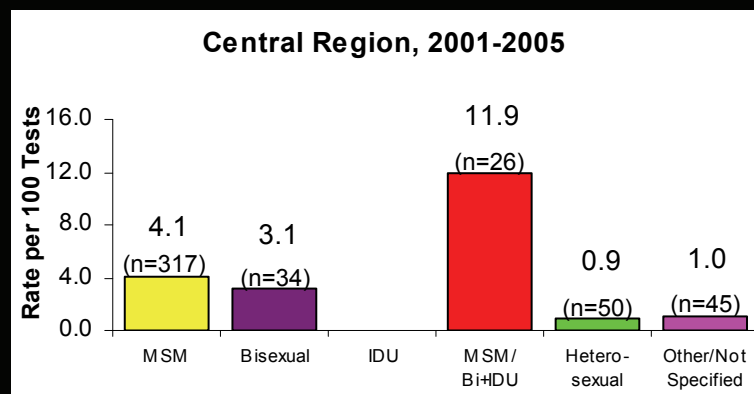
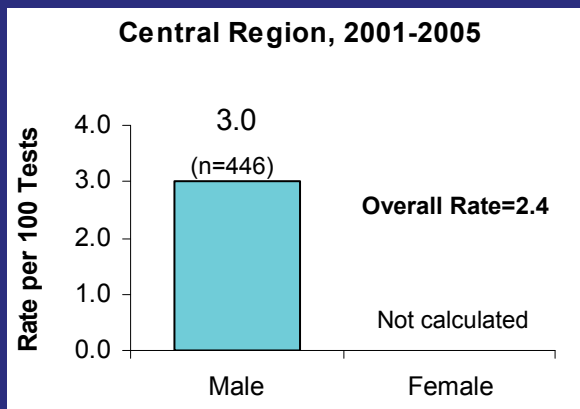


# HIV Testing\* in the Central HHSA Region

## Gender

Free anonymous HIV testing is available to interested individuals at more than 10 sites throughout San Diego County. Between the year 2001 and 2005, 20,259 anonymous tests were taken by residents (some were likely repeat tests) of the Central region, and of these, 481 were HIV+ (including 11 Transgender). The Central region had a slightly higher rate testing HIV+ for males than the County as a whole in the same time period. One HIV+ test was missing the gender classification. Where there are fewer than 5 HIV+ tests per year, rates are not calculated.

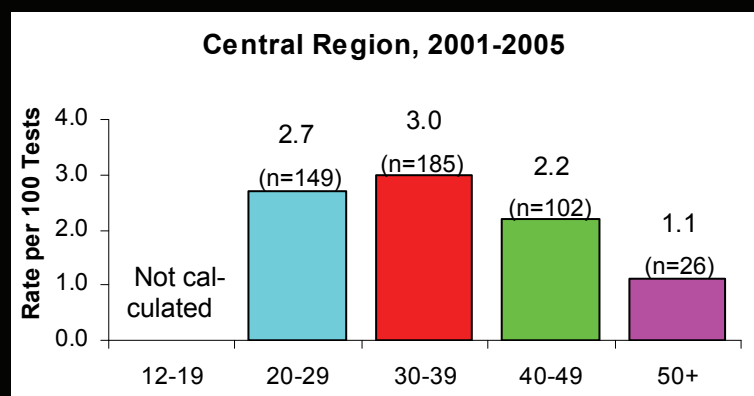
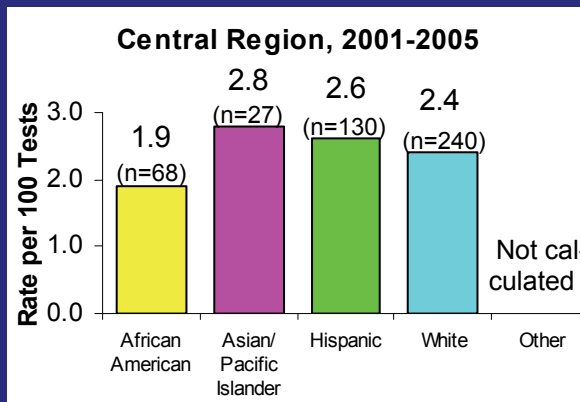


## Mode of Transmission

Among testers from the Central region, gay or bisexual men who inject non-prescription drugs (MSM/Bi+IDU) had the highest rate testing HIV+, followed by MSM, Bisexual, Other and Heterosexual categories. This is very similar to the County overall. Where there are fewer than 5 HIV+ tests per year, rates are not calculated.

## Racial/Ethnic Group

The rate testing HIV+ was highest in the Central region among Asian/Pacific Islanders, Hispanic and white racial/ethnic groups, followed by African American. In the County overall, rates were highest among Hispanic and African American testers. Other, which includes Native American, had too few HIV+ tests to calculate a rate (<5 HIV+ tests per year). Three HIV+ tests from the Central region were missing racial/ethnic information.



## Age at Diagnosis

Of testers from the Central region, the age group with the highest rate testing HIV+ was 30-39, followed by 20-29, 40-49 and 50+. Rates were lower for the 30-39 and 20-29 age groups in the County overall for the same time period. Eight HIV+ tests were missing age information. Where there are fewer than 5 HIV+ tests per year, rates are not calculated.

\*Notes: Data for HIV testing from free public anonymous testing at HIV Counseling and Testing sites in San Diego County, 2001-2005. Each test does not necessarily represent a unique individual (repeat testers). For more information call Community Epidemiology at (619) 515-6675 or log on to [www.sdhivaid.org](http://www.sdhivaid.org)