HIV surveillance, 1 January to 31 March 2013

The Kirby Institute

Introduction

National surveillance for HIV infection is coordinated by the Kirby Institute, in collaboration with state and territory health authorities and the Australian Government Department of Health. Cases of HIV infection are notified to the National HIV Registry on the first occasion of diagnosis in Australia, by either the diagnosing laboratory (Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria) or by a combination of laboratory and doctor sources (Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia). Diagnoses of HIV infection are notified with the person's date of birth and name code, to minimise duplicate notifications while maintaining confidentiality.

Tabulations of newly diagnosed HIV infections are based on data available 3 months after the end of the reporting interval indicated, to allow for

reporting delay and to incorporate newly available information. More detailed information on diagnoses of HIV infection is published in the quarterly Australian HIV Surveillance Report, and annually in the *HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexually Transmissible Infections in Australia, Annual Surveillance Report.* The reports are available from the Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales, SYDNEY NSW 2052. Internet: http://www.kirby.unsw.edu.au Telephone: +61 2 9385 0900. Facsimile: +61 2 9385 0920. For more information see *Commun Dis Intell* 2014;38(1):E96–E97.

Results

Newly diagnosed cases of HIV infection reported for 1 January to 31 March 2013, are shown in Tables 1 and 2).

Table 1: Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection, 1 January to 31 March 2013, by sex and state or territory of diagnosis

Sex	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas.	Vic.	WA	Total 1st quarter 2013	Total 1st quarter 2012	YTD 2013	YTD 2012
Female	0	6	0	11	3	0	12	5	37	44	37	44
Male	0	71	1	54	11	0	73	23	233	296	233	296
Not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total*	0	77	1	65	14	0	85	28	270	340	270	340

^{*} Totals include people whose sex was reported as transgender.

Table 2: Cumulative number of new diagnoses of HIV infection since the introduction of HIV antibody testing, 1985 to 31 March 2013, by sex and state or territory

Sex	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas.	Vic.	WA	Aus.
Female	42	1,136	40	468	162	26	578	366	2,818
Male	333	16,492	195	3,960	1,222	171	7,086	1,687	31,146
Not reported	0	227	0	0	0	0	22	0	249
Total*	375	17,896	235	4,437	1,385	197	7,714	2,060	34,299

^{*} Totals include people whose sex was reported as transgender.