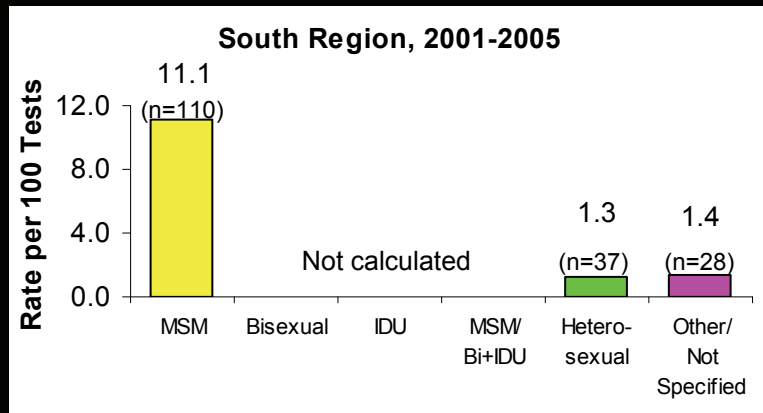
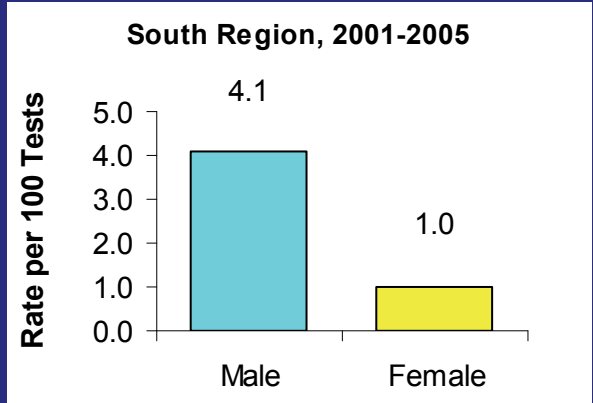


HIV Testing* in the South HHSA Region

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, 7307 tests were taken by residents (some were likely repeat tests) of the South Region, and of these, 196 were HIV+. Rates testing HIV+ were higher for both genders in the South region than the County overall in the same time period.

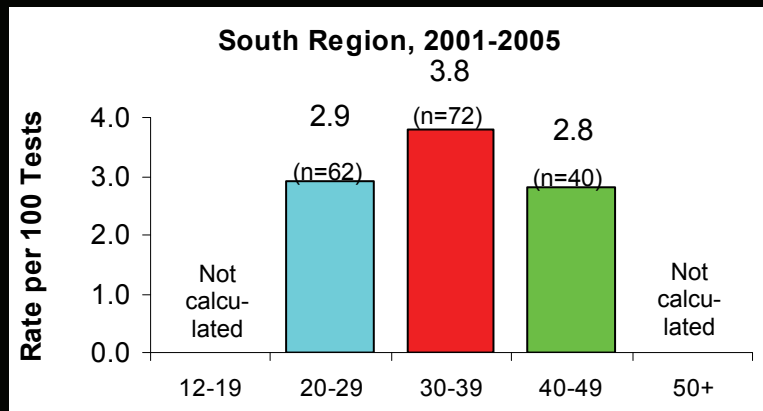
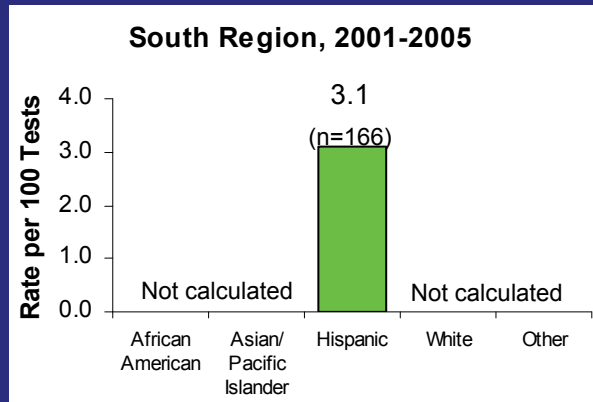


Mode of Transmission

The highest rate testing HIV+ in the South region was among men with male sexual partners (MSM), followed by Heterosexual and Other. MSM and Heterosexual had higher rates in the South region than the same categories in the County overall. Where there are fewer than 5 HIV+ tests per year, rates are not calculated.

Racial/Ethnic Group

The rate for Hispanics was similar to the rate for Hispanics in the County overall. Six HIV+ tests were missing racial/ethnic information. Where there are fewer than 5 HIV+ tests per year, rates are not calculated.



Age at Diagnosis

Of those testing in the South region, the age group with the highest rate testing HIV+ was 30-39, followed by 40-49, and 20-29. The pattern is similar to the County overall; however, rates are higher for each age group in the South region. 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