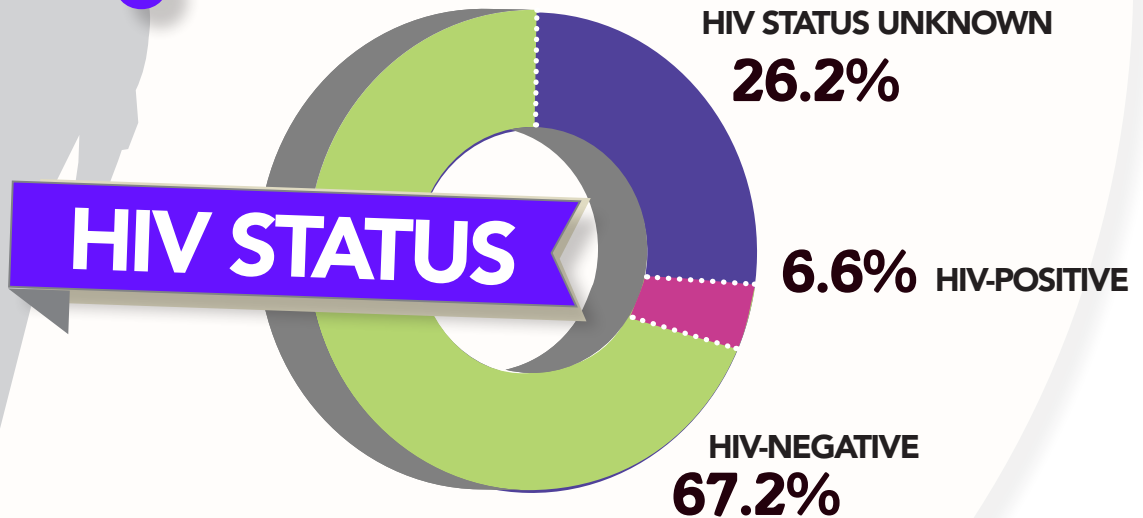


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26.2% of survey participants did not know their HIV status mostly because they reported never testing or not testing recently.



WHERE ARE THEY?

Men who did not know their HIV status were more likely to reside in rural or smaller urban areas rather than Canada's largest cities.

UNKNOWNNS

WHERE MEN WHO DID NOT KNOW THEIR HIV STATUS LIVED

20.3%

Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver

37.9%

Other urban

41.8%

Rural

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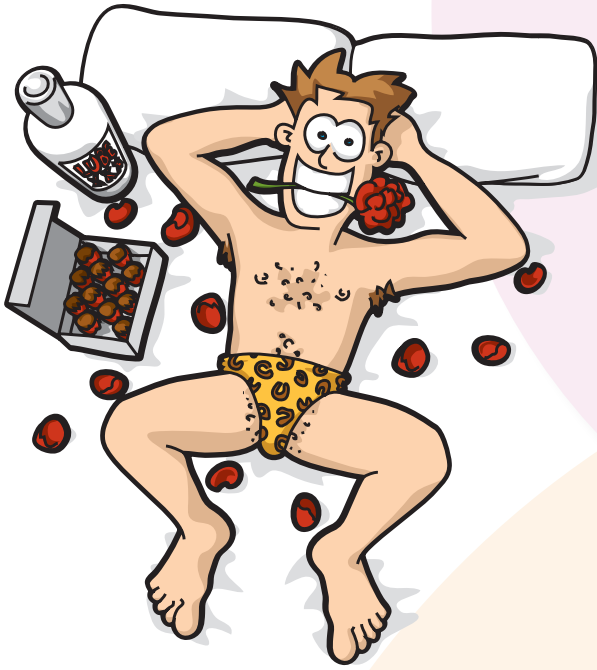
WHERE MEN WHO KNEW THEIR HIV STATUS LIVED

40.0%

33.8%

26.2%





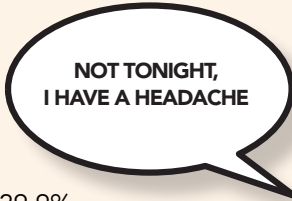
SEXUALITY

There were noticeable differences in the sexual identity of men who reported knowing versus not knowing their HIV status.

MEN WHO DID NOT KNOW THEIR HIV STATUS		MEN WHO KNEW THEIR HIV STATUS
34.7 %	GAY	67.2 %
50.6%	BISEXUAL	25.7%
5.6%	STRAIGHT	2.7%
9.1%	OTHER	4.4%

REASONS MEN WHO DO NOT KNOW THEIR HIV STATUS GAVE FOR NOT TESTING

- I think I am HIV-negative: 83.1%
- I am at low risk for HIV infection: 74.6%
- I have never thought about it: 33.9%
- It could affect my relationships: 39.0%
- I want to be tested, just haven't done it yet: 29.9%



- I do not know where to get the test: 22.9%
- I could not deal with knowing I was infected: 22.0%
- I am afraid of my name being reported: 18.6%
- I do not want to know: 17.0%

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Men who did not know their HIV status accessed the health care system less often.



Health care accessed in the past 12 months	HIV status unknown	HIV status known
Walk-in clinic	37.3% YES	52.1% YES
Family doctor	67.9% YES	74.9% YES
Medical specialist	21.4% YES	42.1% YES
Nurse/Nurse practitioner	16.3% YES	34.1% YES

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIs) AND HEPATITIS

Men who did not know their HIV status reported less hepatitis and fewer STIs.

	HIV status unknown	HIV status known
Yes, STI (lifetime)	15.2%	35.1%
Yes, any hepatitis (lifetime)	2.0%	9.8%