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PREFACE

Hong Kong, located in Asia the new burning place of HIV infection, is still having a relatively low prevalence of HIV infection. While sexual transmission is the predominant route of transmission in Hong Kong, an upsurge of infection in injecting drug users is a concern from the experience in other Asian localities. Various public health measures in Hong Kong have kept the HIV prevalence of drug users at low level, as compared with neighbouring cities.

A rising trend has been detected in men who have sex with men (MSM) in Hong Kong in recent years and the increase persisted last year. The *HIV Surveillance Report* of last year analysed the attributes of the increase of HIV infections in MSM observed. The number of HIV reports in MSM community was still increasing. These signified that the risk of local transmission of HIV among MSM community still persisted.

With the expansion of community-based HIV voluntary testing service, non-governmental organisations were playing a more significant role in the understanding the HIV epidemiology in hard-to-reach populations. The testing and behavioural statistics of a non-governmental organisation testing programme were added to the report this year.

This *annual surveillance report on HIV/AIDS* is an initiative of Special Preventive Programme (SPP), Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health. This report serves to provide information for strategic planning of services and intervention activities for the prevention, care and control of HIV/AIDS. Following a commentary, data collected from the four main components of our surveillance programme (the HIV/AIDS voluntary reporting system, serosurveillance studies, Social Hygiene Service caseload statistics and risk behaviour studies) are presented as tables and graphs.

Electronic copy of this report is accessible in our website www.aids.gov.hk, so are the quarterly bulletins and other information relating to HIV surveillance and epidemiology. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

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1. SUMMARY REVIEW

Background

1. The HIV surveillance system comprises 4 main programmes to provide a detailed description of HIV/AIDS situation in Hong Kong. They are (a) voluntary HIV/AIDS case-based reporting; (b) seroprevalence studies; (c) sexually transmitted infections (STI) caseload statistics; and (d) behavioural studies. The data is collected, analyzed and disseminated regularly by staffs of the Surveillance team of Special Preventive Programme (SPP), Centre for Health Protection (CHP), Department of Health (DH). At present, the latest HIV/AIDS statistics are released at quarterly intervals at press media briefings and in electronic format (www.aids.gov.hk). Data from various sources are compiled annually and released in this Report.

2. The following paragraphs highlight the main findings from HIV/AIDS surveillance activities undertaken in 2007. Please refer to the following pages for the details of the programmes. Surveillance information gathered from two large public health HIV testing programmes (namely universal urine testing programme at methadone clinics and universal antenatal testing programme) is also included in the report.

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HIV/AIDS reporting system

3. The Department of Health has implemented a voluntary anonymous HIV/AIDS reporting system since 1985. The system received reports from doctors and laboratories. Medical doctors report newly diagnosed positive cases by a standard form (DH2293). In the past, only cases with Western Blot confirmed HIV antibody positive laboratory result were counted as HIV infection for cases aged above 18 months. Since the 4th quarter of 2006, cases with a PCR positive result and clinical or laboratory indication of recent infections were also counted as HIV infection in the reporting system, in view of the increasing regular detection of such cases.

4. In 2007, the department received 414 HIV reported cases and 79 AIDS reports, which increased 11.0% in HIV cases and 8.2% in AIDS cases as compared with 2006. It made the cumulative totals reached 3612 and 934 for HIV and AIDS reports respectively. 12 cases of PCR positive with clinical or laboratory indication of recent infections were included as HIV infection under the revised definition in 2006. Public hospitals/clinics/laboratories were still the commonest source of HIV reports in 2007, which accounted for over 40% of the reports. Private hospitals/clinics/laboratories were another common source of HIV reports (26.8%). Notably, the AIDS service organisations played a more significant role in HIV reporting in 2007 (6.8%). The number of reports from other sources has remained stable. (Box 2.2)

5. Over eighty percent of reported HIV cases were male. The male-to-female ratio remained at 4.8:1 in 2007. About 60% of reported cases were Chinese. Asian accounted for 16.7% of reports. The median age of reported HIV cases was 34. The age specific rate of sexually acquired infections rose in men, especially in the age group 20-24 and 25-29. (Box 2.8) Over 65% of reported cases were believed to acquire the virus through sexual transmission in 2007. Injecting drug use accounted for 10.4% of HIV infections in 2007. There was one report of HIV transmission through perinatal contact in 2007. The suspected routes of transmission were not reported in about a quarter of cases. This means that sexual transmission has accounted for 85% of HIV reports with defined risks.

Rising trend in men who have sex with men persisted

6. Sexual contact was the commonest route of HIV transmission in Hong Kong. Both heterosexual and homosexual/bisexual contacts were important risk factors. In 1980s and early 1990s, the early years of AIDS epidemic in Hong Kong, it used to report more cases from men who have sex with men, including both homosexual and bisexual contacts. The trend then reversed with more heterosexual transmission reported since 1993. A rising trend in MSM has been observed since 2004. The situation was worsening this year. The number of

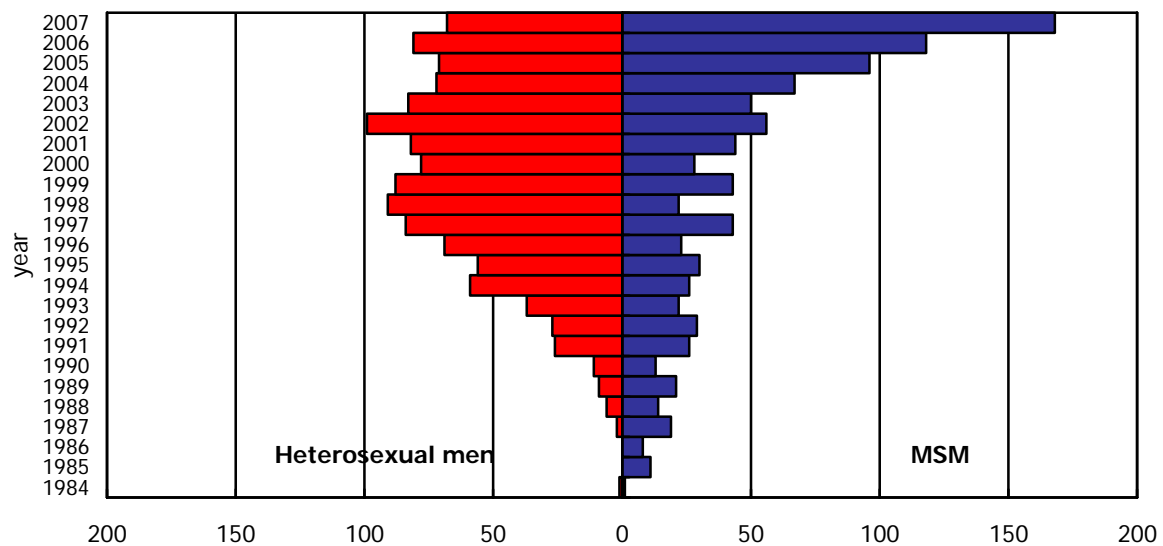
HIV Surveillance at a glance (2007)

- 414 HIV reports and 79 AIDS reports
- Gender: 82.6% male
- Ethnicity: 63.0% Chinese
- Age: Median 34
- Risks:
 - 24.9% Heterosexual contact
 - 40.6% Homo/bisexual contact
 - 10.4% Injecting drug use
 - 0.5% Blood contact
 - 0.2% perinatal contact
 - 23.4% undetermined
- CD4 at reporting: Median 216.5
- Subtypes: commonest are CRF01_AE and B
- Primary AIDS defining illness: Commonest Tuberculosis
- Seroprevalences
 - Blood donors: < 0.01%
 - Antenatal women: 0.02%
 - STI clinic attendees: 0.15%
 - Methadone clinics attendees: 0.36%

MSM cases increased from 118 cases in 2006 to 168 cases in 2007, showing a 42.4% increase. At the same time, the number of heterosexual male cases decreased from 81 in 2006 to 68 in 2007.

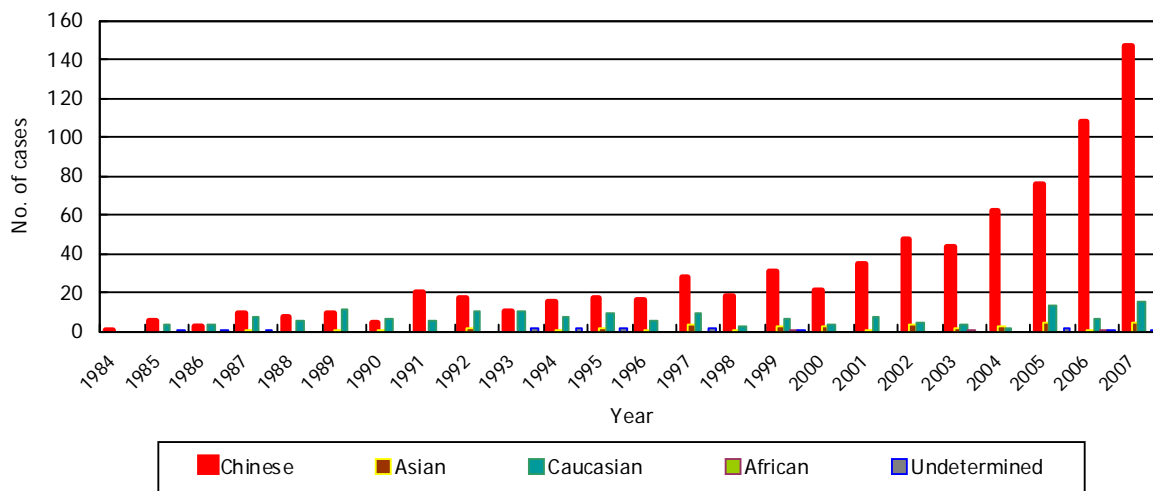
7. Nearly 50% of male HIV reports this year contracted the virus through homosexual or bisexual contact. Heterosexual contact in male cases accounted for about 20%, whereas the routes of transmission were not reported in the rest 19% male cases. The ratio of heterosexual men against MSM dropped from its peak of 4.1:1 in 1998 to 0.4:1 in 2007. (Box 1.1 and 2.7(c)) That meant more men were infected through homosexual/bisexual contact than heterosexual contact for consecutive three years, which was a reverse of the situation in earlier years.

Box 1.1 The number of MSM cases is taking over heterosexual men cases in the reporting system again.

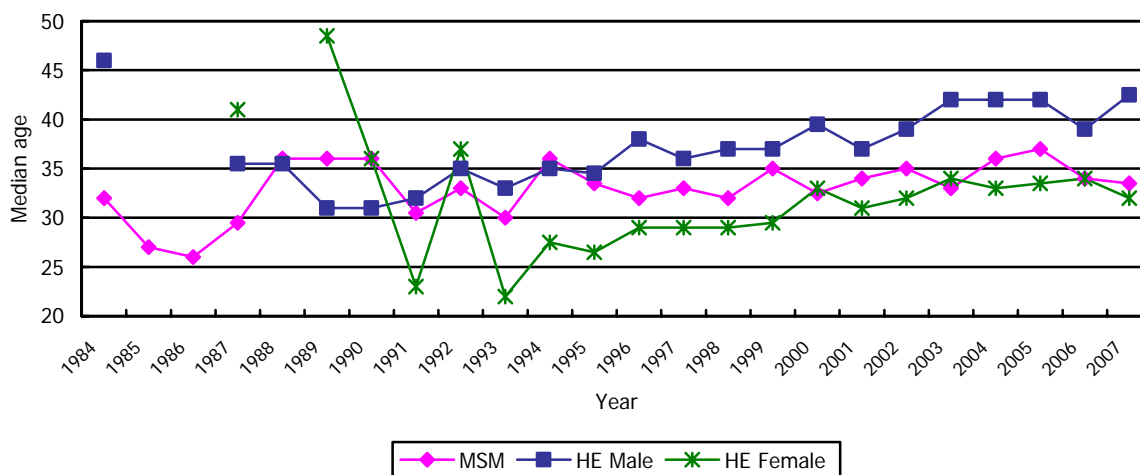


8. The major attributes of the rise in MSM were Chinese and of age group 20-39. Nearly 90% of MSM cases in 2007 were Chinese. Caucasians accounted for only 8.9%. A rising trend in the number of reported Chinese MSM cases was observed in recent years. (Box 1.2) The median age of MSM cases at report was 33.5, as compared to 38 of heterosexual man cases. Age group 30-39 was the commonest age of reporting in MSM, which accounted for 44% in 2007. The HIV infected MSM population was getting younger. The median age dropped from 37 in 2005 to 33.5 in 2007. (Box 1.3) Although the rising trend in the age group of sexual active, 20-49, was observed, a prominent increase in the absolute number of cases was observed in the group 20-29. The number of cases in 20-29 43% as compared with last year. (Box 1.4)

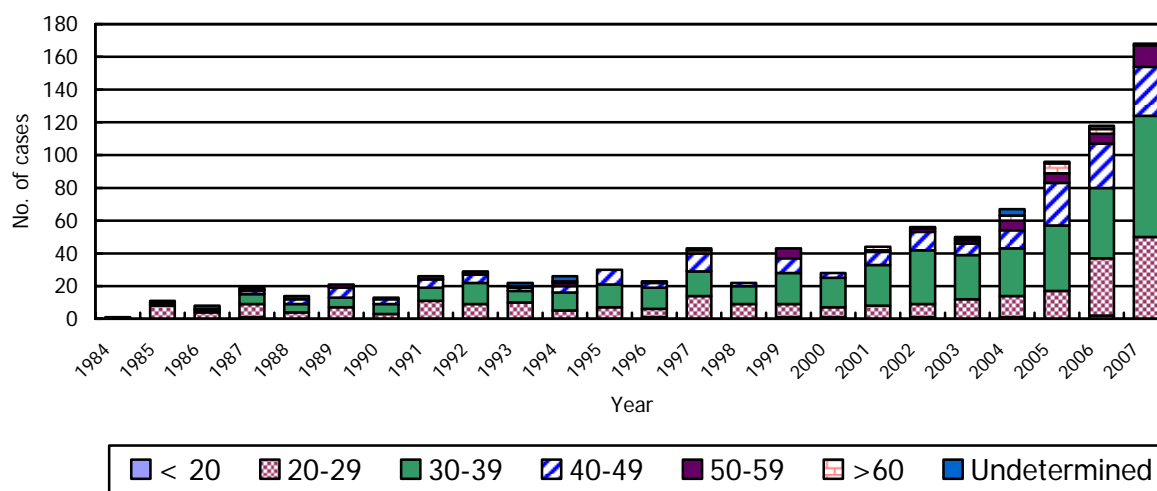
Box 1.2 Ethnicity Breakdown of HIV-infected MSM cases (1984-2007)



Box 1.3 Median age of HIV-infected MSM cases, heterosexual man and heterosexual women (1984-2007)



Box 1.4 Age breakdown of HIV-infected MSM cases (1984 - 2007)



9. Only one community-based survey (PRISM) in gay saunas, bars and clubs was been conducted in 2006 and revealed a HIV prevalence of 4.05% among MSM attending these venues. AIDS Concern's voluntary HIV testing service targeting MSM was another source to understand the prevalence in MSM although the data was affected by participant bias. A rising trend in prevalence was observed since 2004 but it seemed to be stable in recent two years. This may be affected by the expansion of AIDS Concern's service from high-risk MSM settings to general MSM populations in recent two years.

Box 1.5 HIV seroprevalence in AIDS Concern's voluntary HIV testing service

Year	No. of blood samples	No. of samples tested anti-HIV+	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
2000	38	0	0	(0.000 - 0.000)
2001	107	1	0.93	(0.024 - 5.207)
2002	130	1	0.77	(0.019 - 4.286)
2003	223	2	0.90	(0.109 - 3.240)
2004	332	6	1.81	(0.663 - 3.934)
2005	483	12	2.48	(1.284 - 4.340)
2006	610	10	1.64	(0.786 - 3.015)
2007	752	17	2.26	(1.317 - 3.620)

10. The condom use rate of MSM attending AIDS Counselling and Testing Service remained static for both regular partners and casual partners in recent years. Similar trend was observed among those attending AIDS Concern's testing service. (Box 5.7)

The number of heterosexual contact cases remained stable

11. The number of heterosexual cases remained stable in 2007. Totally 103 cases was reported, as compared with 125 cases in 2006. Because of increasing number of reported cases in other routes of transmission, the proportion accounted by heterosexual contact decreased from 33.5% in 2006 to 28.9% in 2007. The male to female ratio for heterosexual cases was 1.9:1. The median age of heterosexual cases in 2007 was 38. Heterosexual male cases were mainly (69% in year 2007) Chinese whereas Chinese only accounted for half (51% in year 2007) of female cases.

12. A majority of Social Hygiene Clinics attendees reported unprotected heterosexual contact. The seroprevalence of Social Hygiene Clinic attendees remained stable at around 0.1% (0.15% in 2007). On the other hand, the trend of sexually transmitted infections (STI) provides information for the understanding of risk of HIV infection in the community. Although it was estimated that Social Hygiene Clinics took care of only 20% of STI cases in the territory, it was still a very important sentinel site. There was a slight decrease in the total number of STI cases in Social Hygiene Clinics, an aggregate of 14,305 in 2007 as compared with 16,588 cases in 2006. A 13.8% decrease was observed in all the common STI diagnosis. The

decrease of cases was more obvious in Non-specific genital infection / Non-gonococcal urethritis from 8,314 cases in 2006 to 6,761 cases in 2007. (Box 4.2)

13. The condom use rate with commercial partners remained steadily high among adult heterosexual men attending Social Hygiene Clinics and AIDS Counselling and Testing Service. The level was over 80% among those attending AIDS Counselling and Testing Service. (Box 5.4)

Small but significant numbers of infection in injecting drug users reported

14. In 2007, the reporting system recorded 43 cases of HIV transmission through injecting drug use. The number was similar to that of 2006, but at a higher level as compared with several years ago. Most of the cases were Asian, non-Chinese. The median age was 30. About 10% of injecting drug user cases was reported from methadone clinics.

15. The Universal HIV Antibody (Urine) Testing Programme replaced the unlinked anonymous screening (UAS) in methadone clinic as the seroprevalence study in 2004. 7232 urine samples were collected in the programme in 2007 with a coverage rate of 80%. The coverage of the programme was lower to that of 2006. The programme tested 14 positive cases in 2007 and with the 12 previously known positive cases still attending methadone clinics, totally there were 26 HIV positive drug users attending methadone clinic this year. The seroprevalence over the year, including the UAS period, was stable at below 1%. The seroprevalence of methadone clinic attendees in 2007 was 0.36%, which was not significantly higher than previous years. (Box 3.3)

16. Although a significant proportion of drug users were injectors, various surveys revealed that the proportion of needle sharing was relatively low. The trend remained stable over the years. (Box 5.9) The questionnaire of Street Addict Survey was revised this year and the definition of "sharing of injection equipment" included solvents and other apparatus. The trend of sharing rate in this survey had to be assessed with the data of coming years.

Cases of perinatal transmission recorded

17. In 2007, two cases reported blood contact transmission. Actually no HIV infection from local contaminated blood or blood product was found in the recent several years. The seroprevalence of new blood donors at Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service was at a low level of around 0.004% in 2007.

18. In 2007, one perinatal HIV infections were reported. The Universal Antenatal HIV Testing was implemented in September 2001. About 40,000 pregnant women attending public antenatal services were tested every year and the coverage of the programme reached 97.4% in 2007 and revealed the seroprevalence of HIV infection in pregnant women to be 0.02%, which is similar to that of previous years. Ten pregnant women were tested positive in the programme this year. No woman terminated their pregnancy and nine women delivered their babies by Caesarean Section. The rest gave birth by vaginal delivery.

Cases with undetermined risk factor on the increase

19. The information of voluntary reporting was becoming incomplete as there are an increasing proportion of cases reported without a risk factor. Similar to last year, nearly a quarter of cases reported without a suspected route of transmission. These cases were usually those without a physician's reporting. Undetermined risk is commoner in cases reported by private hospitals/clinics/laboratories. Although this was a voluntary reporting system, physicians were strongly encouraged to make the system be comprehensive. The data could be useful for a better understanding of the local HIV epidemiology.

***Pneumocystis* Pneumonia and Tuberculosis were common Primary AIDS Defining Illness**

20. The annual number of reported AIDS cases was dropping since 1997, the year of introducing highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) in Hong Kong but a slow increasing trend was observed recently. Seventy-nine AIDS cases were reported as compared with 73 cases in 2006. The rate of increase was comparable with that of HIV cases. 50 cases (63.3%) of the AIDS reports this year has their AIDS reported within 3 months of HIV reporting.

21. The primary AIDS defining illness (ADI) pattern of the reported cases also changed slightly in recent years. *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia (previously named *Pneumocystis carinii*) has been the commonest ADI in Hong Kong. This year, 32 cases reported *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* as the primary ADI. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* was taking over again as the commonest ADI. *Pneumocystis* pneumonia was the second commonest ADI, which accounted for 28 cases (35.4%). They were followed by Penicilliosis (4, 5.1%), and other Cytomegalovirus diseases (4, 5.1%). On the other hand, unlinked anonymous testing in tuberculosis patients demonstrated a seroprevalence of 1.240% in 2007. An increasing trend was showed and stayed at a relatively high level since 2002. This figure was even higher than that of Methadone Clinic attendees and Social Hygiene Clinic attendees.

22. The median CD4 of newly reported HIV cases in 2007 was 216.5. Reporting of CD4 level was becoming a routine practice in physician. It provided useful information on the timing of diagnosis in the course of HIV infection. 61.4% of HIV cases in 2007 reported the CD4 level at diagnosis. The median CD4 for those aged less than 55 has been stable at around 200 (196 – 238) for the past 5 years. One the other hand, there was a continued decreasing trend in median CD4 count among those who are aged 55 and above. It suggested that more patients reported at age 55 or above were diagnosed at a late disease stage. (Box 1.6 & 1.7)

Box 1.6 – Reported CD4 levels at HIV diagnosis

Year	No. of HIV reports	No. of CD4 reports (%)	Median CD4 (cell/ul)	CD4 ≥ 200 (cell/ul) (%)
2001	213	162 (76.1%)	233.5	85 (52.5%)
2002	260	201 (77.3%)	197	100 (49.8%)
2003	229	166 (72.5%)	205	85 (51.2%)
2004	268	177 (66.0%)	215	95 (53.7%)
2005	313	211 (67.4%)	198	105 (49.8%)
2006	373	252 (67.6%)	209	133 (52.8%)
2007	414	254 (61.4%)	216.5	137 (53.9%)

Box 1.7 – CD4 Reports by age group

Age	Year	No. of HIV reports	No. of CD4 reports (%)	Median CD4 (cell/ul)	% of CD4 ≥ 200 (cell/ul)
<55	2001	190	146 (76.8%)	258.5	54.1%
	2002	230	183 (79.6%)	196	49.7%
	2003	190	139 (73.2%)	228	52.5%
	2004	225	156 (69.3%)	226.5	56.4%
	2005	280	188 (67.1%)	197	49.5%
	2006	339	228 (67.3%)	234.5	55.7%
	2007	378	236 (62.4%)	238	55.1%
≥55	2001	22	16 (72.7%)	96	37.5%
	2002	24	18 (75.0%)	212.5	50.0%
	2003	32	27 (84.4%)	108	44.4%
	2004	32	21 (65.6%)	82	33.3%
	2005	29	23 (79.3%)	223	52.2%
	2006	28	23 (82.1%)	145	21.7%
	2007	32	18 (56.3%)	97	38.9%

The commonest HIV subtypes were CRF01_AE and B

23. In 2007, about 80% of HIV reports had their subtypes documented. CRF01_AE and Subtype B of HIV-1 strains were the most common subtypes identified in Hong Kong. They together accounted for 78.0% of all HIV cases. CRF_01AE was found to be commoner in female, Asians non-Chinese, heterosexuals and IDU. The subtype B was commoner in Caucasian, MSM and C subtypes in females, Asians and sexually transmitted cases. An increasing diversity of subtypes and its circulating recombinant forms was also noted. (Box 1.8)

Box 1.8 – HIV Subtypes in Hong Kong

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Annual HIV Reports	260	229	268	313	373	414
No of reports with subtypes (%)	228 (88%)	204 (89%)	202 (75%)	258 (82%)	315 (84%)	364 (88%)
Subtype (%)						
<i>CRF01_AE</i>	122 (47%)	99 (43%)	95 (35%)	125 (40%)	149 (40%)	164 (40%)
<i>B</i>	78 (30%)	60 (26%)	71 (26%)	101 (32%)	124 (33%)	159 (38%)
<i>CRF08_BC</i>	1 (0%)	4 (2%)	10 (4%)	6 (2%)	11 (3%)	14 (3%)
<i>C</i>	15 (6%)	21 (9%)	3 (1%)	2 (1%)	6 (2%)	2 (0%)
<i>Others</i>	12 (5%)	20 (9%)	23 (9%)	24 (8%)	25 (7%)	25 (6%)

Discussion

24. The number of HIV reports was persistently on a rise in 2007. The annual HIV reports used to be around 300. The total number of HIV reports in 2007 was 414, which was an 11% increase as compared to 2006. In the previous five years, there was 10-20% increase in HIV reports every year except in 2003, when SARS outbreak occurred. The rise this year was mainly contributed by increasing reports from Men who have Sex with Men. An increase in injecting drug users was observed but mainly in non-Chinese population, which suggested non-local infections.

25. The number of HIV reports among MSM continued to rise and it accounted for even a larger proportion this year. The HIV situation in MSM was really worrisome because the increasing trend has persisted and in an escalating fashion. The young MSM aged 20-29 was heavily affected. The community-based seroprevalence survey in 2006 revealed a high HIV prevalence. Both condom usage rates of MSM with casual and regular partners remained at a lower level than that of heterosexual men visiting sex workers. Reporting data, prevalence data and behavioural data all suggested a persisting local HIV epidemic in MSM.

26. Heterosexual transmission appeared to be in a stable trend over the years. A significant proportion of non Chinese cases suggested infections outside Hong Kong. For heterosexual men, only 33.3% of their contacts were believed to have occurred in Hong Kong. The prevalence in social hygiene clinics attendees and antenatal women were all below 1%. The condom use rates of commercial sex were high on both from the report of sex workers and their clients.

27. Although the number of HIV-infected injecting drug users was persistent at a high level, an escalating growth of HIV infections in injecting drug users was not expected at present. Same as last year, most reported injecting drug users were Asian non-Chinese. It was believed that those non-Chinese acquired the infection outside Hong Kong. The number of

HIV infections in drug users contributed by the local infections was not largely different from previous years.

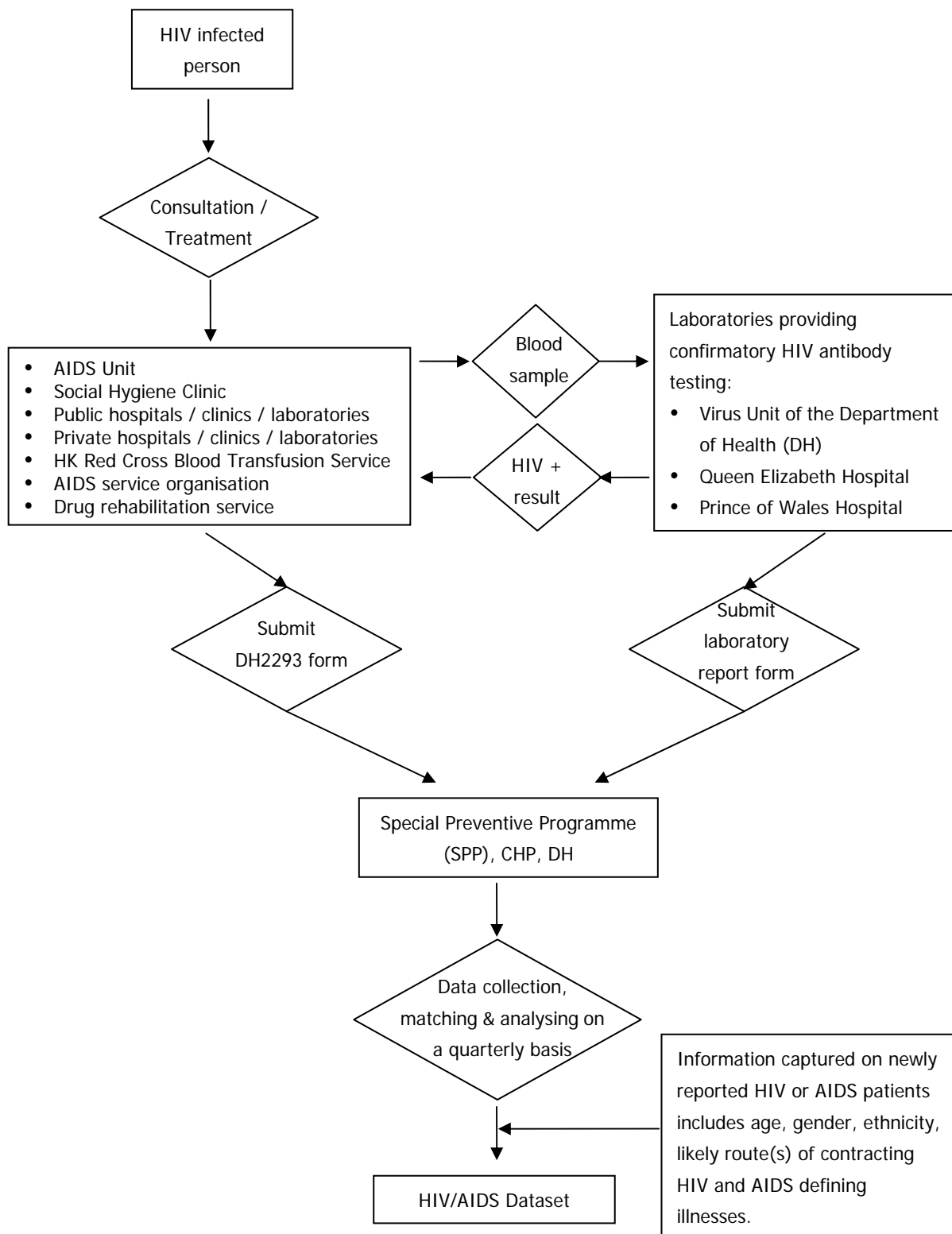
28. In conclusion, the HIV infections in Hong Kong were increasing and mainly affecting MSM populations. The situation of heterosexual population and local injecting drug user population was stable. The HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong was also affected the situation of neighbouring countries. A proportion of cases were infections which acquired outside Hong Kong.

2. TABULATED RESULTS OF HIV/AIDS REPORTING

System description

- The HIV/AIDS reporting system is a case-based notification system conducted on a voluntary basis since 1984, with input from clinicians and laboratories.

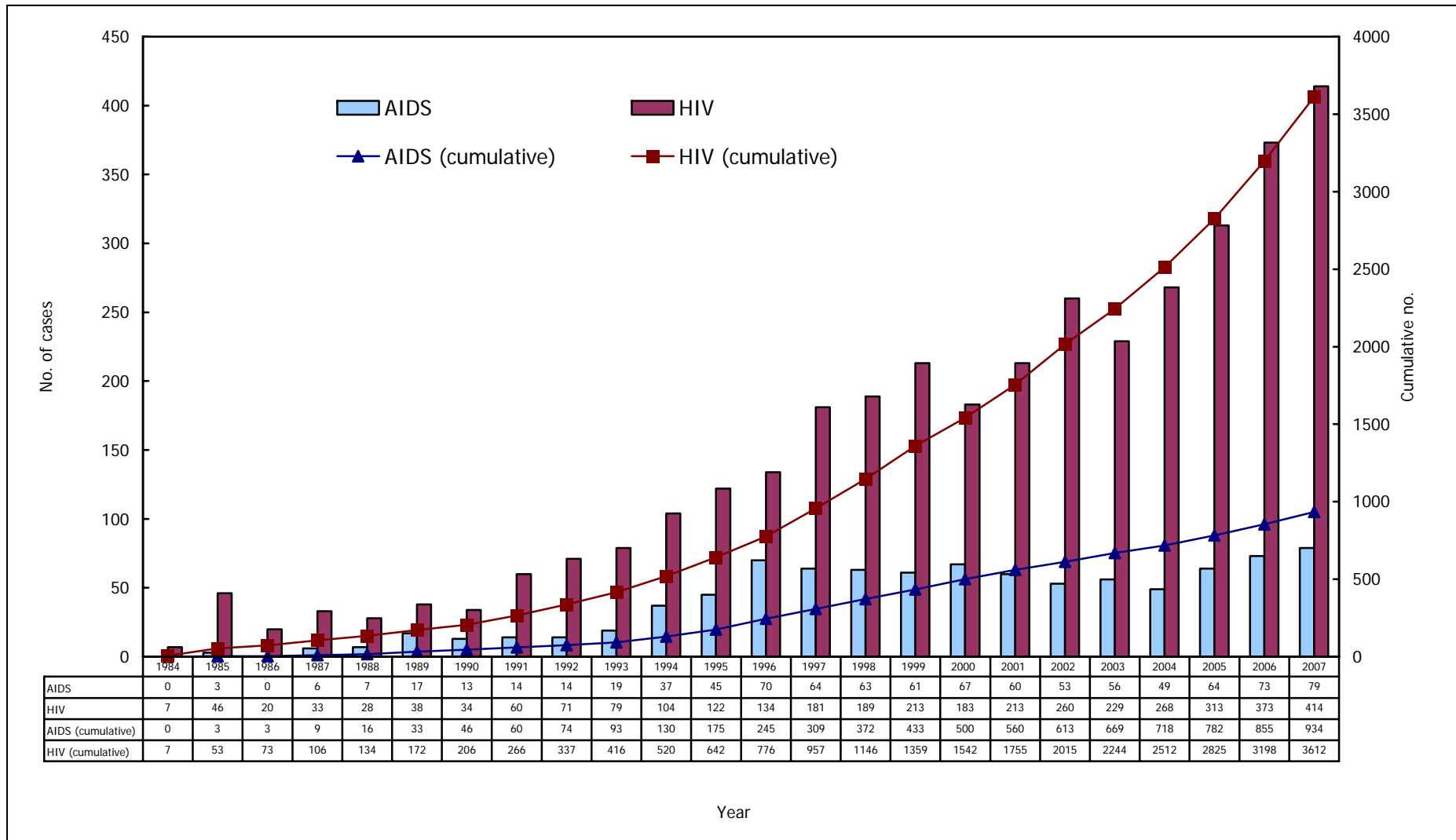
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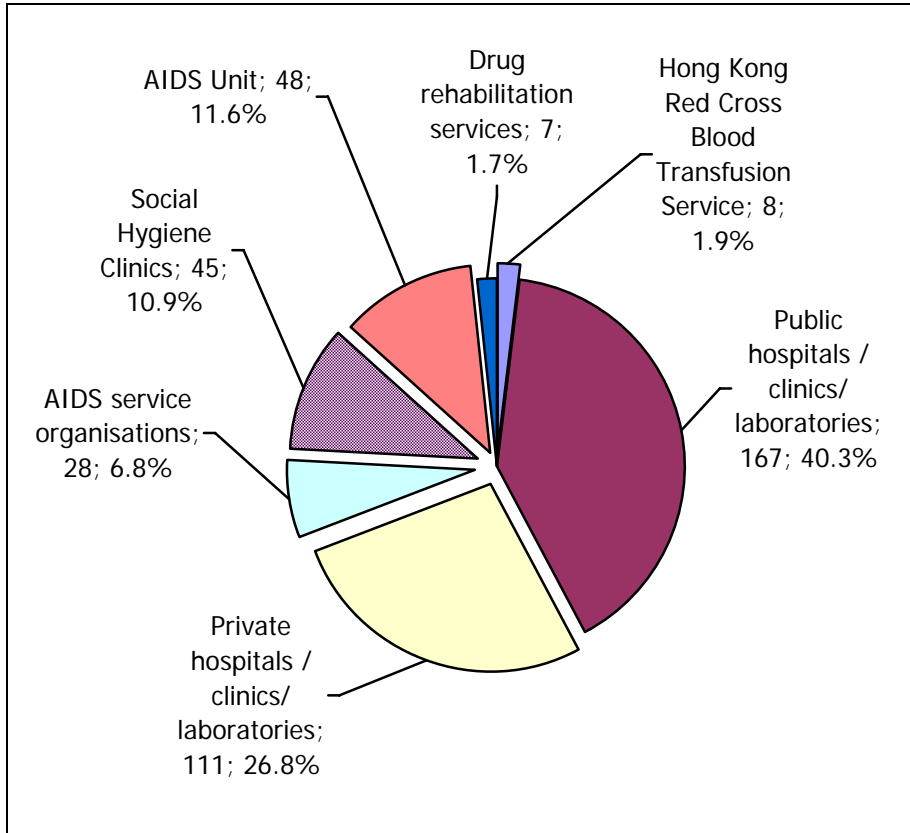
Box 2.1 Annual and cumulative reports of HIV/AIDS cases



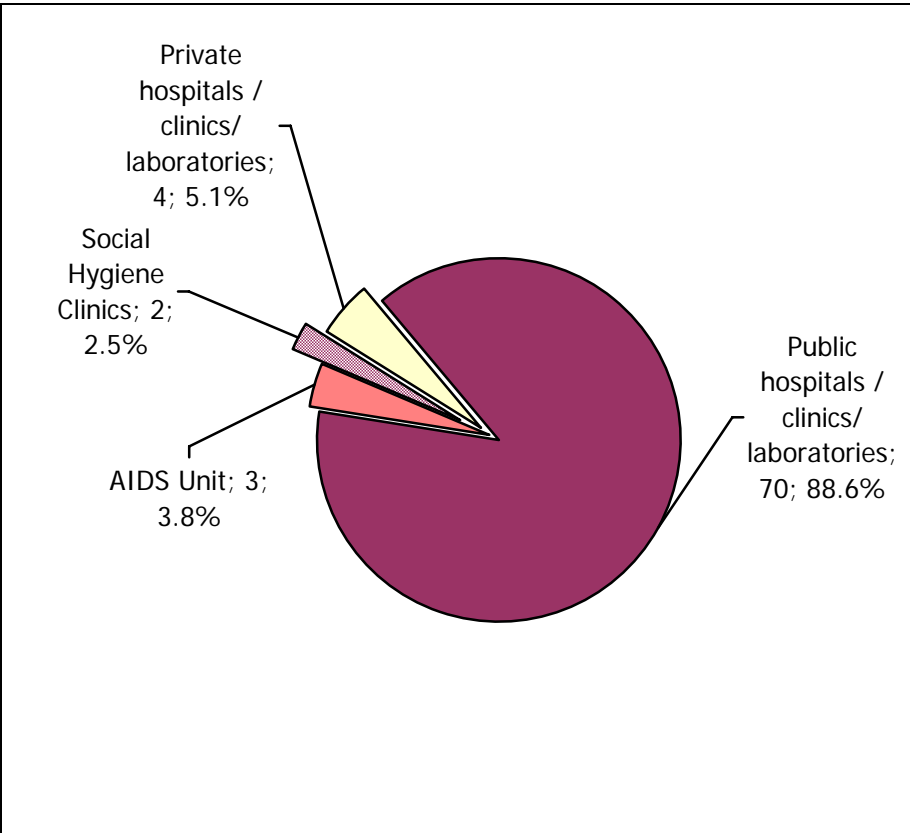
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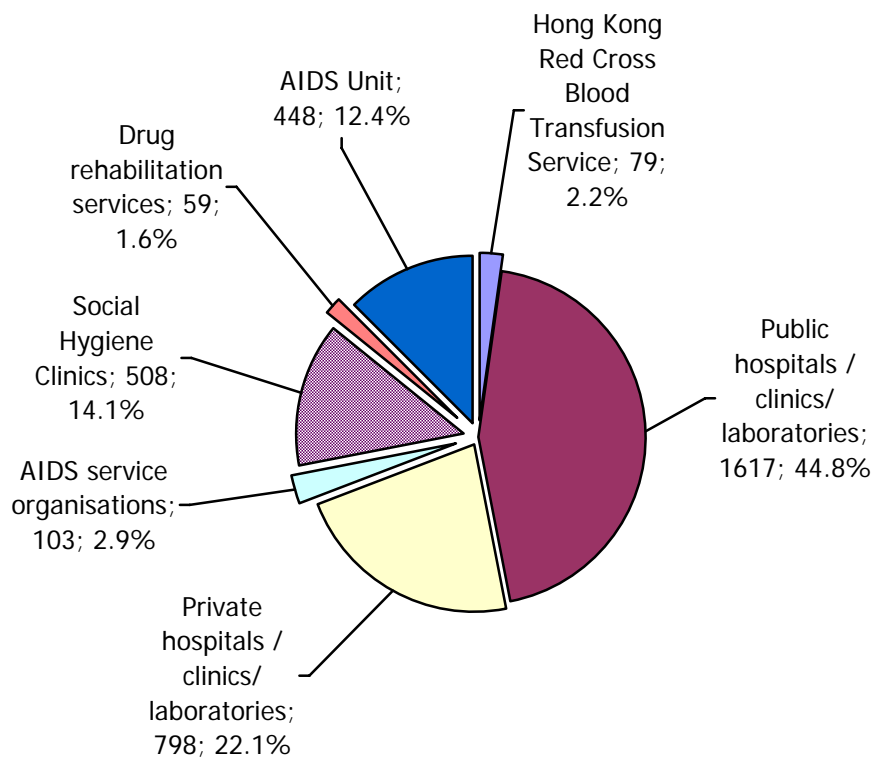


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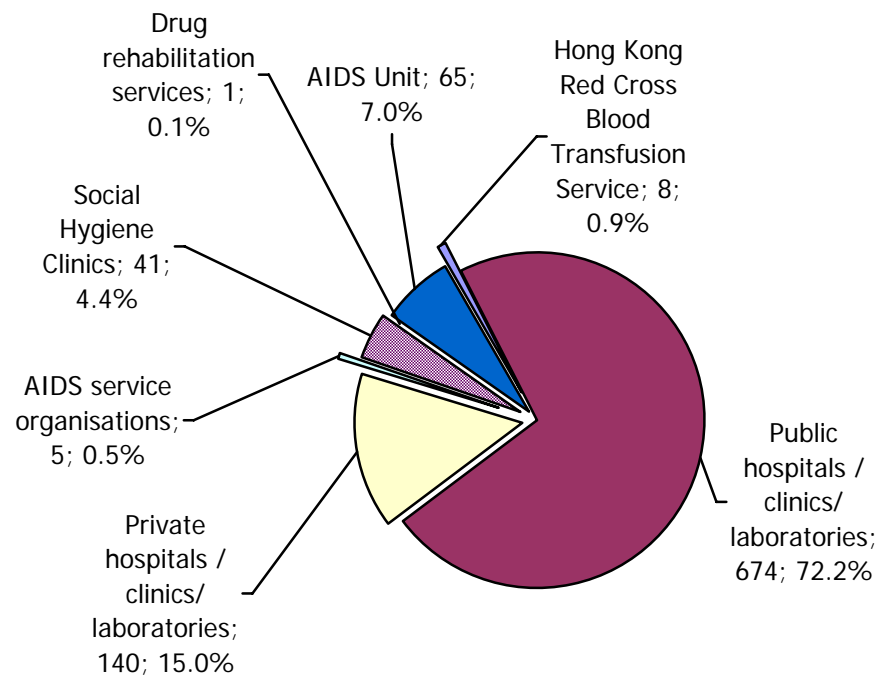


(b) Cumulative (1984 - 2007)

(i) HIV



(ii) AIDS



Box 2.3 Ethnicity & gender of reported HIV/AIDS cases

(a) Year 2007

Ethnicity	HIV						AIDS					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
Chinese	233	(68.1%)	28	(38.9%)	261	(63.0%)	56	(82.4%)	6	(54.5%)	62	(78.5%)
Asian	49	(14.3%)	20	(27.8%)	69	(16.7%)	5	(7.4%)	5	(45.5%)	10	(12.7%)
White	21	(6.1%)	1	(1.4%)	22	(5.3%)	5	(7.4%)	0	(0.0%)	5	(6.3%)
Black	3	(0.9%)	1	(1.4%)	4	(1.0%)	1	(1.5%)	0	(0.0%)	1	(1.3%)
Unknown	36	(10.5%)	22	(30.6%)	58	(14.0%)	1	(1.5%)	0	(0.0%)	1	(1.3%)
Total	342	(100.0%)	72	(100.0%)	414	(100.0%)	68	(100.0%)	11	(100.0%)	79	(100.0%)

(b) Cumulative (1984 - 2007)

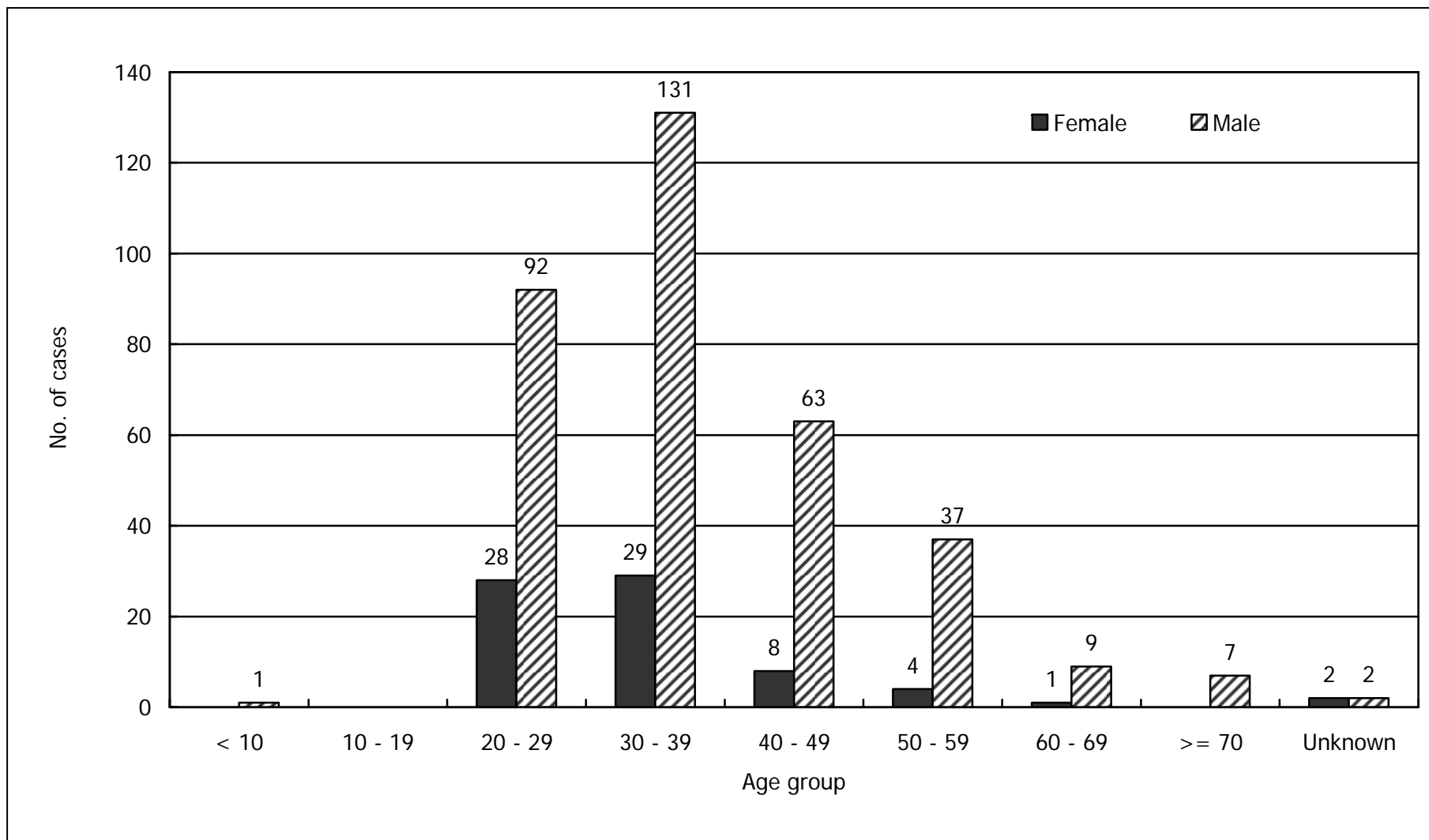
Ethnicity	HIV						AIDS					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
Chinese	2135	(73.2%)	303	(43.7%)	2438	(67.5%)	667	(83.4%)	60	(44.8%)	727	(77.8%)
Asian	345	(11.8%)	268	(38.6%)	613	(17.0%)	58	(7.3%)	72	(53.7%)	130	(13.9%)
White	251	(8.6%)	14	(2.0%)	265	(7.3%)	66	(8.3%)	0	(0.0%)	66	(7.1%)
Black	38	(1.3%)	10	(1.4%)	48	(1.3%)	7	(0.9%)	1	(0.7%)	8	(0.9%)
Unknown	149	(5.1%)	99	(14.3%)	248	(6.9%)	2	(0.3%)	1	(0.7%)	3	(0.3%)
Total	2918	(100.0%)	694	(100.0%)	3612	(100.0%)	800	(100.0%)	134	(100.0%)	934	(100.0%)

Box 2.4 Age distribution of reported HIV/AIDS cases

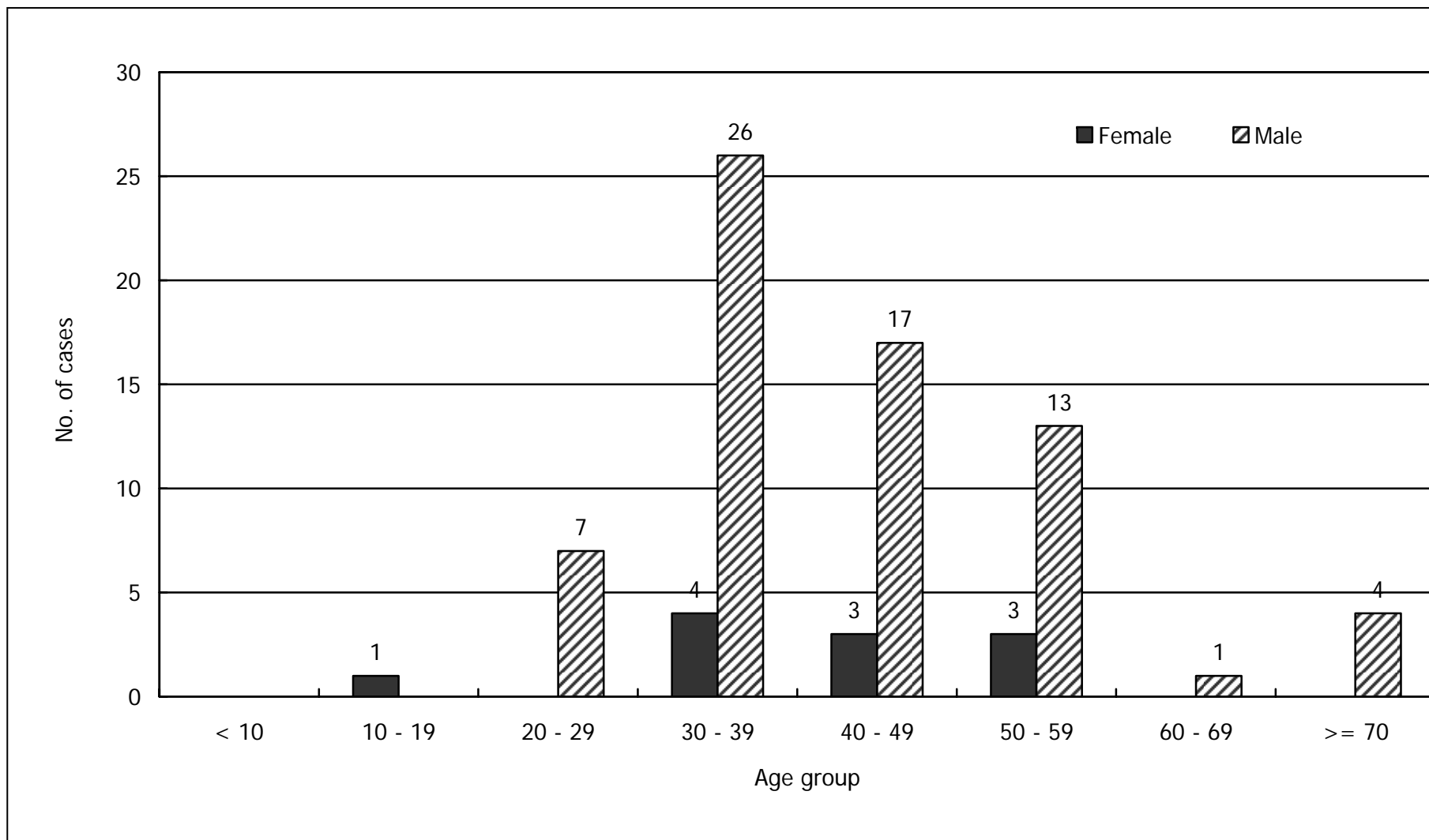
(a) Median age of reported HIV/AIDS cases

Year	HIV			AIDS		
	Median age	Inter quartile range		Median age	Inter quartile range	
		25%	75%		25%	75%
1984	11	6	32	---	---	---
1985	21	13.5	28.5	33	28	46
1986	26	15	41	---	---	---
1987	29	24	38.5	42.5	35.25	51.25
1988	35	25.75	42.25	39	24	43
1989	36	28	46	38	31.5	46.5
1990	33	28	39	35	28.5	50.5
1991	31.5	26	39.75	34	27	44
1992	34	28	40	39	34.75	45.5
1993	33	27	39	38	29	41
1994	34	28	40	36	33	40.5
1995	32	26	40	36	30	44.5
1996	34	30	41.5	38	31.75	43
1997	35	28.5	42	37	32	48
1998	34	29	40	39	32	48
1999	35	29	43	40	34	51
2000	35	29	43	40	33	50
2001	34.5	29	42	38	30.25	46.75
2002	36	30	44	41	34	48
2003	36	30	45	39	35	49.75
2004	36	30	44.5	42	35	51
2005	36	30	44	40	33.25	47.75
2006	34	28	42	38	31	47
2007	34	28	41	41	34	51
Total	35	29	42	39	33	47

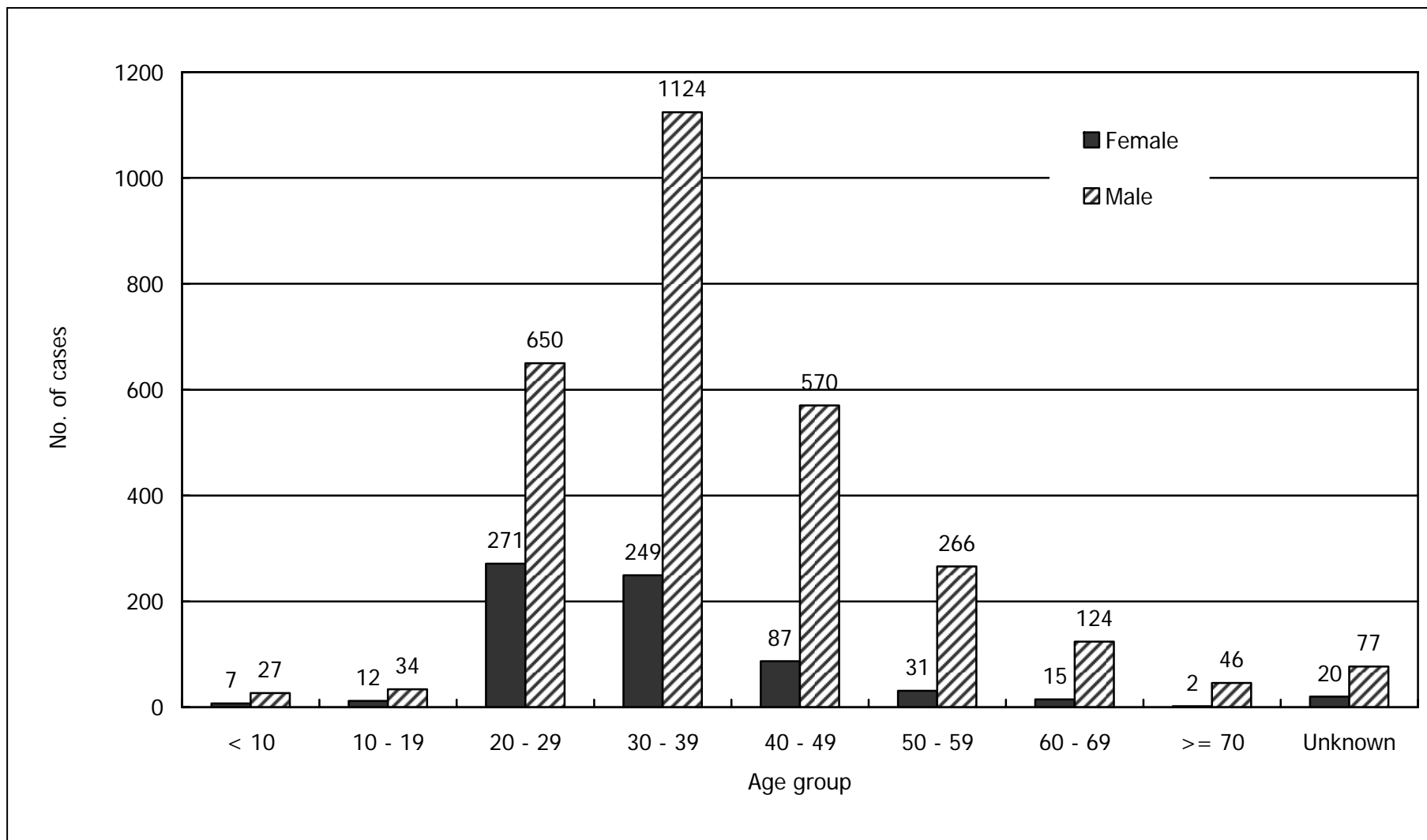
(b) Age & gender of reported HIV cases (Year 2007)



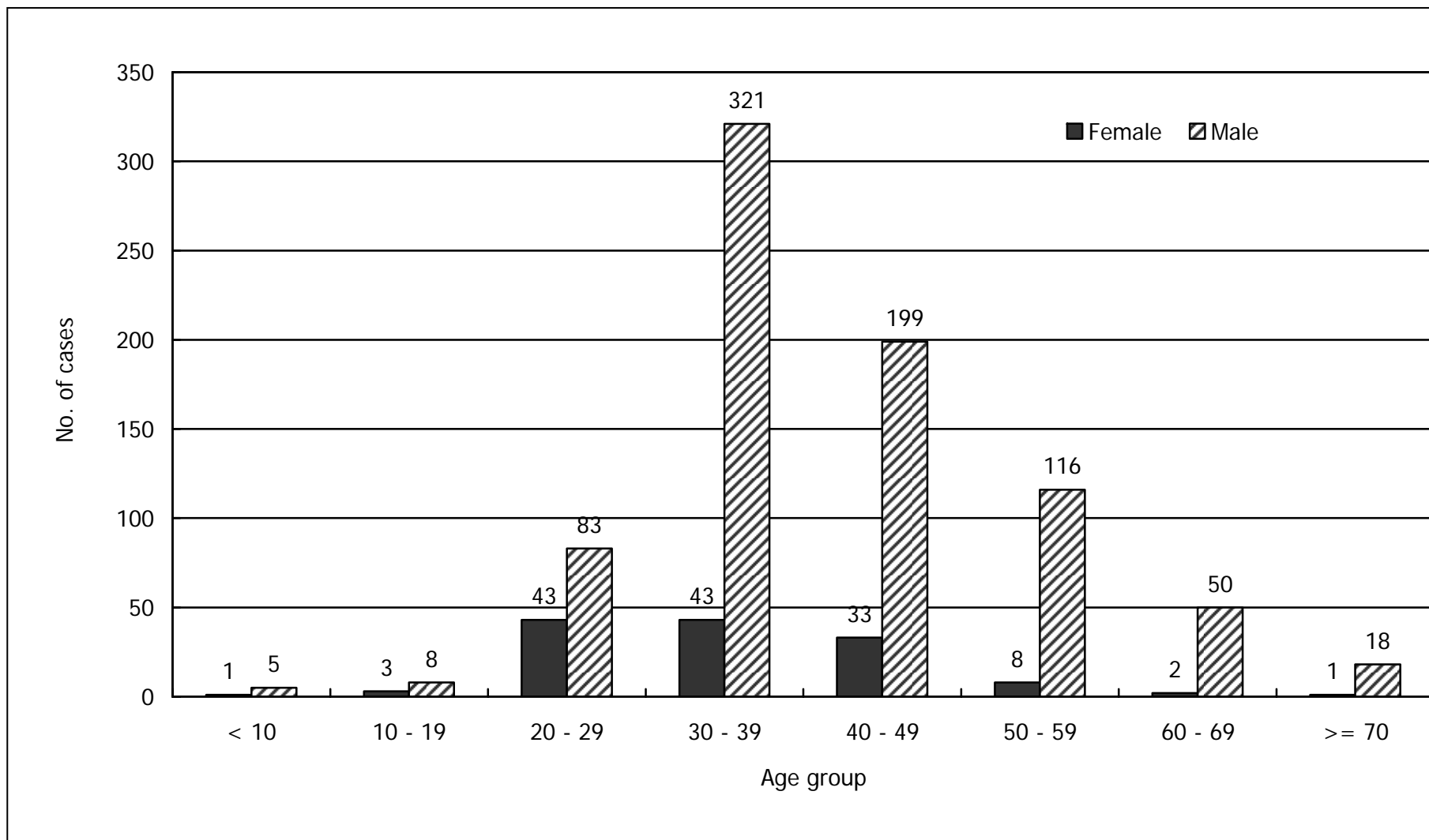
(c) Age & gender of reported AIDS cases (Year 2007)



(d) Age & gender of reported HIV cases (cumulative, 1984 - 2007)



(e) Age & gender of reported AIDS cases (cumulative, 1985 - 2007)



(f) Adults & children with reported HIV/AIDS in 2007

Age	HIV			AIDS		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Adult	341	72	413	68	11	79
Children (age <=13)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total	342	72	414	68	11	79

Box 2.5 Exposure category of reported HIV/AIDS cases

(a) Distribution of reported HIV cases by exposure category (1984 - 2007)

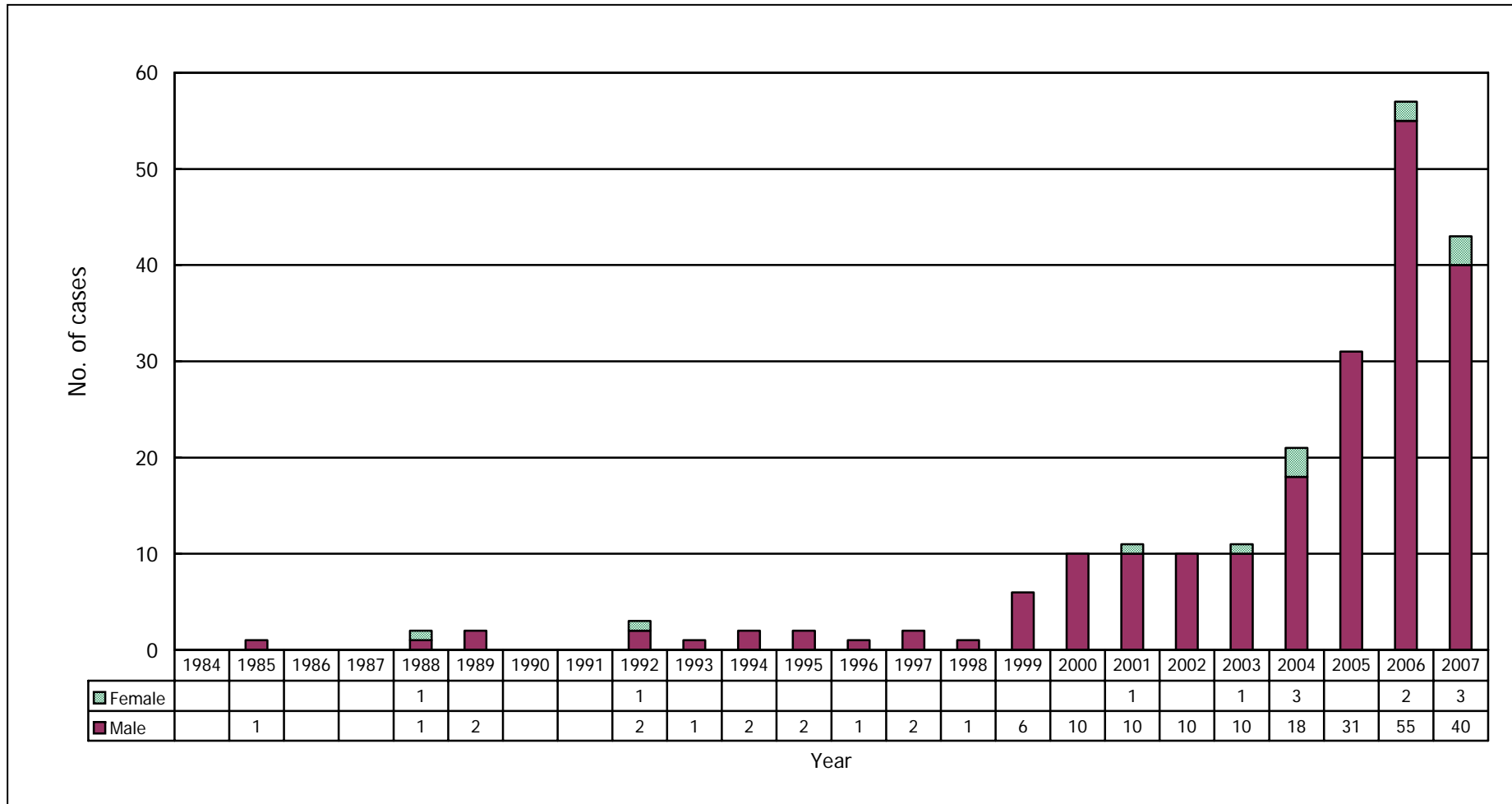
Exposure Category (%)	Year																								
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Heterosexual	1 (14.3)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (9.1)	6 (21.4)	11 (28.9)	12 (35.3)	29 (48.3)	32 (45.1)	47 (59.5)	73 (70.2)	81 (66.4)	93 (69.4)	117 (64.6)	132 (69.8)	127 (59.6)	115 (62.8)	125 (58.7)	146 (56.2)	116 (50.7)	110 (41.0)	111 (35.5)	125 (33.5)	103 (24.9)	1715 (47.5)
Homosexual	1 (14.3)	10 (21.7)	6 (30.0)	12 (36.4)	12 (42.9)	15 (39.5)	8 (23.5)	18 (30.0)	27 (38.0)	20 (25.3)	22 (21.2)	26 (21.3)	20 (14.9)	33 (18.2)	16 (8.5)	33 (15.5)	21 (11.5)	37 (17.4)	47 (18.1)	45 (19.7)	61 (22.8)	86 (27.5)	103 (27.6)	152 (36.7)	831 (23.0)
Bisexual	0 (0.0)	1 (2.2)	2 (10.0)	7 (21.2)	2 (7.1)	6 (15.8)	5 (14.7)	8 (13.3)	2 (2.8)	2 (2.5)	4 (3.8)	4 (3.3)	3 (2.2)	10 (5.5)	6 (3.2)	10 (4.7)	7 (3.8)	7 (3.3)	9 (3.5)	5 (2.2)	6 (2.2)	10 (3.2)	15 (4.0)	16 (3.9)	147 (4.1)
Injecting drug use	0 (0.0)	1 (2.2)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (7.1)	2 (5.3)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (4.2)	1 (1.3)	2 (1.9)	2 (1.6)	1 (0.7)	2 (1.1)	1 (0.5)	6 (2.8)	10 (5.5)	11 (5.2)	10 (3.8)	11 (4.8)	21 (7.8)	31 (9.9)	57 (15.3)	43 (10.4)	217 (6.0)
Blood contact	5 (71.4)	32 (69.6)	10 (50.0)	7 (21.2)	2 (7.1)	2 (5.3)	5 (14.7)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.4)	1 (1.3)	1 (1.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.6)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.5)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (1.3)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.5)	74 (2.0)
Perinatal	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.0)	2 (1.6)	1 (0.7)	0 (0.0)	2 (1.1)	4 (1.9)	2 (1.1)	2 (0.9)	1 (0.4)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.5)	1 (0.2)	20 (0.6)
Undetermined	0 (0.0)	2 (4.3)	2 (10.0)	4 (12.1)	4 (14.3)	2 (5.3)	4 (11.8)	5 (8.3)	6 (8.5)	8 (10.1)	1 (1.0)	7 (5.7)	16 (11.9)	18 (9.9)	32 (16.9)	32 (15.0)	28 (15.3)	31 (14.6)	47 (18.1)	52 (22.7)	70 (26.1)	69 (22.0)	71 (19.0)	97 (23.4)	608 (16.8)
Total	7 (100)	46 (100)	20 (100)	33 (100)	28 (100)	38 (100)	34 (100)	60 (100)	71 (100)	79 (100)	104 (100)	122 (100)	134 (100)	181 (100)	189 (100)	213 (100)	183 (100)	213 (100)	260 (100)	229 (100)	268 (100)	313 (100)	373 (100)	414 (100)	3612 (100)

(b) Distribution of reported AIDS cases by exposure category (1985 - 2007)

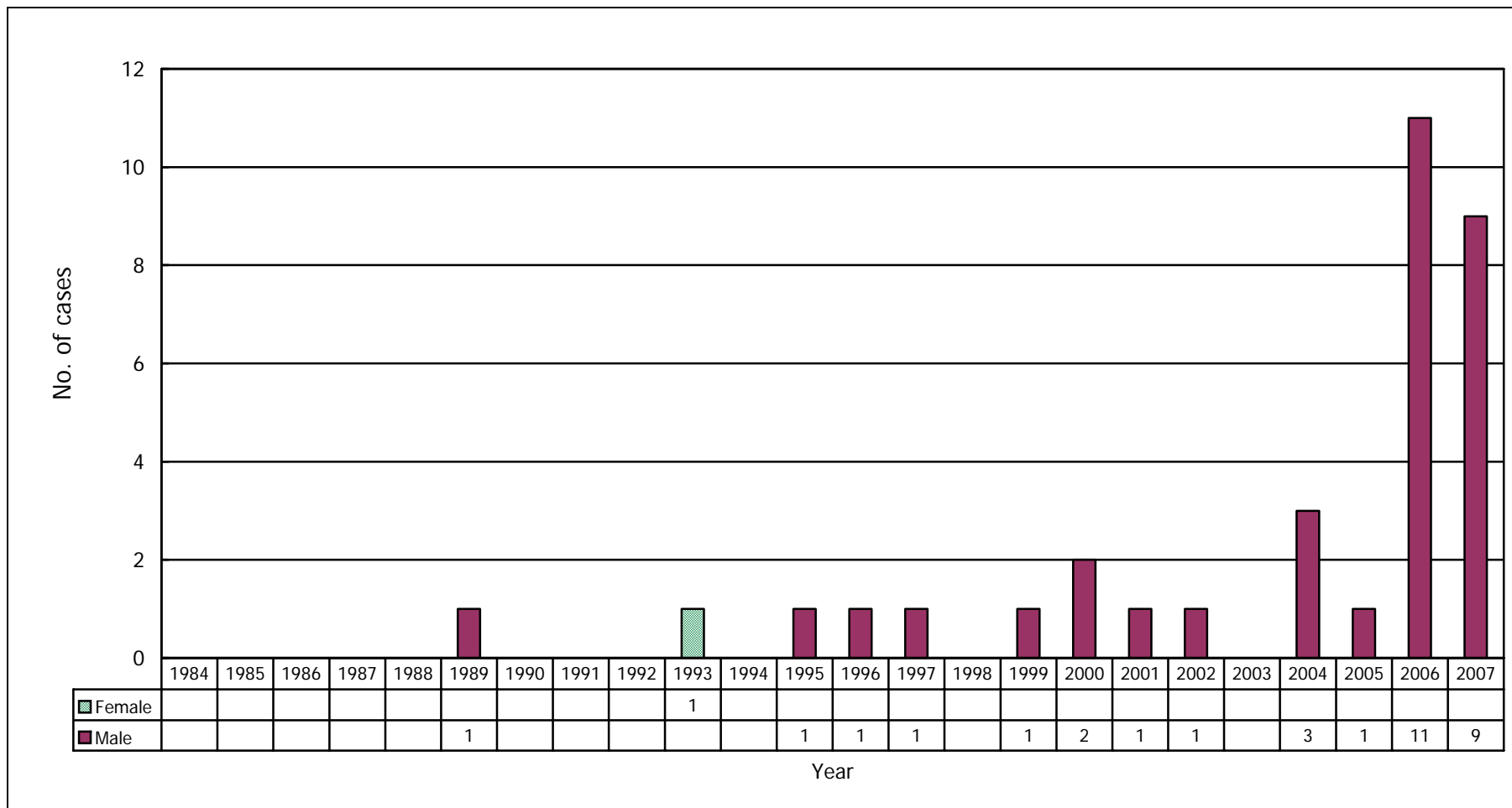
Exposure Category (%)	Year																							
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Heterosexual	1 (33.3)	---	1 (16.7)	0 (0.0)	3 (17.6)	3 (23.1)	2 (14.3)	5 (35.7)	10 (52.6)	16 (43.2)	31 (68.9)	55 (78.6)	44 (68.8)	50 (79.4)	44 (72.1)	56 (83.6)	48 (80.0)	37 (69.8)	46 (82.1)	35 (71.4)	37 (57.8)	30 (41.1)	40 (50.6)	594 (63.6)
Homosexual	1 (33.3)	---	3 (50.0)	4 (57.1)	8 (47.1)	2 (15.4)	6 (42.9)	8 (57.1)	7 (36.8)	13 (35.1)	9 (20.0)	6 (8.6)	10 (15.6)	6 (9.5)	8 (13.1)	1 (1.5)	5 (8.3)	8 (15.1)	7 (12.5)	8 (16.3)	13 (20.3)	20 (27.4)	20 (25.3)	173 (18.5)
Bisexual	1 (33.3)	---	0 (0.0)	1 (14.3)	3 (17.6)	3 (23.1)	2 (14.3)	1 (7.1)	1 (5.3)	4 (10.8)	3 (6.7)	1 (1.4)	3 (4.7)	1 (1.6)	1 (1.6)	1 (1.5)	2 (3.3)	2 (3.8)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (4.7)	3 (4.1)	1 (1.3)	37 (4.0)
Injecting drug use	0 (0.0)	---	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (5.9)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (5.3)	0 (0.0)	1 (2.2)	1 (1.4)	1 (1.6)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.6)	2 (3.0)	1 (1.7)	1 (1.9)	0 (0.0)	3 (6.1)	1 (1.6)	11 (15.1)	9 (11.4)	34 (3.6)
Blood contact	0 (0.0)	---	0 (0.0)	1 (14.3)	2 (11.8)	3 (23.1)	3 (21.4)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (8.1)	0 (0.0)	2 (2.9)	1 (1.6)	1 (1.6)	2 (3.3)	1 (1.5)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.8)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.6)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.3)	22 (2.4)
Perinatal	0 (0.0)	---	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (2.7)	1 (2.2)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.6)	1 (1.6)	1 (1.5)	1 (1.7)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	6 (0.6)
Undetermined	0 (0.0)	---	2 (33.3)	1 (14.3)	0 (0.0)	2 (15.4)	1 (7.1)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	5 (7.1)	5 (7.8)	4 (6.3)	4 (6.6)	5 (7.5)	3 (5.0)	5 (9.4)	2 (3.6)	3 (6.1)	9 (14.1)	9 (12.3)	8 (10.1)	68 (7.3)
Total	3 (100)	---	6 (100)	7 (100)	17 (100)	13 (100)	14 (100)	14 (100)	19 (100)	37 (100)	45 (100)	70 (100)	64 (100)	63 (100)	61 (100)	67 (100)	60 (100)	53 (100)	56 (100)	49 (100)	64 (100)	73 (100)	79 (100)	934 (100)

Box 2.6 Reported HIV/AIDS cases in injecting drug users

(a) Reported HIV-infected injecting drug users - by gender

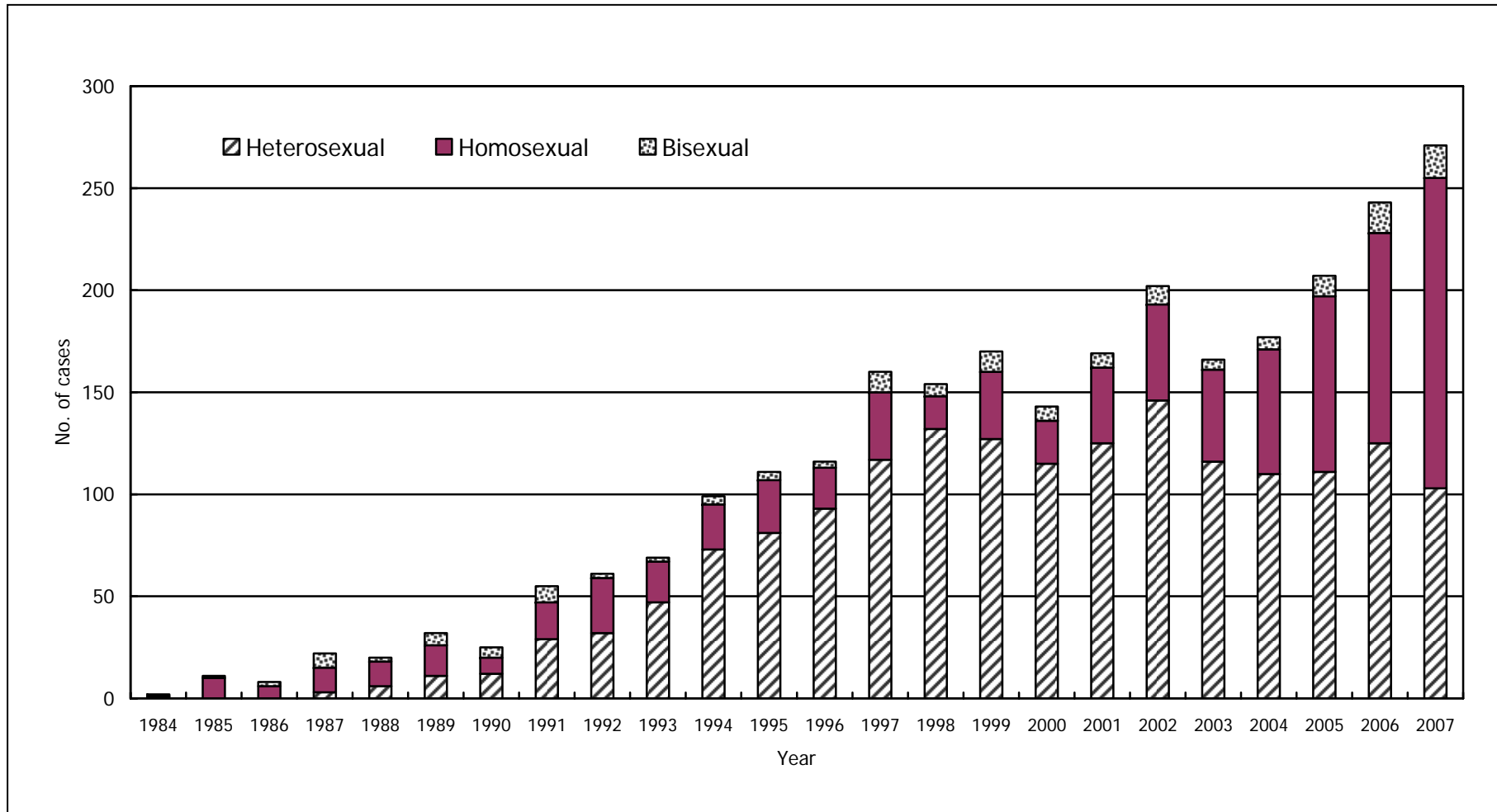


(b) Reported AIDS case in injecting drug users - by gender

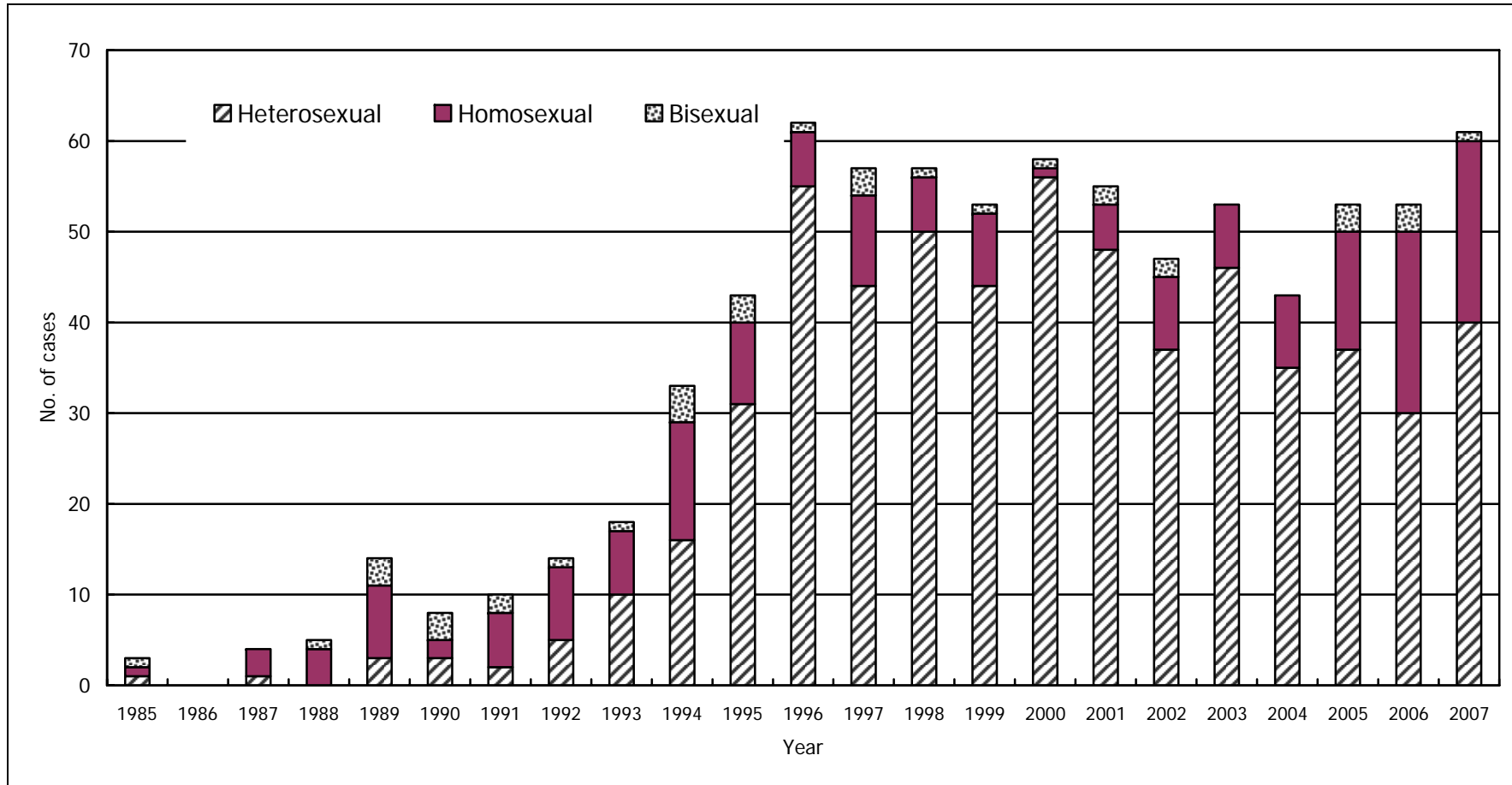


Box 2.7 Reported sexually acquired HIV cases

(a) Yearly reports of sexually acquired HIV cases



(b) Yearly reports of sexually acquired AIDS cases



(c) **Ratio of heterosexual vs. homosexual/bisexual men reported with HIV/AIDS**

Year	HIV	AIDS
1984	1.0 : 1	---
1985	0.0 : 1	0.5 : 1
1986	0.0 : 1	---
1987	0.1 : 1	0.0 : 1
1988	0.4 : 1	0.0 : 1
1989	0.4 : 1	0.3 : 1
1990	0.8 : 1	0.6 : 1
1991	1.0 : 1	0.3 : 1
1992	0.9 : 1	0.6 : 1
1993	1.7 : 1	0.9 : 1
1994	2.3 : 1	0.8 : 1
1995	1.9 : 1	2.0 : 1
1996	3.0 : 1	7.1 : 1
1997	2.0 : 1	2.5 : 1
1998	4.1 : 1	5.9 : 1
1999	2.0 : 1	4.2 : 1
2000	2.8 : 1	23.5 : 1
2001	1.9 : 1	5.1 : 1
2002	1.8 : 1	2.6 : 1
2003	1.7 : 1	4.9 : 1
2004	1.1 : 1	3.8 : 1
2005	0.7 : 1	1.7 : 1
2006	0.7 : 1	0.8 : 1
2007	0.4 : 1	1.5 : 1
Total	1.2 : 1	2.2 : 1

Box 2.8 Profile of primary AIDS defining illnesses (ADI) (1985 - 2007)

Year \ ADI (%)	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
<i>Pneumocystis Pneumonia (PCP)</i>	1 (33.3)	---	2 (33.3)	4 (57.1)	8 (47.1)	5 (38.5)	4 (28.6)	7 (50.0)	10 (52.6)	12 (32.4)	17 (37.8)	21 (30.0)	20 (31.3)	26 (41.3)	23 (37.7)	30 (44.8)	26 (43.3)	25 (47.2)	22 (39.3)	22 (44.9)	20 (31.3)	27 (37.0)	28 (35.4)	360 (38.5)
<i>Mycobacterium Tuberculosis</i>	0 (0.0)	---	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (5.9)	2 (15.4)	3 (21.4)	1 (7.1)	2 (10.5)	4 (10.8)	8 (17.8)	21 (30.0)	17 (26.6)	18 (28.6)	13 (21.3)	19 (28.4)	17 (28.3)	9 (17.0)	15 (26.8)	13 (26.5)	25 (39.1)	26 (35.6)	32 (40.5)	246 (26.3)
Other fungal infections	0 (0.0)	---	3 (50.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (17.6)	0 (0.0)	2 (14.3)	2 (14.3)	1 (5.3)	4 (10.8)	7 (15.6)	6 (8.6)	10 (15.6)	8 (12.7)	5 (8.2)	4 (6.0)	5 (8.3)	8 (15.1)	4 (7.1)	6 (12.2)	5 (7.8)	4 (5.5)	3 (3.8)	90 (9.6)
Penicilliosis	0 (0.0)	---	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (7.7)	1 (7.1)	0 (0.0)	1 (5.3)	6 (16.2)	7 (15.6)	7 (10.0)	5 (7.8)	2 (3.2)	7 (11.5)	5 (7.5)	1 (1.7)	7 (13.2)	5 (8.9)	4 (8.2)	7 (10.9)	11 (15.1)	4 (5.1)	81 (8.7)
Cytomegalovirus diseases	1 (33.3)	---	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (7.7)	1 (7.1)	1 (7.1)	2 (10.5)	1 (2.7)	3 (6.7)	4 (5.7)	4 (6.3)	3 (4.8)	2 (3.3)	3 (4.5)	2 (3.3)		3 (5.4)	1 (2.0)	2 (3.1)	3 (4.1)	4 (5.1)	41 (4.4)
Non-TB mycobacterial infections	0 (0.0)	---	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (5.9)	0 (0.0)	3 (21.4)	0 (0.0)	1 (5.3)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (2.9)	1 (1.6)	0 (0.0)	5 (8.2)	1 (1.5)	5 (8.3)	2 (3.8)	1 (1.8)	2 (4.1)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.4)	0 (0.0)	25 (2.7)
Kaposi's sarcoma	1 (33.3)	---	0 (0.0)	1 (14.3)	2 (11.8)	1 (7.7)	0 (0.0)	2 (14.3)	0 (0.0)	4 (10.8)	1 (2.2)	2 (2.9)	3 (4.7)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.8)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.6)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.3)	20 (2.1)
Others	0 (0.0)	---	1 (16.7)	2 (28.6)	2 (11.8)	3 (23.1)	0 (0.0)	1 (7.1)	2 (10.5)	6 (16.2)	2 (4.4)	7 (10.0)	4 (6.3)	6 (9.5)	6 (9.8)	5 (7.5)	4 (6.7)	2 (3.8)	5 (8.9)	1 (2.0)	4 (6.3)	1 (1.4)	7 (8.9)	71 (7.6)
Total	3 (100)	---	6 (100)	7 (100)	17 (100)	13 (100)	14 (100)	14 (100)	19 (100)	37 (100)	45 (100)	70 (100)	64 (100)	63 (100)	61 (100)	67 (100)	60 (100)	53 (100)	56 (100)	49 (100)	64 (100)	73 (100)	79 (100)	934 (100)

3. TABULATED RESULTS OF SEROSURVEILLANCE STUDIES

System description

- This is a collection of data from seroprevalence studies and public service records that contribute to the understanding of the HIV situation in selected community groups or settings.

System layout

	Setting	System	Since	Sample size	Data available in 2007
(a) Community with predisposing risk factors					
STD patients	Social Hygiene Clinics	Voluntary testing offered to clients	1985	30000 – 40000 / year	Yes
*Drug users (1)	Methadone Clinics	Unlinked anonymous screening using urine samples	1992 (to 2003)	2000 – 4000 / year	No
Drug users (2)	Different treatment and rehabilitation services	Voluntary testing	1985	300 – 1000 / year	Yes
Drug users (3)	Street addicts approached by outreach workers	Voluntary testing on unlinked saliva samples	1993 (to 1997)	200 – 500 / year	No
MSM	AIDS Concern	Voluntary testing offered to MSM	2000	200 - 700 / year	Yes
(b) Community without risk factors					
Blood donors	Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	A requirement for all potential donors	1985	150000 – 200000 / year	Yes
Antenatal women	All maternal and child health centres and public hospitals	Universal voluntary testing	Sept 2001	Around 40000 / year	Yes
*Neonates	Testing of Cord blood from delivering women	Unlinked anonymous screening on blood samples	1990 (to 2000)	4000 / year	No
Civil servants	Pre-employment health check	Unlinked anonymous screening on blood samples	1991 (once)	1553	No
(c) Community with undefined risk					
TB patients (1)	TB and Chest Clinics of the Department of Health	Unlinked anonymous screening	1990	1000 / year	Yes
TB patients (2)	TB and Chest Clinics of the Department of Health	Voluntary testing	1993	2000 – 3500 / year	Yes
Prisoners	Penal institutions	Unlinked anonymous screening on blood / urine samples	1992	1000 – 2000 / year	Yes

*replaced by methadone clinics universal HIV testing programme and universal voluntary testing of antenatal women respectively

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Box 3.1 HIV seroprevalence in blood donors at Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service

(a) HIV detection rate by number of donated blood units (1985 - 2007)

Year	Units of blood donated	No. of units anti-HIV+	Positive detection rate of donated units (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
1985	58,563	2	0.003	(0.0004 - 0.0123)
1986	146,639	1	0.001	(0.00002 - 0.0038)
1987	155,079	2	0.001	(0.0002 - 0.0047)
1988	152,319	2	0.001	(0.0002 - 0.0047)
1989	156,587	3	0.002	(0.0004 - 0.0056)
1990	168,082	4	0.002	(0.0006 - 0.0061)
1991	181,756	3	0.002	(0.0003 - 0.0048)
1992	176,492	9	0.005	(0.0023 - 0.0097)
1993	165,053	3	0.002	(0.0004 - 0.0053)
1994	172,151	7	0.004	(0.0016 - 0.0084)
1995	178,447	4	0.002	(0.0006 - 0.0057)
1996	190,257	5	0.003	(0.0009 - 0.0061)
1997	187,753	7	0.004	(0.0015 - 0.0077)
1998	200,197	7	0.003	(0.0014 - 0.0072)
1999	189,959	7	0.004	(0.0015 - 0.0076)
2000	189,532	9	0.005	(0.0022 - 0.0090)
2001	193,835	3	0.002	(0.0003 - 0.0045)
2002	193,702	3	0.002	(0.0003 - 0.0045)
2003	179,962	6	0.003	(0.0012 - 0.0073)
2004	198,420	1	0.001	(0.00001 - 0.0028)
2005	197,974	3	0.002	(0.0003 - 0.0044)
2006	196,332	6	0.003	(0.0011 - 0.0067)
2007	205,645	9	0.004	(0.0020 - 0.0083)

(b) HIV seroprevalence in new and repeat blood donors (1991 - 2007)

Year	New donors			Repeat donors		
	No. of donors	No. of donors anti-HIV+	HIV positivity rate (%) (95% C.I. (%))	No. of donors	No. of donors anti-HIV+	HIV positivity rate (%) (95% C.I. (%))
1991	48,769	0	0 (---)	132,987	3	0.002 (0.0005 - 0.0066)
1992	43,674	1	0.002 (0.0001 - 0.0128)	132,818	8	0.006 (0.0026 - 0.0119)
1993	36,146	1	0.003 (0.0001 - 0.0154)	128,907	2	0.002 (0.0002 - 0.0056)
1994	38,077	2	0.005 (0.0006 - 0.0190)	134,074	5	0.004 (0.0012 - 0.0087)
1995	39,778	2	0.005 (0.0006 - 0.0182)	93,280	2	0.002 (0.0003 - 0.0077)
1996	40,875	1	0.002 (0.0001 - 0.0136)	99,294	4	0.004 (0.0011 - 0.0103)
1997	40,419	1	0.002 (0.0001 - 0.0138)	81,906	6	0.007 (0.0027 - 0.0159)
1998	43,756	3	0.007 (0.0014 - 0.0200)	92,511	4	0.004 (0.0012 - 0.0111)
1999	40,960	1	0.002 (0.0001 - 0.0136)	76,098	6	0.008 (0.0029 - 0.0172)
2000	41,116	5	0.012 (0.0039 - 0.0284)	148,366	4	0.003 (0.0007 - 0.0069)
2001	43,415	0	0 (---)	150,420	3	0.002 (0.0004 - 0.0058)
2002	42,292	1	0.002 (0.0001 - 0.0132)	151,410	2	0.001 (0.0002 - 0.0048)
2003	36,732	3	0.008 (0.0017 - 0.0239)	143,230	2	0.001 (0.0002 - 0.0050)
2004	41,679	0	0 (---)	156,741	1	0.001 (0.00002 - 0.0036)
2005	42,643	1	0.002 (0.0001 - 0.0131)	155,331	2	0.001 (0.00016 - 0.0047)
2006	40,029	2	0.005 (0.0006 - 0.018)	156,303	4	0.003 (0.0007 - 0.0066)
2007	40,287	3	0.007 (0.0015 - 0.0218)	165,358	6	0.004 (0.00133 - 0.0079)

Box 3.2 HIV seroprevalence in clients attending Social Hygiene Services, from voluntary blood testing (1985 - 2007)

Year	No. of blood samples	No. of samples tested anti-HIV+	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
1985	7,911	5	0.063	(0.021 - 0.147)
1986	27,179	2	0.007	(0.001 - 0.027)
1987	33,553	2	0.006	(0.001 - 0.022)
1988	33,039	3	0.009	(0.002 - 0.027)
1989	29,663	6	0.020	(0.007 - 0.044)
1990	27,045	9	0.033	(0.015 - 0.063)
1991	27,013	19	0.070	(0.042 - 0.110)
1992	27,334	12	0.044	(0.023 - 0.077)
1993	28,736	16	0.056	(0.032 - 0.090)
1994	30,162	29	0.096	(0.064 - 0.138)
1995	33,896	14	0.041	(0.023 - 0.069)
1996	37,126	25	0.067	(0.044 - 0.099)
1997	38,779	27	0.070	(0.046 - 0.101)
1998	46,127	27	0.059	(0.039 - 0.085)
1999	51,639	31	0.060	(0.041 - 0.085)
2000	51,197	20	0.039	(0.024 - 0.060)
2001	51,209	31	0.061	(0.041 - 0.086)
2002	53,363	41	0.077	(0.055 - 0.104)
2003	42,764	34	0.080	(0.055 - 0.111)
2004	43,980	46	0.105	(0.077 - 0.140)
2005	38,978	28	0.072	(0.048 - 0.104)
2006	37,120	47	0.127	(0.093 - 0.168)
2007	33,841	50	0.148	(0.110 - 0.195)

Box 3.3 HIV seroprevalence in drug users attending methadone clinics

(a) HIV seroprevalence in drug users attending methadone clinics from unlinked anonymous screening (1992 - 2003)*

Year	No. of urine samples	No. of samples tested anti-HIV+	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
1992	2,189	0	0	(--- - ---)
1993	3,219	0	0	(--- - ---)
1994	4,113	2	0.049	(0.006 - 0.176)
1995	2,240	1	0.045	(0.001 - 0.249)
1996	3,714	1	0.027	(0.001 - 0.150)
1997	1,816	0	0	(--- - ---)
1998	2,838	6	0.211	(0.078 - 0.460)
1999	2,674	3	0.112	(0.023 - 0.328)
2000	3,644	10	0.274	(0.132 - 0.505)
2001	3,811	4	0.105	(0.029 - 0.269)
2002	4,037	10	0.248	(0.119 - 0.456)
2003	1,949	5	0.257	(0.083 - 0.599)

* Replaced by MUT programme since 2004

(b) HIV seroprevalence in drug users attending methadone clinics from voluntary testing (1991 - 2003)**

Year	*No. of blood samples	No. of samples tested anti-HIV+	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
1991	379	0	0	(--- - ---)
1992	212	0	0	(--- - ---)
1993	198	0	0	(--- - ---)
1994	296	1	0.338	(0.009 - 1.882)
1995	102	0	0	(--- - ---)
1996	302	0	0	(--- - ---)
1997	254	0	0	(--- - ---)
1998	250	1	0.400	(0.010 - 2.229)
1999	599	3	0.501	(0.103 - 1.464)
2000	602	1	0.166	(0.004 - 0.926)
2001	363	0	0	(--- - ---)
2002	318	0	0	(--- - ---)
2003	148	0	0	(--- - ---)

* all were blood samples, with a small proportion being urine samples since late 1999

** Replaced by MUT programme since 2004

(c) **HIV seroprevalence in drug users attending methadone clinics from Universal HIV Antibody (Urine) Testing Programme (2003 - 2007)**

Year	No. of Urine samples	No. of samples tested anti-HIV+	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
2003 (Jul – Sep)	1,834	9	0.491	(0.224 - 0.932)
2004	8,812	18	0.204	(0.121 - 0.323)
2005	8,696	28	0.322	(0.214 - 0.465)
2006	7,730	28	0.362	(0.241 - 0.524)
2007	7,314	26	0.355	(0.232 - 0.521)

Box 3.4 HIV seroprevalence in drug users attending inpatient drug treatment centres / institutions, from unlinked anonymous screening (1998 - 2007)

Year	No. of urine samples	No. of samples tested anti-HIV+	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
1998	2,286	3	0.131	(0.027 - 0.384)
1999	1,675	3	0.179	(0.037 - 0.523)
2000	1,165	7	0.601	(0.242 - 1.238)
2001	1,137	2	0.176	(0.021 - 0.635)
2002	761	0	0	(--- - ---)
2003	361	1	0.277	(0.007 - 1.543)
2004*	---	---	---	(--- - ---)
2005	630	0	0	(--- - ---)
2006	786	4	0.509	(0.139 - 1.303)
2007	387	0	0	(--- - ---)

* Unlinked anonymous screening was not performed in 2004

Box 3.5 HIV seroprevalence in newly admitted prisoners from unlinked anonymous screening (1995 - 2007)

Year	No. of Samples*	No. of samples tested anti-HIV+	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
1995	653	3	0.459	(0.095 - 1.343)
1996	1,503	6	0.399	(0.147 - 0.869)
1997	1,474	3	0.204	(0.042 - 0.595)
1998	1,571	4	0.255	(0.069 - 0.652)
1999	1,580	10	0.633	(0.480 - 1.841)
2000	1,516	4	0.264	(0.072 - 0.676)
2001	1,502	5	0.333	(0.108 - 0.777)
2002	1,500	6	0.400	(0.147 - 0.871)
2003	1,502	5	0.333	(0.108 - 0.777)
2004	1,980	7	0.354	(0.142 - 0.728)
2005	2,007	6	0.299	(0.110 - 0.651)
2006	2,796	13	0.465	(0.248 - 0.795)
2007	2,718	7	0.258	(0.104 - 0.531)

* Only samples of 1995 were blood samples. All others were urine samples.

Box 3.6 HIV seroprevalence in patients with tuberculosis

(a) HIV seroprevalence in patients attending government TB & Chest Clinics, from unlinked anonymous screening (1990 - 2007)

Year	No. of urine samples	No. of samples tested anti-HIV+	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence(%)
1990	1,548	0	0	(--- - ---)
1991	485	0	0	(--- - ---)
1992	1,469	2	0.136	(0.016 - 0.492)
1993	1,173	0	0	(--- - ---)
1994*	-	-	-	(--- - ---)
1995	895	2	0.223	(0.027 - 0.807)
1996	998	4	0.401	(0.109 - 1.026)
1997	1,003	2	0.199	(0.024 - 0.720)
1998	833	4	0.480	(0.131 - 1.229)
1999	1,166	8	0.686	(0.296 - 1.352)
2000	1,018	5	0.491	(0.159 - 1.146)
2001	1,071	4	0.373	(0.102 - 0.956)
2002	1,000	8	0.800	(0.345 - 1.576)
2003	920	6	0.652	(0.239 - 1.420)
2004	1,041	9	0.865	(0.395 - 1.641)
2005	840	7	0.833	(0.335 - 1.717)
2006	841	3	0.357	(0.074 - 1.042)
2007	887	11	1.240	(0.619 - 2.219)

* Unlinked anonymous screening was not performed in 1994

(b) HIV seroprevalence in patients attending government TB & Chest Clinics, from voluntary blood testing (1993 - 2007)

Year	No. of blood samples	Coverage*		No. of anti-HIV+	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
		A	B			
1993	2,116	---	---	0	0	(--- - ---)
1994	2,534	---	---	2	0.079	(0.010 - 0.285)
1995	2,548	---	---	2	0.078	(0.010 - 0.284)
1996	3,157	---	---	2	0.063	(0.008 - 0.229)
1997	3,524	---	---	2	0.057	(0.007 - 0.205)
1998	3,726	---	---	6	0.161	(0.059 - 0.350)
1999	3,633	---	---	11	0.303	(0.151 - 0.542)
2000	3,426	92.8%	48.3%	3	0.088	(0.018 - 0.256)
2001	3,404	94.2%	48.1%	9	0.264	(0.121 - 0.502)
2002	3,186	94.2%	50.3%	7	0.220	(0.088 - 0.453)
2003	3,122	92.3%	54.5%	2	0.064	(0.008 - 0.231)
2004	3,202	93.1%	47.5%	10	0.312	(0.150 - 0.574)
2005	3,934	81.2%	68.3%	10	0.254	(0.122 - 0.467)
2006	4,256	91.0%	78.2%	8	0.188	(0.081 - 0.370)
2007	3,664	88.7%	73.5%**	9	0.246	(0.112 - 0.466)

* coverage A is the proportion of patients attended government TB & Chest Clinics who have been tested for HIV in TB Clinic. (For year 2000-2004, it used to be the proportion of patients who started on TB tx at government TB & Chest Clinics who have been tested for HIV in TB Clinic)
B is the proportion of total TB notifications who have been tested for HIV at government TB & Chest Clinics.

** Notification of tuberculosis in 2007 is a provisional figure

Box 3.7 HIV prevalence among antenatal women

(a) HIV prevalence among antenatal women from unlinked anonymous screening (1990 - 2000)

Year	No. of blood samples	No. of anti-HIV+	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
1990	993	0	0	(--- - ---)
1991	5,253	0	0	(--- - ---)
1992	5,796	0	0	(--- - ---)
1993	4,532	0	0	(--- - ---)
1994	4,762	0	0	(--- - ---)
1995	4,648	1	0.02	(0.0005 - 0.1199)
1996	3,968	1	0.03	(0.0006 - 0.1404)
1997	3,331	0	0	(--- - ---)
1998	3,031	1	0.03	(0.0008 - 0.1838)
1999	3,125	1	0.03	(0.0008 - 0.1783)
2000	3,478	1	0.03	(0.0007 - 0.1602)

(b) HIV prevalence among antenatal women from Universal Antenatal HIV Antibody Testing Programme (2001 - 2007)

	Number of tests	Coverage*	Number of positive tests	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
2001 (Sep-Dec)	12,965	96.6%	7	0.05	(0.0217 - 0.1112)
2002	41,932	97.2%	8	0.02	(0.0082 - 0.0376)
2003	36,366	96.9%	6	0.02	(0.0061 - 0.0359)
2004	41,070	97.9%	6	0.01	(0.0054 - 0.0318)
2005	42,750	98.1%	5	0.01	(0.0038 - 0.0273)
2006	43,297	98.0%	8	0.02	(0.0080 - 0.0364)
2007	47,472	97.4%	10	0.02	(0.0101 - 0.0387)

* coverage is the proportion of women attending public antenatal services who have been tested for HIV

Box 3.8 HIV prevalence among MSM tested by AIDS Concern

	Number of tests	Number of positive tests	Prevalence (%)	95% C.I. for prevalence (%)
2000	38	0	0	(0.000 - 0.000)
2001	107	1	0.93	(0.024 - 5.207)
2002	130	1	0.77	(0.019 - 4.286)
2003	223	2	0.90	(0.109 - 3.240)
2004	332	6	1.81	(0.663 - 3.934)
2005	483	12	2.48	(1.284 - 4.340)
2006	610	10	1.64	(0.786 - 3.015)
2007	752	17	2.26	(1.317 - 3.620)

4. TABULATED RESULTS OF STATISTICS ON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STI)

System description:

- This is a clinic based disease reporting system contributed by Social Hygiene Service, Department of Health. Summary tables are submitted quarterly by Social Hygiene Service. The clinics included in this surveillance system are: Chai Wan, Lek Yuen¹, Wan Chai, Western², Yau Ma Tei, South Kwai Chung³, Yung Fung Shee, Tuen Mun, Fanling ITC⁴, Tai Po⁵, and Shek Wu Hui⁵.

Remark:

¹ Leck Yuen Clinic was closed since April 2005

² Western Social Hygiene Clinic was merged with Wan Chai Social Hygiene Clinic and Sai Ying Pun Dermatology Clinic wef 2.7.2003.

³ South Kwai Chung Clinic was closed on 27.3.2004

⁴ Venereal Diseases Clinics in Fanling ITC was commenced operation in part-time basis on 1.9.2003 by appointment only.

⁵ Tai Po and Shek Wu Hui clinics were closed since 2001

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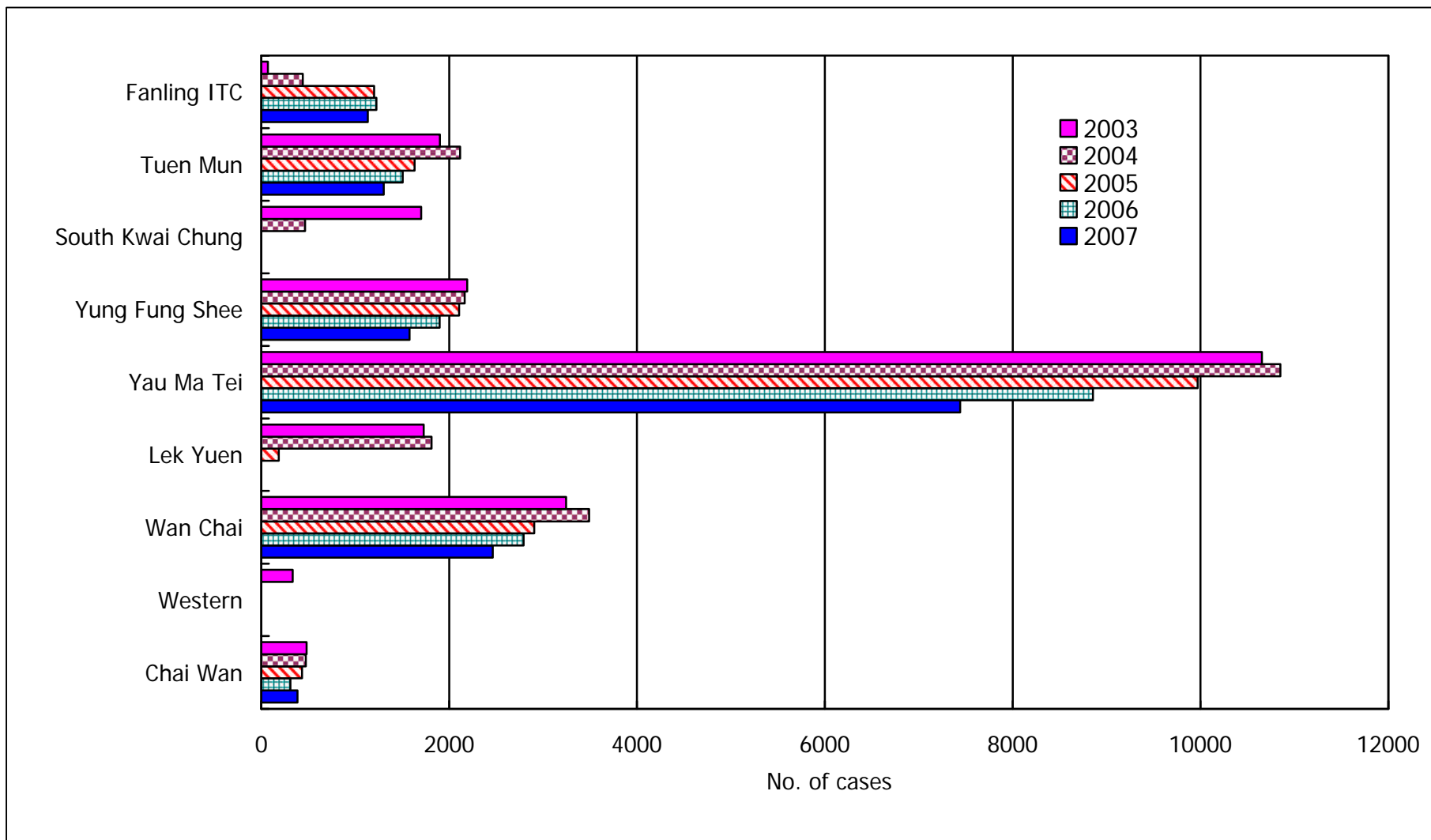
Box 4.1 Total number of STI reported by individual Social Hygiene Clinic

(a) Year 2007

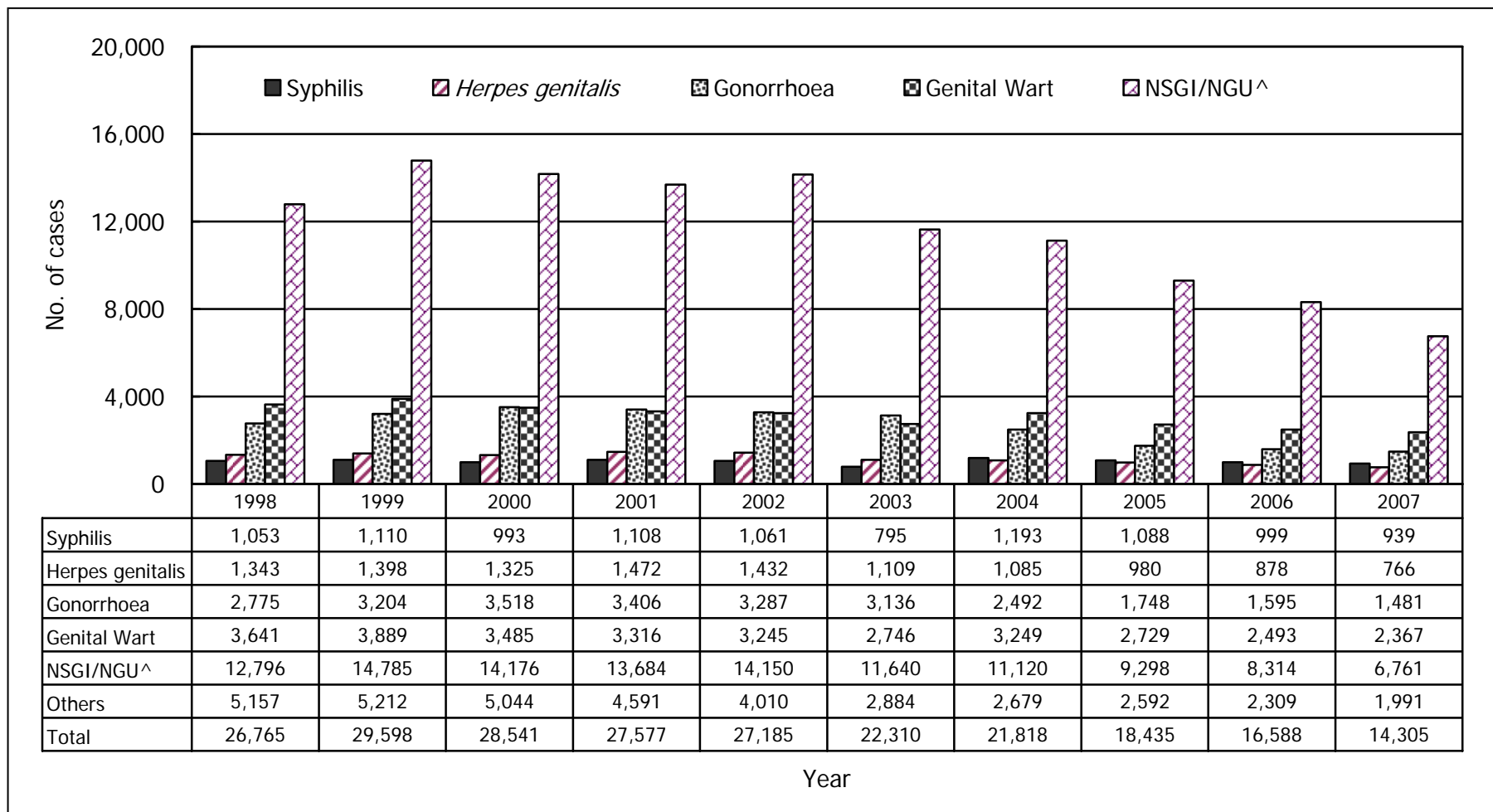
	Chai Wan	Wan Chai	Yau Ma Tei	Yung Fung Shee	Tuen Mun	Fanling ITC [#]
Male	204	1,584	4,285	1,080	649	640
Female	180	879	3,157	499	654	495
Total	384	2463	7442	1579	1303	1135

[#] Venereal Diseases Clinics in Fanling ITC commenced operation in part-time basis on 1.9.2003 by appointment only.

(b) 2003 - 2007



Box 4.2 Annual reported STIs in Social Hygiene Clinics

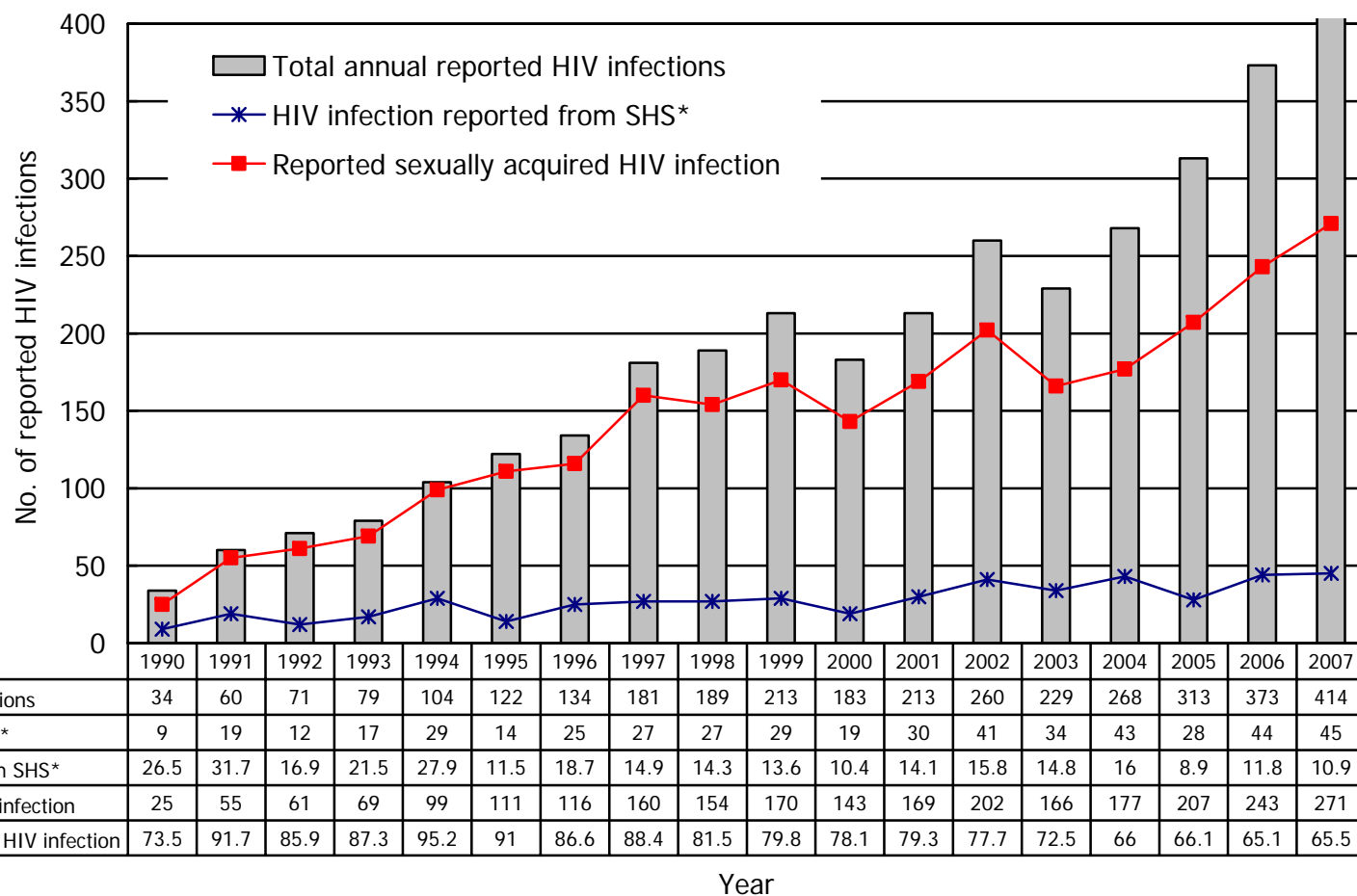


^ NSGI / NGU : Non-specific Genital Infection / Non-gonococcal Urethritis

Box 4.3 Syphilis reported by Social Hygiene Clinics (2003 - 2007)

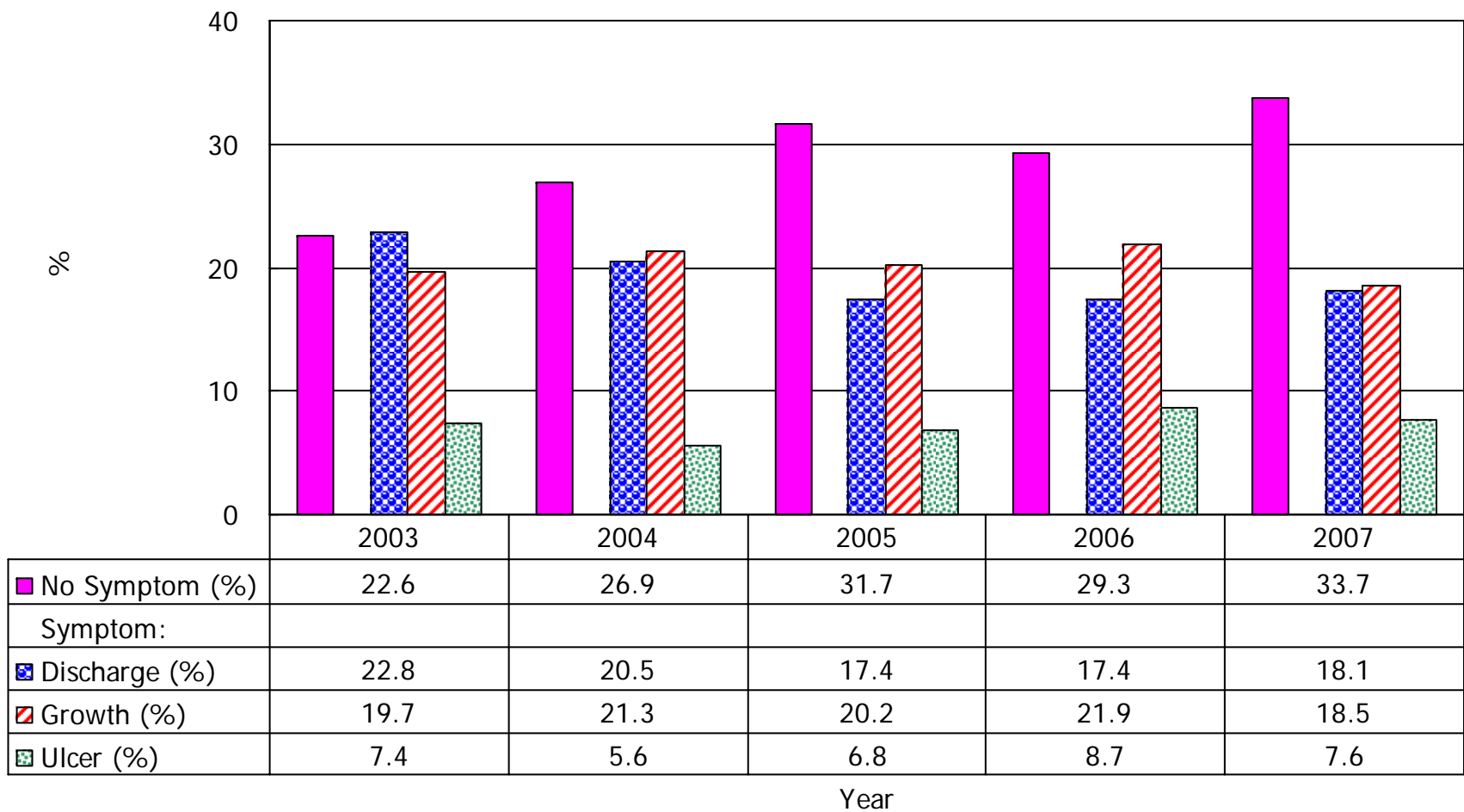
Syphilis \ Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Primary	115	124	72	48	50
Secondary	68	49	36	42	58
Early latent	144	132	130	69	63
Late latent	466	877	845	835	764
Late (cardiovascular / neuro)	1	10	5	4	3
Congenital (early)	0	0	0	0	0
Congenital (late)	1	1	0	1	1
Total	795	1,193	1,088	999	939

Box 4.4 Sexually acquired HIV infection in Hong Kong



* SHS: Social Hygiene Service

Box 4.5 Syndromic presentations of STI from Behavioural Survey of Social Hygiene Service



5. TABULATED RESULTS ON BEHAVIOURAL MONITORING

System description

- This is a tabulation of behavioural data relating to HIV risk collected from different sources in Hong Kong

System layout

Source	Sexual behaviour	Drug-taking behaviour	Data available in 2007
AIDS Counselling and Testing Service (ACTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Median no. of sexual partners among men - Recent history of commercial sex - Condom use in men - No. of sexual partners and Condom use in MSM 		Yes
Social Hygiene Service (SHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent history of commercial sex - Condom use in heterosexual men 		Yes
Methadone clinics (DRS-M)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proportion of injectors - Practice of needle-sharing 	Yes
Shek Kwu Chau (SKC) Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre (DRS-S)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proportion of injectors - Practice of needle-sharing 	Yes
Central Registry of Drug Abuse (CRDA)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proportion of injectors in all drug users - Proportion of injectors in new drug users 	Yes
Street Addict Survey (SAS) (From the society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proportion of injectors - Practice of needle-sharing 	Yes
AIDS Concern testing service for MSM (AC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Condom use in MSM 		Yes
Community Research Programme on AIDS (CRPA-H and -T H: Household; T: Travellers) (From Centre for Epidemiology and Biostatistics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Condom use in heterosexual men 		No

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Box 5.1 Median number of sex partners in the previous year among adult heterosexual men / MSM attending AIDS Counselling and Testing Service (ACTS)

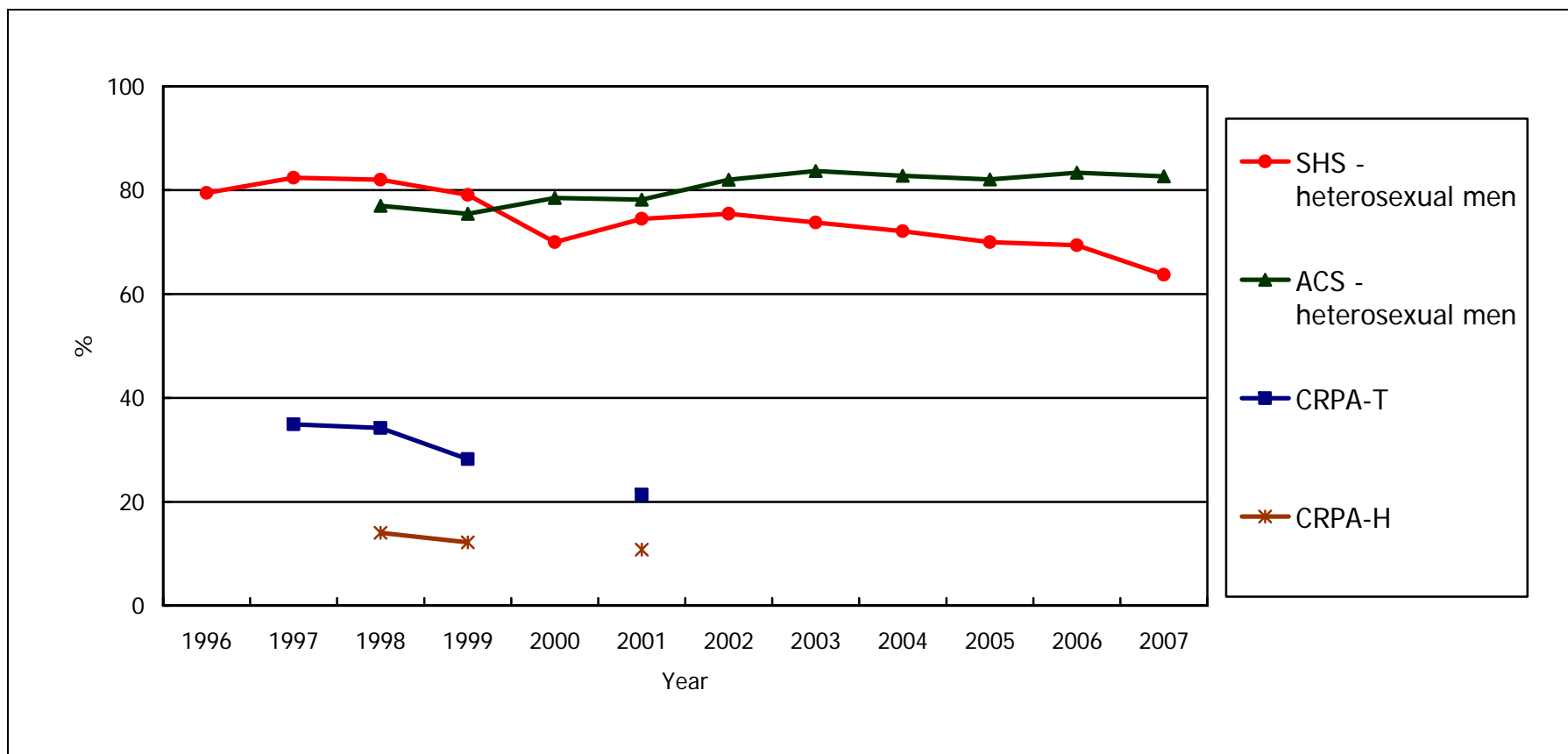
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Heterosexual men - Regular sex partners*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Heterosexual men - Commercial sex partners**	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Heterosexual men - Casual sex partners***	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
MSM - Regular sex partners*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
MSM - Commercial sex partners**	1	2	2.5	2	1	1.5	1
MSM - Casual sex partners***	3	3	3	4	3	3	3.5

* Regular sex partners refer to the spouse or other long-term sex partners for at least one year, or if less than one year, one with whom you expect to continue sexual relationship. This include spouse, mistress, and steady boy/girl friends.

** Commercial sex partners are defined as those who have sexual intercourse in exchange for money, goods or services. Examples are prostitutes and customers of prostitutes.

*** Casual sex partners, the two do not have steady relationship.

Box 5.2 Recent history* of commercial sex among adult men



* Time period: SHS & ACTS : past one year / CRPA : past 6 months

Remarks : Data of CRPA of 2000 is not available, and suspended since 2002

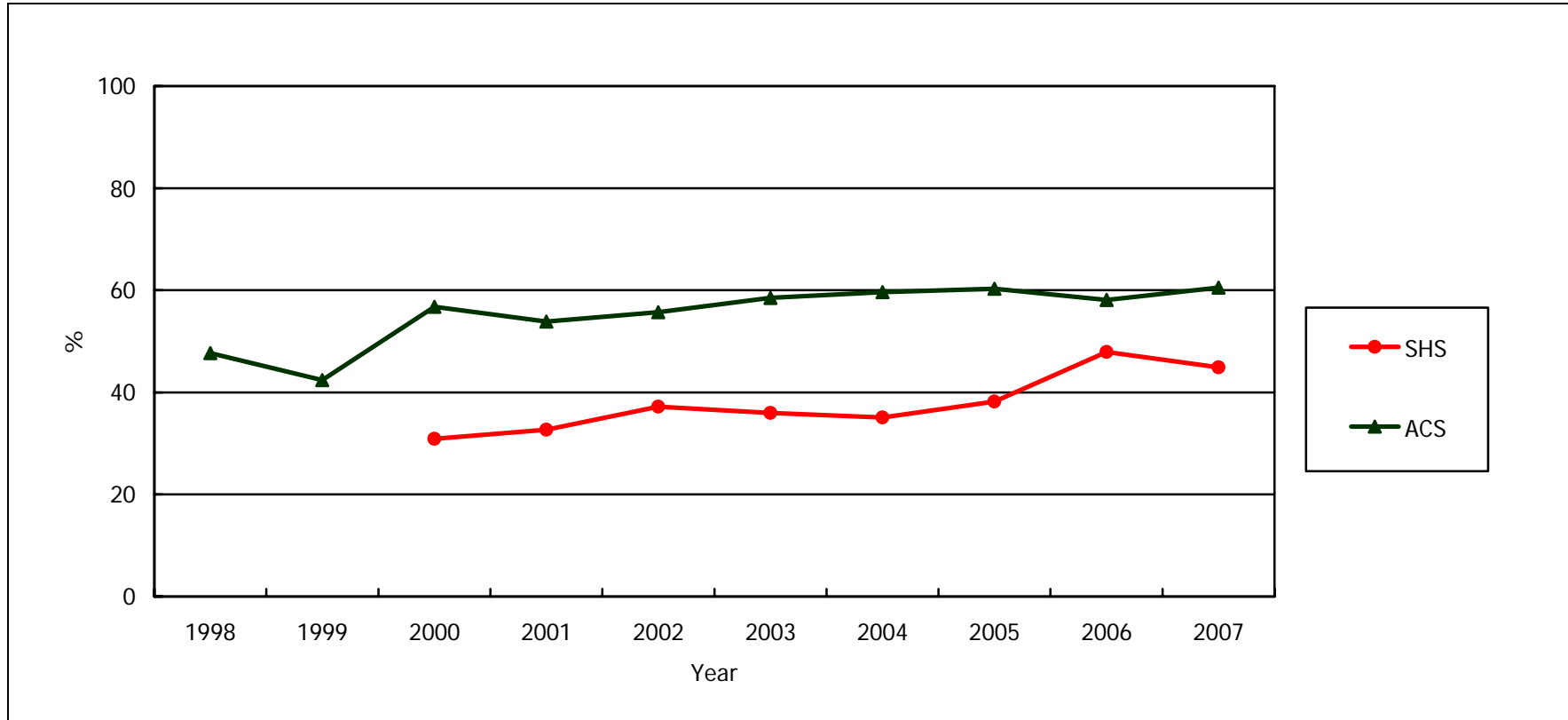
SHS – Social Hygiene Services

ACTS - AIDS Counselling and Testing Service

CRPA - Community Research Programme on AIDS from Centre for Epidemiology and Biostatistics (H: Household; T: Travellers)

Box 5.3 Condom use with regular partners among adult heterosexual men

(a) Regular condom use* with regular partners among adult heterosexual men**

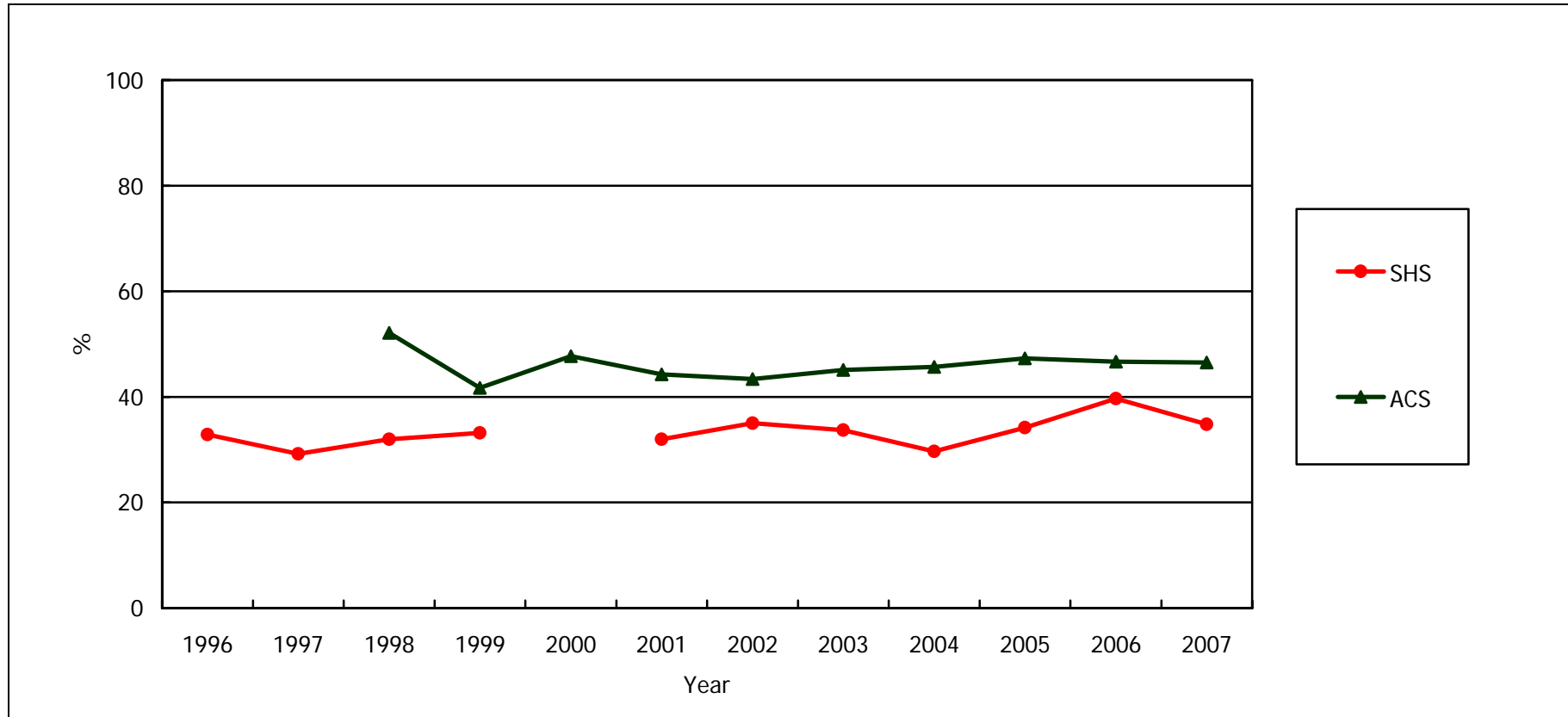


* Regular condom use is defined as always or usually using a condom on a 4-level scale

** Regular partners refer to the spouse or other long-term sex partners for at least one year, or if less than one year, one with whom you expect to continue sexual relationship. This include spouse, mistress, and steady boy/girl friends

Remarks : SHS – Social Hygiene Services
ACTS - AIDS Counselling and Testing Service

(b) Condom use for last sex with regular partners* among adult heterosexual men

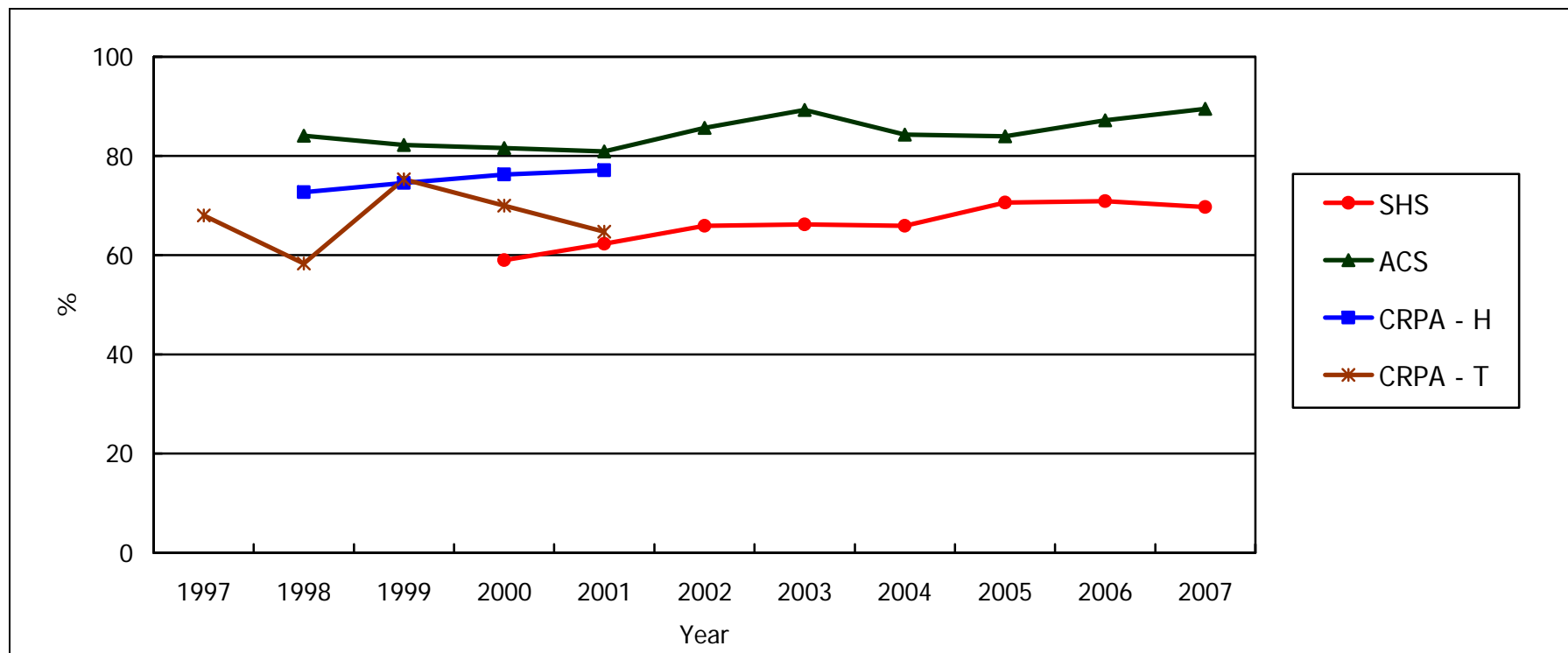


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Remarks : Data from SHS of 2000 is not available
SHS – Social Hygiene Services
ACTS - AIDS Counselling and Testing Service

Box 5.4 Condom use with commercial partners among adult heterosexual men

(a) Regular condom use* with commercial partners among adult heterosexual men**



* Regular condom use is defined as always or usually using a condom on a 4-level scale

** Commercial sex partners are defined as those who have sexual intercourse in exchange for money, goods or services. Examples are prostitutes and customers of prostitutes.

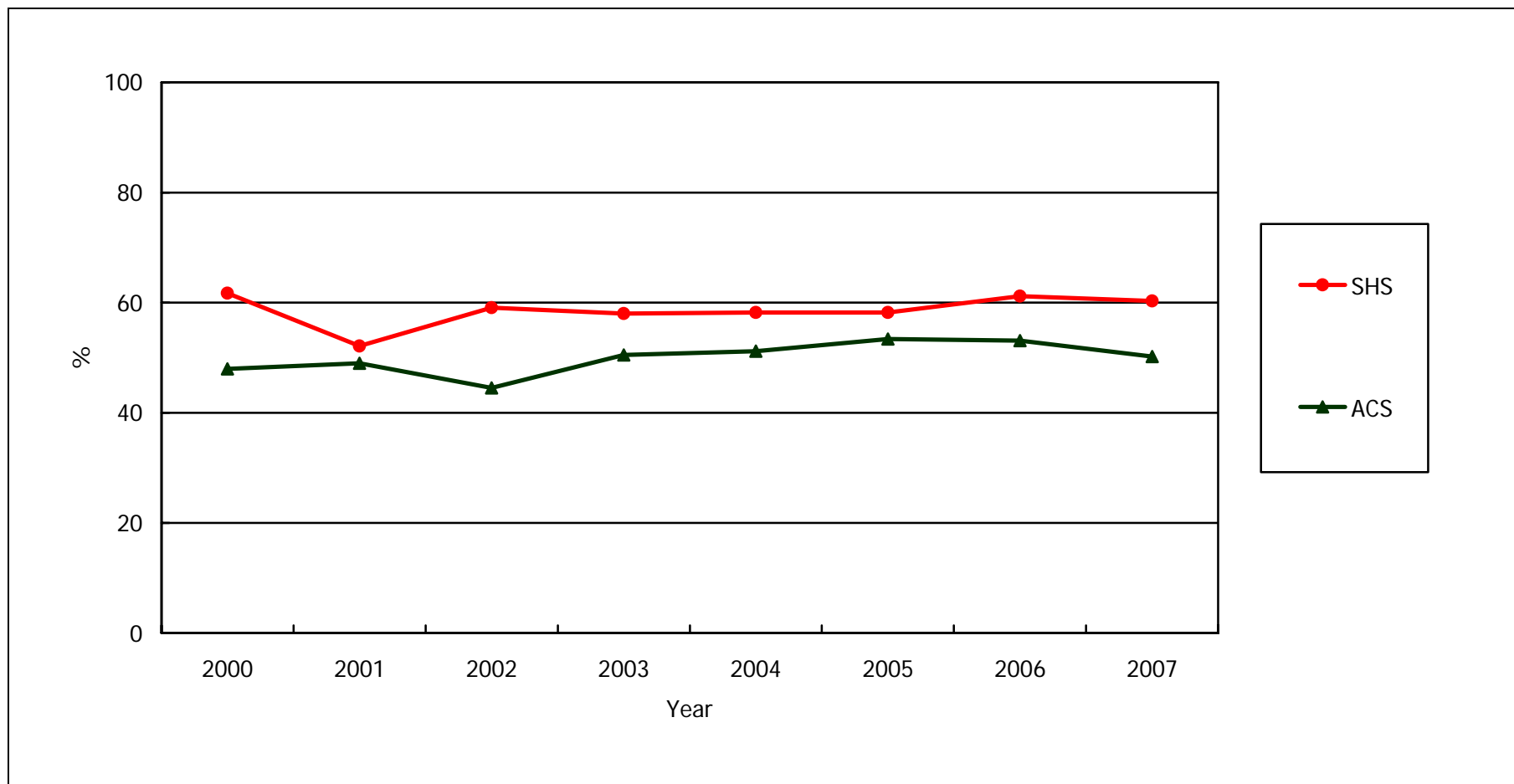
Remarks : Data of CRPA suspended since 2002

SHS – Social Hygiene Services

ACTS - AIDS Counselling and Testing Service

CRPA - Community Research Programme on AIDS from Centre for Epidemiology and Biostatistics (H: Household; T: Travellers)

(b) Condom use for last sex with commercial partners* among adult heterosexual men



* Commercial sex partners are defined as those who have sexual intercourse in exchange for money, goods or services. Examples are prostitutes and customers of prostitutes.

Remarks : SHS – Social Hygiene Services
ACTS - AIDS Counselling and Testing Service

Box 5.5 Condom use among adult MSM



* Regular condom use is defined as always or usually using a condom on a 4-level scale

** Regular sex partners refer to the spouse or other long-term sex partners for at least one year, or if less than one year, one with whom you expect to continue sexual relationship. This include spouse, mistress, and steady boy/girl friends.

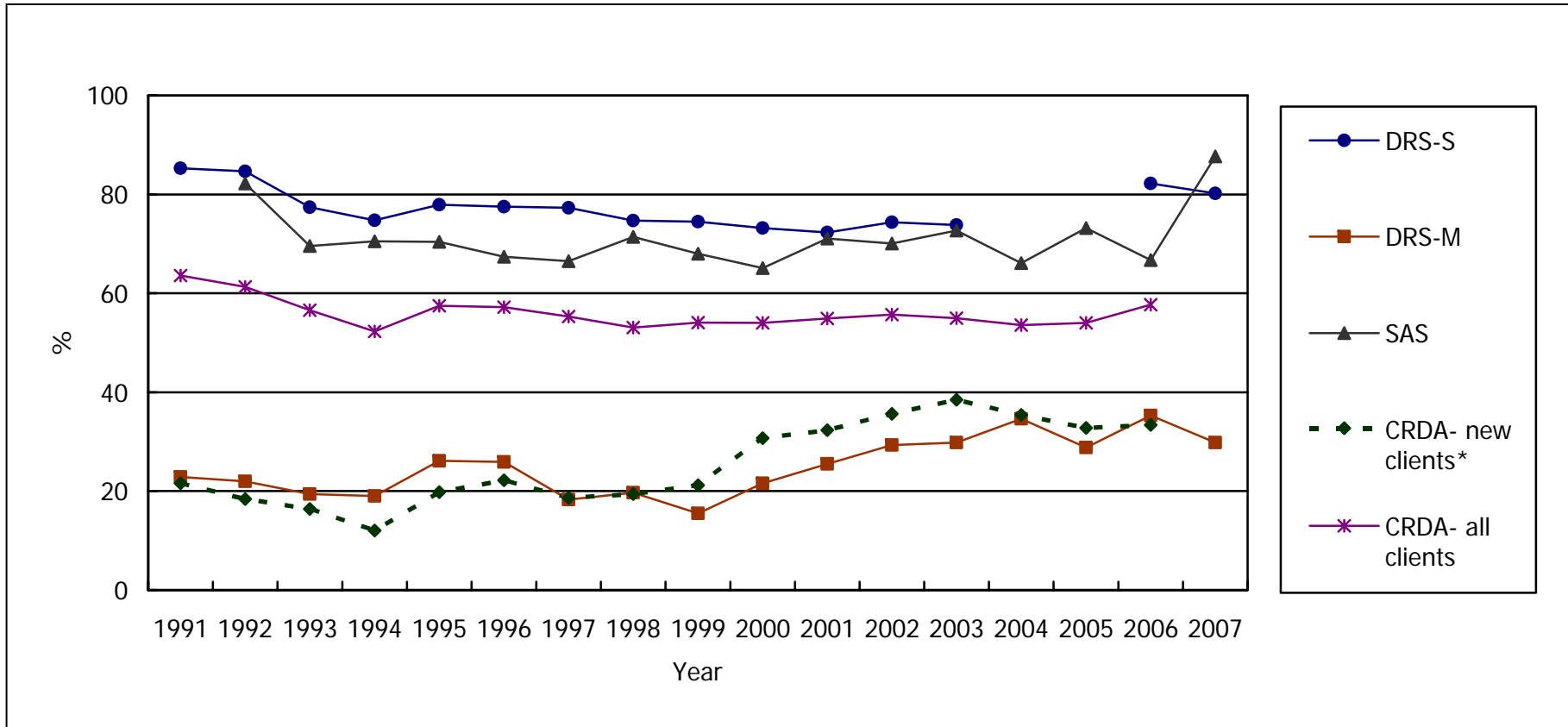
*** Casual sex partners, the two do not have steady relationship.

**** Regular condom use of AC is defined as always or usually using a condom on a 4-level scale in past 3 months.

Remarks : ACTS - AIDS Counselling and Testing Service

AC - AIDS Concern

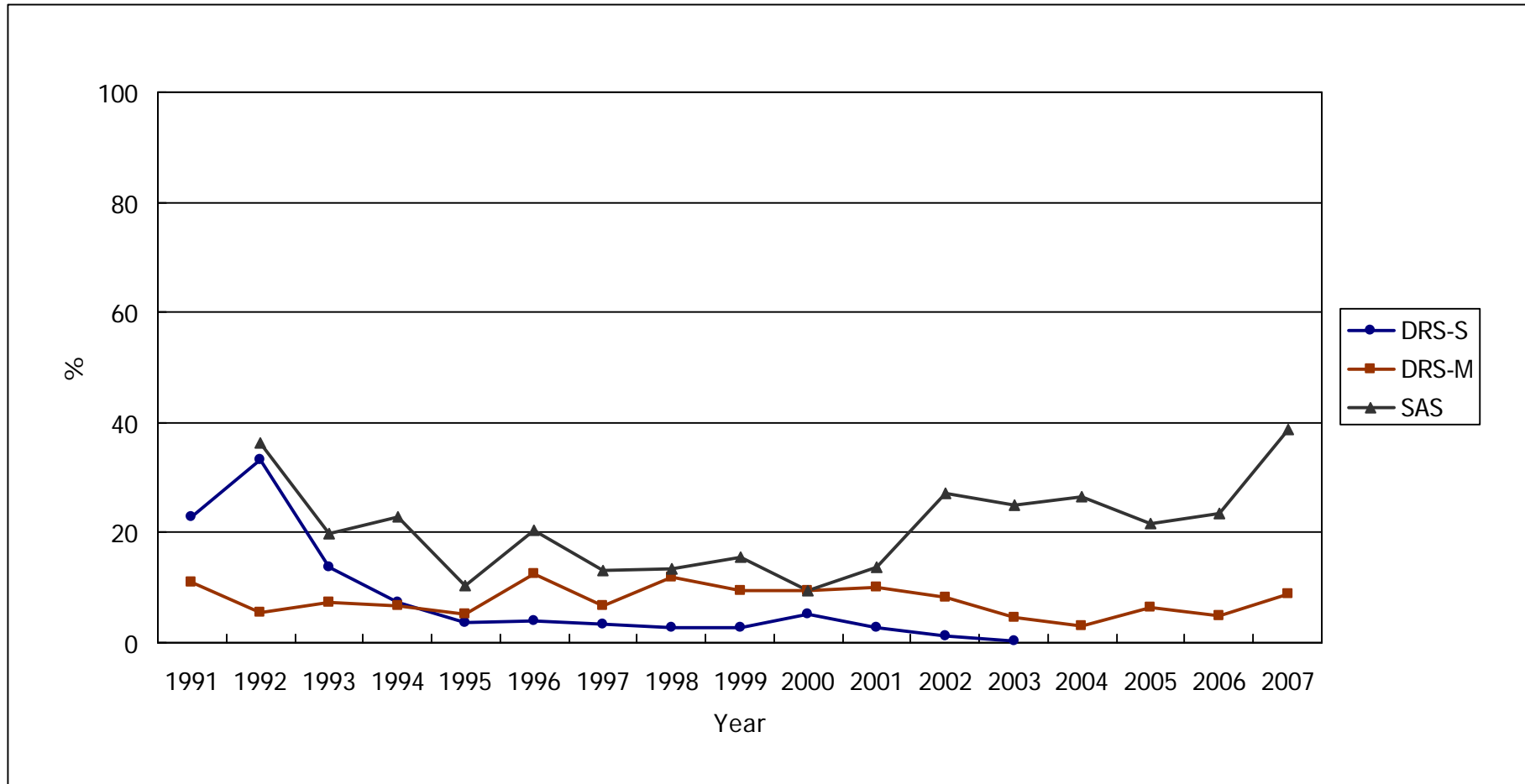
Box 5.6 Proportion of injectors



- * New clients refer to people who are known to the CRDA for the first time in a period. For a particular period, a person will be regarded as a newly reported person if and only if the person does not have any report before the specified period.
- * The figure of SAS referred to proportion of ever injectors before 2003. It referred to proportion of current injectors since 2003.

Remarks: DRS-S - Shek Kwu Chau Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre
 DRS-M - Methadone clinics
 SAS - Street Addict Survey (From the society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers)
 CRDA - Central Registry of Drug Abuse

Box 5.7 Proportion of needle-sharers



Remarks: DRS-S - Shek Kwu Chau Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre
DRS-M - Methadone clinics
SAS - Street Addict Survey (From the society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers)
Data of DRS-S suspended since 2004

Appendix I: HIV/AIDS report form (DH2293)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HIV/AIDS Report Form

The HIV/AIDS voluntary reporting system has been in place since 1984. All doctors are encouraged to report patients with HIV/AIDS and to update status of the previously reported cases where appropriate. This is an anonymous and confidential system. Data collected is crucial for understanding the HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong and is used in global analysis only. Aggregated statistics are released quarterly and can be obtained at www.aids.gov.hk. For any query please call 2780 8622 or email us at aids@dh.gov.hk.

Please complete ALL sections and '✓' in the appropriate box.

Section (A) – Report of HIV

- [1] THIS is a NEW report or UPDATE of previous reported case
- [2] Your reference code number¹: _____ [3] Does the patient have a HK identity card? Yes No
- [4] Sex : M F For female, is she pregnant? No Yes If yes, go to Box I
- [5] Date of birth: ___ / ___ / ___ (ddmmyyyy) OR Age at last birthday: _____
- [6] Ethnicity: Chinese Non-Chinese (Specify for Non-Chinese: Asian Caucasian Black Others: (_____)
- [7] Suspected risk(s) for HIV infection²
- Sex (Heterosexual Homosexual Bisexual)
- Injecting drug use
- Transfusion of blood/blood products (Haemophilia: Yes No)
- Perinatal
- Others, please specify:
- Asked, but risk undetermined
- Not asked
- Box 1**

Gravida ___ Para ___ LMP ___ / ___ / ___ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Obstetric follow up clinic/ hospital : _____

Plan: TOP Continue pregnancy

Expected hospital/place of delivery: _____
- [8] Suspected place of infection: Hong Kong Others, specify: _____ Asked, but undetermined Not asked
- [9] Date of laboratory diagnosis in HK: ___ / ___ / ___ (dd/mm/yyyy) [10] Western blot confirmation: Yes No
- [11] Name of Laboratory: _____ [12] Laboratory Number, if a/v: _____
- [13] Previous HIV diagnosis outside HK: No Yes If yes, date: ___ / ___ / ___ (dd.mm.yyyy) place: _____
- [14] CD4 (cells/μl): _____ Date ___ / ___ / ___ (dd/mm/yyyy)
- [15] HIV status of spouse/regular partner: HIV positive HIV negative Unknown

Section (B) – Report of AIDS

- [16] Has the patient developed AIDS³: Yes No (Go to Section C)
- [17] If yes, the AIDS defining illness(es) is (are):
- (i) _____ Date of diagnosis: ___ / ___ / ___ (dd.mm.yyyy)
- (ii) _____ Date of diagnosis: ___ / ___ / ___ (dd.mm.yyyy)
- (iii) _____ Date of diagnosis: ___ / ___ / ___ (dd.mm.yyyy)
- [18] CD4 (cells/μl) at AIDS: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ___ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Section (C) – Report of deaths and defaults

- [19] Has the patient died? Yes No If yes, date of death: ___ / ___ / ___ (dd/mm/yyyy) Cause: _____
- [20] Has the patient left HK/defaulted follow up? Yes No If yes, last seen on: ___ / ___ / ___ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Section (D) – Correspondence

Name of medical practitioner: _____ in private practice in public service

Correspondence Address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ___ (dd/mm/yyyy)

¹ Please put down any code of your choice (e.g., case number) for matching purpose only.

² Please tick the most likely risk for contracting HIV infection. If there is more than 1 suspected risks, please put down 1 & 2 in descending order of the two most likely risks.

³ Surveillance definition of AIDS: a definitive laboratory diagnosis of HIV infection AND one or more of the AIDS indicator conditions (July 1995, Scientific Committee on AIDS. Available at www.aids.gov.hk/report.htm).

Appendix II: Classification system for HIV infection and surveillance case definition for AIDS in adolescents and adults in Hong Kong.

<p>A definitive laboratory diagnosis of HIV infection normally by a positive screening test for HIV antibody (e.g. ELISA) supplemented by a confirmatory test (e.g. western blot)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>one or more of the AIDS indicator conditions</p>	
<p>AIDS indicator conditions</p>	<p>Candidiasis of bronchi, trachea, or lungs Candidiasis, oesophageal Cervical cancer, invasive Coccidioidomycosis, disseminated or extrapulmonary Cryptococcosis, extrapulmonary Cryptosporidiosis, chronic intestinal (>1 month's duration) Cytomegalovirus disease (other than liver, spleen or nodes) Cytomegalovirus retinitis (with loss of vision) Encephalopathy, HIV-related <i>Herpes simplex</i>: chronic ulcer(s) (>1 month's duration); or bronchitis, pneumonitis, or oesophagitis Histoplasmosis, disseminated or extrapulmonary Isosporiasis, chronic intestinal (>1 month's duration) Kaposi's sarcoma Lymphoma, Burkitt's (or equivalent term) Lymphoma, primary, of brain <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>; extrapulmonary or pulmonary/cervical lymph node (only if CD4 < 200/ul) Pneumonia, recurrent Penicilliosis, disseminated Mycobacterium, other species or unidentified species, disseminated or extrapulmonary <i>Pneumocystis carinii</i> pneumonia Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy Salmonella septicaemia, recurrent Toxoplasmosis of brain Wasting syndrome due to HIV</p>
<p>Hong Kong has adopted the 1993 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) AIDS classification with 3 modifications: (1) disseminated penicilliosis is added as one AIDS-defining condition, (2) pulmonary or cervical lymph node tuberculosis included only if CD4 < 200 µl, (3) a CD4 < 200 µl without any AIDS-defining condition is not counted as AIDS.</p>	

Appendix III: Condom distribution for the prevention of HIV and STI by Department of Health

