

KEY FINDINGS FROM CYCLE 5

HIGH RISK HETEROSEXUALS IN THE PORTLAND MSA

#### Overview

- National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS)
- Monitor HIV risk behaviors and prevention service use
- Incentivized survey and HIV testing
- Key populations
  - Men who have sex with men
  - People who inject drugs
  - High risk heterosexuals



#### Data collection

- Respondent driven sampling (RDS)
- Cash incentives
- HET eligibility:
  - Live in the sampling area
  - 18-60 years old
  - Cis-gendered
  - Low income
  - Reported sex with opposite sex in past year
  - Did not report injection drug use in past year
  - (For men) did not report sex with another man in past year



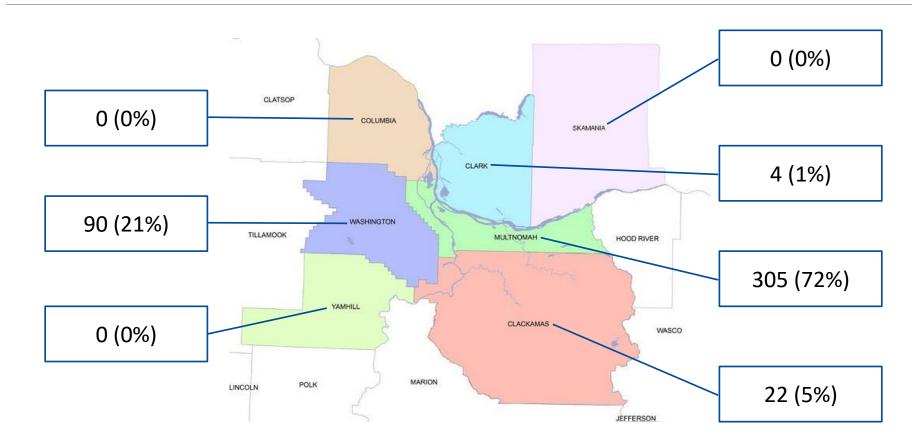
## Cycle accomplishments



- 665 people took the survey
- 650 participants received free HIV testing
- 203 participants received free STI testing in Washington County
- 500+ referral coupons distributed for free STI testing in Multnomah County
- Huge THANK YOU to our community partners!

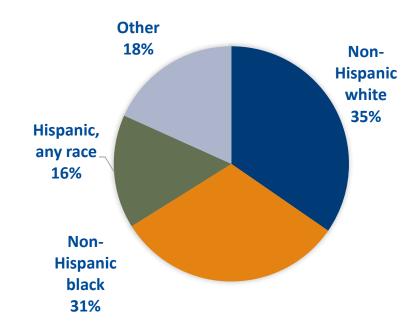
## Key Findings

## Study sample (N = 421)



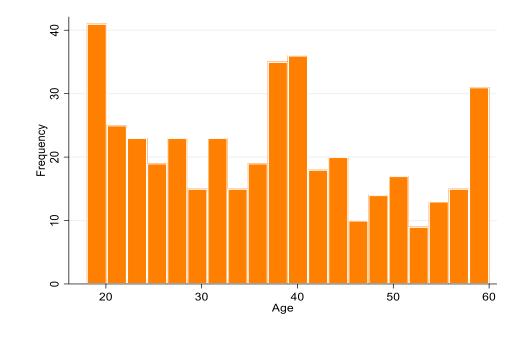
## Demographics





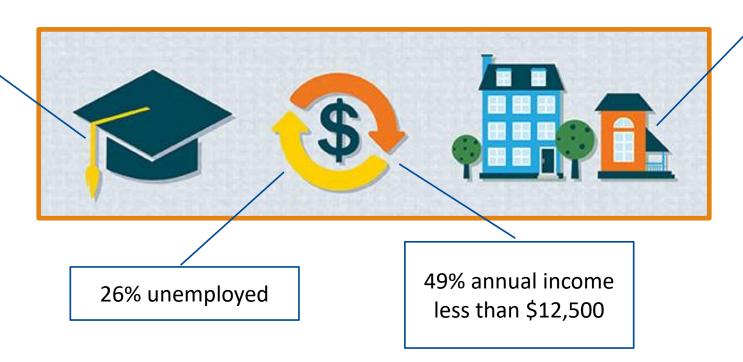


#### 82% Heterosexual/Straight



#### Socioeconomic status

66% have high school degree or less



35%
experienced
homelessness in
last year

#### Psychosocial risk factors

- Adverse childhood events (ACEs)
  - Almost all participants (96%) reported at least 1 ACE
  - At least half of participants reported 4 or more ACEs (8 possible)
- 30% had distress scores consistent with serious mental illness



- Criminal justice
  - 56% held or arrested ever
  - 23% held or arrested in past year

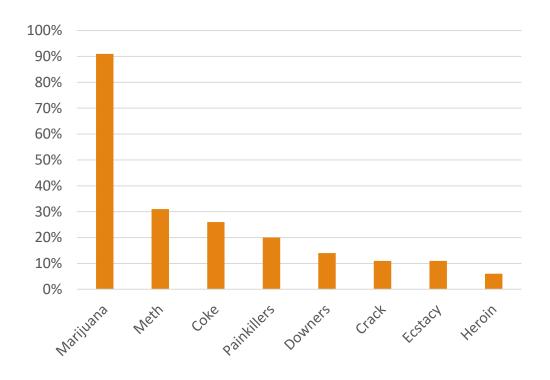
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#### Substance use

#### 35% REPORTED HEAVY EPISODIC DRINKING



#### 73% REPORTED NON-INJECTION DRUG USE



#### Sex behaviors

52% had multiple sex partners



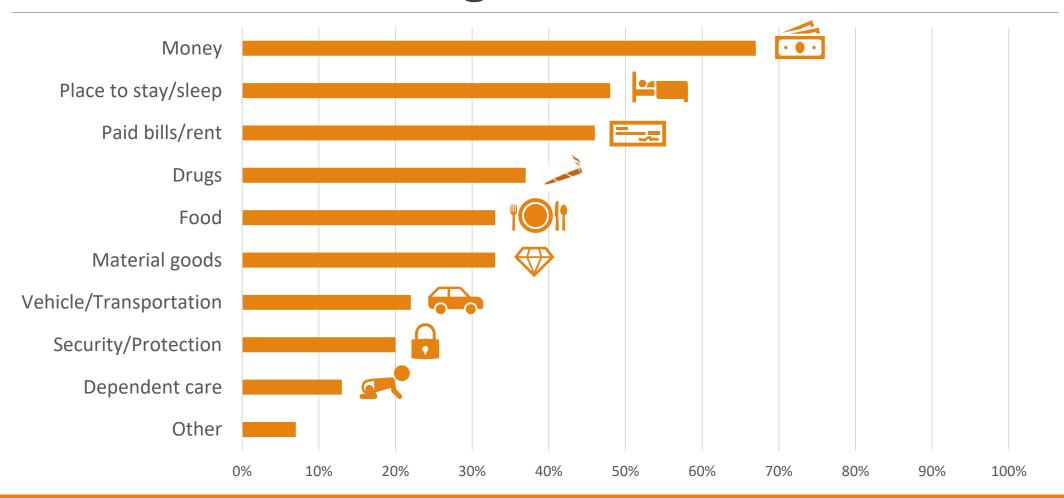
 43% had condomless sex with a casual sex partner



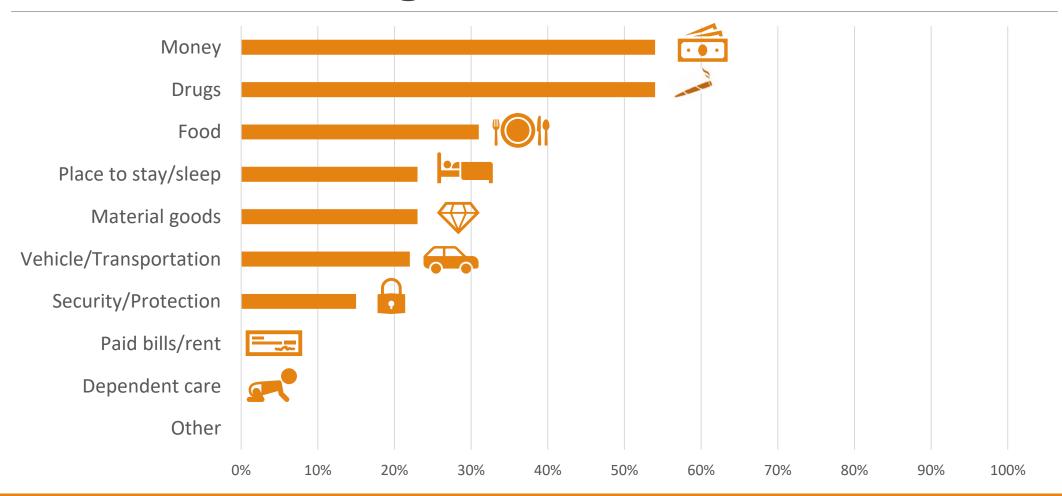
• 8-13% engaged in transactional sex



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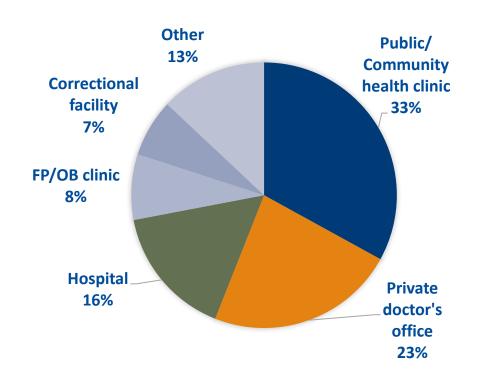


# 13 participants reported giving things of value in exchange for sex

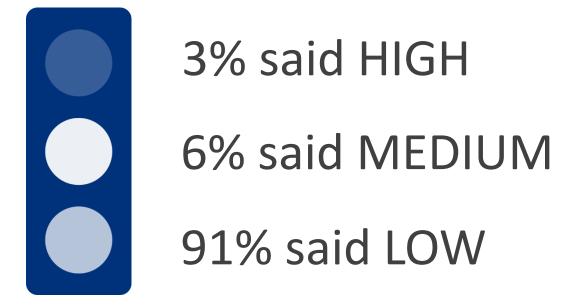


#### HIV

#### 71% EVER TESTED FOR HIV



#### PERCEIVED RISK



#### HIV prevention

- PrEP
  - 30% were aware of PrEP
  - 1% used PrEP in the past year

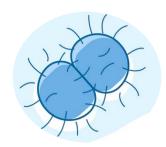




- When asked if someone was HIV positive and undetectable:
  - 4% thought the person was cured of HIV.
  - 70% thought the person had HIV and could transmit it.
  - 26% thought the person had HIV and could <u>not</u> transmit it.

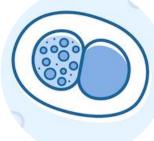
#### Other STIs

#### 44% TESTED FOR STIs IN PAST YEAR



4% tested positive for Gonorrhea

6% tested positive for Chlamydia





<1% tested positive for Syphilis

#### PERCEIVED RISK



3% said HIGH

13% said MEDIUM

84% said LOW

## Willingness for home STI testing









**BLOOD** 

16% Not

34% Somewhat

50% Very

URINE

10% Not

27% Somewhat

64% Very

**THROAT SWAB** 

18% Not

31% Somewhat

52% Very

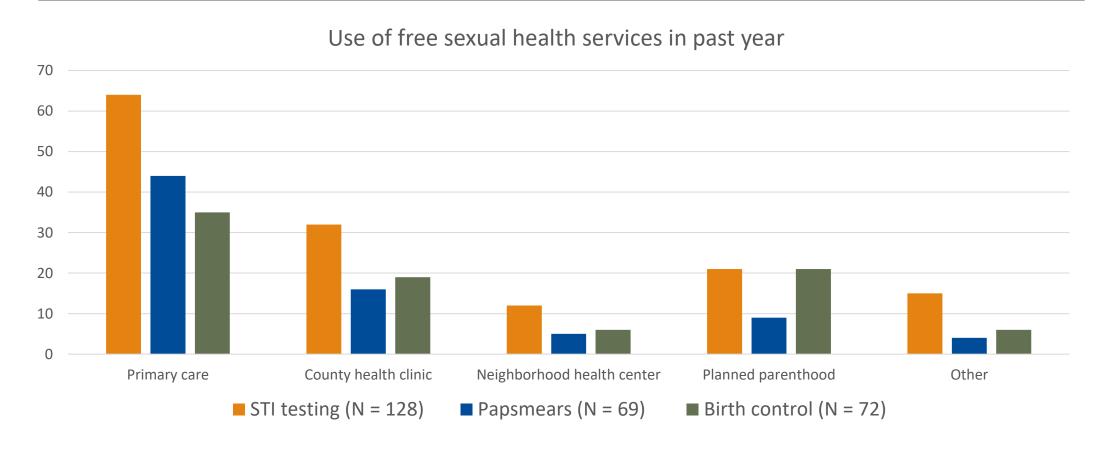
ANAL SWAB

50% Not

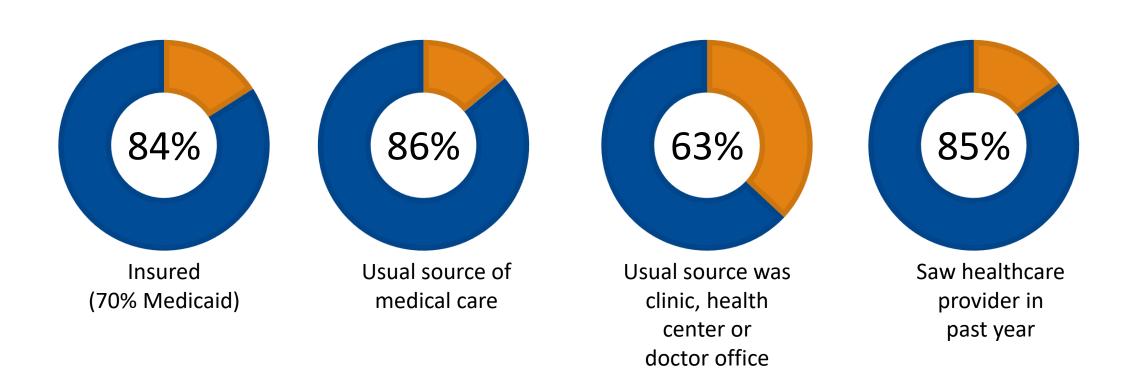
28% Somewhat

23% Very

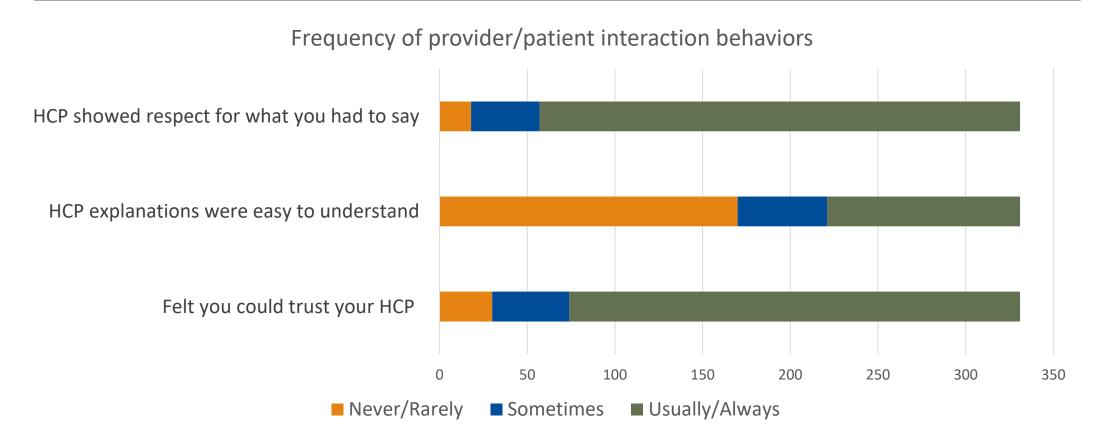
## Uptake of Reproductive Health Equity Act



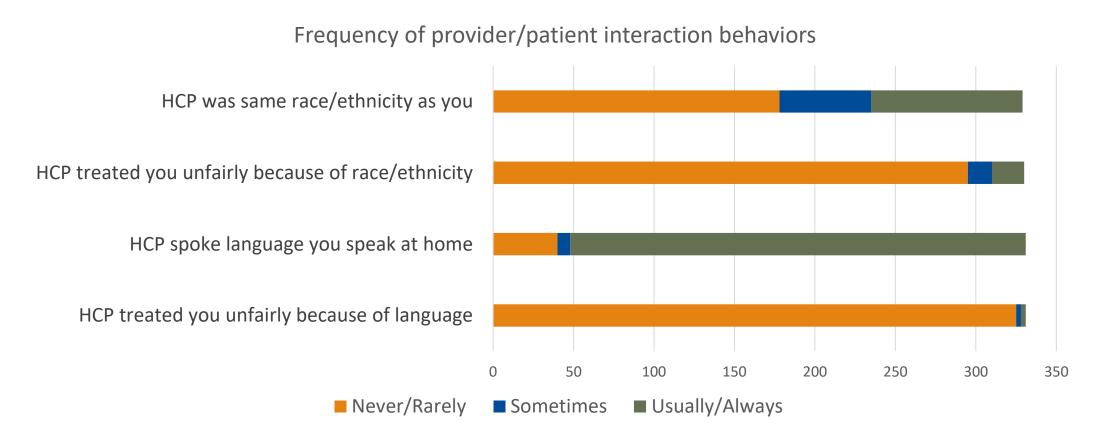
#### Access to basic healthcare



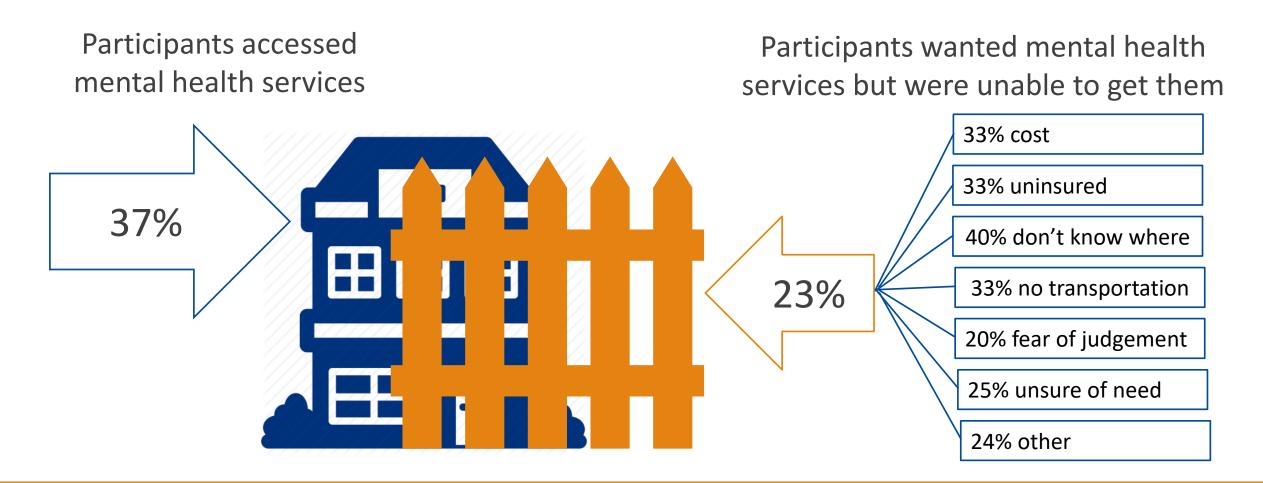
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#### Access to mental health services



#### Summary

- Sample was predominately from Multnomah County, but there was improved representation from other counties
- Sample was disproportionately female and non-White
- Participants had similarly low income and education, but were much less likely to report experiencing homelessness when compared to PWID who participated in the previous cycle
- Participants reported disproportionately high levels of ACEs, distress and interactions with the criminal justice system

#### Summary continued

- Participants also reported disproportionately high levels of binge drinking and non-injection drug use
- Many participants engaged in risky sexual behaviors including transactional sex which was exchanged for more than money/drugs
- Most participants had been tested for HIV, but perceived risk for HIV was very low, despite reported risk behaviors for some
- Reported knowledge of PrEP and U = U was low, but participants were educated on both topics when appropriate

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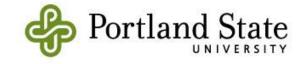
- Reported prevalence of STIs and risk for STIs were low, but many participants had not been tested
- Participants expressed interest in home STI testing, but willingness varied by test type and participant characteristics
- Participants reported receiving different RHEA-supported services at no cost; most notably, STI testing
- Most participants had access to healthcare and suggested that the quality of interactions with healthcare providers was good
- Over a third of participants accessed mental health services, but almost a quarter wanted to and could not because of various barriers

## Questions?

## Thank you!







Have additional questions about our data?

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