

# People living with Hepatitis C (HCV)

CANADA, 2017

In 2017

An estimated **10,900**  
new hepatitis C  
infections occurred



**Every hour**, at least 1  
person was infected with  
hepatitis C in Canada

In 2017, an estimated **317,100** people living  
in Canada ever had hepatitis C<sup>1</sup>



Adults born between **1955**  
and **1964** made up almost  
one-third of people who  
ever had Hepatitis C

More than **6 out of 10**  
people who ever had  
hepatitis C were men



Almost half of those  
who have ever had  
Hepatitis C **were people**  
**who injected drugs**

In 2017, an estimated  
194,500 Canadians were  
living with chronic hepatitis C<sup>2</sup>.  
This represents **61% of people**  
**who ever had hepatitis C**

Recent studies show that among  
individuals who test positive for ever  
having hepatitis C, between  
**70-85%** go on to be tested for  
**chronic hepatitis C and can**  
**benefit from treatment**

<sup>1</sup> This represents people who have ever been infected with HCV (persons living with positive HCV antibody status), including those with chronic HCV, those who spontaneously resolved HCV, and those with HCV treatment-related cure

<sup>2</sup> Chronic Hepatitis C Infection - persons living with active (HCV RNA-positive) HCV infection