



# Hepatitis C: Local and National Perspectives on an Evolving Epidemic


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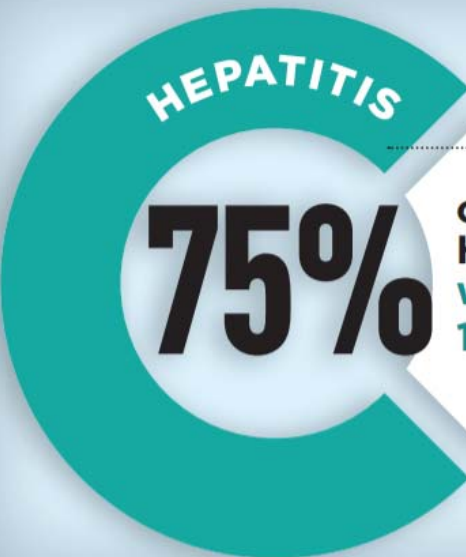
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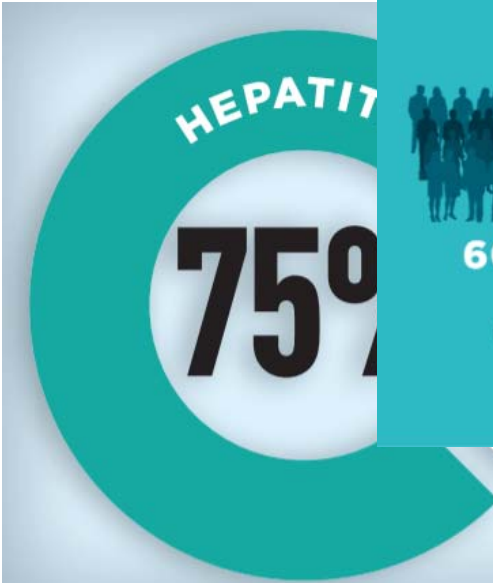
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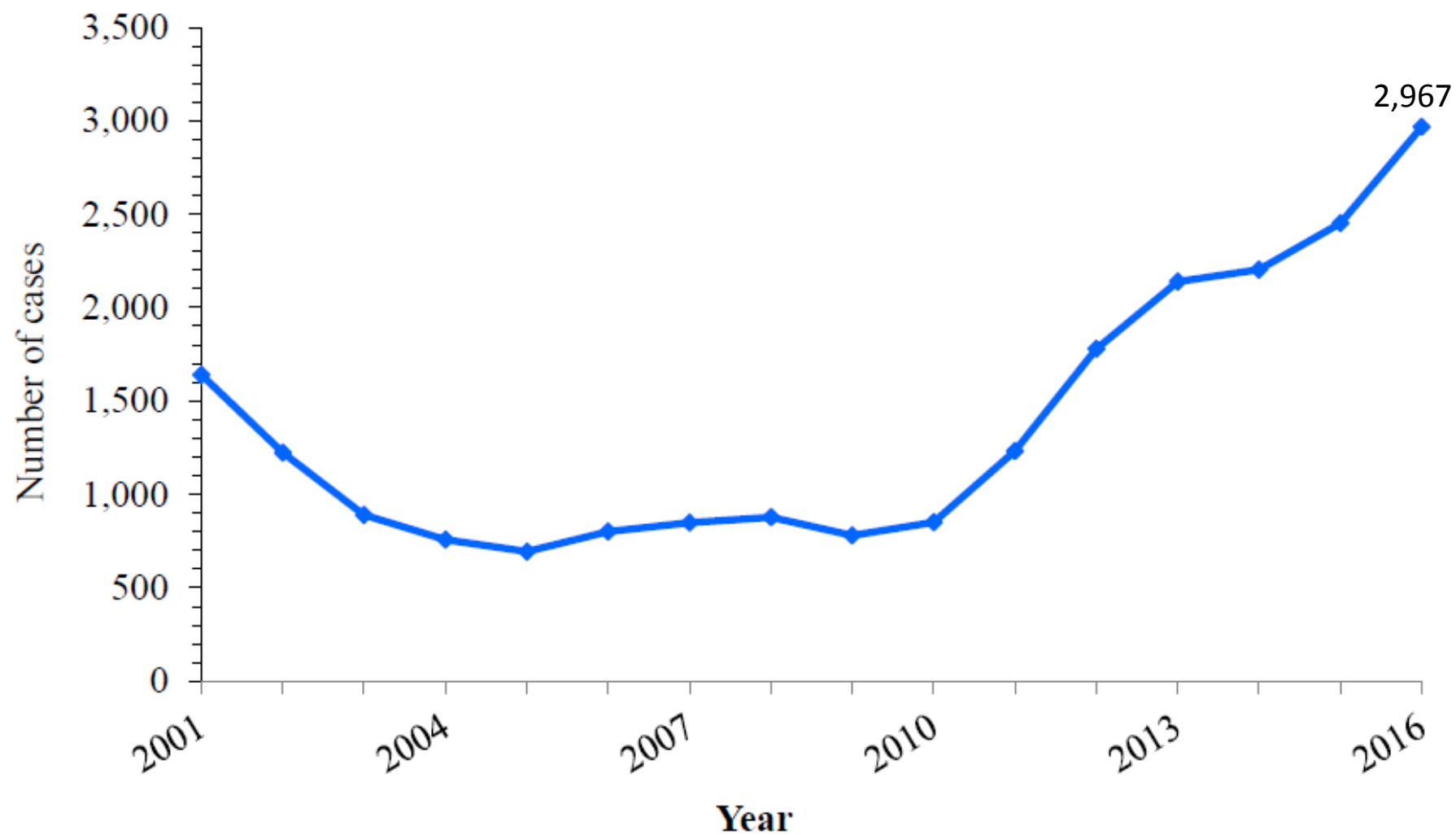


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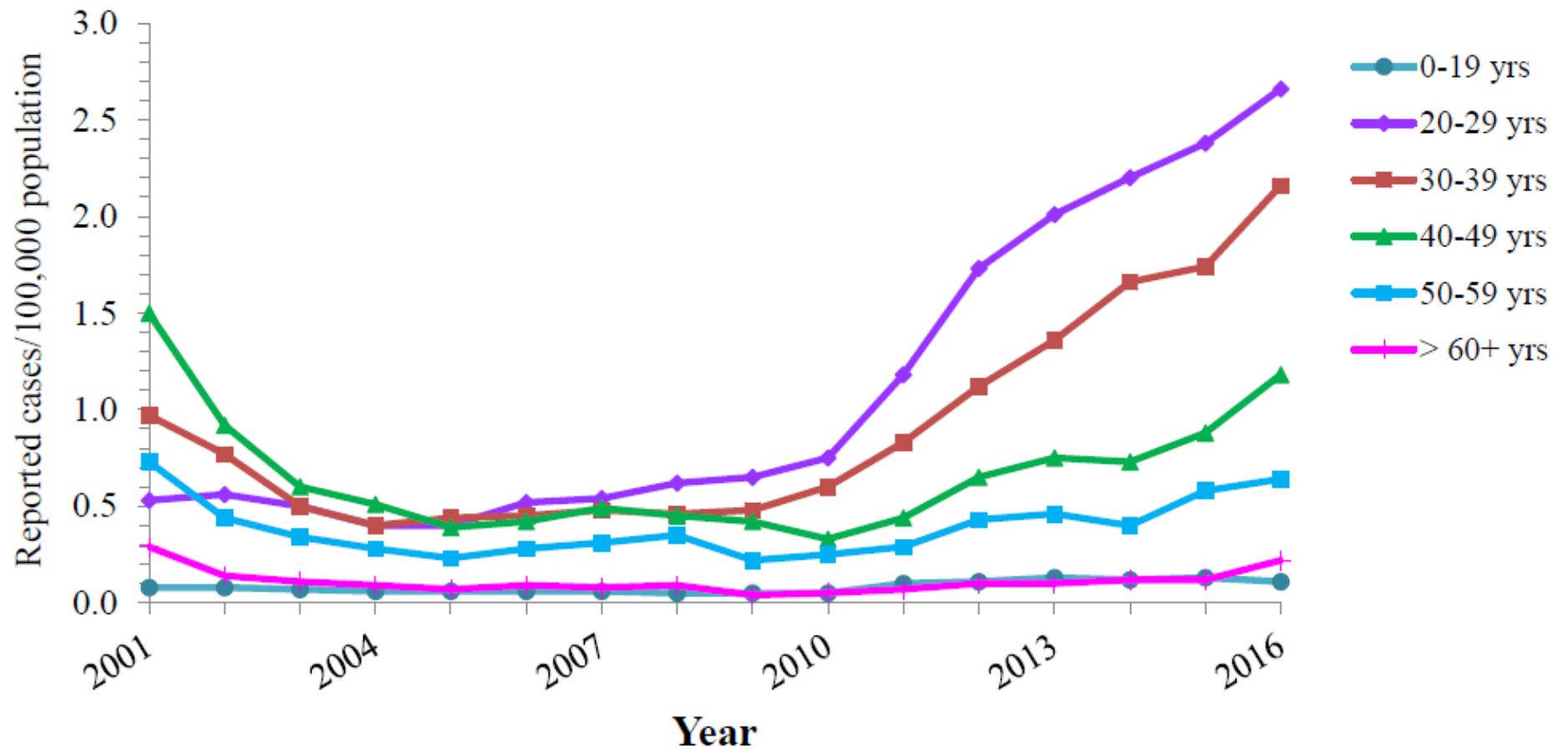


**Figure 4.1. Reported number of acute hepatitis C cases — United States, 2001–2016**



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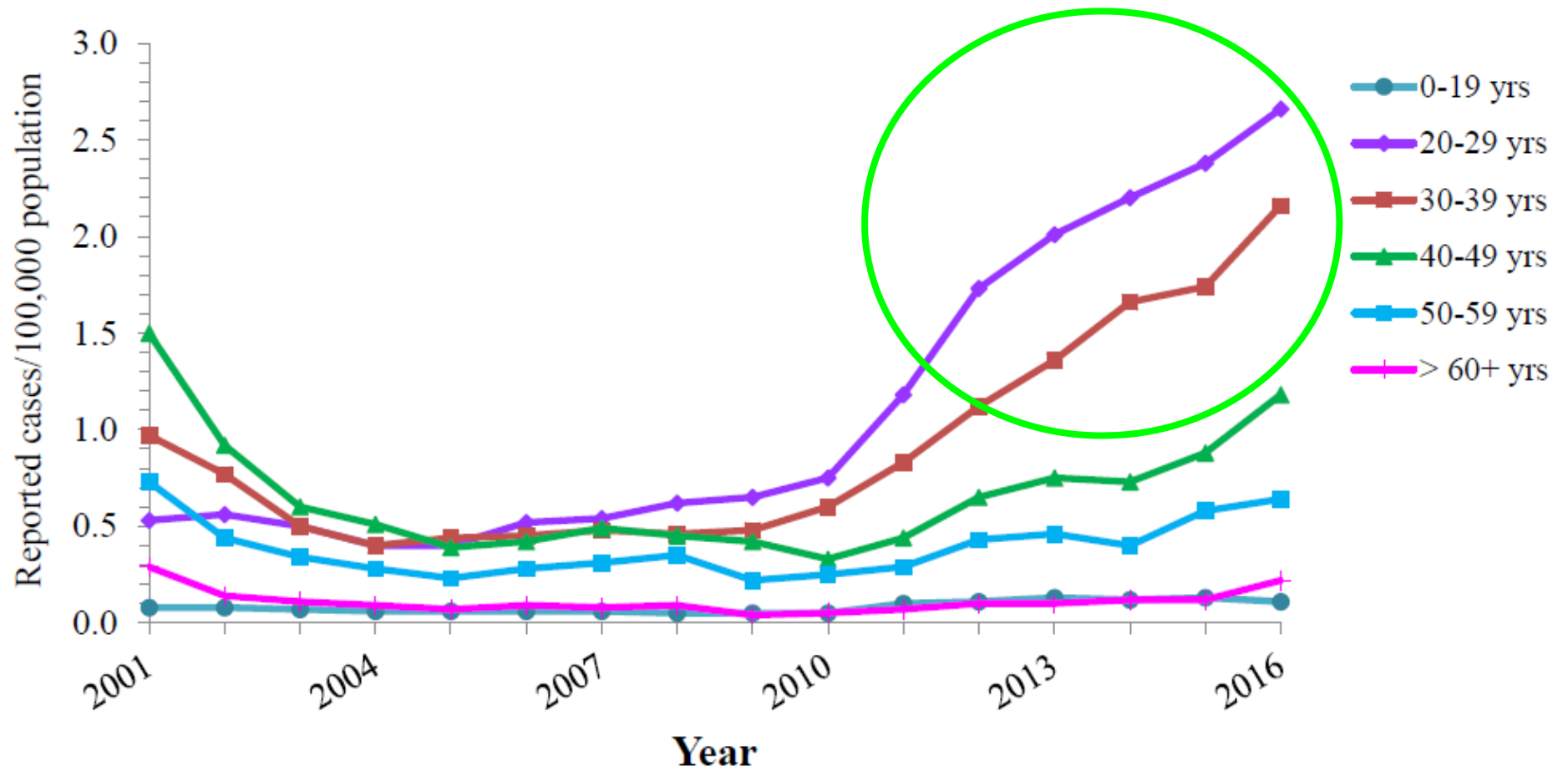
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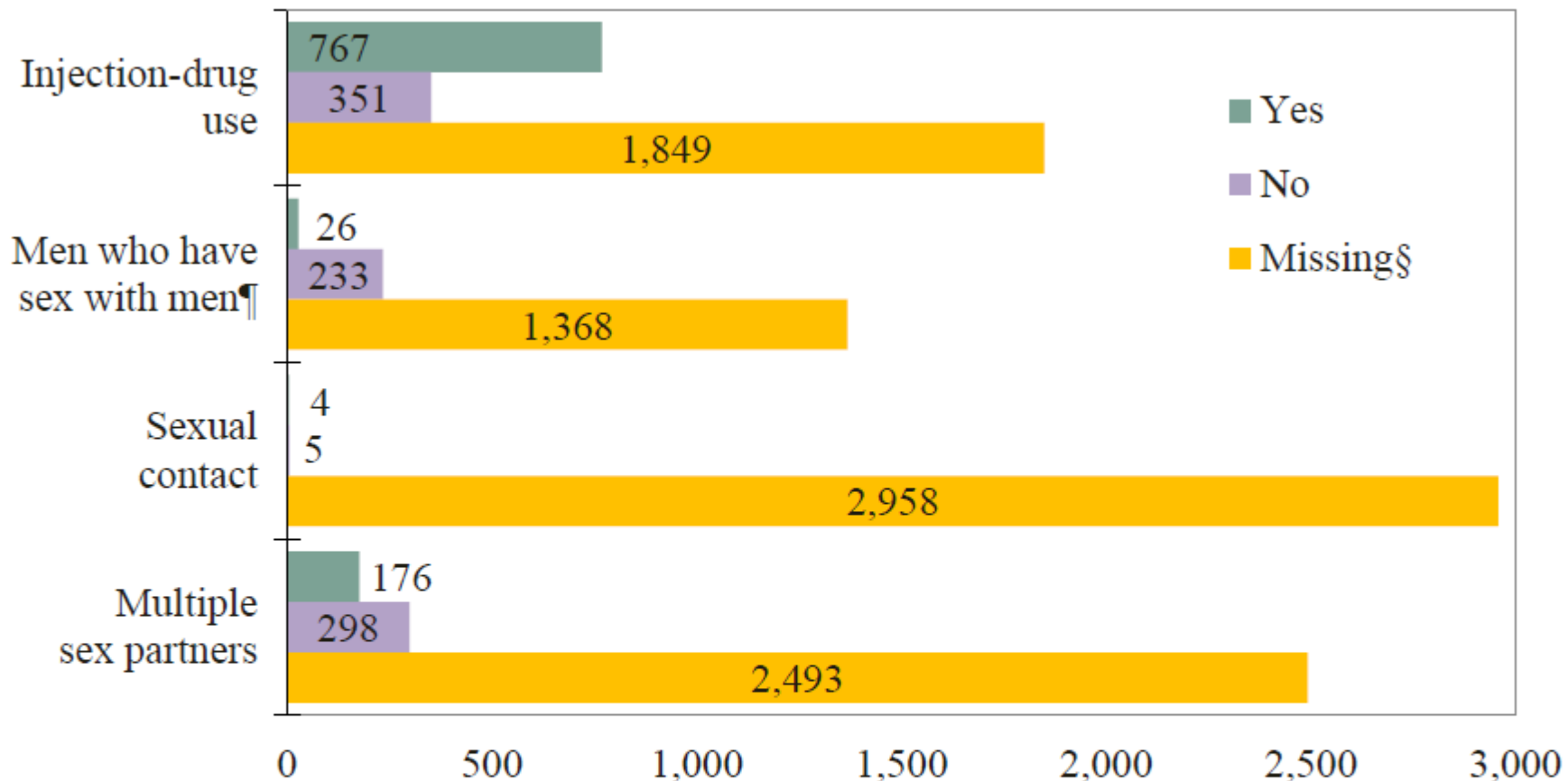


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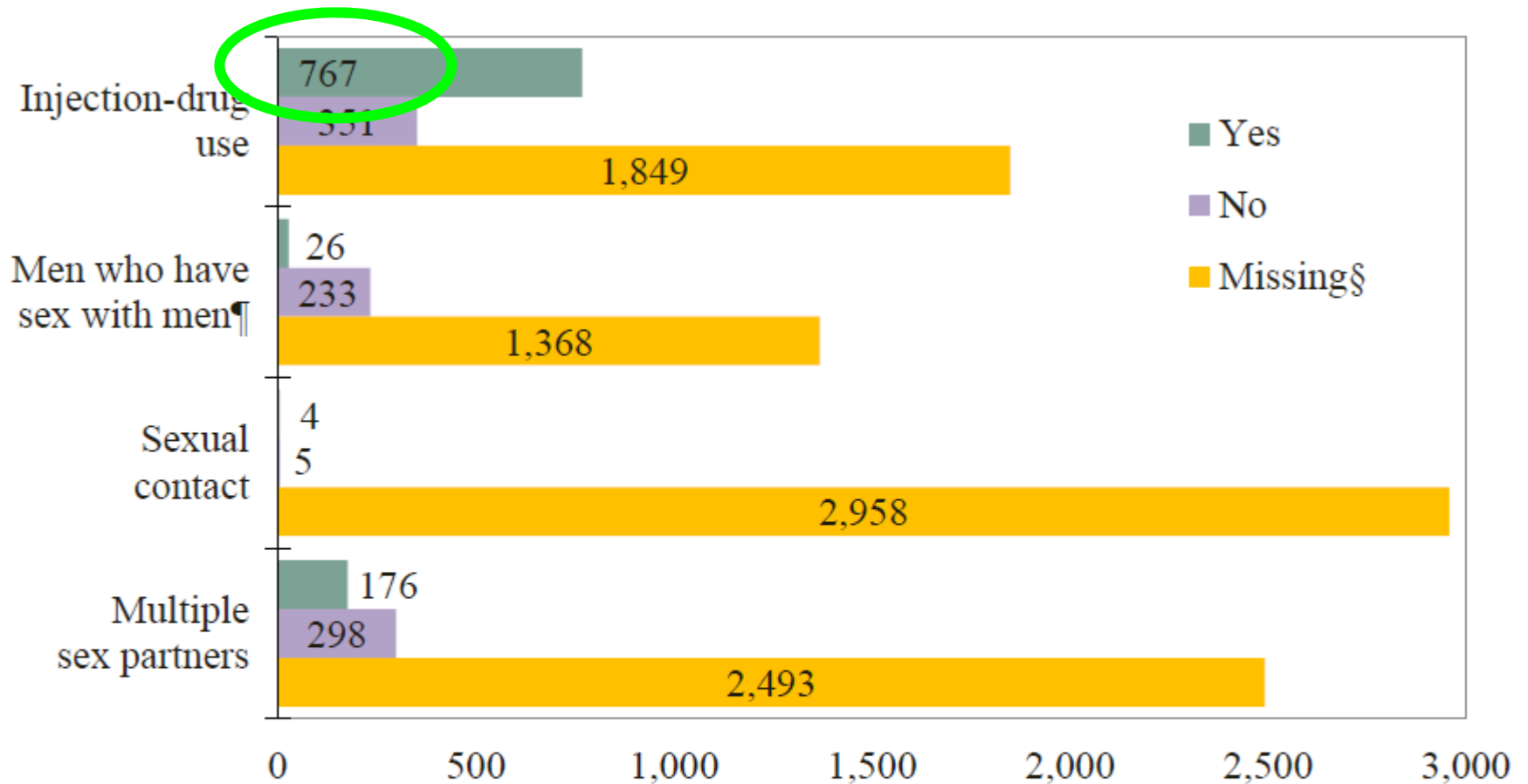
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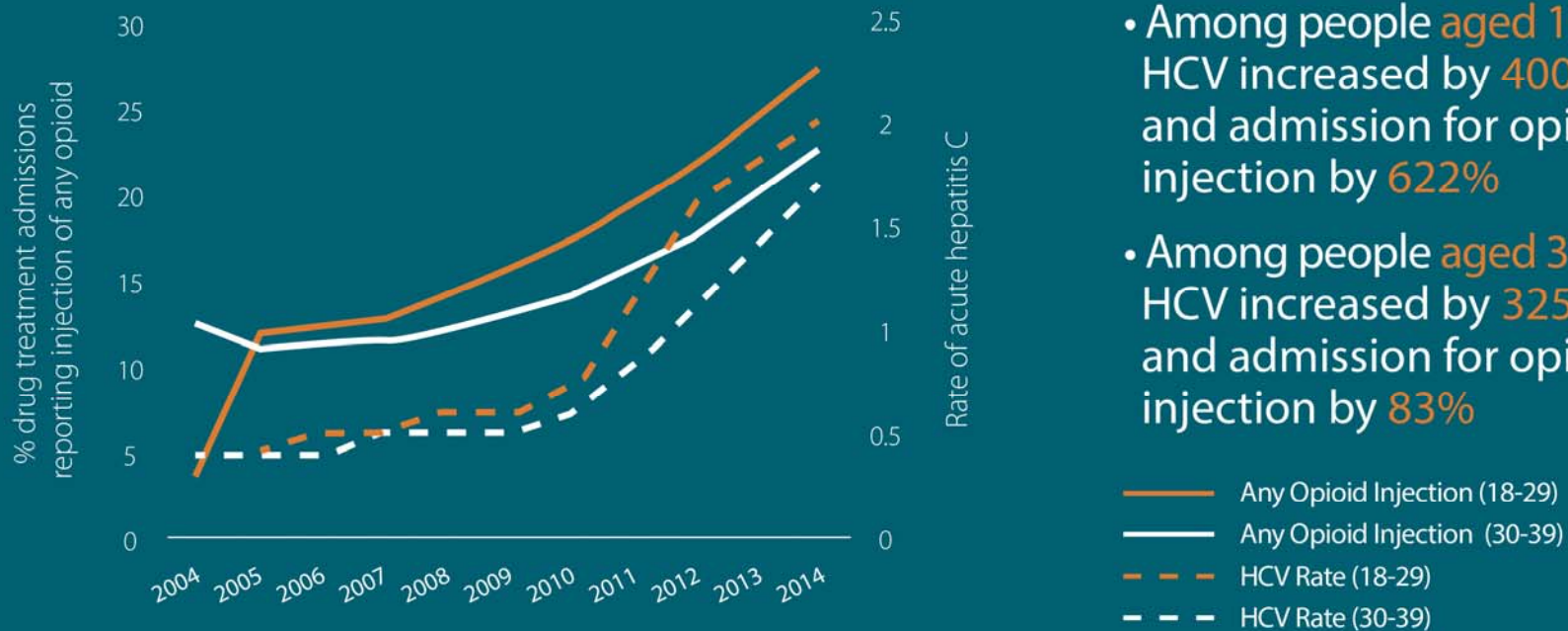
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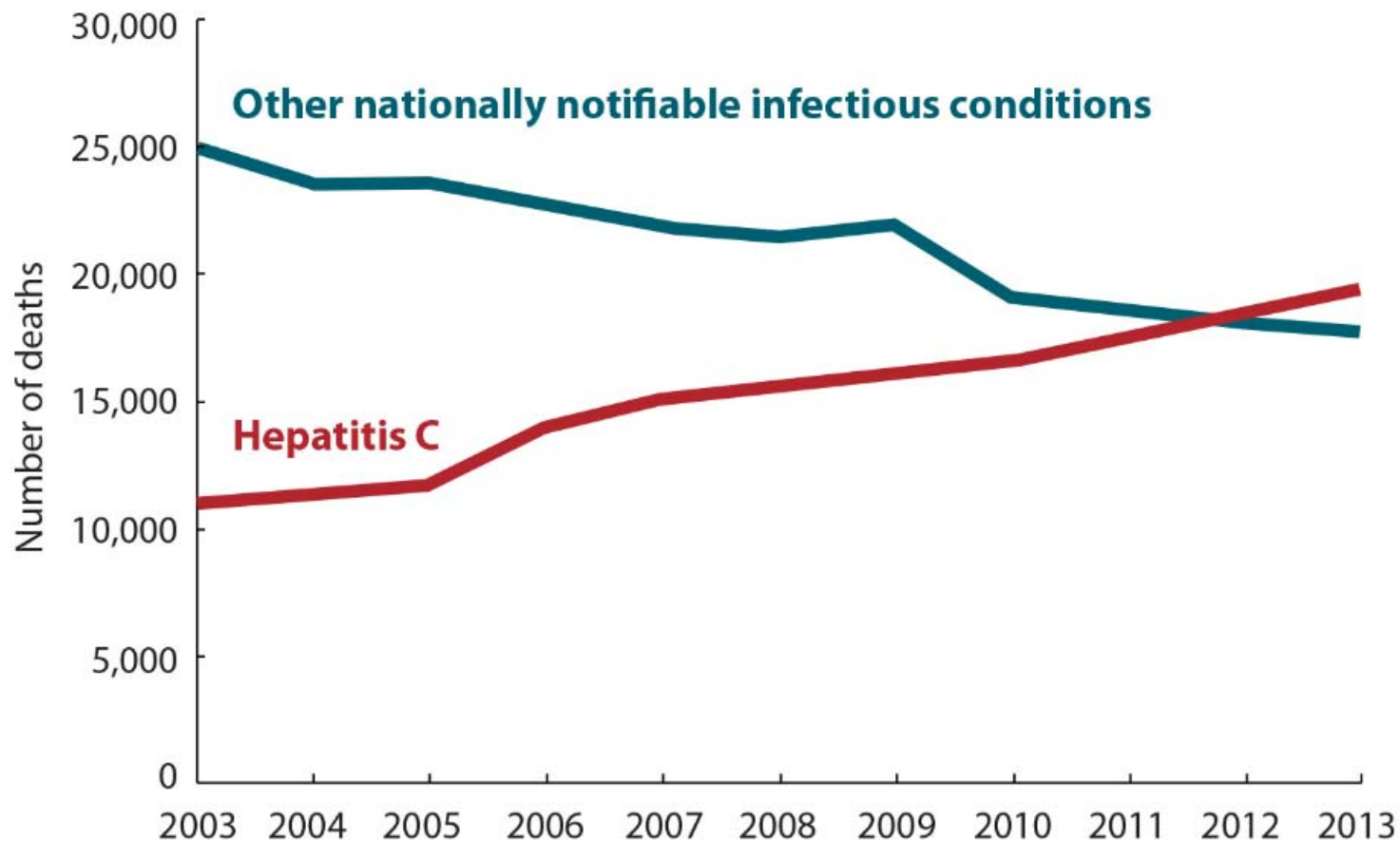


- Among people aged 18-29, HCV increased by 400% and admission for opioid injection by 622%
- Among people aged 30-39, HCV increased by 325% and admission for opioid injection by 83%

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

# Hepatitis C Deaths

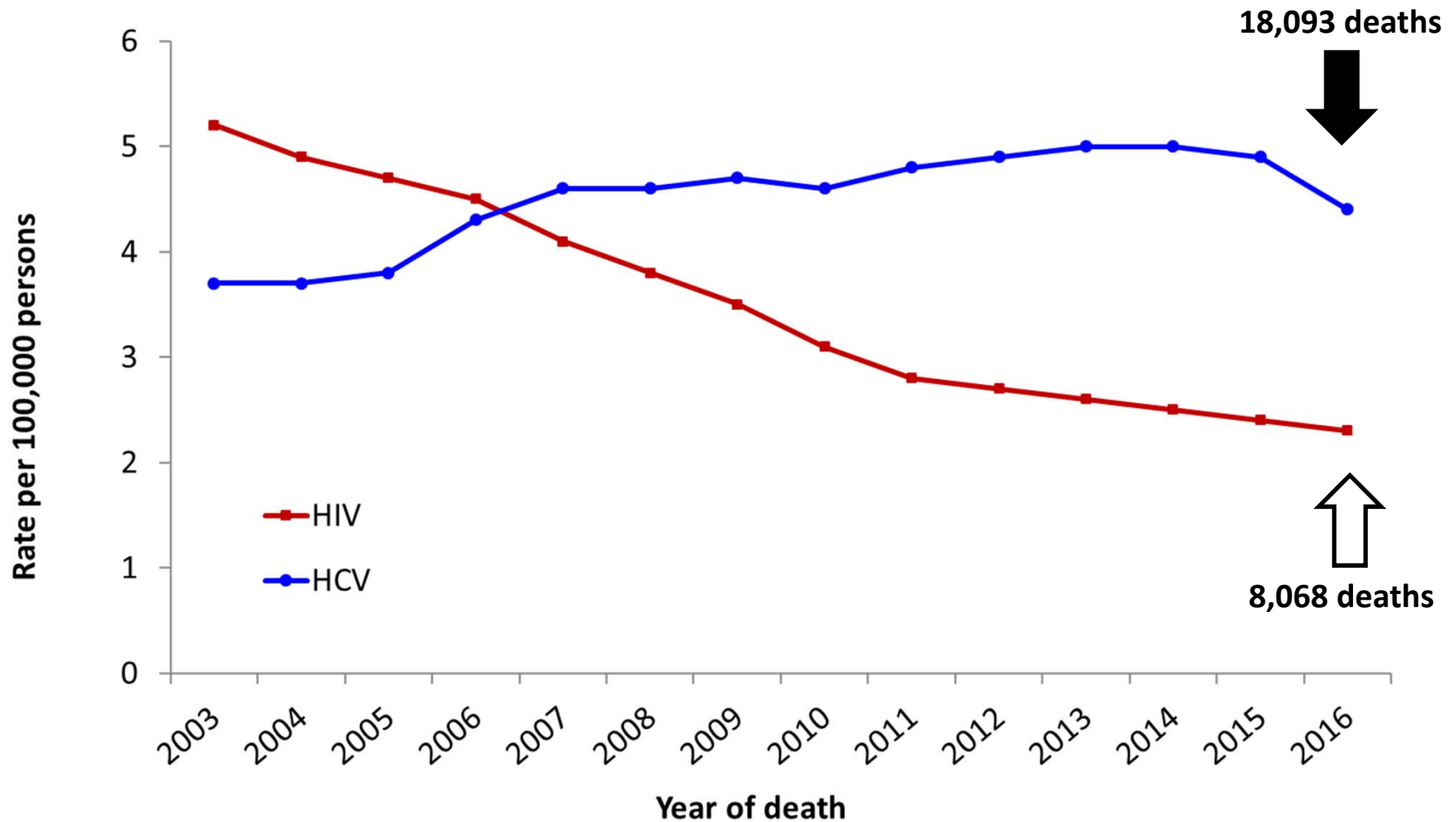
- Exceeds deaths from 60 other infectious diseases combined
- Other notifiable infectious conditions include HIV, tuberculosis, and hepatitis B



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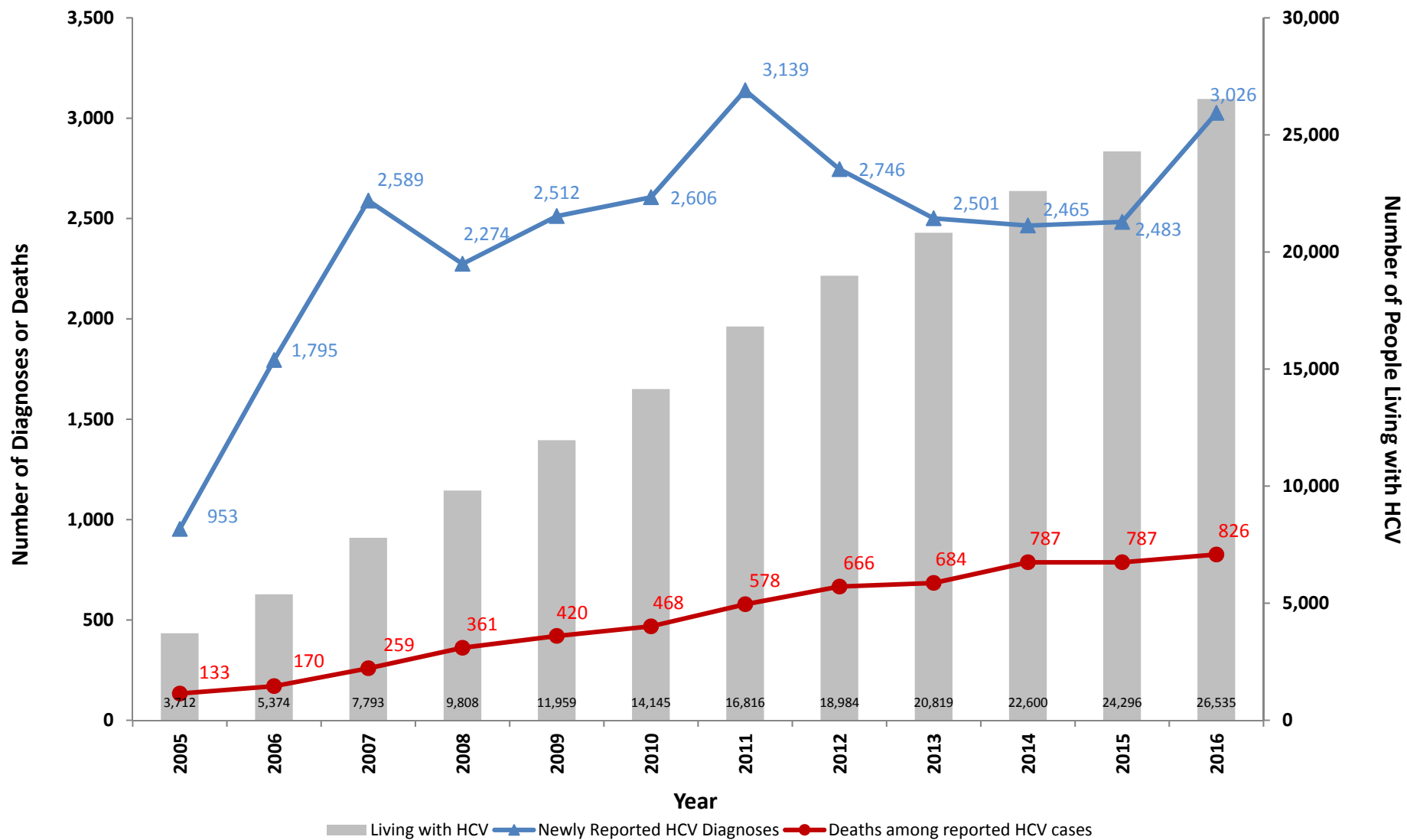
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# Local Data

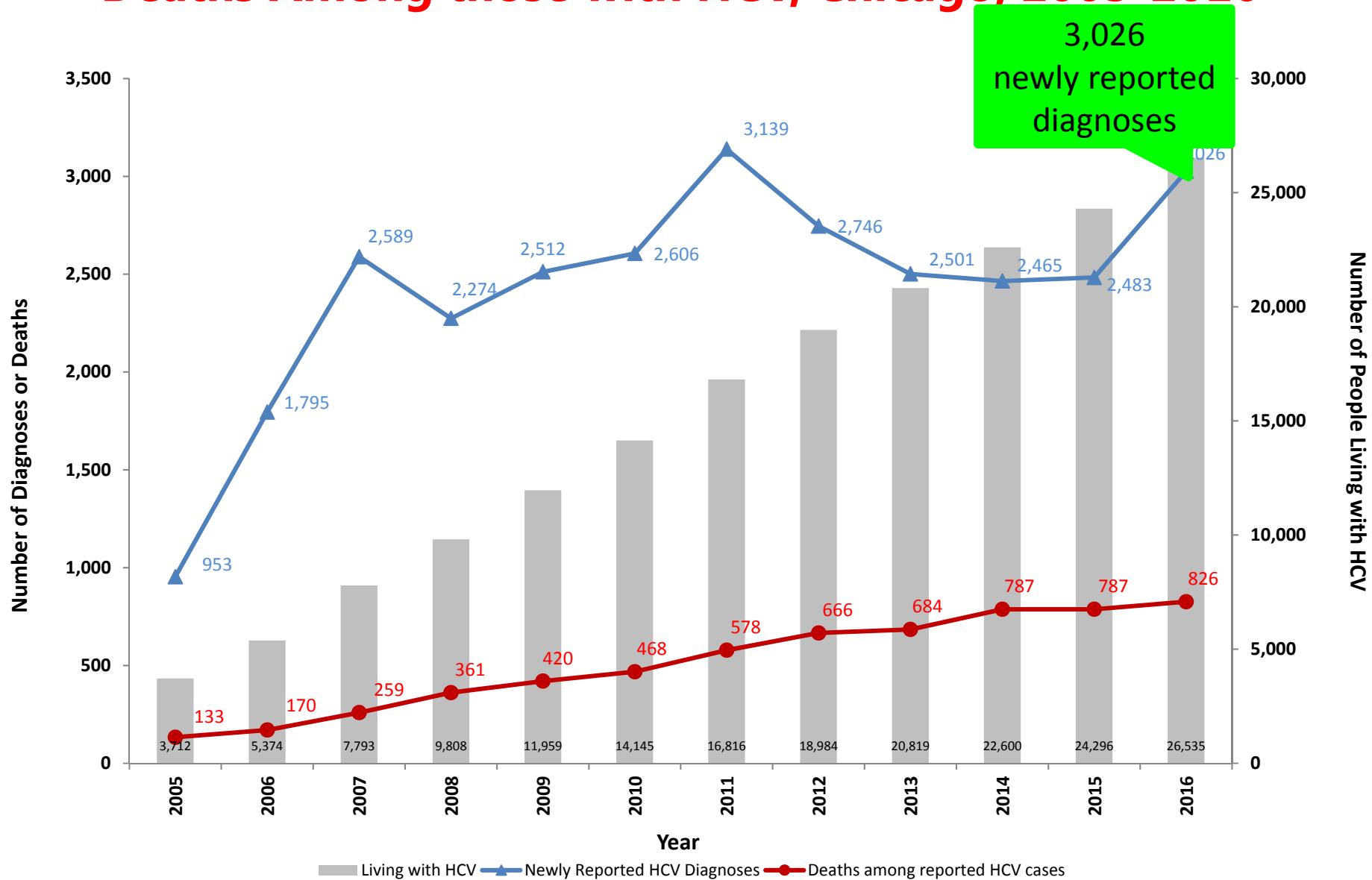


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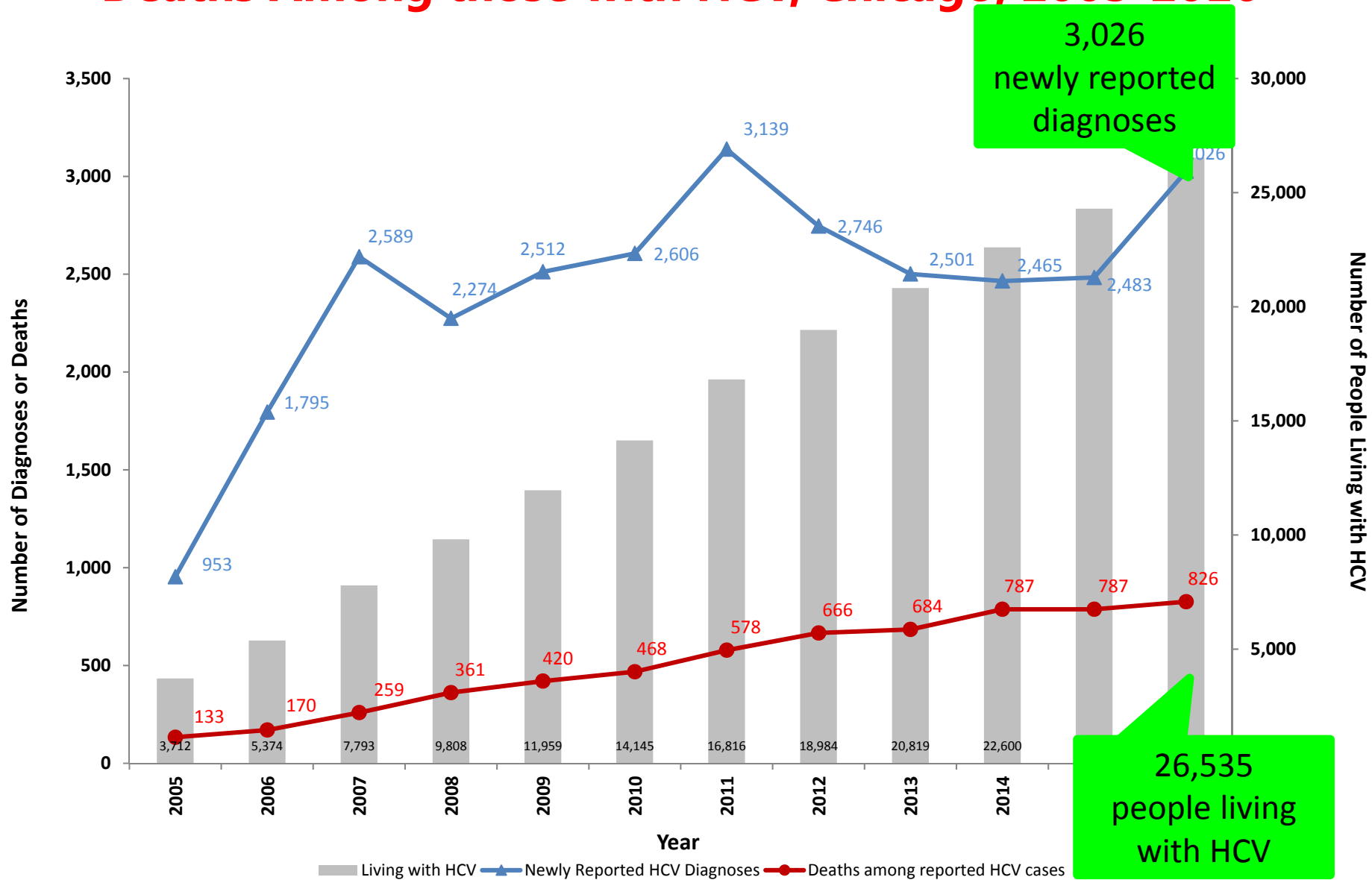




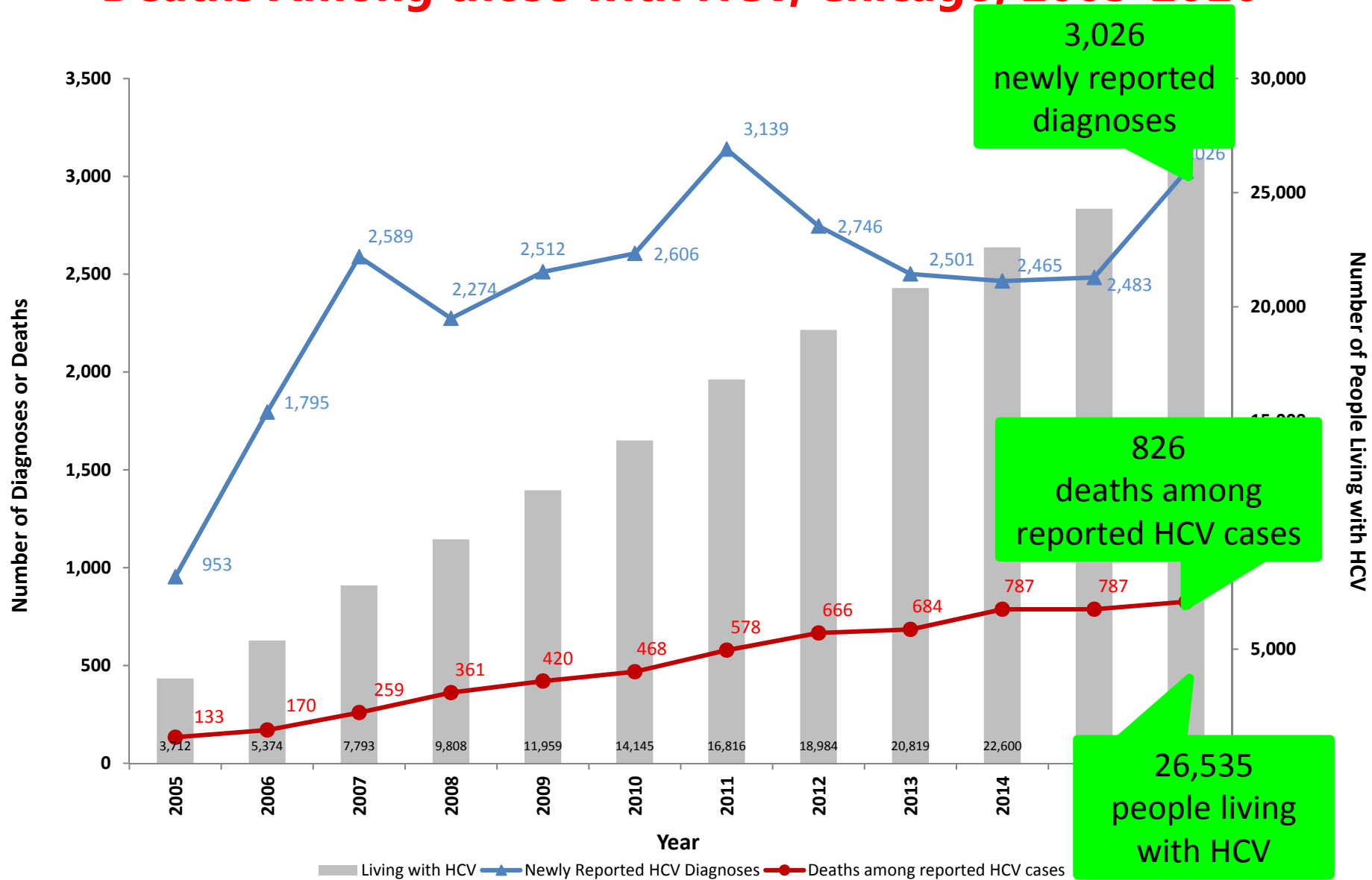
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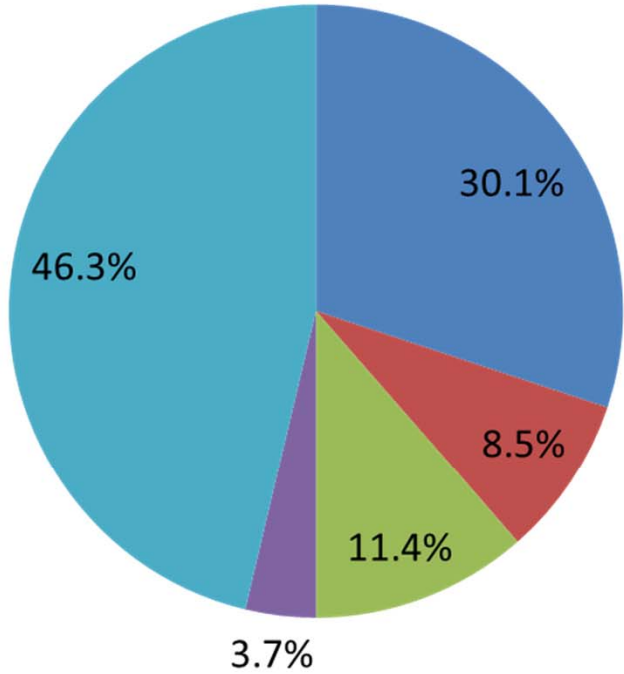
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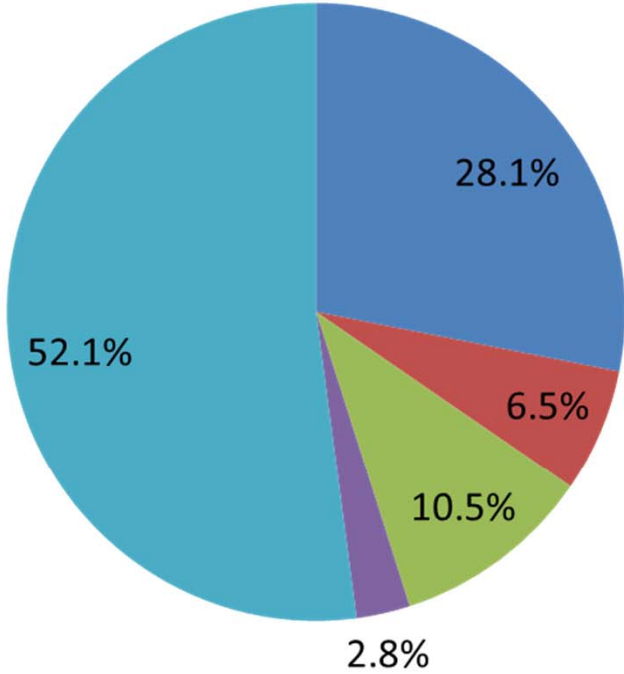


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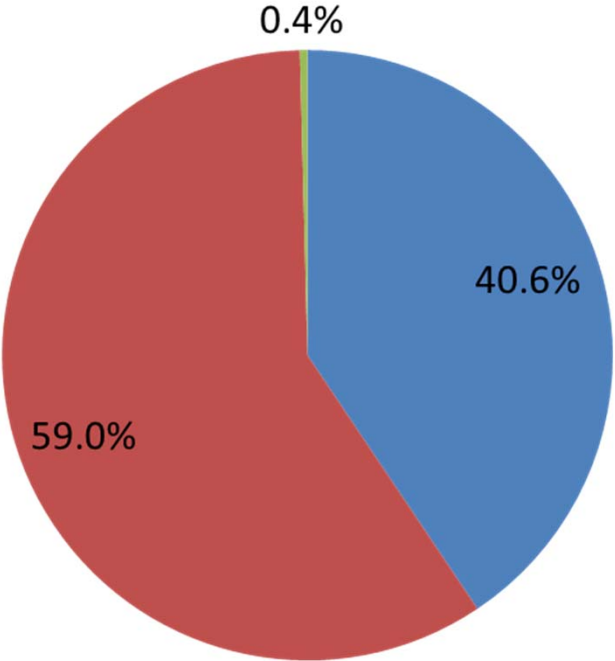
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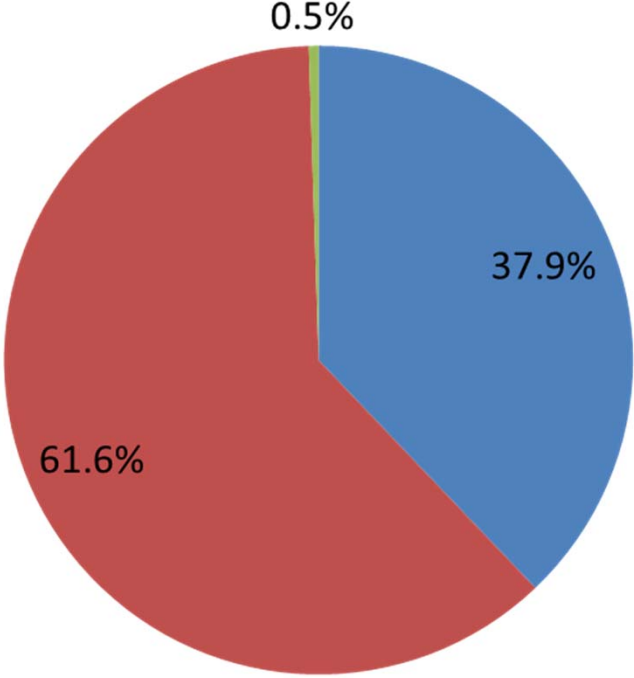
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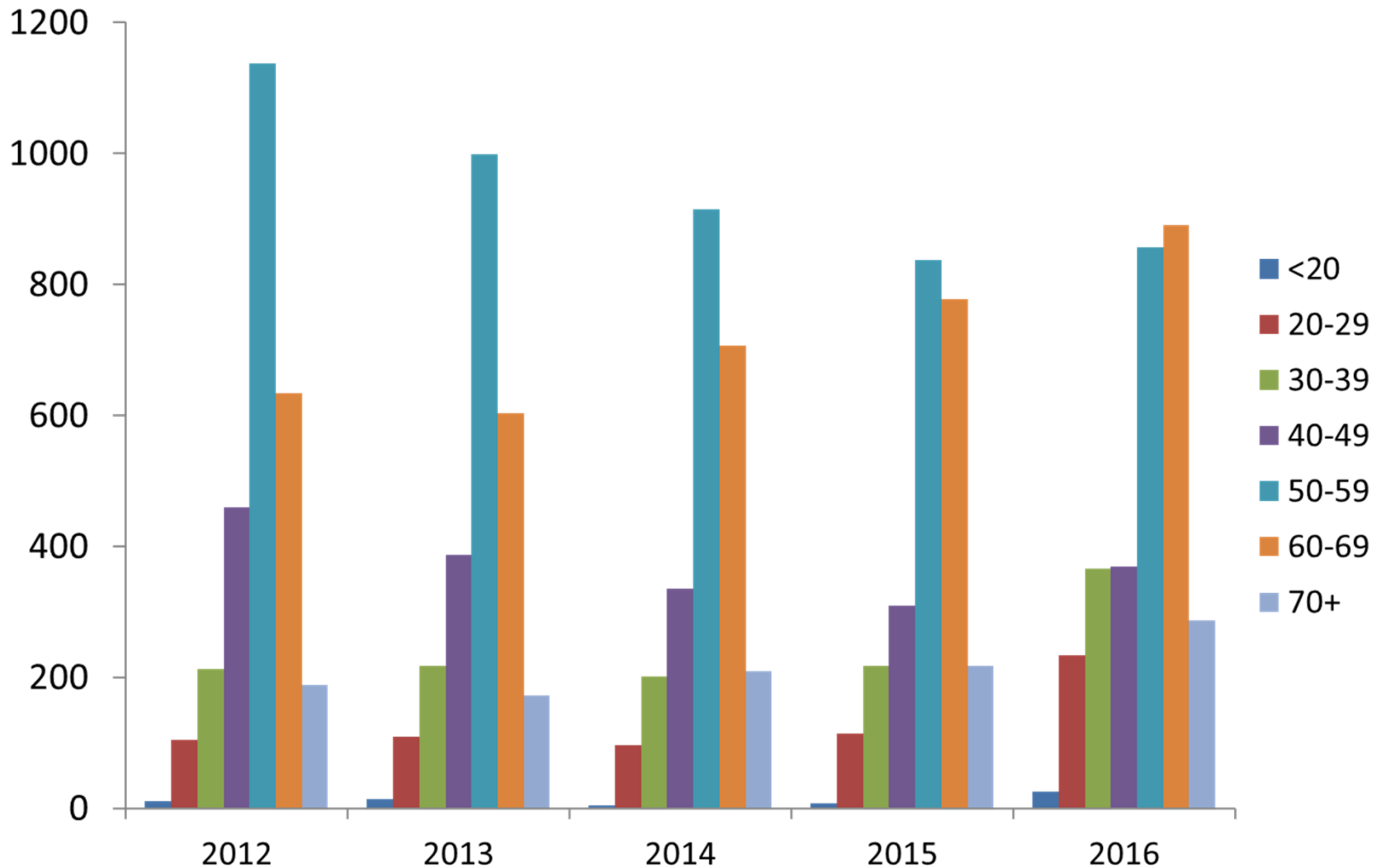
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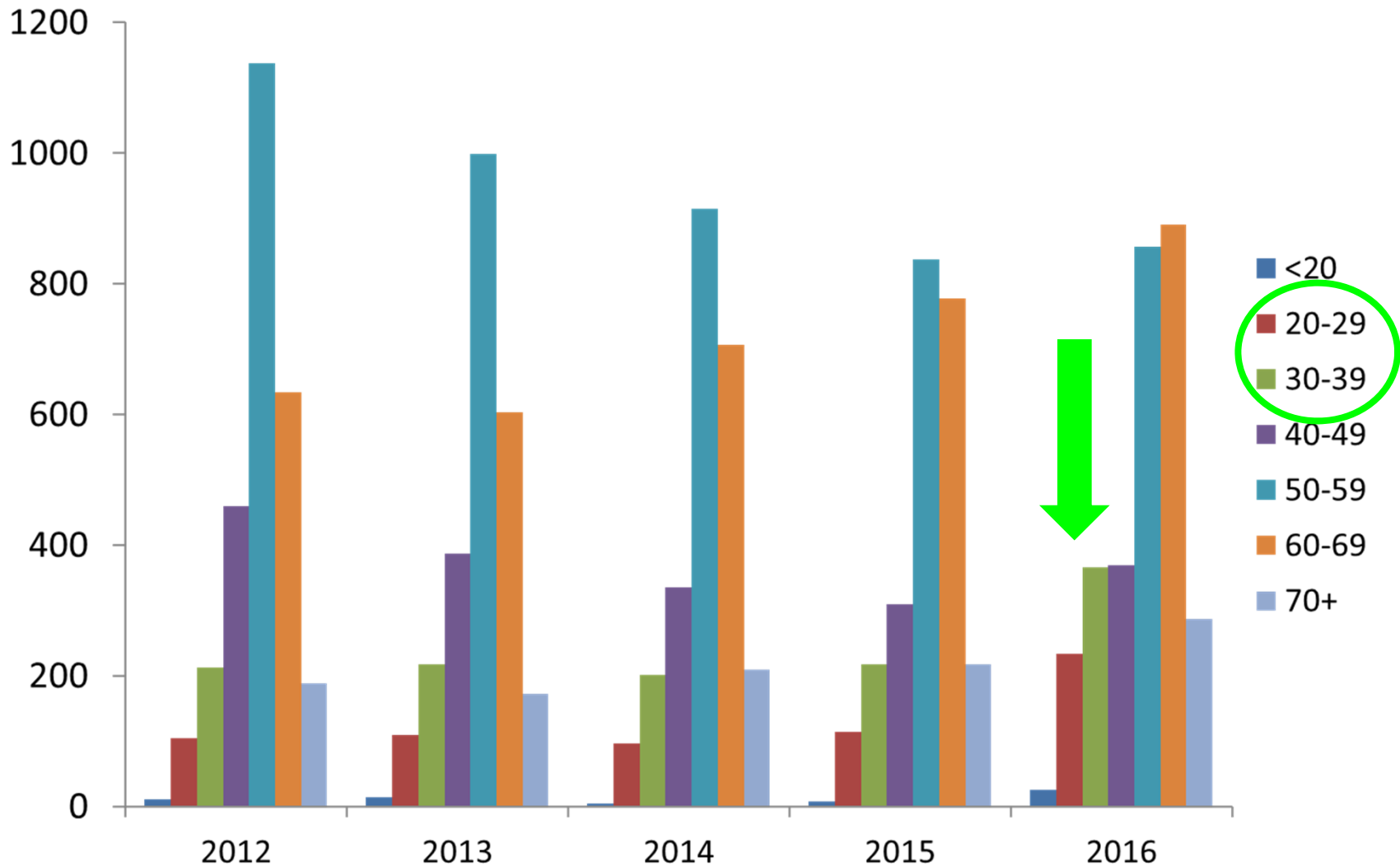
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- Male
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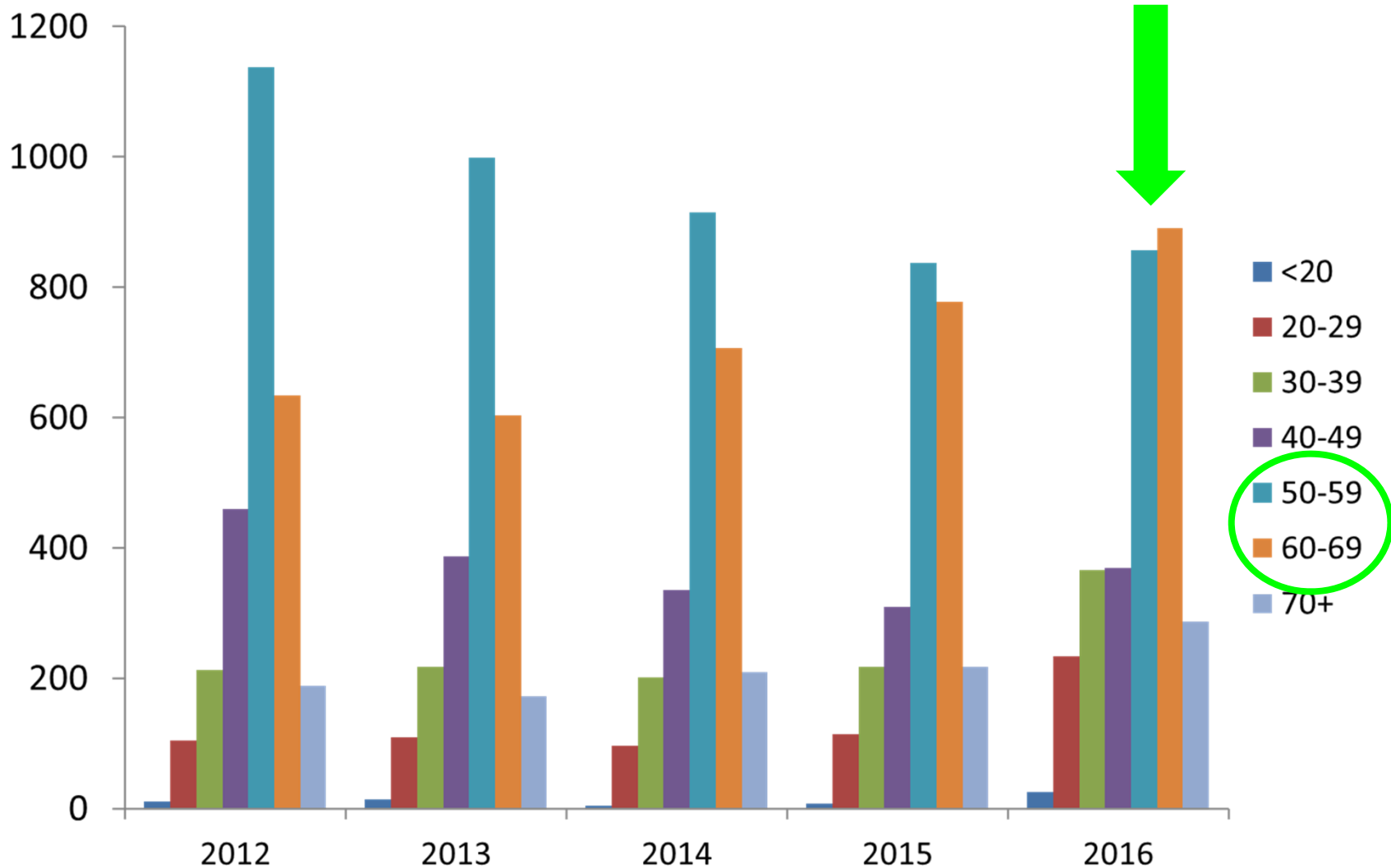
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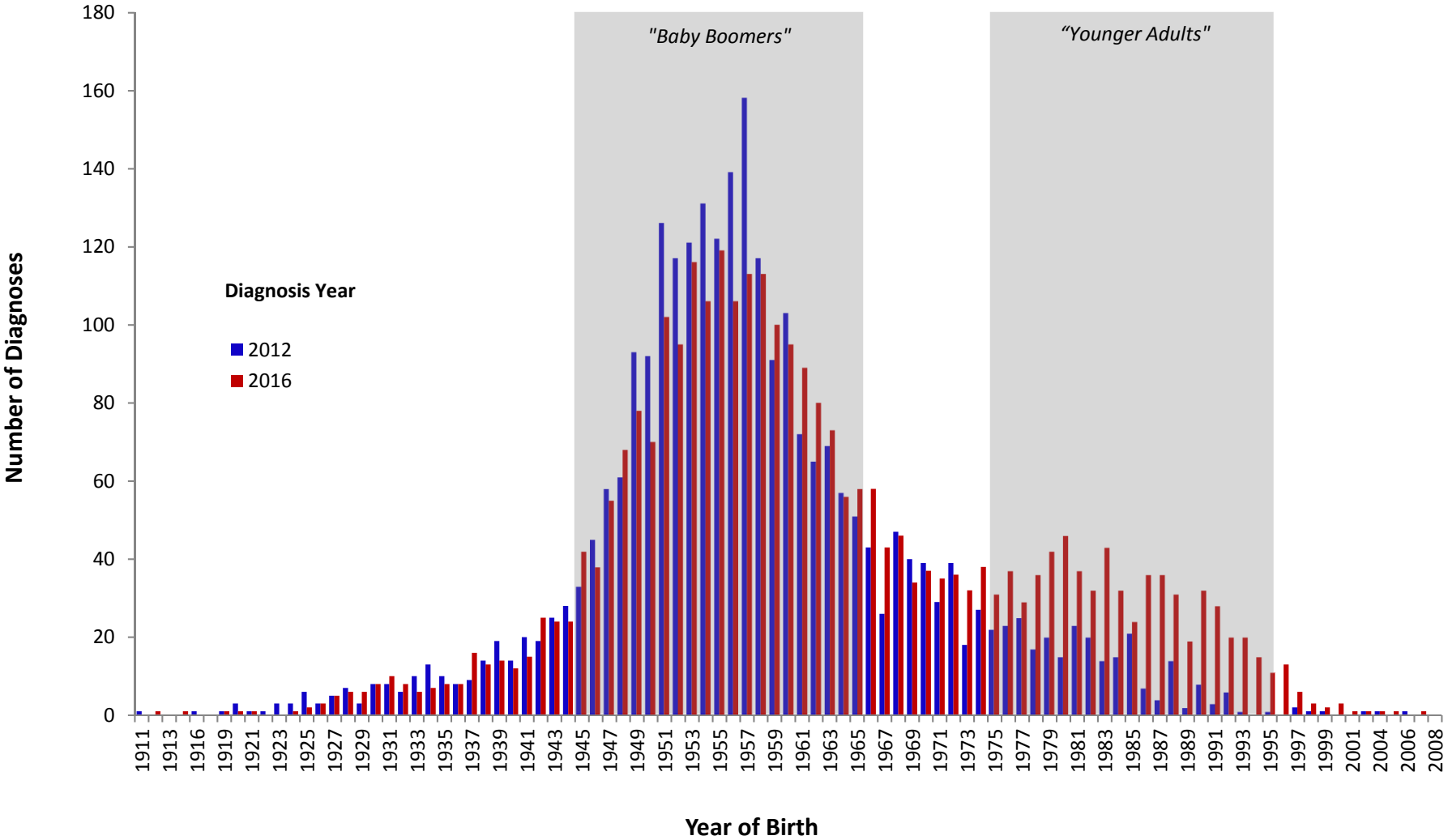


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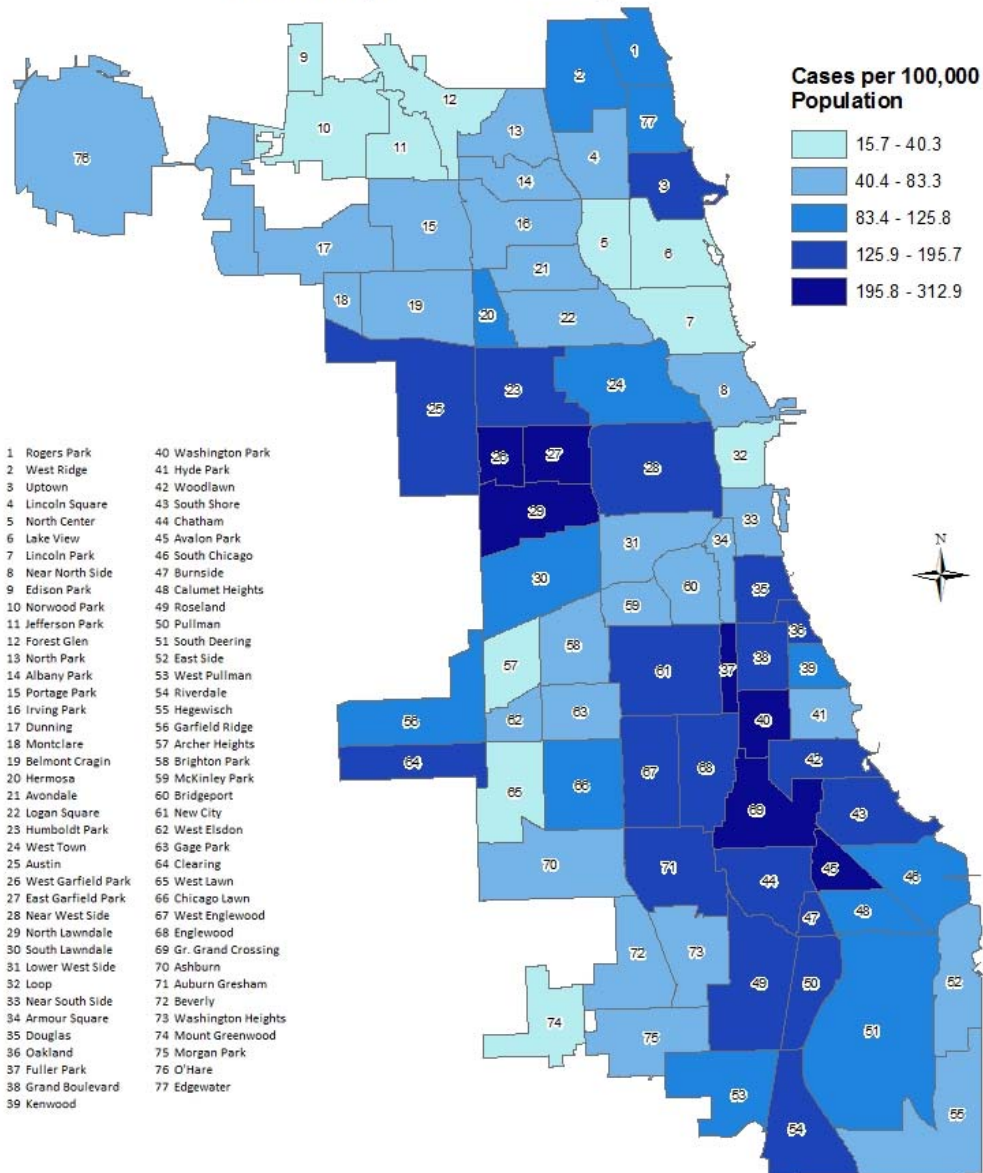




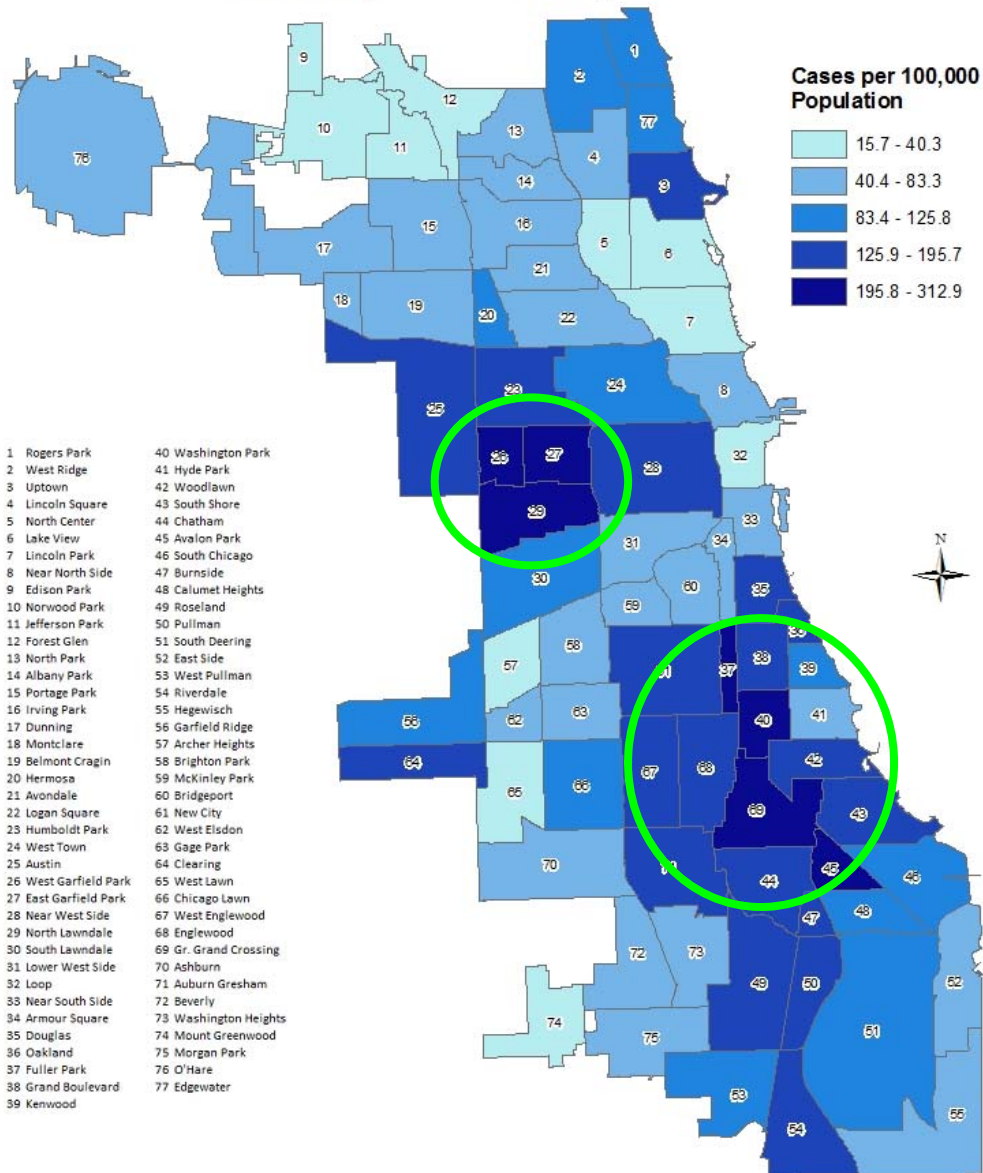
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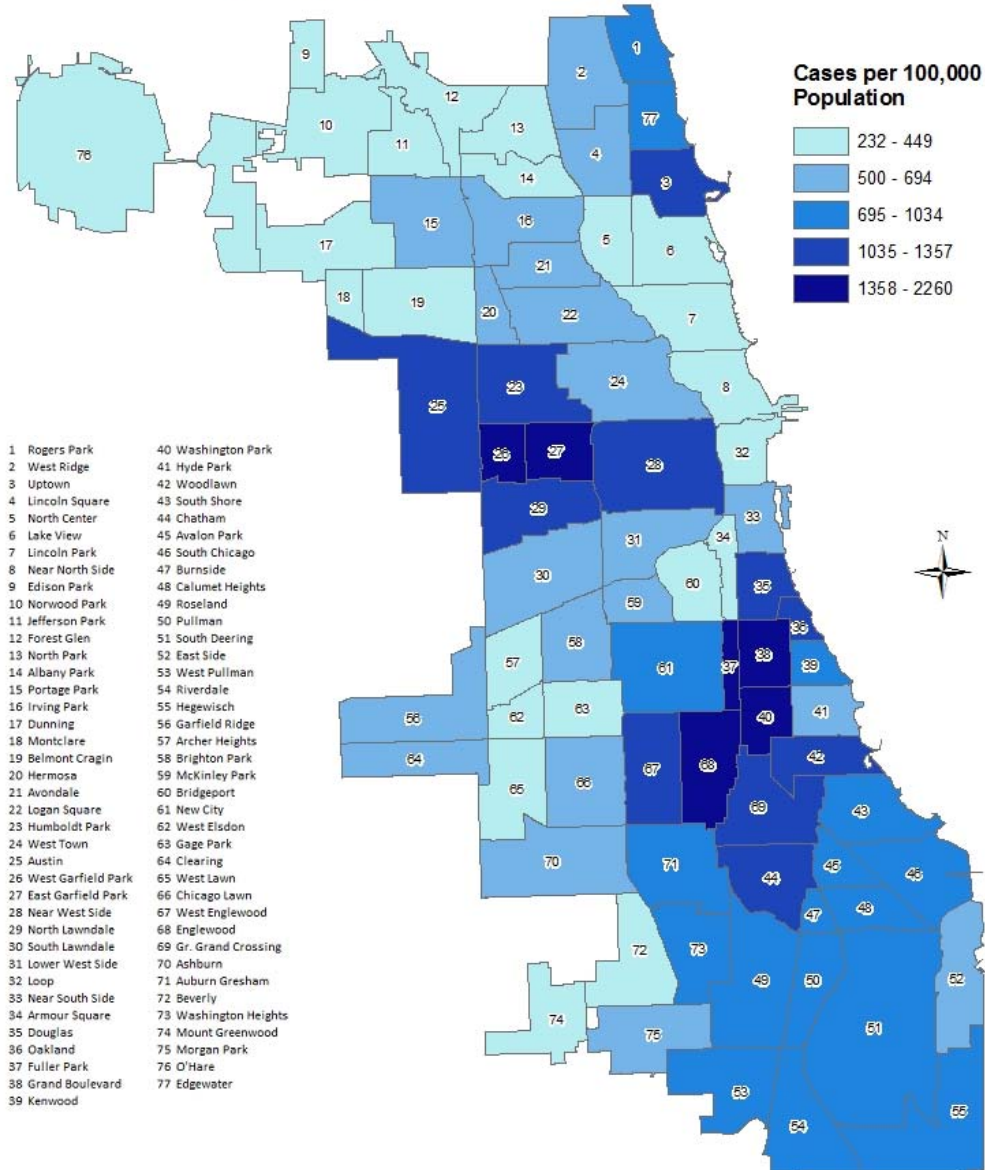
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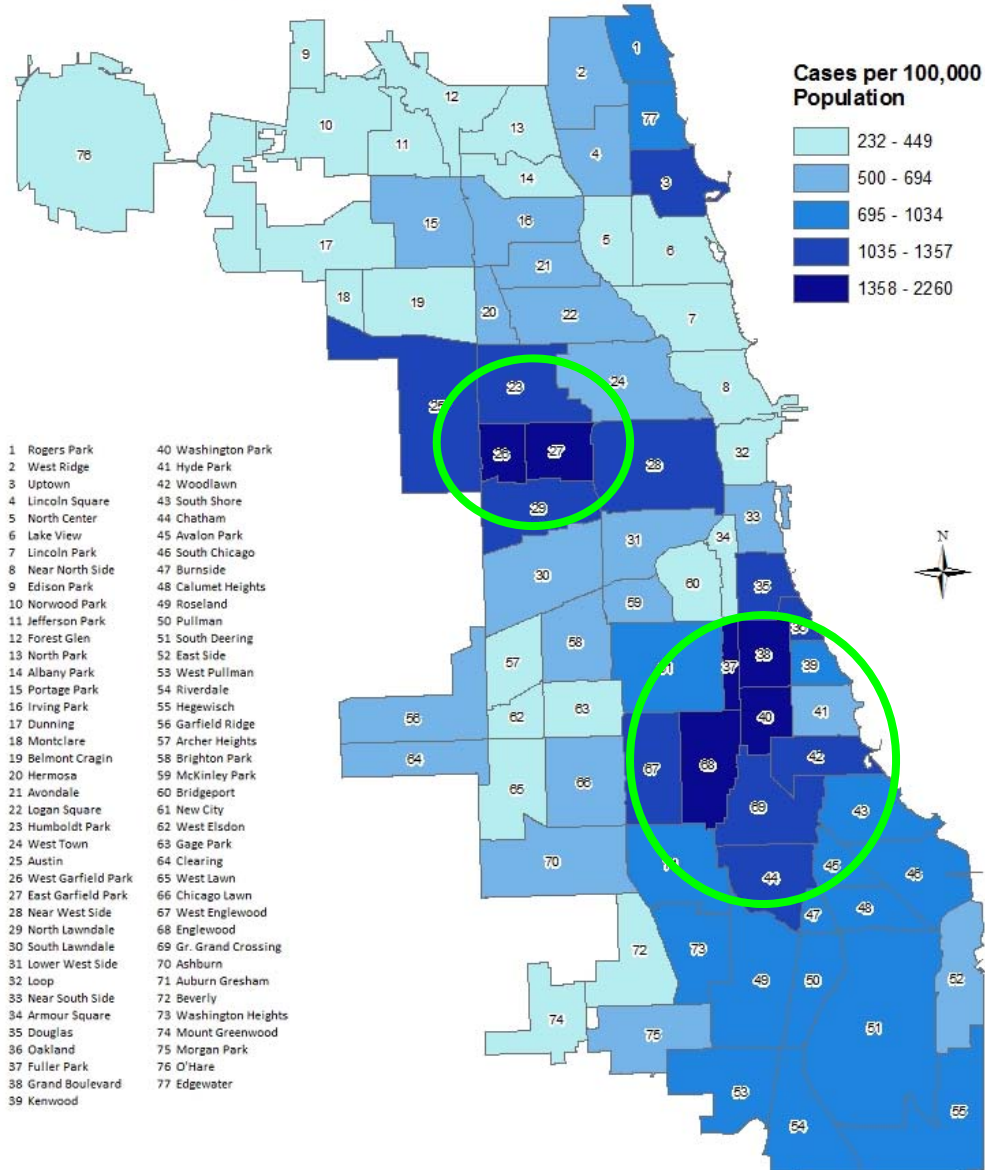
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# Surveillance



# Hepatitis C Reporting

## Regulations

- Reportable since 2001 in Illinois
- Control of Communicable Disease Code of Illinois, Title 77, Chapter I, Subpart C, Section 690.200 and Subpart D, Section 690.452

## How to report

- Faxes (312-746-6388)
- Illinois National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (I-NEDSS)
  - Web-based reporting system since 2007
  - Manual entry by provider
  - Electronic lab reporting (missing data e.g. race/ethnicity)

# Hepatitis C Investigations

- Housed in the Communicable Disease program
  - Handles all reportable diseases that don't have their own program
  - Other investigations often take priority
  - No funding for dedicated hepatitis C surveillance staff
- Case investigations prioritized
  - <35 years old
  - Elevated liver function tests
  - Symptomatic





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