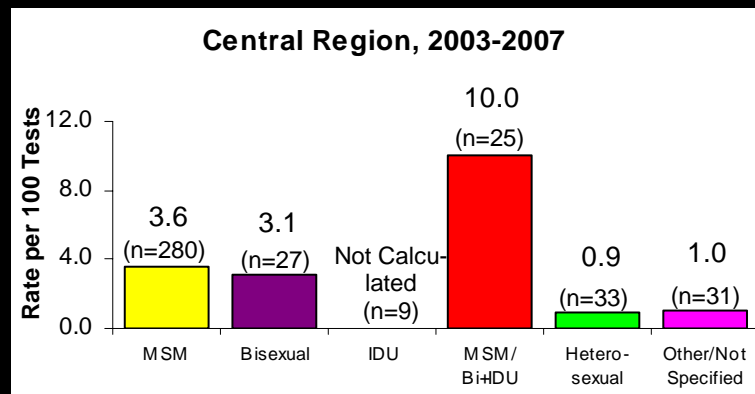
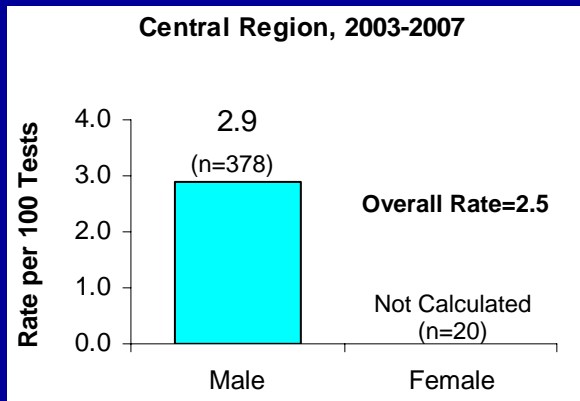


HIV Testing* in the Central HHSA Region

Gender

Free anonymous HIV testing is available to interested individuals at more than 10 sites throughout San Diego County. Between the year 2003 and 2007, 16,466 anonymous tests were taken by residents (some were likely repeat tests) of the Central region, and of these, 405 were HIV positive (including 7 Transgender). Males in the Central region had an HIV infection rate that was similar to 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.

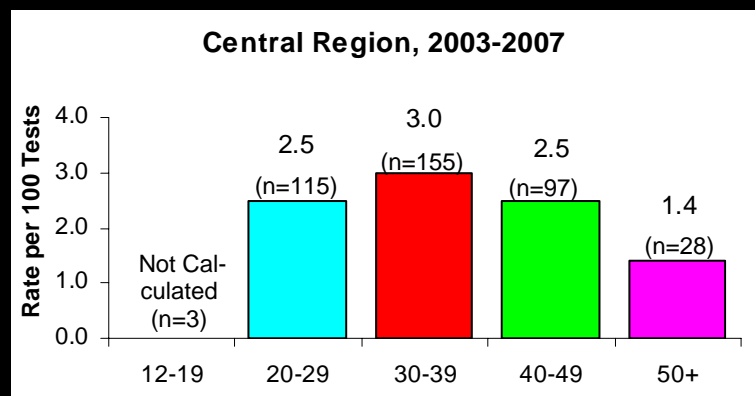
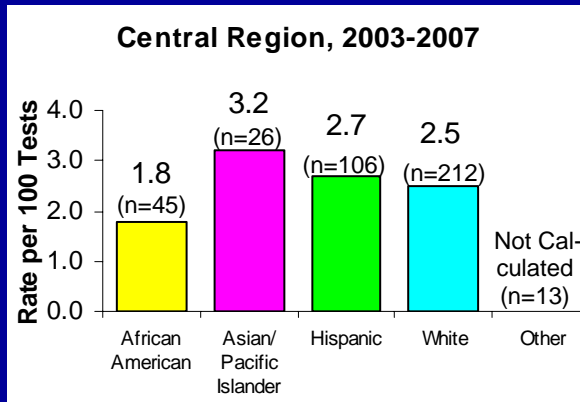


Mode of Transmission

Among testers from the Central region, gay or bisexual men who inject non-prescription drugs (MSM/Bi+IDU) had the highest HIV infection rate, followed by MSM, Bisexual, Other and Heterosexual categories. This is very similar to 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 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. Where there are fewer than 5 HIV positive tests per year (or 25 HIV positive tests in this time period), rates are not calculated. Three HIV positive 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 HIV infection rate was 30-39, followed by 20-29, 40-49 and 50+. Rates were similar to the County overall for the same time period. Seven 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