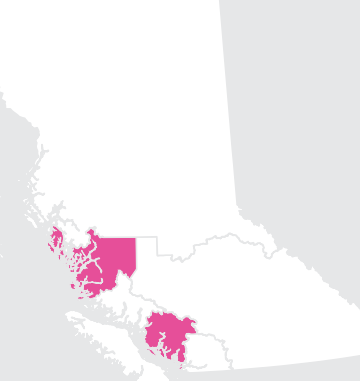


# Gay, Bisexual, and other Men who have Sex with Men (gbMSM) in Vancouver Coastal Health Region



## Demographics

British Columbia

Vancouver Coastal Health

4,757,658

General population

50,900

gbMSM population

1,171,553

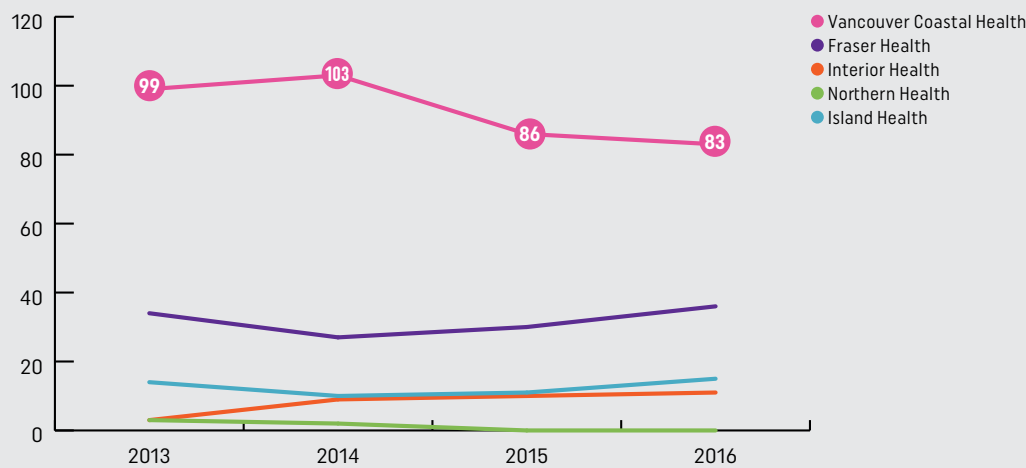
General population

26,100

gbMSM population

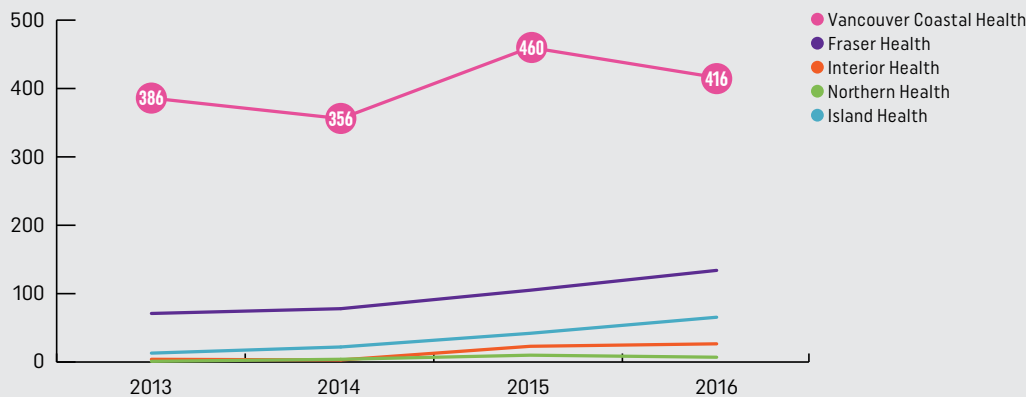
These estimates likely represent the lower limits of the true population size. Source: BCCDC/PAN Key Population Size Estimate Project 2016.

## New gbMSM HIV Diagnosis Reported



Source: BC CFE HIV Monitoring Quarterly Reports.

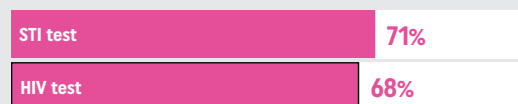
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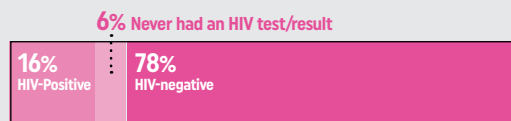
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## Testing

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



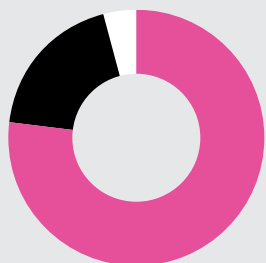
What were the most recent HIV test results for gbMSM?



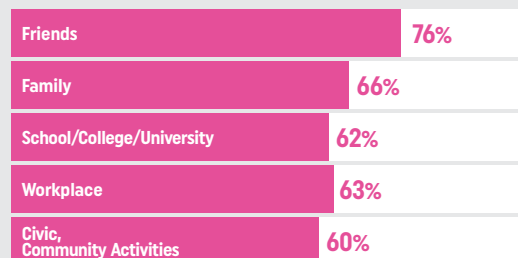
Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

## Out to Doctor or Health Care Provider?

- Yes (77%)
- No (19%)
- Unsure (4%)



## Out to...?



## How are guys meeting?

Guys met their most recent sex partner...

Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

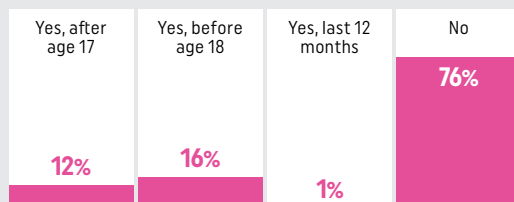
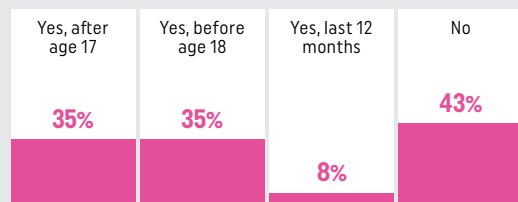
|                             | VCH        |             | Total (BC)  |             |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                             | #          | %           | #           | %           |
| Through friends             | 112        | 13%         | 203         | 11%         |
| Bar/cafe                    | 47         | 6%          | 74          | 4%          |
| Baths/play space meet-up    | 61         | 7%          | 122         | 7%          |
| Internet hookup             | 256        | 30%         | 704         | 39%         |
| Mobile app (Grindr, Scruff) | 213        | 25%         | 370         | 21%         |
| Park, outdoor cruising      | 22         | 3%          | 75          | 4%          |
| Party, social event         | 38         | 5%          | 66          | 4%          |
| Dating to find a boyfriend  | 19         | 2%          | 37          | 2%          |
| Group sex                   | 5          | 1%          | 8           | 0%          |
| Other                       | 70         | 8%          | 126         | 7%          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>843</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>1785</b> | <b>100%</b> |

## Discrimination

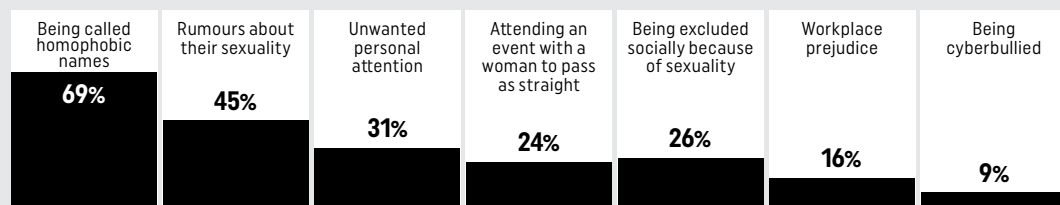
Have gbMSM been targeted with antigay violence:  
**verbal violence, hate talk?**

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

Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

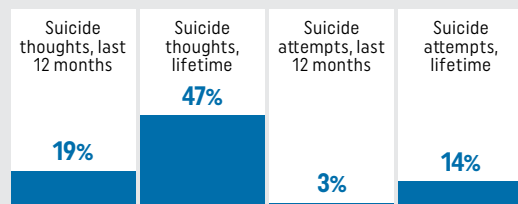


How many gbMSM have experienced any of the following?



## Suicide Ideation

Suicide ideation among gbMSM men



Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

## Existing Services and Programs for gbMSM

### GetCheckedOnline

A free and confidential online STI testing service provided by the BC Centre for Disease Control, available at **6 locations**: Burrard LifeLabs, Georgia LifeLabs, Cityview LifeLabs, Fairmont LifeLabs, Victoria Drive LifeLabs, Kerrisdale LifeLabs.  
[getcheckedonline.com](http://getcheckedonline.com)

### Health Initiative for Men

A community organization dedicated to strengthening the health and well-being of gay men by involving and engaging gay men to improve the foundations of their physical, sexual, social, and mental health through community-minded activities.  
[checkhimout.ca](http://checkhimout.ca)

### Mpowerment

A trans-inclusive and gender-affirming program by and for young men and gender diverse folks who are gay, bi, Two-Spirit, or queer. Mpowerment is an HIV leadership program led by peers, provided by YouthCO HIV and Hep C Society.  
[youthco.org/mpowerment](http://youthco.org/mpowerment)