

AHF Rapid Testing Program in the Netherlands provides free, low threshold rapid HIV testing in community based, non-medical settings.

In quarter 2, 2014, there were 527 clients who were tested at the AHF HIV Rapid Testing Program in the Netherlands: 254 clients were tested at the testing centre (on-site) and 273 at off-site events (Table 1).

Table 1: Total clients tested on and off site during Q2 2014.

<b>Total no. of clients tested for HIV in Q2 2014</b>	<b>527</b>
On-site	<b>254/48.2%</b>
Off-site	<b>273/ 51.8%</b>

During Q2 there were 9 off-site testing events, the busiest being the Bevrijdingsdag celebrations at the homo-monument in Amsterdam and Queeristan, a transgender/queer focused festival.

**Reactive Results:** During Q2 2014, the overall positivity rate was **0.76%** (4 reactive test results). The positivity rate was much higher among onsite clients, 1.6% of the clients who tested received reactive results. All reactive results during Q2 2014 were newly discovered (i.e. clients self-reported as not having previously received a positive HIV result from another testing facility).

**Reactive Client Demographics:** In total 4 males received reactive test results. 3 were men who have sex with men (MSM), all of whom lived in the Netherlands but were of different nationalities (1 Brazilian, 1 Bulgarian and 1 Dutch). The fourth person was a heterosexual Russian national living in Russia. Total clients with reactive test result referred for confirmatory test and further treatment and care: **75%** (3 out of 4).

**Client Gender Distribution and Sexual Orientation:** The majority of the clients in Q2 2014 have been male. 29% of clients tested during Q2 2014 were MSM (Figure 1).

**Client Age Distribution:** The majority of clients; 43% (227clients) were between the age of 21 and 30 years old (Figure 2).

Figure 1: Client sexual orientation (Q2 2014)

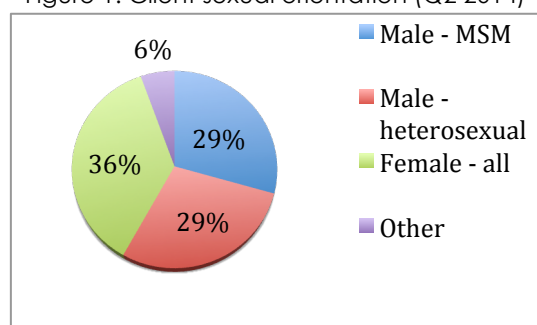
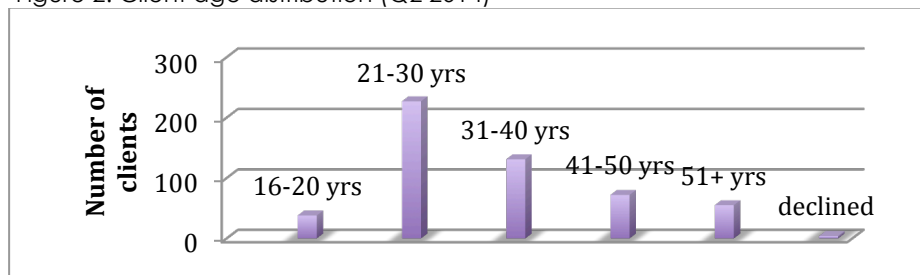


Figure 2: Client age distribution (Q2 2014)

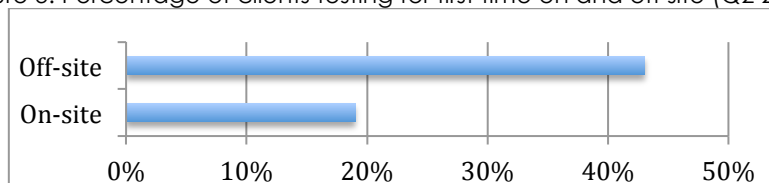


**Reported sexual behavior:** During Q2 2014, 66% of all clients tested reported having had unprotected anal / vaginal sex within the last 12 months. This was also the case for the MSM clients, 64% of whom reported having had unprotected anal sex within the last 12 months.

**Reported presence of STIs and STI screening:** Only 4.4% of all clients reported having had an STI in the last 12 months. Concurrently, 63% of clients had not done an STI screening in the last 12 months. All the clients were offered a prevention pack (testing information, condoms, lubes) and referral details for STI testing in Amsterdam. The number of condoms distributed during Q2 2014 was **30,000**.

**Previous HIV Testing Behaviour:** During off-site events, nearly 45% of clients had never been tested for HIV before. Fewer people were testing for the first time on-site, just under 20% of all clients (Figure 3). Among all MSM tested, 13% were testing for HIV for the first time. The trend highlights the need of the community-led, low threshold testing model to attract people who may not have otherwise ever been tested.

Figure 3: Percentage of clients testing for first time on and off site (Q2 2014)



**Reasons for choosing AHF Testing Centre:** 255 clients were asked about their reasons for choosing AHF testing services, the majority did so for reasons of convenience (no waiting times, walk-in clinic, weekend and evening opening hours), rapid result and no fee for the HIV test performed (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Clients' reasons for choosing AHF testing services (Q2 2014)

