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Diagnoses in the third quarter

1 July – 30 September 2011

a total of 276 diagnoses of HIV infection, 30 diagnoses of AIDS and 10 deaths following AIDS were reported, by 31 December 2011, to have occurred in the third quarter of 2011

in comparison, 260 diagnoses of HIV infection, 27 diagnoses of AIDS and 4 deaths following AIDS were reported by 31 December 2011, to have occurred in the third quarter of 2010

New HIV infection

During the third quarter of 2011, 80 males were reported as having newly acquired HIV infection identified by a negative test within the 12 months prior to diagnosis or the diagnosis of primary HIV infection. Men who had sex with men, with or without a history of injecting drug use, accounted for 96.3% (77) of cases.

Diagnoses in the year to 30 September 2011

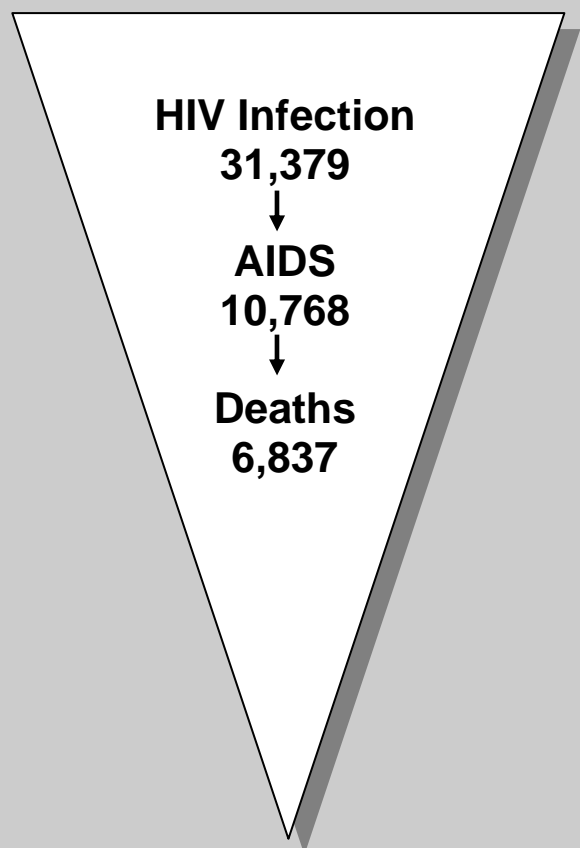
1 104 diagnoses of HIV infection

123 diagnoses of AIDS

25 deaths following AIDS were reported by 31 December 2011

HIV diagnoses in Australia

A cumulative profile to 30 September 2011



Announcements

The **24th annual ASHM Conference** will be held in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, on 17 – 19 October 2012. The conference will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf, Melbourne. Further information may be obtained through the website <http://www.hivaidconference.com.au>.

The **13th International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infection (IUSTI) World Congress** will also be held in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, on 15 – 17 October 2012. Further information may be obtained through the website <http://www.iusti2012.com/>

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HIV diagnoses

People diagnosed with HIV infection in the year to 30 September 2011 had an average age of 38 years and 1.6% were in the age group 13 – 19 years

87.2% were male and 12.8% were female

of 914 cases of HIV infection, newly diagnosed among adult/adolescent males in the year to 30 September 2011 for which an exposure to HIV was reported, 758 (82.9%) were attributed to men who had sex with men, with or without a history of injecting drug use.

Total diagnoses to 30 September 2011

31 379 diagnoses of HIV infection

10 768 diagnoses of AIDS

6 837 deaths following AIDS were reported by 31 December 2011

HIV testing in sexual health clinics

Six sexual health clinics in Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne and Sydney tested 6 935 people in the quarter 1 July – 30 September 2011 who were not previously known to have HIV infection.

of 1 411 men reported as having been tested for the first time, 8 (0.6%) were found to have HIV infection

of 3 253 men, reported as having been retested following a previous negative test, 16 (0.5%) were found to have HIV infection

of 2 038 men who have sex with men, who were retested following a previous negative test, 16 (0.8%) were newly diagnosed with HIV infection

National AIDS Registry

Table 1.1 Cases of AIDS and deaths following AIDS by sex and State/Territory in which diagnosis of AIDS was made, cumulative to 30 September 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

Cases

State/Territory	1 Oct 09 – 30 Sep 10		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Cumulative to 30 Sep 11			%
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	
ACT	0	0	0	0	95	10	105	1.0
NSW	31	7	45	6	5 669	288	5 976	55.5
NT	2	0	3	0	53	6	59	0.5
QLD	13	2	7	1	1 115	80	1 197	11.1
SA	5	0	0	0	427	32	460	4.3
TAS	0	0	1	0	56	4	60	0.6
VIC	39	4	49	5	2 240	134	2 387	22.2
WA	8	2	5	1	472	50	524	4.9
Total	98	15	110	13	10 127	604	10 768	100.0

Deaths

State/Territory	1 Oct 09 – 30 Sep 10		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Cumulative to 30 Sep 11			%
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	
ACT	0	0	0	0	73	7	80	1.2
NSW	4	0	8	2	3 618	144	3 773	55.2
NT	0	0	0	0	33	1	34	0.5
QLD	3	1	3	0	687	44	733	10.7
SA	1	0	0	0	281	20	301	4.4
TAS	0	0	0	0	34	2	36	0.5
VIC	10	0	11	1	1 472	67	1 548	22.6
WA	0	0	0	0	301	30	332	4.9
Total	18	1	22	3	6 499	315	6 837	100.0

† Totals include 37 AIDS cases and 23 deaths following AIDS in people whose sex was reported as transgender.

Table 1.2 Incidence of AIDS per million current population¹ by sex and State/Territory of diagnosis for the two most recent yearly intervals

State/Territory	1 Oct 09 – 30 Sep 10			1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
ACT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NSW	8.8	1.9	5.3	12.6	1.6	7.1
NT	17.0	0.0	8.8	25.2	0.0	13.1
QLD	5.9	0.9	3.4	3.1	0.4	1.8
SA	6.2	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
TAS	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	2.0
VIC	14.4	1.5	7.9	17.8	1.8	9.7
WA	7.0	1.8	4.5	4.3	0.9	2.6
Total	9.0	1.4	5.1	9.9	1.2	5.5

1 Population estimates by sex, State/Territory and calendar period from *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

Table 1.3 Cases of AIDS and deaths following AIDS by sex and age group, cumulative to 30 September 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

Cases¹

Age group (years)	1 Oct 09 – 30 Sep 10		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Cumulative to 30 Sep 11			%
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	
0 – 2	0	2	0	0	10	12	22	0.2
2 – 12	0	0	0	0	22	12	34	0.3
0 – 12	0	2	0	0	32	24	56	0.5
13 – 19	0	1	0	0	28	7	35	0.3
20 – 29	7	3	12	1	1 494	133	1 643	15.3
30 – 39	32	5	26	5	4 061	221	4 294	39.9
40 – 49	34	2	33	5	2 959	119	3 083	28.6
50 – 59	14	2	21	1	1 128	57	1 189	11.0
60+	11	0	18	1	425	43	468	4.3
Total¹	98	15	110	13	10 127	604	10 768	100.0

Deaths²

Age group (years)	1 Oct 09 – 30 Sep 10		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Cumulative to 30 Sep 11			%
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	
0 – 2	0	0	0	0	6	6	12	0.2
2 – 12	0	0	0	0	17	6	23	0.3
0 – 12	0	0	0	0	23	12	35	0.5
13 – 19	0	0	0	0	15	3	18	0.3
20 – 29	2	0	2	0	700	50	761	11.1
30 – 39	0	0	2	0	2 495	111	2 615	38.2
40 – 49	7	1	6	1	2 100	64	2 166	31.7
50 – 59	6	0	6	2	842	37	880	12.9
60+	3	0	6	0	324	38	362	5.3
Total¹	18	1	22	3	6 499	315	6 837	100.0

1 Cases are classified by age at diagnosis.

2 Deaths are classified by age at death.

Table 1.4 Cases of AIDS by sex and exposure category, cumulative to 30 September 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

Exposure category	1 Oct 09 – 30 Sep 10		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Cumulative to 30 Sep 11			%
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	
Men who had sex with men	58	--	69	--	8 136	--	8 136	78.8
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	5	--	5	--	523	--	523	5.1
Injecting drug use	6	0	3	1	253	108	361	3.5
<i>Heterosexual</i>	4	0	3	1	156	82	238	
<i>Not further specified</i>	2	0	0	0	97	26	123	
Heterosexual contact	20	11	27	12	592	373	965	9.3
<i>Sex with injecting drug user</i>	0	0	0	0	10	32	42	
<i>Sex with bisexual male</i>	--	0	--	0	--	53	53	
<i>From a high prevalence country</i>	4	5	7	5	120	112	232	
<i>Sex with person from a high prevalence country</i>	4	1	4	1	99	28	127	
<i>Sex with person with medically acquired HIV</i>	0	0	0	0	2	11	13	
<i>Sex with HIV infected person, exposure not specified</i>	1	0	1	1	36	39	75	
<i>Not further specified</i>	11	5	15	5	325	98	423	
Haemophilia/coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	124	3	127	1.2
Receipt of blood/tissue	1	0	0	0	85	67	152	1.5
Health care setting	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0.0
Total Adults/ Adolescents	90	11	104	13	9 714	554	10 268	99.4
Children (under 13 years at AIDS diagnosis)								
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection	0	2	0	0	17	21	38	0.4
Haemophilia/coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0.0
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	0	0	11	3	14	0.1
Total children	0	2	0	0	33	24	57	0.6
Sub-total	90	13	104	13	9 747	578	10 325	100.0
Other/undetermined ¹	8	2	6	0	380	26	443	
Total	98	15	110	13	10 127	604	10 768	

1 The 'Other/undetermined' exposure category includes 37 AIDS cases in people whose sex was reported as transgender. The category was excluded from the calculation of the percentage of cases attributed to each exposure category.

Table 1.5 Deaths following AIDS by sex and exposure category, cumulative to 30 September 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

Exposure category	1 Oct 09 – 30 Sep 10		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Cumulative to 30 Sep 11			%
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	
Men who had sex with men	14	--	16	--	5 420	--	5 420	82.1
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	1	--	1	--	320	--	320	4.9
Injecting drug use	0	1	0	0	140	67	207	3.1
<i>Heterosexual</i>	0	0	0	0	87	53	140	
<i>Not further specified</i>	0	1	0	0	53	14	67	
Heterosexual contact	0	0	3	2	215	156	371	5.6
<i>Sex with injecting drug user</i>	0	0	0	0	5	14	19	
<i>Sex with bisexual male</i>	--	0	--	0	--	36	36	
<i>From a high prevalence country</i>	0	0	0	0	21	22	43	
<i>Sex with person from a high prevalence country</i>	0	0	2	0	29	12	41	
<i>Sex with person with medically acquired HIV</i>	0	0	0	0	2	7	9	
<i>Sex with HIV infected person, exposure not specified</i>	0	0	0	1	21	18	39	
<i>Not further specified</i>	0	0	1	1	137	47	184	
Haemophilia/ coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	101	3	104	1.6
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	0	0	75	59	134	2.0
Health care setting	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0.0
Total Adults/ Adolescents	15	1	20	2	6 272	287	6 559	99.4
Children (under 13 years at AIDS diagnosis)								
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection	0	0	0	0	10	10	20	0.3
Haemophilia/ coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0.1
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	0	0	11	3	14	0.2
Total children	0	0	0	0	26	13	39	0.6
Sub-total	15	1	20	2	6 298	300	6 598	100.0
Other/undetermined ¹	3	0	2	1	201	15	239	
Total	18	1	22	3	6 499	315	6 837	

1 The 'Other/undetermined' exposure category includes 23 deaths following AIDS in people whose sex was reported as transgender. The category was excluded from the calculation of the percentage of cases attributed to each exposure category.

National HIV Registry

Table 2.1 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection by sex¹ and State/Territory, cumulative to 30 September 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

State/Territory	1 Oct 09 – 30 Sep 10		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Cumulative to 30 Sep 11			Rate ²
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	
ACT	8	1	8	2	299	40	339	94.5
NSW ³	344	39	340	26	15 113	1 066	16 441	227.3
NT	7	1	7	1	170	32	202	87.9
QLD	192	37	209	26	3 602	417	4 028	89.2
SA	44	10	45	14	1 146	144	1 291	78.5
TAS	7	2	12	3	151	25	176	34.7
VIC ⁴	253	27	279	38	6 478	526	7 050	127.1
WA	71	32	63	31	1 522	323	1 852	80.7
Total⁵	926	149	963	141	28 481	2 573	31 379	140.5

- 1 Seventy six people (35 NSW, 9 QLD, 1 SA, 24 VIC and 7 WA) whose sex was reported as transgender are included in the total columns of Tables 2.1 – 2.3
- 2 Rate per one hundred thousand current population. Population estimates by sex, State/Territory and calendar interval from *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Australian Bureau of Statistics).
- 3 Cumulative total for NSW includes 227 people whose sex was not reported.
- 4 Cumulative total for VIC includes 22 people whose sex was not reported.
- 5 Cumulative total for Australia includes 249 people whose sex was not reported.

Table 2.2 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection, by sex and exposure category, cumulative to 30 September 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

Exposure category	1 Oct 09 – 30 Sep 10		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Cumulative to 30 Sep 11			%
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total ¹	
Men who had sex with men	678	--	732	--	20 401	--	20 401	74.8
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	22	--	26	--	1 134	--	1 134	4.2
Injecting drug use	22	7	12	5	789	252	1 041	3.8
<i>Heterosexual</i>	16	4	9	5	354	187	541	
<i>Not further specified</i>	6	3	3	0	435	65	500	
Heterosexual contact	152	127	143	124	2 122	1 927	4 049	14.8
<i>Sex with injecting drug user</i>	1	4	0	3	43	142	185	
<i>Sex with bisexual male</i>	--	2	--	5	--	173	173	
<i>From a high prevalence country</i>	59	76	39	65	557	760	1 317	
<i>Sex with person from a high prevalence country</i>	37	11	48	10	482	186	668	
<i>Sex with person with medically acquired HIV</i>	0	1	0	0	6	25	31	
<i>Sex with HIV infected person, exposure not specified</i>	7	6	10	18	127	237	364	
<i>Not further specified</i>	48	27	46	23	907	404	1 311	
Haemophilia/ coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	219	4	223	0.8
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	1	1	109	105	214	0.8
Health care setting ²	0	0	0	0	4	9	13	0.0
Total Adults/ Adolescents¹	874	134	914	130	24 778	2 297	27 075	99.2
Children (under 13 years at HIV diagnosis)								
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection ³	3	6	3	6	63	61	124	0.5
Haemophilia/ coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	65	0	65	0.2
Receipt of blood/tissue	1	1	0	0	14	10	24	0.1
Total children	4	7	3	6	142	71	213	0.8
Sub-total	878	141	917	136	24 920	2 368	27 288	100.0
Other/undetermined ⁴	48	8	46	5	3 561	205	4 091	
Total¹	926	149	963	141	28 481	2 573	31 379	

1 Total column includes people whose sex was not reported.

2 'Health care setting' includes 5 cases of occupationally acquired HIV infection and 4 cases of HIV transmission in surgical rooms.

3 A total of 554 children were notified as having been born to women with HIV infection, cumulative to 30 September 2011.

4 The 'Other/undetermined' exposure category includes 4 064 adults/adolescents and 27 children. Seventy six people whose sex was reported as transgender were included in the 'Other/undetermined' category. The 'Other/undetermined' category was excluded from the calculation of the percentage of cases attributed to each exposure category.

Table 2.3 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection by sex and age group, cumulative to 30 September 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

Age group (years)	1 Oct 09 – 30 Sep 10		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Cumulative to 30 Sep 11			%
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total ¹	
0–2	1	3	0	1	49	33	83	0.3
3–12	3	5	3	5	110	45	155	0.5
0–12	4	8	3	6	159	78	238	0.8
13–19	11	3	14	4	513	127	648	2.1
20–29	215	52	244	39	8 691	965	9 781	31.2
30–39	293	54	300	56	10 426	830	11 364	36.2
40–49	250	20	234	25	5 642	325	6 012	19.2
50–59	110	11	120	8	2 153	127	2 293	7.3
60+	43	1	48	3	761	89	854	2.7
Not reported	0	0	0	0	136	32	189	0.6
Total¹	926	149	963	141	28 481	2 573	31 379	100.0

1 See footnotes Table 2.1

Table 2.4 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 for which primary HIV infection was diagnosed or the date of a prior negative test was within one year of diagnosis of HIV infection, by sex and State/Territory and for two six month intervals of HIV diagnosis

State/Territory	1 Oct 10 – 31 Mar 11		1 Apr 11 – 30 Sep 11		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
ACT	2	0	1	0	3	0	3
NSW	74	0	84	4	158	4	162
NT	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
QLD	29	2	30	2	59	4	63
SA	1	0	4	0	5	0	5
TAS	0	0	5	0	5	0	5
VIC	44	3	52	2	96	5	101
WA	7	0	9	1	16	1	17
Total	158	5	185	10	343	15	358

Table 2.5 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 for which primary HIV infection was diagnosed or the date of a prior negative test was within one year of diagnosis of HIV infection, by sex and exposure category and for two six month intervals of HIV diagnosis

Exposure category	1 Oct 10 – 31 Mar 11		1 Apr 11 – 30 Sep 11		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Men who had sex with men	139	--	170	--	309	--	309
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	2	--	4	--	6	--	6
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	2	0	1	1	3	1	4
Heterosexual contact	14	5	6	9	20	14	34
Health care setting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other/undetermined	1	0	4	0	5	0	5
Total	158	5	185	10	343	15	358

Table 2.6 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 for which primary HIV infection was diagnosed or the date of a prior negative test was within one year of diagnosis of HIV infection, by sex and age group and for two six month intervals of HIV diagnosis

Age Group (years)	1 Oct 10 – 31 Mar 11		1 Apr 11 – 30 Sep 11		1 Oct 10 – 30 Sep 11		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
13 – 19	6	0	3	1	9	1	10
20 – 29	43	2	64	1	107	3	110
30 – 39	42	1	60	5	102	6	108
40 – 49	55	0	38	2	93	2	95
50 – 59	9	2	17	1	26	3	29
60+	3	0	3	0	6	0	6
Total	158	5	185	10	343	15	358

Sentinel surveillance of HIV infection in sexual health clinics

Table 3.1 Number of people seen, number of people tested for HIV antibody and number of people newly diagnosed with HIV infection, by sex and sexual health clinic, during the quarter 1 July to 30 September 2011

Sexual health clinic	Seen at Clinic		Tested for HIV antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Sydney Sexual Health Centre	2 164	1 126	781	378	6	1	7
RPA Sexual Health Centre, NSW	622	234	306	111	5	0	5
Brisbane Sexual Health Clinic, QLD	862	484	265	94	1	0	1
Gold Coast Sexual Health Clinic, QLD	786	484	299	156	0	0	0
Clinic 275, Adelaide, SA	1 493	756	1 248	597	2	0	2
Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, VIC	3 229	2 053	1 765	935	10	0	10
Total	9 156	5 137	4 664	2 271	24	1	25

Table 3.2 Number of people seen who had a *previous negative HIV antibody test*, percent retested for HIV antibody and number (percent) newly diagnosed with HIV infection, by sex and exposure category, during the quarter 1 July to 30 September 2011

Exposure category	Previous negative HIV antibody test		% retested for HIV antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection			%
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	
Men who have sex with men	3 077	--	64.1	--	13	--	13	0.7
Men who have sex with men and injecting drug use	109	--	61.5	--	3	--	3	4.5
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	86	91	57.0	49.5	0	0	0	0.0
Heterosexual contact	2 267	1 726	50.5	43.7	0	0	0	0.0
<i>outside Australia</i>	747	415	59.4	50.4	0	0	0	0.0
<i>within Australia only</i>	1 520	1 311	46.1	41.6	0	0	0	0.0
Sex worker	--	1 138	--	52.5	--	0	0	0.0
Sex worker and injecting drug use	--	51	--	60.8	--	1	1	3.2
Other/undetermined	33	70	63.6	52.3	0	0	0	0.0
Total	5 572	3 076	58.4	47.8	16	1	17	0.4

Table 3.3 Number of people seen with *no previous HIV antibody test*, percent tested for HIV antibody for the first time, and number (percent) newly diagnosed with HIV infection, by sex and exposure category, during the quarter 1 July to 30 September 2011

Exposure category	No previous HIV antibody test		% tested for HIV antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection			%
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	
Men who have sex with men	702	--	55.8	--	7	--	7	1.5
Men who have sex with men and injecting drug use	21	--	52.3	--	0	--	0	0.0
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	35	10	56.2	50.0	0	0	0	0.0
Heterosexual contact	1 877	1 521	51.7	42.8	1	0	1	0.1
<i>outside Australia</i>	533	299	58.5	47.5	1	0	1	0.2
<i>within Australia only</i>	1 344	1 222	49.0	41.7	0	0	0	0.0
Sex worker	--	160	--	70.6	--	0	0	0.0
Sex worker and injecting drug use	--	7	--	71.4	--	0	0	0.0
Other/undetermined	453	330	4.2	7.9	0	0	0	0.0
Total	3 088	2 028	45.7	39.4	8	0	8	0.3

Table 3.4 Number of people seen, number tested for HIV antibody and number newly diagnosed with HIV infection, by sex and age group, during the quarter 1 July to 30 September 2011

Age group (years)	Seen at Clinic		Tested for HIV antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
13 – 19	357	466	176	173	0	0	0
20 – 29	4 097	2 732	2 163	1 198	12	0	12
30 – 39	2 497	1 296	1 300	585	5	0	5
40 – 49	1 301	479	615	235	6	1	7
50 – 59	597	136	270	69	1	0	1
60+	307	28	140	11	0	0	0
Total	9 156	5 137	4 664	2 271	24	1	25

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The National HIV Registry is maintained by the Kirby Institute on behalf of the National Blood Borne Virus and Sexually Transmissible Infections Surveillance Committee. It is based on reports of new diagnoses of HIV infection from HIV Reference Laboratories (ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC), or from a combination of Reference Laboratory and diagnosing doctors (NT, QLD, SA, WA). In order to avoid counting the same case more than once, only diagnoses which are determined to be new by the diagnosing laboratory or doctor are reported for the purposes of national surveillance.

Sentinel surveillance is carried out by six sexual health clinics in five Australian cities, which send quarterly reports on HIV antibody testing to the Kirby Institute. Tabulations from the National AIDS Registry, the National HIV Registry and Sentinel HIV Surveillance in sexual health clinics are based on data available three months after the end of the reporting interval indicated, to allow for reporting delay and to incorporate newly available information.

Abbreviations: HIV is the human immunodeficiency virus, and unless otherwise specified, refers to HIV-1 only. AIDS is the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and STI stands for sexually transmissible infection. High prevalence countries are those of sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and specific countries in South East Asia (Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand), where HIV prevalence is above 1% and transmission is believed to be predominantly heterosexual. The Australian States and Territories are: Australian Capital Territory (ACT), New South Wales (NSW), Northern Territory (NT), Queensland (QLD), South Australia (SA), Tasmania (TAS), Victoria (VIC) and Western Australia (WA).

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