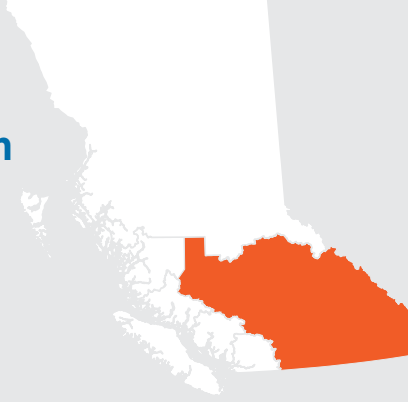


Gay, Bisexual, and other Men who have Sex with Men (gbMSM) in Interior Health Region



Demographics

British Columbia

Interior Health

4,757,658

General population

50,900

gbMSM population

745,246

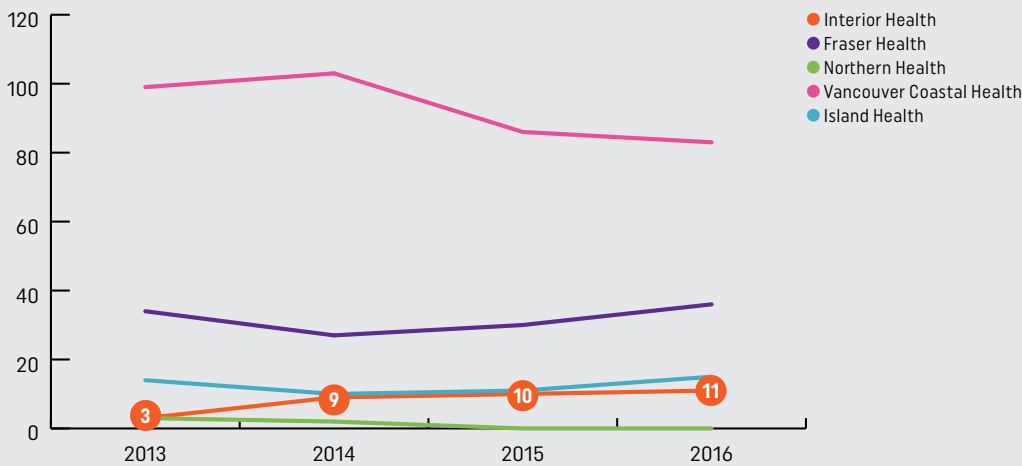
General population

5,300

gbMSM population

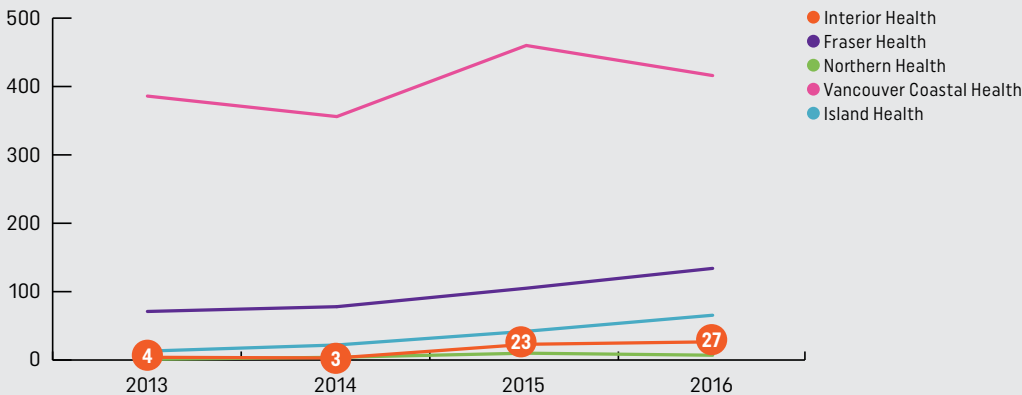
These estimates likely represent the lower limits of the true population size. Source: BCCDC/PAN Key Population Size Estimate Project 2016.

New gbMSM HIV Diagnosis Reported



Source: BC CFE HIV Monitoring Quarterly Reports.

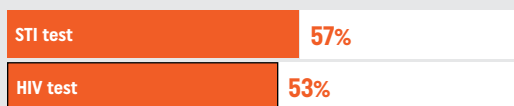
New gbMSM Syphilis Diagnosis Reported



Source: BC CFE HIV Monitoring Quarterly Reports.

Testing

How many gbMSM have tested for sexually transmitted infections in the last 12 months?



What were the most recent HIV test results for gbMSM?



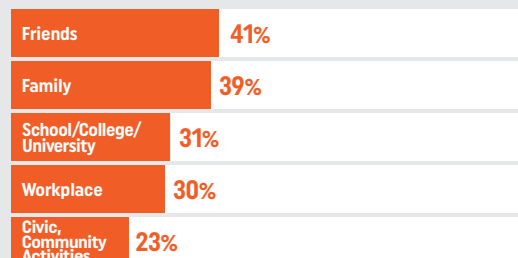
Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

Out to Doctor or Health Care Provider?

- Yes (55%)
- No (41%)
- Unsure (4%)



Out to...?



How are guys meeting?

Guys met their most recent sex partner...

Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

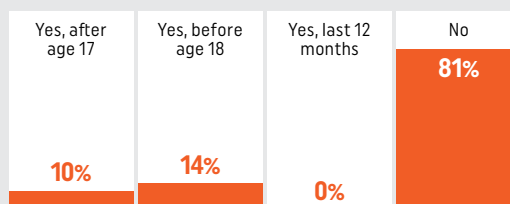
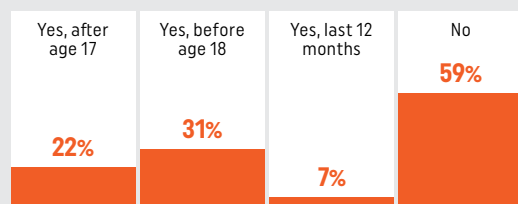
	Interior		Total (BC)	
	#	%	#	%
Through friends	14	7%	203	11%
Bar/cafe	6	3%	74	4%
Baths/play space meet-up	2	1%	122	7%
Internet hookup	125	60%	704	39%
Mobile app (Grindr, Scruff)	23	11%	370	21%
Park, outdoor cruising	16	8%	75	4%
Party, social event	5	2%	66	4%
Dating to find a boyfriend	2	1%	37	2%
Group sex	2	1%	8	0%
Other	12	6%	126	7%
Total	207	100%	1785	100%

Discrimination

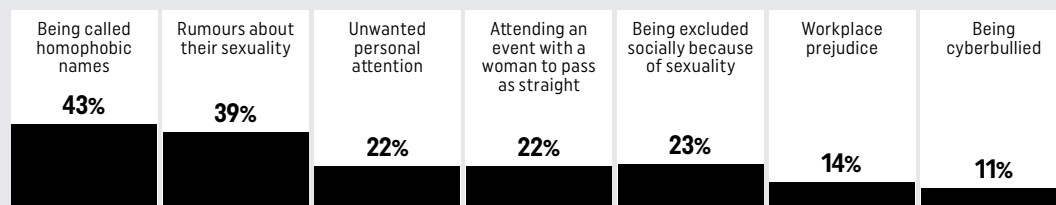
Have gbMSM been targeted with antigay violence:
verbal violence, hate talk?

Have gbMSM been targeted with antigay violence:
physical violence, beaten up?

Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

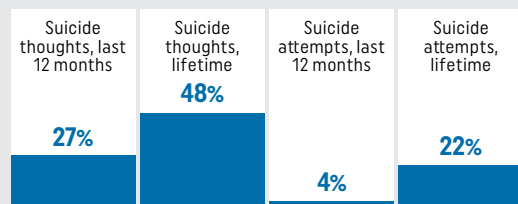


How many gbMSM have experienced any of the following?



Suicide Ideation

Suicide ideation among gbMSM men



Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

Existing Services and Programs for gbMSM

GetCheckedOnline

A free and confidential online STI testing service provided by the BC Centre for Disease Control, available at **3 locations**: Nelson LifeLabs, St. Paul LifeLabs, Tranquille LifeLabs.

getcheckedonline.com

The Men's Health Initiative

Operating out of Kelowna and Nelson, MHI's main goal is to increase supportive, community-based networks for guys-who-like-guys in BC's interior while raising attention to their health care needs and concerns through events and communications.

menshealthinbc.com

Options for Sexual Health

Sexual health clinics, information, education, advocacy at various locations throughout the Okanagan, Boundary and Kootenay regions.

optionsforsexualhealth.org