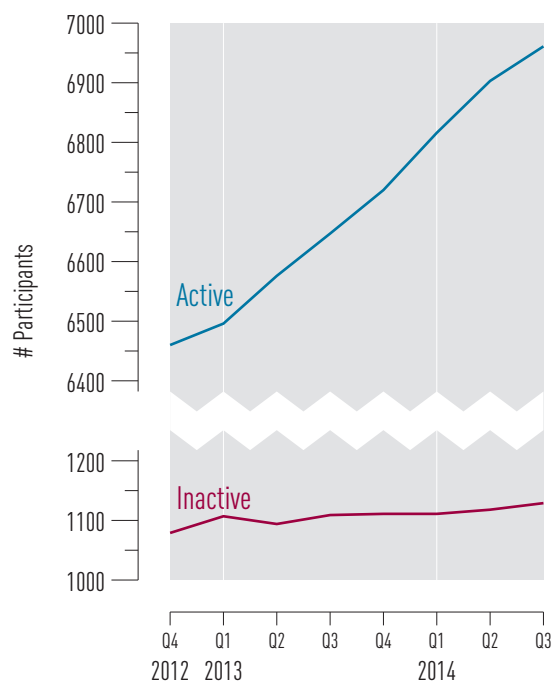
¹⁷ Data Source: Drug Treatment Program Database
Limitations: CD4 cell count data is approximately 80% complete.

Indicator 9. Active and Inactive DTP Participants

Table 3. Distribution of People on ART for BC, 2014 Q3 ¹⁸

		Fraser	Interior	Island	Northern	Vancouver Coastal	Total BC
Age	< 30	78	13	28	14	144	277
	30–39	258	52	92	48	517	967
	40–49	537	109	220	67	1203	2136
	≥ 50	770	258	449	92	2011	3581
Gender	Male	1262	335	642	133	3410	5783
	Female	381	97	147	88	465	1178
Exposure	MSM	471	110	180	26	1660	2448
	IDU	444	148	268	124	1153	2137
Total		1643	432	789	221	3875	6961

Figure 9 Active and Inactive DTP Participants in BC, 2012 Q4–2014 Q3 ¹⁹



¹⁸ Data Source: Drug Treatment Program Database

Limitation: DTP participants are designated to an HA based on most current residence provided by the participant.

Definitions:

'On antiretroviral therapy' defined as being on treatment in the current quarter

'Unknown/not stated' defined as being on treatment in the current quarter, and city of residence unknown

¹⁹ Active DTP participants: are those who are prescribed one or more drugs in the last six months.

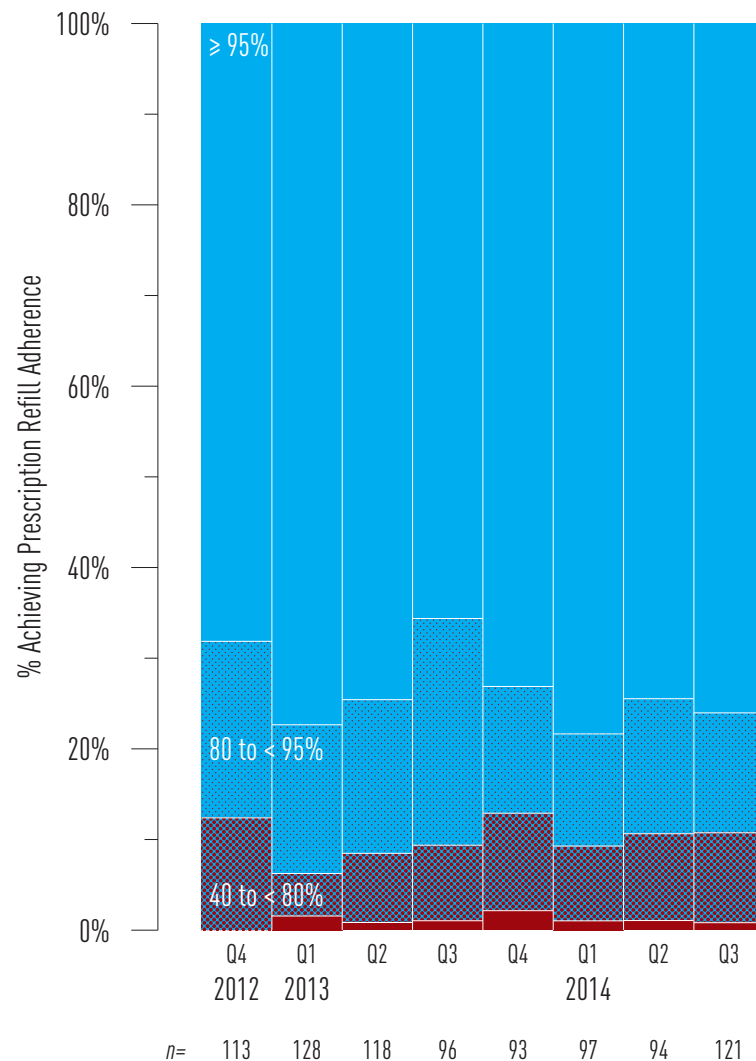
Inactive DTP Participants: Persons no longer prescribed drugs through the HIV/AIDS Drug Treatment Program in the last quarter.

Antiretroviral Adherence Level

In this section we present trends in prescription refill adherence levels for individuals in their first year of treatment. Given that the benefits of ART are compromised in the presence of imperfect ART adherence, we expect to see the proportion of persons on ART achieving **near perfect adherence** (ie. $\geq 95\%$) to increase with time. Furthermore, it is important that trends in the proportion of ART users achieving prescription refill adherence of $\geq 95\%$ keep pace with new ART starts and increase among those continuing on ART.

Indicator 10. Antiretroviral Adherence

Figure 10 Distribution of Individuals by Adherence Level in 1st Year of Therapy, Based on Pharmacy Refill Compliance for BC, 2012 Q4–2014 Q3 ²⁰

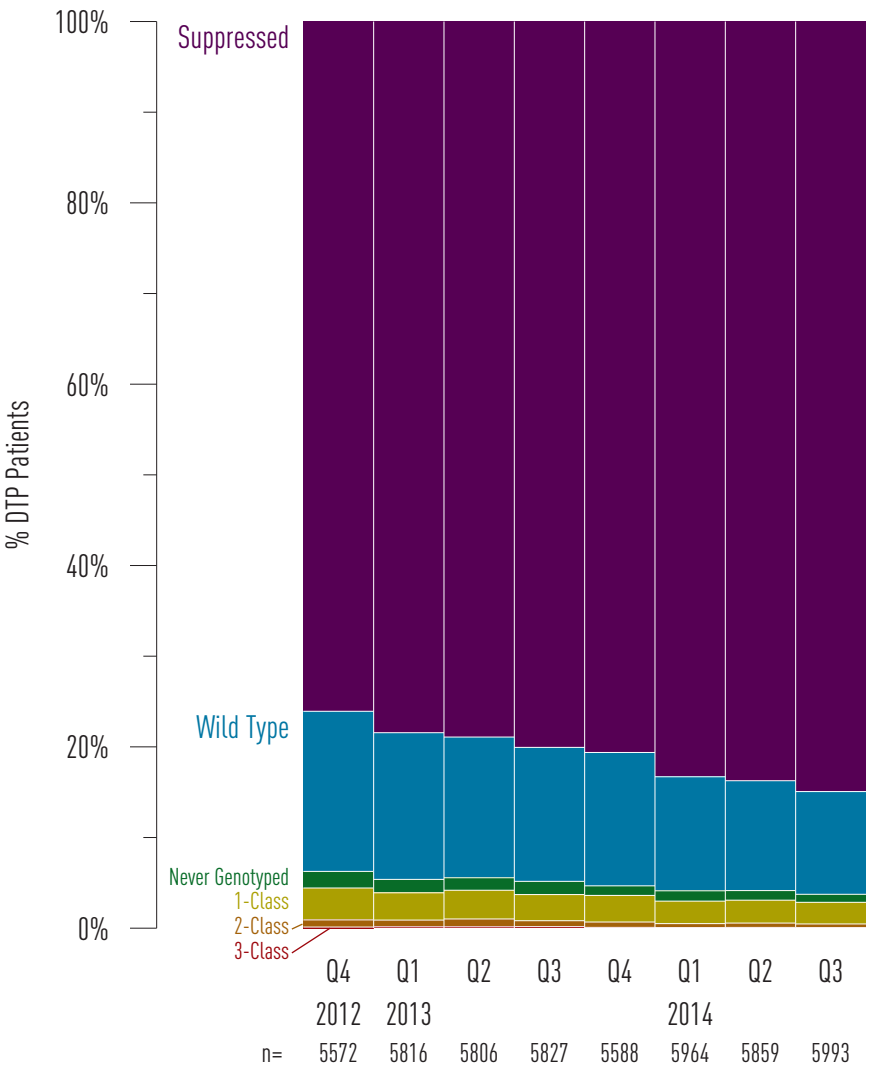


²⁰ Data Source: Drug Treatment Program Database
 Limitation: Prescription refill adherence is used as a proxy for patient adherence.

Indicator 11. Resistance Testing and Results

In this section, we present trends in cumulative resistance testing by resistance category: **Suppressed** (where a DTP participant's viral load is too low to be genotyped); **Wild Type** (where no HIV treatment resistances were discovered), **Never Genotyped**, and Resistances to **one**, **two** or **three** HIV treatment classes. Resistance testing prior to ART initiation is recommended in the BC HIV treatment primary care guidelines. Thus, it is expected that trends over time should find all persons enrolled in the DTP to have been genotyped. Trends over time should also show an increase in the proportion of DTP participants achieving a suppressed status and an increase in resistance testing should not lead to an increase in the number of ART resistances occurring.

Figure 11 Cumulative Resistance Testing Results by Resistance Category for BC, 2012 Q4–2014 Q3 ²¹



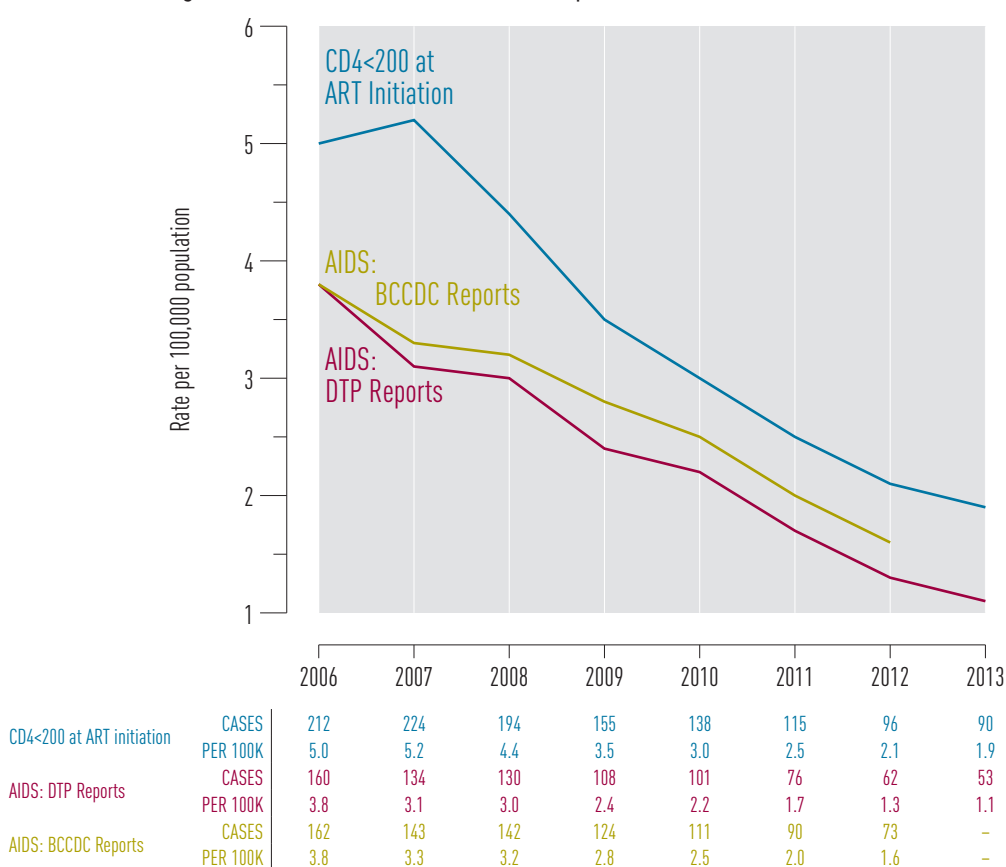
²¹ Data Source: Drug Treatment Program Database

Limitation: DTP participants are designated to an HA based on most current residence provided by the participant.

Indicator 12. AIDS-Defining Illness

Improvements in ART and the expansion of ART province-wide has led to very low numbers of recorded AIDS cases across BC. However, interpreting trends in AIDS cases is challenging as AIDS reporting is passive in BC and it is likely that they are under reported across all Health Authorities. In addition to under reporting, methods of reporting AIDS cases are inconsistent across HA's and do not truly reflect the current reality of new AIDS diagnoses. Efforts will need to be made to improve under and inconsistent reporting of AIDS cases across all HA's. The table below shows AIDS cases using three definitions. First, AIDS cases were defined as the number of physician-reported AIDS defining illness (ADI) in a given year. AIDS case reporting is a passive process and physicians can voluntarily report AIDS cases to the BCCDC or DTP. As such, we have plotted both **BCCDC reports** and **DTP reported AIDS cases**. We also show the proportion of persons **initiating ART with a CD4<200 cells/μL**.

Figure 12 AIDS Case Rate and Reports for BC, 2006–2013 ²²



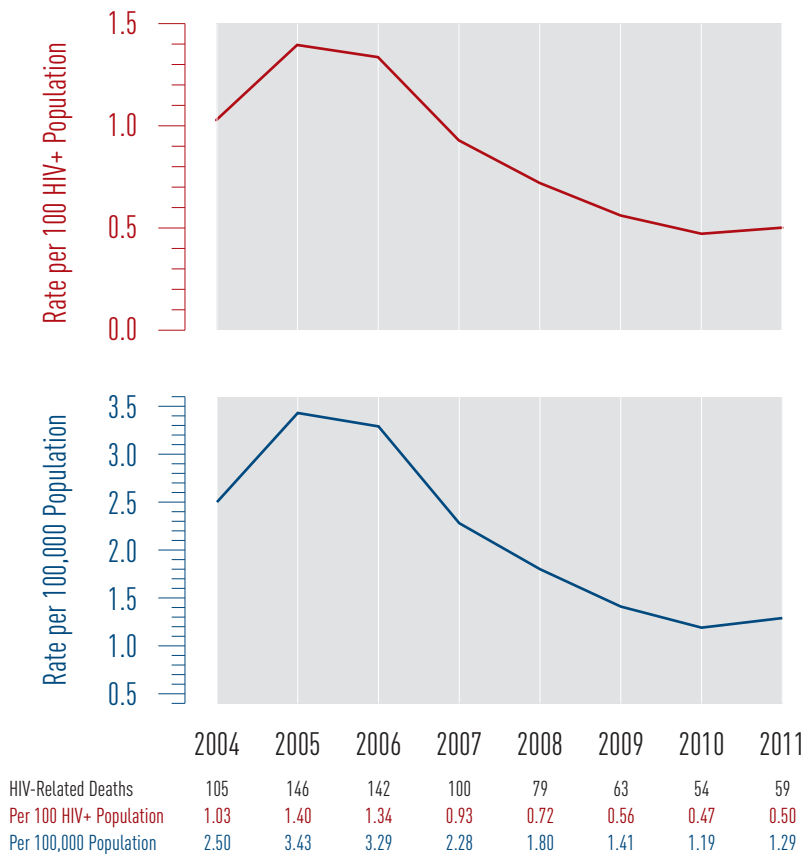
²² Data Source: DTP AIDS cases are obtained from the Drug Treatment Program Database; BCCDC AIDS cases are obtained from the BC-CDC; CD4<200 at ART initiation data came from the DTP database.

Limitation: AIDS case reporting was investigated using 3 definitions: First, using AIDS cases reported in AIDS case report forms from the DTP; Second, using AIDS cases reported via the BCCDC and third, using a CD4 cell count of <200 cells/μL at time of ART initiation using DTP data. AIDS case reporting is passive in BC, thus; AIDS case reporting is not well captured. The DTP sends out AIDS reporting forms to physicians annually. The BCCDC uses DTP AIDS case reports as well as physician AIDS case reports made directly to the BCCDC. Interpreting AIDS case reports should be done with these limitations in mind. AIDS data is updated annually as very few AIDS cases reports are reported in general and trends would be difficult to notice if reported quarterly.

Indicator 13. HIV-Related Mortality

Evidence indicates that individuals who initiate treatment with recommended ART in a timely fashion may live near normal lifespans. Excess mortality among HIV positive persons is, therefore, an important measure of HIV care with a goal of minimizing HIV-related mortality in British Columbia.

Figure 13 HIV-Related Deaths by Year for BC, 2004–2011 ²³



²³ Data Source: BC Vital Statistics

Limitation:

1. DTP participants are designated to an HA based on most current residence provided by the participant.
2. Mortality data is updated annually.
3. The most recent available data was used.

Appendices

Indicator 1: Test Episodes (thousands)		'09		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014									
		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3				
British Columbia		41.5	46.3	44.0	44.6	45.4	48.6	45.4	52.9	50.8	56.7	55.2	59.2	59.8	67.3	69.8	67.9	66.7	74.9	78.0	83.2
Gender	Female	25.5	28.0	26.3	27.0	26.9	28.7	26.2	28.0	29.0	32.4	31.6	33.8	33.9	38.2	39.3	38.4	37.6	41.6	43.1	46.0
	Male	15.4	17.6	17.1	16.9	17.0	18.2	16.6	18.2	18.8	21.6	21.1	22.8	23.4	26.2	27.9	26.5	26.2	30.0	31.6	33.8
	Other	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Female (Prenatal)		11.3	12.1	11.0	11.8	12.0	12.9	11.3	11.8	11.9	13.0	11.9	12.0	11.9	12.5	11.7	12.0	12.0	12.9	11.9	12.3
Female (Non-prenatal)		14.1	15.9	15.2	15.3	14.9	15.8	14.9	16.2	17.1	19.4	19.7	21.8	22.1	25.7	27.5	26.4	25.6	28.7	31.2	33.7
Age	< 30	16.4	17.5	16.9	17.6	17.5	17.5	16.5	18.1	18.2	18.9	18.2	20.0	19.7	20.4	21.1	21.6	21.3	21.9	22.0	23.8
	30–39	13.2	15.4	14.2	14.4	14.1	15.9	13.9	14.8	14.8	17.3	16.3	16.8	16.6	19.2	19.2	18.9	18.4	21.4	20.6	21.5
	40–49	5.7	6.7	6.4	6.1	6.2	6.8	6.3	6.5	6.6	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.2	9.7	10.1	9.4	9.1	10.5	10.9	11.3
	≥ 50	5.2	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.7	6.2	5.7	6.3	7.0	8.8	9.1	10.8	11.7	15.2	16.9	15.2	15.2	17.9	21.4	23.5
POC HIV Tests						1.0	1.1	2.1	6.1	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.1
Fraser Health		11.6	13.0	12.3	12.5	12.5	13.1	12.2	13.0	13.0	14.4	14.2	15.1	15.6	17.9	18.1	17.9	17.0	18.0	18.6	19.1
Interior Health		5.6	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.6	7.2	7.1	7.4
Island Health		4.7	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.8	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.8	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.0	6.7	6.4	6.5
Northern Health		2.5	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	4.2	3.8	3.8
Vancouver Coastal Health		17.1	18.8	18.3	18.6	19.3	20.7	20.1	26.0	24.0	27.2	26.9	29.5	29.4	33.7	35.6	34.4	33.5	38.9	42.1	46.5

Indicator 2: **Rate of HIV Testing per 100,000**

		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
British Columbia		3633.4	3627.9	3714.4	4373.6	5067.7
Fraser Health		3387.8	3384.9	3440.1	3897.0	4274.9
Interior Health		2888.0	2923.9	2924.8	2991.6	3288.3
Island Health		2721.5	2703.5	2659.1	2785.1	2908.9
Northern Health		3514.4	3435.8	3582.7	4088.6	4387.9
Vancouver Coastal Health		5115.0	5086.7	5336.7	7017.3	8884.1
Gender	Female	4401.6	4370.5	4464.2	5187.9	5963.5
	Male	2732.1	2763.0	2849.3	3483.1	4111.9
Age	< 30	3986.4	3934.0	3947.1	4281.5	4675.8
	30–39	8797.3	8999.9	9201.3	10160.8	11105.6
	40–49	3315.0	3315.2	3440.1	4167.8	5231.5
	≥ 50	1228.8	1266.5	1376.2	2144.6	3246.6

		'09 2010				2011				2012				2013				2014			
Indicator 3: New HIV Diagnoses		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
British Columbia	By Client Residence	73	73	81	78	68	54	82	87	65	70	55	52	60	49	80	80	58	64	76	67
	By Provider Address	73	73	81	78	68	54	82	87	65	70	55	52	60	49	80	80	58	64	76	67
Gender	Female	17	17	20	14	11	6	19	11	7	9	10	5	5	6	13	8	5	13	10	14
	Male	56	56	61	64	57	48	63	76	58	61	45	47	55	43	67	72	53	50	65	53
Age	< 30	24	17	20	22	9	5	18	17	18	18	14	8	18	9	18	23	15	18	15	14
	30–39	20	25	18	23	20	18	30	30	13	16	17	11	10	16	25	18	11	17	22	29
	40–49	21	23	29	19	24	18	22	22	19	20	11	19	19	12	14	21	20	14	14	6
	≥ 50	8	8	14	14	15	13	12	18	15	16	13	14	13	12	23	18	12	15	25	18
Exposure	MSM	32	39	36	45	33	33	43	56	38	42	34	37	36	29	46	45	38	35	–	–
	IDU	14	14	16	12	10	8	11	12	3	14	7	2	6	4	7	5	9	7	–	–
	HET	22	18	25	18	22	12	23	19	21	14	12	11	15	15	20	24	9	13	–	–
	Other	3	2	2	1	1	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	3	5	0	0	–	–
	NIR/Unknown	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	4	1	2	9	–	–
Fraser Health	By Client Residence	12	17	19	19	17	12	18	15	9	11	10	10	14	8	14	23	19	14	11	12
	By Provider Address	7	14	15	13	15	10	20	9	8	10	5	7	8	9	8	14	15	11	10	12
Interior Health	By Client Residence	4	4	1	3	3	1	4	3	3	5	5	0	2	1	4	4	4	4	4	6
	By Provider Address	4	4	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	5	5	0	2	1	5	4	4	4	2	6
Island Health	By Client Residence	14	6	13	8	6	5	2	7	7	6	3	5	12	4	9	10	7	7	5	8
	By Provider Address	14	6	12	8	5	5	3	6	6	3	3	5	12	5	9	10	7	6	5	8
Northern Health	By Client Residence	7	4	3	7	2	4	10	5	5	5	4	3	0	3	8	3	3	2	5	3
	By Provider Address	8	4	3	6	2	4	9	5	6	5	4	3	0	3	8	3	3	2	5	3
Vancouver Coastal Health	By Client Residence	36	41	45	41	40	32	48	57	41	43	33	33	32	31	45	40	25	37	49	38
	By Provider Address	40	45	50	49	43	34	47	65	42	47	38	37	38	31	50	49	29	41	54	38

Indicator 4: Stage of HIV Infection at Baseline

	British Columbia				Female				Male				< 30 years				30–39 years				40–49 years			
	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13
Stage 0	52	63	53	48	8	3	6	2	44	60	47	45	19	14	18	19	16	25	18	14	13	19	10	10
Stage 1	66	53	51	56	12	8	6	9	54	44	44	47	19	12	11	22	20	20	14	17	20	10	16	7
Stage 2a	33	39	28	45	5	7	5	6	28	32	23	39	7	11	4	12	14	12	4	13	9	11	11	10
Stage 2b	34	39	30	31	12	8	6	4	22	31	24	27	5	6	7	4	9	8	7	11	11	12	10	9
Stage 3	76	68	58	71	22	13	5	9	54	55	53	62	2	5	7	4	13	17	11	13	31	25	15	25
Unknown	35	26	16	15	2	4	1	1	33	21	15	14	11	6	7	1	13	10	3	4	10	5	2	4
Total	296	288	236	266	61	43	29	31	235	243	206	234	63	54	54	62	85	92	57	72	94	82	64	65
	≥ 50 years				MSM				IDU				Heterosexual				Other Exposure				NIR/Unknown			
	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13	'10	'11	'12	'13
Stage 0	4	5	7	5	37	51	42	37	6	5	4	6	8	7	7	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Stage 1	7	11	10	10	33	32	33	36	13	8	6	4	20	13	11	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Stage 2a	3	5	9	10	20	25	17	31	6	5	6	5	7	7	5	7	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Stage 2b	9	13	6	7	15	20	16	22	5	3	6	1	12	15	8	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stage 3	30	21	25	29	25	27	30	27	18	7	6	5	28	31	20	32	3	3	0	2	2	0	2	5
Unknown	1	5	4	6	22	15	10	4	4	6	1	4	7	2	1	4	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	0
Total	54	60	61	67	152	170	148	157	52	34	29	25	82	75	52	67	6	7	2	9	4	2	5	8

Indicator 5: HIV Cascade of Care

		DIAGNOSED	LINKED	RETAINED	ON ART	ADHERENT	SUPPRESSED
British Columbia		9576	8635	7384	6862	6271	5303
Age Category	< 30	482	334	291	258	217	174
	30–39	1313	1164	995	885	760	638
	40–49	2829	2592	2186	2033	1840	1518
	≥ 50	4944	4545	3913	3686	3454	2973
Age Category and MSM Status	MSM						
		< 30	78	73	65	46	40
		30–39	280	269	221	192	168
		40–49	703	685	593	558	499
		≥ 50	1748	1707	1549	1469	1341
	Non-MSM						
		< 30	57	56	52	36	28
		30–39	397	378	343	257	196
		40–49	907	872	814	662	499
		≥ 50	1374	1327	1175	1068	841
	Unknown						
		< 30	347	205	173	135	106
		30–39	636	517	410	311	274
		40–49	1219	1035	745	620	520
		≥ 50	1822	1512	1051	917	791
Gender	Male	7830	7122	6099	5692	5243	4499
	Female	1746	1513	1285	1170	1028	804
Injection Drug Use	IDU	2524	2435	2311	2162	1894	1452
	Non-IDU	4012	3899	3627	3443	3233	2871
	Unknown	3039	2300	1446	1257	1144	980
MSM Status	MSM	2809	2733	2546	2423	2265	2048
	Non-MSM	2735	2632	2459	2286	2023	1564
	Unknown	4031	3269	2380	2153	1983	1691
Health Authority	Fraser Health	1945	1857	1715	1620	1473	1262
	Interior Health	555	533	458	427	388	299
	Island Health	909	876	827	777	704	552
	Northern Health	273	256	231	215	188	128
	Vancouver Coastal Health	4628	4430	4045	3822	3517	3061

Indicator 6: Programmatic Compliance Score (PCS)

	2012 Q4	2013 Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2014 Q1	Q2	Q3
< 3 CD4 Tests	19.3%	17.5%	18.4%	17.9%	18.2%	21.9%	25.2%	22.7%
< 3 Viral Load Tests	10.0%	7.7%	8.7%	9.3%	8.4%	8.5%	7.9%	6.7%
No Baseline Genotype	6.0%	6.4%	5.6%	5.5%	5.3%	4.1%	4.0%	4.3%
Baseline CD4 < 200 cells/μL	22.2%	21.3%	20.6%	21.2%	20.5%	21.9%	24.1%	25.1%
Non-Recommended ART	2.9%	2.3%	2.8%	6.2%	9.4%	10.7%	11.3%	7.8%
Non Viral suppression at 9 Mo.	37.6%	36.0%	37.4%	37.7%	34.9%	35.5%	36.0%	33.2%
PCS Score: 0	207	209	205	176	160	139	121	141
PCS Score: 1	149	149	138	130	137	125	131	135
PCS Score: 2	67	64	72	71	62	68	65	67
PCS Score: 3	45	39	40	32	26	24	24	22
PCS Score: 4 or more	13	8	7	10	10	10	12	9
Total (n=)	481	469	462	419	395	366	353	374

Indicator 7: New DTP ARV Participants

First Starts	91	97	92	112	75	106	91	80
Experienced Starts	111	91	111	114	127	118	132	135

Indicator 8: CD4 Cell Count at ART Initiation for ARV-Naïve DTP Participants

CD4 ≥ 500	34	21	35	31	29	34	39	29
CD4 350–499	21	29	16	20	18	20	20	15
CD4 200–349	15	25	18	28	15	30	12	13
CD4 50–199	12	15	13	23	11	13	16	13
CD4 < 50	7	7	8	9	1	8	2	8
<i>CD4 Median (cells/μL)</i>	<i>430</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>381</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>430</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>460</i>	<i>410</i>
Total (n=)	89	97	90	111	74	105	89	78

Indicator 9: Active and Inactive DTP Participants

Active DTP Participants	6460	6496	6576	6647	6720	6816	6903	6961
Inactive DTP Participants	1079	1107	1094	1109	1111	1111	1118	1129

Indicator 10: Antiretroviral Adherence

≥ 95%	77	99	88	63	68	76	70	92
80% to < 95%	22	21	20	24	13	12	14	16
40% to < 80%	14	6	9	8	10	8	9	12
< 40%	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Total (n=)	113	128	118	96	93	97	94	121

Indicator 11: Resistance Testing and Results

Suppressed	4239	4562	4582	4665	4505	4968	4906	5090
Wild Type	984	941	901	861	822	750	710	679
Never Genotyped	102	86	80	85	59	68	62	53
1-Class	196	175	184	168	164	148	148	143
2-Class	44	43	50	38	33	26	28	24
3-Class	7	9	9	10	5	4	5	4
Total (n=)	5572	5816	5806	5827	5588	5964	5859	5993

Indicator 12: AIDS-Defining Illness

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CD4 < 200 at Cases	212	224	194	155	138	115	96	90
ART initiation <i>Rate per 100,000</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>1.9</i>
AIDS Cases Cases	160	134	130	108	101	76	62	53
(DTP Reports) <i>Rate per 100,000</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.1</i>
AIDS Cases Cases	162	143	142	124	111	90	73	–
(BCCDC Reports) <i>Rate per 100,000</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>–</i>

Indicator 13: HIV-Related Mortality

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
British Columbia	105	146	142	100	79	63	54	59
Per 100 HIV+ Population	1.03	1.40	1.34	0.93	0.72	0.56	0.47	0.50
Per 100,000 Population	2.50	3.43	3.29	2.28	1.80	1.41	1.19	1.29