

Australian HIV Surveillance Update

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From 1 July to 30 September 1995:

- 206 people were newly diagnosed with HIV infection.
- 128 people were newly diagnosed with AIDS.
- 111 people died following AIDS.

To 30 September 1995 there have been:

- 19,292 diagnoses of HIV infection.
- 6,292 diagnoses of AIDS.
- 4,537 deaths following AIDS.

From 1 July to 30 September 1994:

- 219 people were newly diagnosed with HIV infection.
- 228 people were newly diagnosed with AIDS.
- 177 people died following AIDS.

To 30 September 1994 there were:

- 18,395 diagnoses of HIV infection.
- 5,631 diagnoses of AIDS.
- 3,941 deaths following AIDS.

HIV diagnoses

People diagnosed with HIV infection in the year to 30 September 1995 had an average age of 34 years, and 2.4% were in the age group 13–19 years. 90% were male, 9% were female, and sex was not recorded for 1% of cases.

Of the 92% of cases of HIV infection newly diagnosed in the year to 30 September 1995 for which exposure to HIV was recorded, a history of heterosexual contact and injecting drug use was reported in 4%.

New HIV infections

During the third quarter of 1995, 49 males and 2 females were reported as having newly acquired HIV infection, identified by a negative test within the 12 months prior to diagnosis or the diagnosis of HIV seroconversion illness. Exposure to HIV was attributed to heterosexual contact and injecting drug use in 1 male and 1 female.

HIV Testing in Sexual Health Clinics

Five sexual health clinics in Adelaide, Brisbane, Darwin, Melbourne and Sydney tested 6,128 people in the period 1 July to 30 September 1995 who were not previously known to have HIV infection.

- Of 2,522 people reported as having been tested for the first time, 10 (0.4%) were found to have HIV infection.
- Of 3,466 people reported as having been retested following a previous negative test, 9 (0.03%) were found to have HIV infection.
- Of 79 males and 33 females who reported a history of injecting drug use and who were tested for HIV antibody for the first time, 1 male was newly diagnosed with HIV infection.

The HIV epidemic in Australia

A cumulative profile to January 1996

