

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



## Demographics

British Columbia

4,757,658

General population

50,900

gbMSM population

Northern Health

276,319

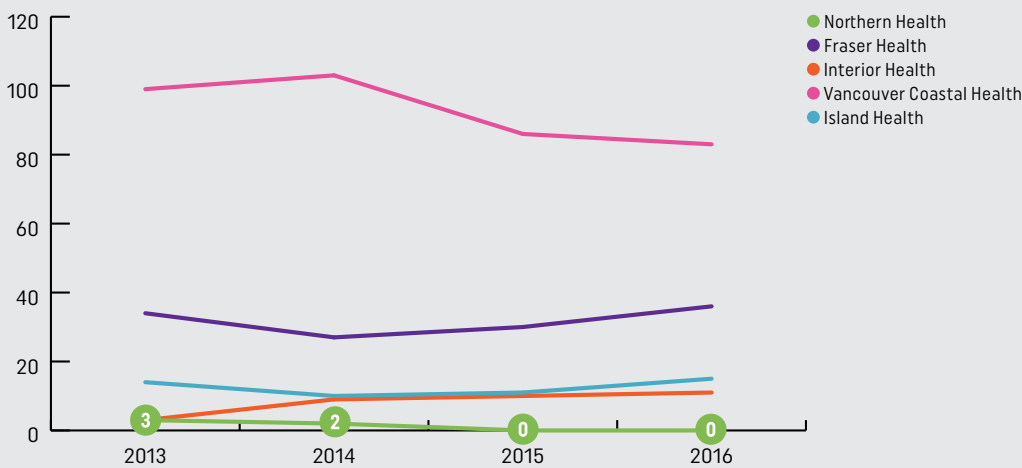
General population

2,200

gbMSM population

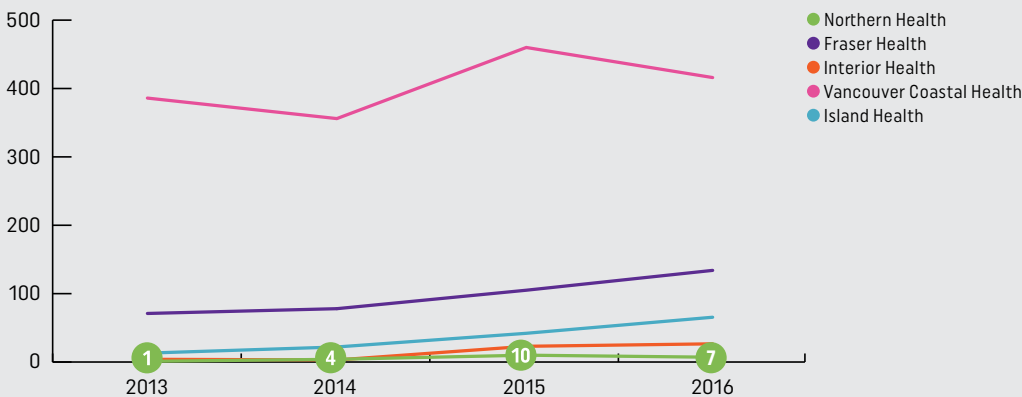
These estimates likely represent the lower limits of the true population size. Source: BCCDC/PAN Key Population Size Estimate Project 2016.

## 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?



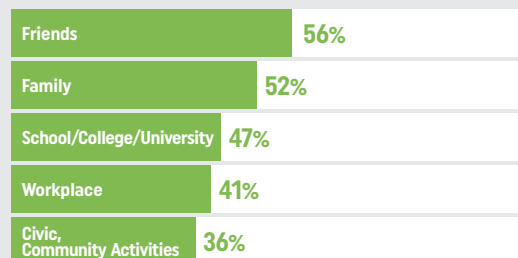
Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

## Out to Doctor or Health Care Provider?

- Yes (37%)
- No (60%)
- Unsure (3%)



## Out to...?



## How are guys meeting?

Guys met their most recent sex partner...

Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

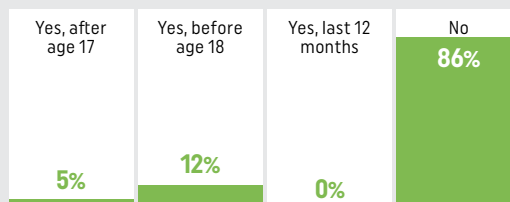
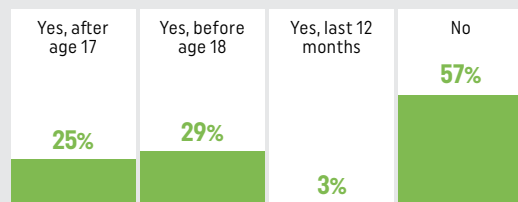
	Northern		Total (BC)	
	#	%	#	%
Through friends	6	10%	203	11%
Bar/cafe	2	3%	74	4%
Baths/play space meet-up	1	2%	122	7%
Internet hookup	33	56%	704	39%
Mobile app (Grindr, Scruff)	11	19%	370	21%
Park, outdoor cruising	1	2%	75	4%
Party, social event	2	3%	66	4%
Dating to find a boyfriend	0	0%	37	2%
Group sex	0	0%	8	0%
Other	3	5%	126	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Discrimination

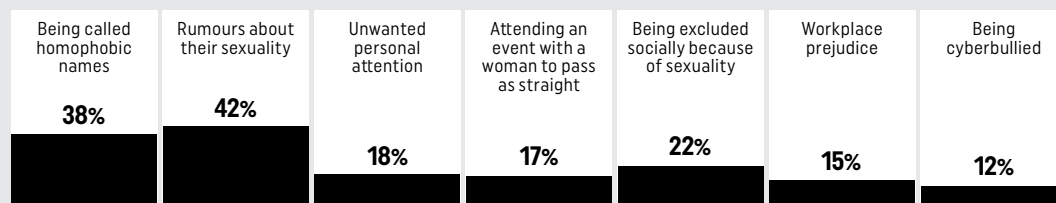
Have gbMSM been targeted with antigay violence:  
**verbal violence, hate talk?**

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

Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

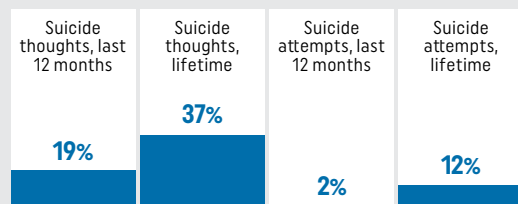


How many gbMSM have experienced any of the following?



## Suicide Ideation

Suicide ideation among gbMSM men



Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

## Existing Services and Programs for gbMSM

### Mpowerment PG

Provided by YouthCO with support from Positive Living North, Mpowerment PG is an "in the north, for the north" peer led community-building program focused on young gay, bisexual, queer, and two-spirited men's health.  
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