

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

In quarter 3, 2014 there were 1106 clients who were tested at the AHF HIV Rapid Testing Program in the Netherlands: 271 who were tested at the testing centre (on-site) and 835 at off-site events (Table 1).

Table 1: Total clients tested on and off site during Q3 2014.

Total no. of clients tested for HIV in Q3 2014	1106
On-site	271 / 25%
Off-site	835 / 75%

During Q3 there were 14 off-site testing events, the busiest being the Roze Maandag in Tilburg and the weekend of Gay Pride in Amsterdam.

Reactive Results: During Q3 2014, the overall positivity rate was **0.81%** (9 reactive test results). The positivity rate was much higher among onsite clients, **1.9%** of the clients who tested on site received reactive results. 5 reactive results during Q3 2014 were newly discovered (i.e. clients self-reported as not having received a positive HIV result from another testing facility).

Reactive Client Demographics: In total 8 males and 1 female received reactive test results in Q3 2014; 5 of them were men who have sex with men (MSM). Total clients with reactive test result referred for confirmatory test and further treatment and care: **80%**.

Client Gender Distribution and Sexual Orientation: The majority of the clients in Q3 2014 have been male. 36% of clients tested during Q3 2014 were MSM (Figure 1).

Client Age Distribution: The majority of clients, 43% (480 clients) were between the age of 21 and 30 (Figure 2).

Figure 1: Client sexual orientation (Q3 2014)

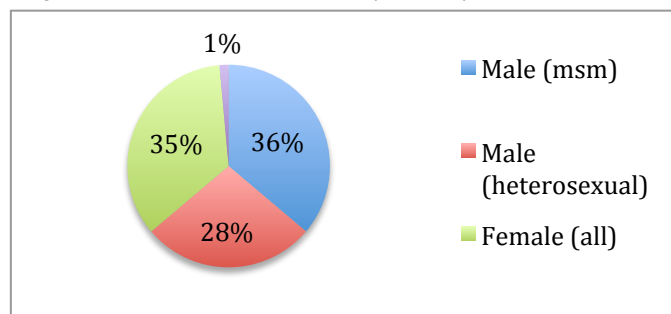
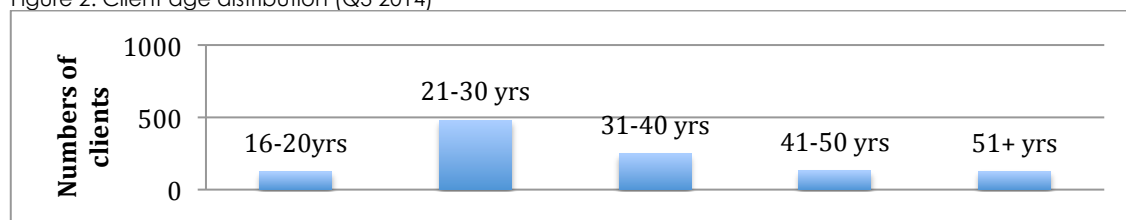


Figure 2: Client age distribution (Q3 2014)

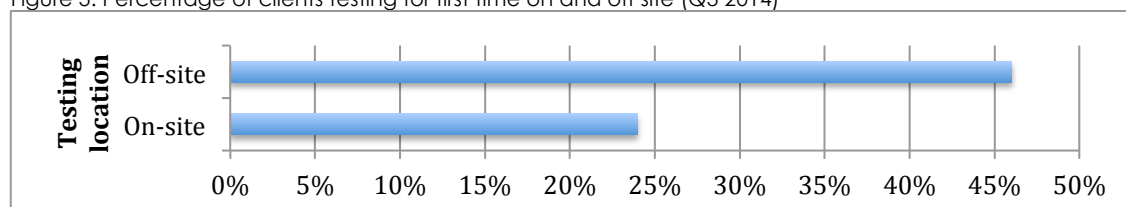


Reported sexual behavior: During Q3 2014, 66% of all clients tested reported having had unprotected anal / vaginal sex within the last 12 months. This was also the case for the MSM clients, 60% of whom reported having had unprotected anal sex within the last 12 months.

Reported Presence of STIs and STI screening: 16% of all clients reported having had an STI in the last 12 months. 62% of clients had not done an STI screening in the last 12 months. All the clients were offered a prevention pack (testing and sexual health information, condoms, lubes) and referral details for STI testing in Amsterdam. The number of condoms distributed during Q3 2014 was **25,000**.

Previous HIV Testing Behaviour: During off-site events, 46% of clients had never been tested for HIV before. Fewer people were testing for HIV for the first time on site; 24% of all the clients (Figure 3). 17% of all MSM clients were testing for HIV for the first time. Over half of them had had anal sex without a condom in the last 12 months. The number of people who test for the first time in the program highlights the need of the community-led, low threshold testing model to attract people who have never tested before.

Figure 3: Percentage of clients testing for first time on and off site (Q3 2014)



Reasons for choosing AHF Testing Centre: Out of the 271 on site clients asked about their reasons for choosing AHF testing services, the majority of them did so for reasons of convenience (no waiting times, walk-in clinic, weekend and evening opening hours), no fee for the HIV test performed and a rapid result (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Clients' reasons for choosing AHF testing services (Q3 2014)

