



QUEENSLAND HIV and AIDS STATISTICS

- In 2009, 179 Queenslanders were diagnosed with HIV infection. This is the highest number of HIV notifications reported since 1984. A similar trend is seen in national data.
- Consistent with previous years, males continued to comprise the majority (88.8%) of new HIV notifications in Queensland in 2009. The average age of males notified with HIV was 38.4 years in 2009, similar to the mean age of males notified over the 2004 – 2008 period (38.7 years).
- In 2009, there were 20 new HIV notifications in females; this is slightly lower than 2008. The most common risk exposure for females in 2009 was heterosexual contact (55%).

The majority of males newly notified with HIV in 2009 were men that have sex with men (MSM) (73.0%).

- ◆ There were seven new HIV notifications in 2009 in Indigenous people. Five of the seven were MSM, including two who were bisexual. There was one Indigenous female with heterosexual exposure newly notified in 2009. There were no new AIDS notifications in Indigenous people.
- Most of the HIV notifications (110 or 62%) in 2009 were Australian born. Of the remaining notifications the majority was from either Europe or Oceania including New Zealand. There was one notification with maternal exposure where the mother was from a high prevalence country;

Survival rates for those notified with HIV since the mid 1990s are better than those notified prior to the mid 1990s. This is predominantly due to advances in treatment.

In 2009, there were 14 notifications of new AIDS diagnoses in Queensland. All but two were male and all but two, including two females were late presenters (AIDS diagnosis within 90 days of their HIV diagnosis).

- An estimated 1,953 people were living with HIV/AIDS were accessing care in Queensland in 2009, although this is likely to be an underestimate of the true number.

- The annual number of new AIDS diagnoses continues to decrease, as does the number of deaths from AIDS. This may be due to the use of effective antiretroviral treatment.