

People Living with Hepatitis C

Canada, 2019



NEW HEPATITIS C INFECTIONS

Every 24 hours,
26 people get hepatitis C

Between 2010 and 2019 (before the pandemic), new infections were slowly declining



There were an estimated
9,500
new hepatitis C infections¹

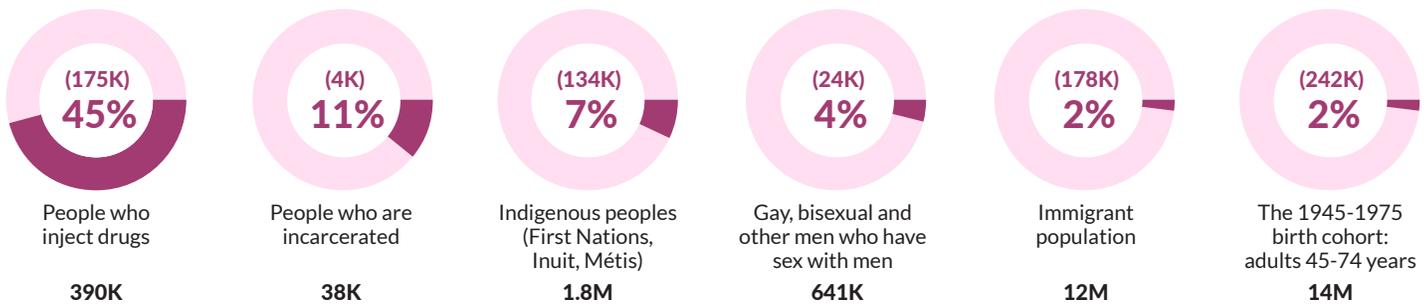
PAST OR CURRENT HEPATITIS C

As of 2019, an estimated **388,000** people in Canada ever had hepatitis C²
This represents about **1%** of the population. Of these:



1 in 4 were not aware of their current or past infection and could benefit from testing

Hepatitis C disproportionately affects certain populations and communities
The proportions of people ever infected with hepatitis C were³:



CHRONIC HEPATITIS C

An estimated **204,000** people in Canada were living with chronic hepatitis C in 2019⁴



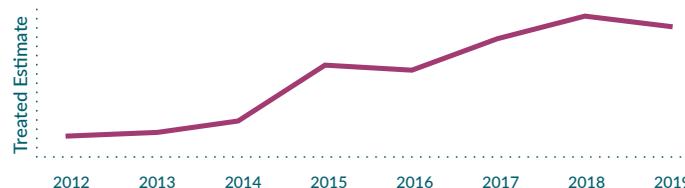
1 in 2 people ever infected develop chronic hepatitis C for which treatment is available



HEPATITIS C TREATMENT

Since the introduction of highly effective ($\geq 90\%$ cure rate) treatment in Canada in 2014, an estimated **74,500** people with chronic hepatitis C were treated⁵

Between 2017-2019, it is estimated that more people were treated than there were new infections



More than **60%** of treatments occurred between 2017-2019

1. Estimated number of persons who developed Hepatitis C antibodies during the year 2019
2. 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

3. These populations are not mutually exclusive: A person can be counted in more than one population (if applicable). Therefore the sum will not add up to the overall number of people who have past or current HCV infection

4. Chronic hepatitis C represents estimated remaining active infection (RNA+) after spontaneous clearance and treatment resolution

5. While hepatitis C is curable, reinfection can occur