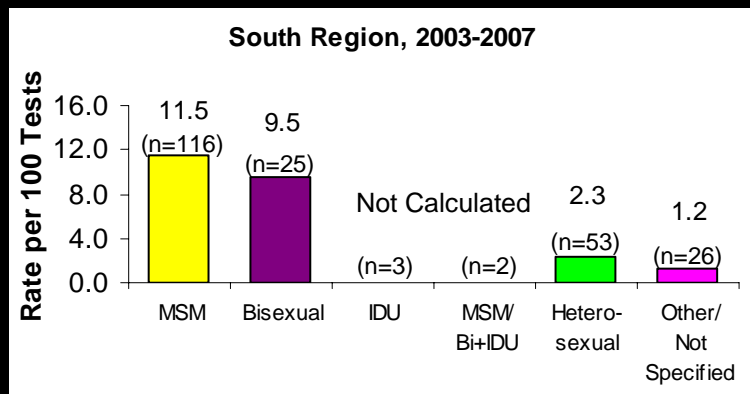
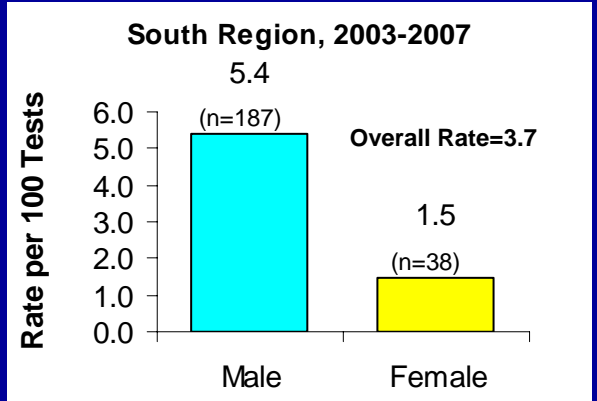


HIV Testing* in the South HHS Region

Gender

Free anonymous HIV testing is available to interested individuals at more than 10 sites throughout San Diego County. Between the year 2003 and 2007, 6041 tests were taken by residents (some were likely repeat tests) of the South Region, and of these, 225 were HIV positive. The rate of HIV infection was higher for both genders in the South region than the County overall in the same time period.

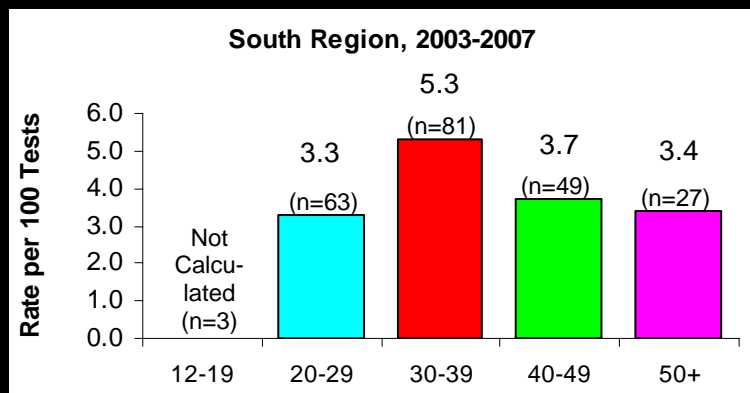
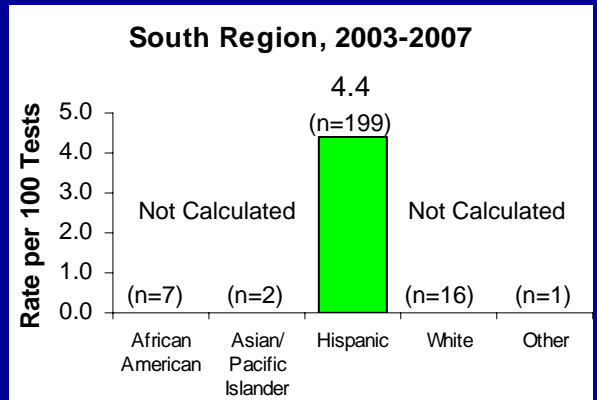


Mode of Transmission

The highest rate testing HIV+ in the South region was among men with male sexual partners (MSM), followed by Bisexual, Heterosexual, and Other. MSM, Bisexual, and Heterosexual had higher rates in the South region than the same categories in the County overall. Where there are fewer than 5 HIV positive tests per year (or 25 HIV positive tests in this time period), rates are not calculated.

Racial/Ethnic Group

The HIV infection rate for Hispanics was higher than the rate for Hispanics in the County overall. Where there are fewer than 5 HIV positive tests per year (or 25 HIV positive tests in this time period), rates are not calculated.



Age at Diagnosis

Of those testing in the South region, the age group with the highest HIV infection rate was 30-39, followed by 40-49, 20-29, and 50+. The pattern is similar to the County overall; however, rates are higher for each age group in the South region. Two HIV positive tests were missing age information. Where there are fewer than 5 HIV positive tests per year (or 25 HIV positive tests in this time period), rates are not calculated.

*Notes: Data for HIV testing from free public anonymous testing at HIV Counseling and Testing sites in San Diego County, 2003-2007. 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