

Document 1 - Supporting Data for STBBI rates in Ottawa

Table 1 – Burden of STBBIs in Priority Populations in 2014

Priority population	Disproportionate burden of STBBIs
Youth	21.6% of Ottawa is 15-29 years of age ¹ but 78.7% of Chlamydia cases and 54.9% of gonorrhea cases are diagnosed in individuals between the ages of 15 and 29 years. ² The rate of diagnosed Chlamydia in 15-29 year-olds is 1 in 100.
Immigrants	25% of Ottawa's population was born outside Canada ³ but 32.8% of HIV cases, 69.6% of hepatitis B carriers, and 60.8% of late latent syphilis cases diagnosed are immigrants to Canada. ^a
Black ethnicity	5.6% of Ottawa's population ⁴ and 13.8% of diagnosed HIV ^b cases identify as Black. ^c
Men who have sex with men	It is estimated that 2.6% of the Canadian population over the age of 15 is a man who has sex with men. ⁵ However, 89.1% of cases of infectious syphilis, 63.8% of HIV, 30.8% of gonorrhea, 47.1% of late latent syphilis, 5.7% of Chlamydia, and 4.1% of hepatitis B carriers diagnosed in Ottawa reported MSM. ^{d,6}
Users of injection drugs	0.1% - 0.6% of Ottawa's population are estimated to have used injection drugs, ⁷ but 50.3% of hepatitis C and 17.2% of HIV cases report injection drug use. ⁸
Aboriginal peoples	2% of people in Ottawa identify as Aboriginal. STI prevalence is estimated to be higher than that of the overall population. 10
Under-housed	0.7% of residents in Ottawa stayed at an emergency shelter in 2014, ¹¹ but 2.1% of hepatitis C cases report being underhoused. Street-involved youth in Ottawa start sex young, do not use protection, and are unaware of the risks. ¹² In addition, over half of Ottawa's street-involved female youth have been pregnant.
Low income	12% of people in Ottawa are living with low income. ¹³ Data on income are not collected for STBBI cases; however, income levels are significantly associated with overall health and well-being. ¹⁴
Sex work	It is not known what proportion of the Ottawa population engages in sex work. However, 3.4% of gonorrhea and 3.5% of infectious syphilis cases identify as sex workers. 15
Incarceration	The incarceration rate in the general Ottawa population is not known. However, 18.5% of hepatitis C cases and 3.5% of HIV cases report a history of incarceration. 16

- a. Origin is not known for 1.7% of HIV, 24.8% of hepatitis B carriers, and 29.4% of late latent syphilis cases.
- b. HIV is the only STBBI for which race is collected.
- c. Ethnicity is unknown for 34.5% of HIV cases diagnosed in 2014.
- d. Among those for who risk factors are known.





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