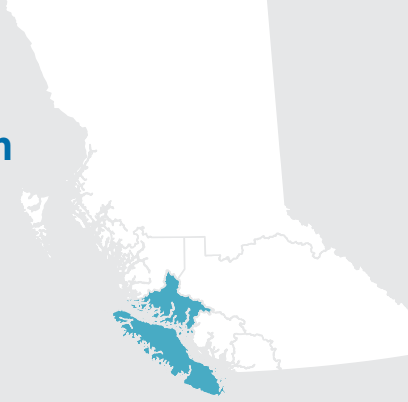


# Gay, Bisexual, and other Men who have Sex with Men (gbMSM) in Island Health Region



## Demographics

British Columbia

4,757,658

General population

50,900

gbMSM population

Island Health Region

782,664

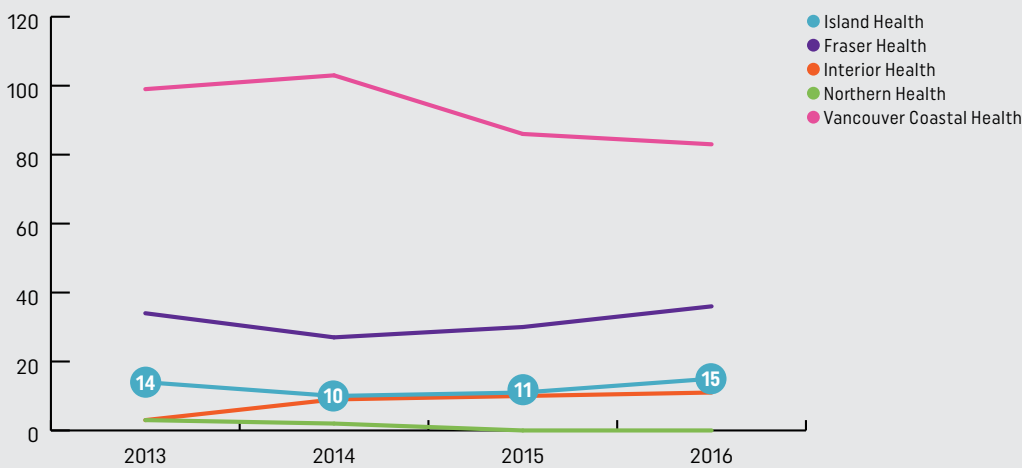
General population

5,500

gbMSM population

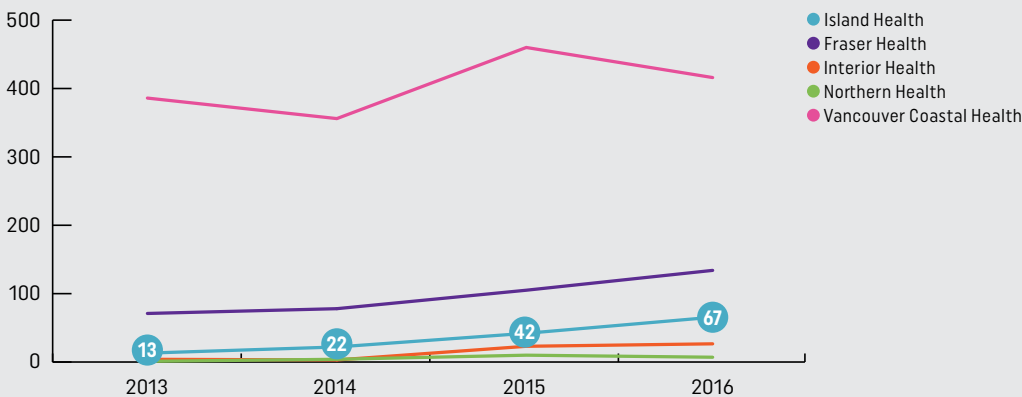
These estimates likely represent the lower limits of the true population size. Source: BCCDC/PAN Key Population Size Estimate Project 2016.

## New gbMSM HIV Diagnosis Reported



Source: BC CFE HIV Monitoring Quarterly Reports.

## New gbMSM Syphilis Diagnosis Reported



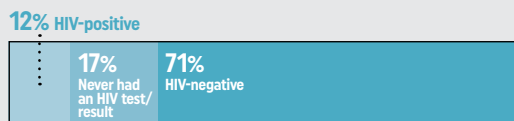
Source: BC CFE HIV Monitoring Quarterly Reports.

## Testing

How many gbMSM have tested for sexually transmitted infections in the last 12 months?

STI test	56%
HIV test	56%

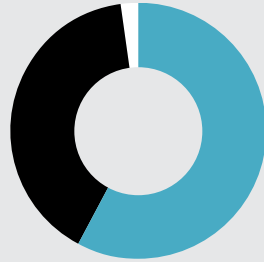
What were the most recent HIV test results for gbMSM?



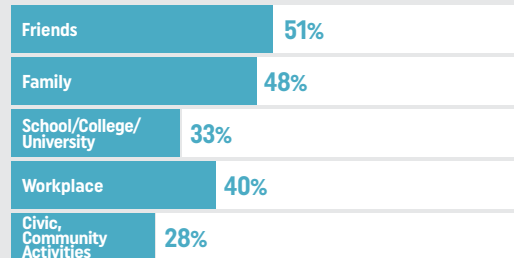
Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

## Out to Doctor or Health Care Provider?

- Yes (58%)
- No (40%)
- Unsure (2%)

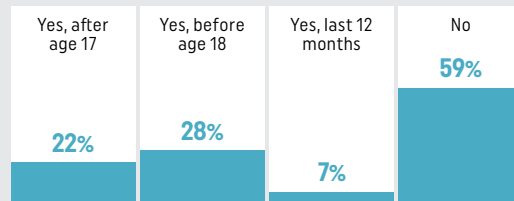


## Out to...?



## Discrimination

Have gbMSM been targeted with antigay violence:  
**verbal violence, hate talk?**



## How are guys meeting?

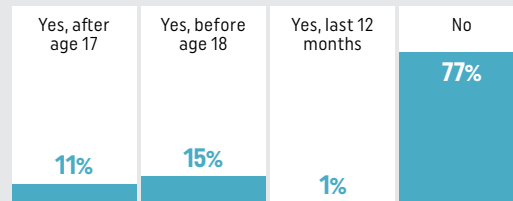
Guys met their most recent sex partner...

Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

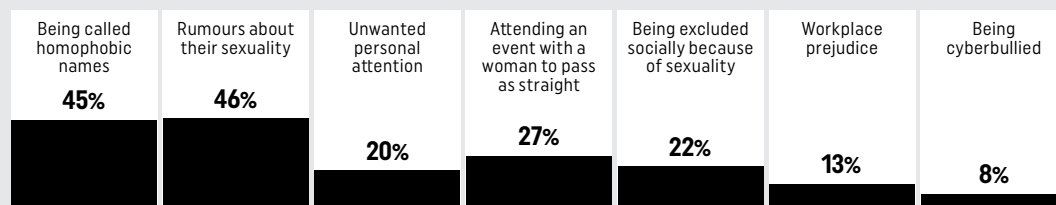
	Island Health		Total (BC)	
	#	%	#	%
Through friends	33	12%	203	11%
Bar/cafe	9	3%	74	4%
Baths/play space meet-up	17	6%	122	7%
Internet hookup	138	49%	704	39%
Mobile app (Grindr, Scruff)	42	15%	370	21%
Park, outdoor cruising	16	6%	75	4%
Party, social event	7	3%	66	4%
Dating to find a boyfriend	3	1%	37	2%
Group sex	0	0%	8	0%
Other	14	5%	126	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>100%</b>

Have gbMSM been targeted with antigay violence:  
**physical violence, beaten up?**

Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

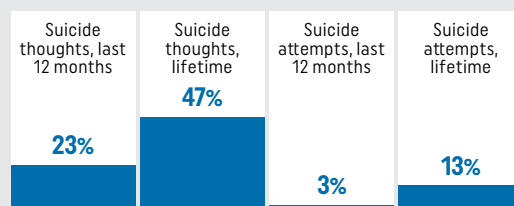


How many gbMSM have experienced any of the following?



## Suicide Ideation

Suicide ideation among gbMSM men



Source: Sex Now 2014-15.

## Existing Services and Programs for gbMSM

### GetCheckedOnline

A free and confidential online STI testing service provided by the BC Centre for Disease Control, available at **5 locations**: Cider Hill LifeLabs, Colwood LifeLabs, Fort LifeLabs, Yates LifeLabs, Duncan LifeLabs.  
[getcheckedonline.com](http://getcheckedonline.com)

### Men's Wellness

A program provided by AIDS Vancouver Island, which provides health information, workshops, and support.  
[avi.org/mens-wellness](http://avi.org/mens-wellness)

### POZitively Connected

A social networking and support program for POZ Gay/Bi men in Victoria, provided by Vancouver Island PWA Society.  
[vpwas.com/programs/pozconnect](http://vpwas.com/programs/pozconnect)