



STATISTICS ARE UPDATED BASED ON THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

Canada

SOURCE: Public Health Agency of Canada – HIV and AIDS in Canada. Surveillance Report to December 31, 2008. Year-End Surveillance Report, 2008.

New HIV Cases in Canada:

Total 2007: 2,452
Total 2008: 2,623

Exposure category of new HIV infections:

	2007	2008
MSM	40.1%	45.1%
MSM/IDU	1.9%	1.6%
IDU	22.2%	19.1%
Hetero (endemic)	6.3%	7.9%
Hetero (partner at risk)	11.7%	12.8%
Hetero (NIR)	11.5%	10.1%
Blood products	0.5%	0.6%
Other	5.7%	2.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,414</i>	<i>2,579</i>

Ethnic status of newly infected individuals:

	2007	2008
Aboriginal	23.9%	29.4%
South Asian/West Asian/Arab	2.1%	1.3%
Asian	3.1%	5.0%
Black	10.5%	14.5%
Latin	3.3%	4.1%
White	56.2	44.6
Other	0.9%	1.2%
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,452</i>	<i>2,623</i>

New reported HIV infections by age/gender

	2007	2008
Men	1,794	1,889
Women	602	669
Children	17	29
Unknown	11	7
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,424</i>	<i>2,594</i>

New infections, by province:

	2007	2008
B.C.	391	358
Yukon	0	2
Alberta	218	210
N.W.T.	4	0
Nunavut	0	0
Saskatchewan	124	174
Manitoba	80	88
Ontario	1,068	1,120
Quebec	536	649
New Brunswick	13	8
Nova Scotia	18	10
P.E.I.	0	1
Newfoundland	0	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,452</i>	<i>2,623</i>

General Statements:

- By the end of 2008, there have been 67,442 HIV positive test reports in Canada.
- At the end of 2008, an estimated 26% of the 65,000 individuals living with HIV in Canada were unaware of their infection.
- Persons from HIV-endemic countries continue to be over-represented in Canada's HIV epidemic. New infections attributed to the heterosexual/endemic exposure category were 16% in 2008, yet according to the 2006 Census, approximately 2.2% of the Canadian population were born in an HIV-endemic country. The estimated new infection rate among individuals from HIV-endemic countries is about 8.5 times higher than among other Canadians.
- Aboriginal persons also continue to be over-represented in the HIV epidemic in Canada. New infections attributed to the Aboriginal ethnic category was 8% in 2008, yet according to the 2006 Census, approximately 3.8% of the Canadian population are considered Aboriginal. The overall new infection rate among Aboriginal persons is about 3.6 times higher than among non-Aboriginal persons in 2008.