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Diagnoses in the fourth quarter

1 October - 31 December 2011

a total of 266 diagnoses of HIV infection, 25 diagnoses of AIDS and no deaths following AIDS were reported, by 31 March 2012, to have occurred in the fourth quarter of 2011

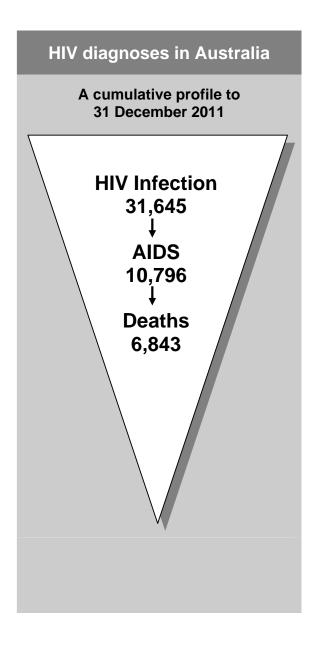
in comparison, 232 diagnoses of HIV infection, 36 diagnoses of AIDS and 7 deaths following AIDS were reported by 31 March 2012, to have occurred in the fourth quarter of 2010

New HIV infection

During the fourth quarter of 2011, 74 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 89.2% (66) of cases.

Diagnoses in the year to 31 December 2011

1 137 diagnoses of HIV infection115 diagnoses of AIDS24 deaths following AIDS were reported by 31 March 2012



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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.hivaidsconference.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/

HIV diagnoses

People diagnosed with HIV infection in the year to 31 December 2011 had an average age of 36 years and 1.5% were in the age group 13 – 19 years

87.4% were male and 12.5% were female

of 957 cases of HIV infection, newly diagnosed among adult/adolescent males in the year to 31 December 2011 for which an exposure to HIV was reported, 801 (83.7%) were attributed to men who had sex with men, with or without a history of injecting drug use.

Total diagnoses to 31 December 2011

31 645 diagnoses of HIV infection10 796 diagnoses of AIDS6 843 deaths following AIDS were reported by 31 March 2012

HIV testing in sexual health clinics

Six sexual health clinics in Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne and Sydney tested 6 780 people in the quarter 1 October – 31 December 2011 who were not previously known to have HIV infection.

- of 1 324 men reported as having been tested for the first time, 13(1.0%) were found to have HIV infection
- of 3 147 men, reported as having been retested following a previous negative test, 8 (0.3%) were found to have HIV infection
- of 1 193 men who have sex with men, who were retested following a previous negative test, 8 (0.4%) 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 31 December 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

Cases

	1 Jan 10 –	31 Dec 10	1 Jan 11 –	31 Dec 11		Cumulative	to 31 Dec 11	_
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	%
ACT	0	0	0	0	95	10	105	1.0
NSW	37	6	36	7	5 672	289	5 980	55.4
NT	3	0	2	0	53	6	59	0.5
QLD	16	2	3	1	1 116	81	1 199	11.1
SA	1	0	1	1	428	33	462	4.3
TAS	0	0	3	0	58	4	62	0.6
VIC	45	3	48	6	2 252	136	2 401	22.2
WA	10	1	5	2	475	51	528	4.9
Total	112	12	98	17	10 149	610	10 796	100.0

Deaths

	1 Jan 10 –	31 Dec 10	1 Jan 11 -	31 Dec 11		Cumulative	to 31 Dec 11	
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	%
ACT	0	0	0	0	73	7	80	1.2
NSW ¹	4	0	12	2	3 624	144	3 779	55.2
NT	0	0	0	0	33	1	34	0.5
QLD	6	1	0	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	11	0	9	1	1 472	67	1 548	22.6
WA	0	0	0	0	301	30	332	4.9
Total	22	1	21	3	6 505	315	6 843	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

	1 Jan	10 – 31 Dec 10		1 Jan	11 – 31 Dec 11	
State/Territory	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
ACT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NSW	10.4	1.7	6.0	10.1	1.9	6.0
NT	24.8	0.0	13.0	16.5	0.0	8.6
QLD	7.3	0.9	4.1	1.3	0.4	0.9
SA	1.2	0.0	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
TAS	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.8	0.0	5.9
VIC	16.6	1.1	8.8	17.5	2.1	9.8
WA	8.6	0.9	4.8	4.2	1.7	3.0
Total	10.2	1.1	5.6	8.8	1.5	5.2

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 31 December 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

Cases¹

	1 Jan 10 –	31 Dec 10	1 Jan 11 –	31 Dec 11		Cumulative	to 31 Dec 11	_
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	%
0-2	0	0	1	0	11	12	23	0.2
2 – 12	0	0	0	0	22	12	34	0.3
0 – 12	0	0	1	0	33	24	57	0.5
13 – 19	0	1	0	0	28	7	35	0.3
20 – 29	9	3	10	1	1 497	133	1 646	15.2
30 – 39	33	5	23	7	4 065	224	4 301	39.8
40 – 49	37	1	29	7	2 965	121	3 091	28.6
50 – 59	22	1	18	2	1 136	58	1 198	11.1
60+	11	1	17	0	425	43	468	4.3
Total ¹	112	12	98	17	10 149	610	10 796	100.0

Deaths²

	1 Jan 10 –	31 Dec 10	1 Jan 11 –	31 Dec 11		Cumulative	to 31 Dec 11	
Age group (years)	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	1	0	2	0	700	50	761	11.1
30 – 39	0	0	2	0	2 495	111	2 615	38.2
40 – 49	9	1	4	1	2 101	64	2 167	31.7
50 – 59	7	0	7	2	845	37	883	12.9
60+	5	0	6	0	326	38	364	5.3
Total ¹	22	1	21	3	6 505	315	6 843	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 31 December 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Jan 10 –	31 Dec 10	1 Jan 11 –	31 Dec 11		Cumulativ	e to 31 Dec 1	1
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who had sex with men	66		61		8 149		8 149	78.7
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	4		5		524		524	5.1
Injecting drug use	3	0	4	2	254	109	363	3.5
Heterosexual	2	0	4	2	157	83	240	
Not further specified	1	0	0	0	97	26	123	
Heterosexual contact	27	11	23	14	597	377	974	9.4
Sex with injecting drug user	0	0	0	0	10	32	42	
Sex with bisexual male		0		0		53	53	
From a high prevalence country	5	5	7	7	121	115	236	
Sex with person from a high prevalence country	4	1	3	1	99	28	127	
Sex with person with medically acquired HIV	0	0	0	0	2	11	13	
Sex with HIV infected person, exposure not specified	1	0	2	2	37	40	77	
Not further specified	17	5	11	4	328	98	426	
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	101	11	93	16	9 734	559	10 293	99.4
Children (under 13 years at AID	S diagnosis))						
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection	0	0	1	0	18	21	39	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	0	1	0	34	24	58	0.6
Sub-total	101	11	94	16	9 768	583	10 351	100.0
Other/undetermined ¹	11	1	4	1	381	27	445	
Total	112	12	98	17	10 149	610	10 796	

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 31 December 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Jan 10 –	31 Dec 10	1 Jan 11 –	31 Dec 11		Cumulative	to 31 Dec 1	1
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who had sex with men	17		13		5 422		5 422	82.1
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	0		2		321		321	4.9
Injecting drug use	0	1	2	0	142	67	209	3.2
Heterosexual	0	0	2	0	89	53	142	
Not further specified	0	1	0	0	53	14	67	
Heterosexual contact	2	0	2	2	216	156	372	5.6
Sex with injecting drug user	0	0	0	0	5	14	19	
Sex with bisexual male		0		0		36	36	
From a high prevalence country	0	0	0	0	21	22	43	
Sex with person from a high prevalence country	1	0	2	0	30	12	42	
Sex with person with medically acquired HIV	0	0	0	0	2	7	9	
Sex with HIV infected person, exposure not specified	0	0	0	1	21	18	39	
Not further specified	1	0	0	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	19	1	19	2	6 278	287	6 565	99.4
Children (under 13 years at AID	S 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	19	1	19	2	6 304	300	6 604	100.0
Other/undetermined ¹	3	0	2	1	201	15	239	
Total	22	1	21	3	6 505	315	6 843	

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 31 December 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Jan 10 –	31 Dec 10	1 Jan 11 –	31 Dec 11		Cumulative	to 31 Dec 11	
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	Rate ²
ACT	10	2	8	1	302	40	342	93.0
NSW ³	316	32	360	29	15 191	1 075	16 528	229.2
NT	5	1	8	1	171	32	203	87.8
QLD	200	42	194	28	3 642	425	4 076	91.1
SA	36	5	50	17	1 153	147	1 301	79.4
TAS	9	1	11	4	152	26	178	34.8
VIC ⁴	243	35	296	31	6 551	533	7 131	128.8
WA	77	32	67	31	1 546	333	1 886	80.2
Total ⁵	896	150	994	142	28 708	2 611	31 645	141.8

¹ Seventy seven people (35 NSW, 9 QLD, 1 SA, 25 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 31 December 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Jan 10 – 3	31 Dec 10 1	Jan 11 –	31 Dec 11		Cumulative	e to 31 Dec 1	11
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total ¹	%
Men who had sex with men	655		772		20 582		20 582	74.7
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	22		29		1 143		1 143	4.2
Injecting drug use	16	7	14	7	792	254	1 046	3.8
Heterosexual	11	4	11	7	357	189	546	
Not further specified	5	3	3	0	435	65	500	
Heterosexual contact	146	132	131	122	2 143	1 959	4 102	14.9
Sex with injecting drug user	0	5	0	3	43	143	186	
Sex with bisexual male		1		6		174	174	
From a high prevalence country	52	81	32	65	560	780	1 340	
Sex with person from a high prevalence country	42	12	45	9	491	189	680	
Sex with person with medically acquired HIV	0	1	0	0	6	25	31	
Sex with HIV infected person, exposure not specified	6	9	10	17	129	239	368	
Not further specified	46	23	44	22	914	409	1 323	
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/ Adolescents ¹	839	139	947	130	24 992	2 331	27 323	99.2
Children (under 13 years at HIV d	iagnosis)							
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection ³	3	3	4	6	65	63	128	0.5
Haemophilia/ coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	65	0	65	0.2
Receipt of blood/tissue	1	0	0	0	14	10	24	0.1
Total children	4	3	4	6	144	73	217	0.8
Sub-total	843	142	951	136	25 136	2 404	27 540	100.0
Other/undetermined ⁴	53	8	43	6	3 572	207	4 105	
Total ¹	896	150	994	142	28 708	2 611	31 645	

¹ Total column includes people whose sex was not reported.

^{2 &#}x27;Health care setting' includes 5 cases of occupationally acquired HIV infection and 4 cases of HIV transmission in surgical rooms.

³ A total of 631 children were notified as having been born to women with HIV infection, cumulative to 31 December 2011.

The 'Other/undetermined' exposure category includes 4 077 adults/adolescents and 28 children. Seventy seven 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 31 December 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Jan 10 –	31 Dec 10	1 Jan 11 –	31 Dec 11		Cumulative	to 31 Dec 11	
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total ¹	%
0-2	1	1	1	1	50	33	84	0.3
3 – 12	3	2	3	5	111	48	159	0.5
0 – 12	4	3	4	6	161	81	243	0.8
13 – 19	12	3	12	5	516	129	653	2.1
20 – 29	210	55	265	33	8 762	971	9 858	31.2
30 – 39	276	61	307	55	10 492	844	11 445	36.2
40 – 49	244	17	237	35	5 693	337	6 075	19.2
50 – 59	103	9	124	6	2 179	128	2 320	7.3
60+	47	2	45	2	769	89	862	2.7
Not reported	0	0	0	0	136	32	189	0.6
Total ¹	896	150	994	142	28 708	2 611	31 645	100.0

¹ See footnotes Table 2.1

Table 2.4 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 January 2011 to 31 December 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

	1 Jan 11 –	30 Jun 11	1 Jul 11 –	31 Dec 11	1 J	1 Jan 11 – 31 Dec 11		
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	
ACT	1	0	3	0	4	0	4	
NSW	99	1	67	3	166	4	170	
NT	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	
QLD	30	3	28	0	58	3	61	
SA	5	0	0	0	5	0	5	
TAS	4	0	1	0	5	0	5	
VIC	56	2	41	2	97	4	101	
WA	12	1	13	3	25	4	29	
Total	208	7	154	9	362	16	378	

Table 2.5 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 January 2011 to 31 December 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

	1 Jan 11 –	30 Jun 11	1 Jul 11 –	31 Dec 11	1 J	an 11 – 31 De	c 11
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
Men who had sex with men	187		140		327		327
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	4		3		7		7
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	2	0	0	1	2	1	3
Heterosexual contact	12	7	9	7	21	14	35
Health care setting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other/undetermined	3	0	2	1	5	1	6
Total	208	7	154	9	362	16	378

Table 2.6 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 January 2011 to 31 December 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

	1 Jan 11 –	1 Jan 11 – 30 Jun 11 1 Jul 11 – 31 Dec 11		1 Jul 11 – 31 Dec 11		1 Jan 11 - 31 Dec 11	
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
13 – 19	5	1	1	1	6	2	8
20 – 29	63	1	53	1	116	2	118
30 – 39	58	2	52	4	110	6	116
40 – 49	60	1	34	3	94	4	98
50 – 59	19	2	9	0	28	2	30
60+	3	0	5	0	8	0	8
Total	208	7	154	9	362	16	378

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 October to 31 December 2011

	Seen at Clinic			Tested for HIV antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection		
Sexual health clinic	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	
Sydney Sexual Health Centre	2 086	1 140	489	272	7	0	7	
RPA Sexual Health Centre, NSW	596	236	257	98	6	0	6	
Brisbane Sexual Health Clinic, QLD	938	553	269	103	1	0	1	
Gold Coast Sexual Health Clinic, QLD	834	545	321	234	1	0	1	
Clinic 275, Adelaide, SA	1 402	696	1 150	533	3	0	3	
Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, VIC	2 912	2 194	1 985	1 069	3	2	5	
Total	8 768	5 364	4 471	2 309	21	2	23	

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 October to 31 December 2011

	neg	revious ative HIV body test	% retested for Newly diagnos HIV antibody with HIV infect					
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who have sex with men	2 861		67.2		7		8	0.5
Men who have sex with men and injecting drug use	111		64.0		1		1	1.4
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	94	76	67.0	56.6	0	0	0	0.0
Heterosexual contact	2 012	1 678	53.6	42.8	0	1	1	0.1
outside Australia	632	438	65.5	44.7	0	0	0	0.0
within Australia only	1 380	1 240	48.1	42.2	0	1	1	0.1
Sex worker		1 065		55.5		1	1	0.2
Sex worker and injecting drug use		72		61.1		0	0	0.0
Other/undetermined	30	64	43.3	62.5	0	0	0	0.0
Total	5 108	2 955	61.6	48.6	8	2	10	0.2

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 October to 31 December 2011

		No previous HIV antibody test		% tested for HIV antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection			
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%	
Men who have sex with men	645		58.9		11		11	2.9	
Men who have sex with men and injecting drug use	35		42.9		0		0	0.0	
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	37	28	48.6	60.7	0	0	0	0.0	
Heterosexual contact	1 626	1 631	54.6	43.7	0	0	0	0.0	
outside Australia	471	413	66.9	55.2	0	0	0	0.0	
within Australia only	1 155	1 218	49.6	39.7	0	0	0	0.0	
Sex worker		202		57.4		0	0	0.0	
Sex worker and injecting drug use		7		57.1		0	0	0.0	
Other/undetermined	796	501	2.9	4.6	2	0	2	4.3	
Total	3 139	2 369	42.2	36.8	13	0	13	0.6	

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 October to 31 December 2011

	Seen	Seen at Clinic		Tested for HIV antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection		
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	
13 – 19	379	502	205	177	0	0	0	
20 – 29	3 912	2 908	2 089	1 188	8	1	9	
30 – 39	2 331	1 294	1 180	627	7	1	8	
40 – 49	1 265	478	564	238	2	0	2	
50 – 59	577	136	287	62	4	0	4	
60+	304	46	146	17	0	0	0	
Total	8 768	5 364	4 471	2 309	21	2	23	

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Notes

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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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