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SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNITY EPIDEMIOLOGY NETWORK ON DRUG USE

- Treatment Demand Data
- Service Quality Measures (SQM)
- Community-Based Harm Reduction Services

SYMPOSIUM

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Community-based harm reduction services: Eastern Cape,

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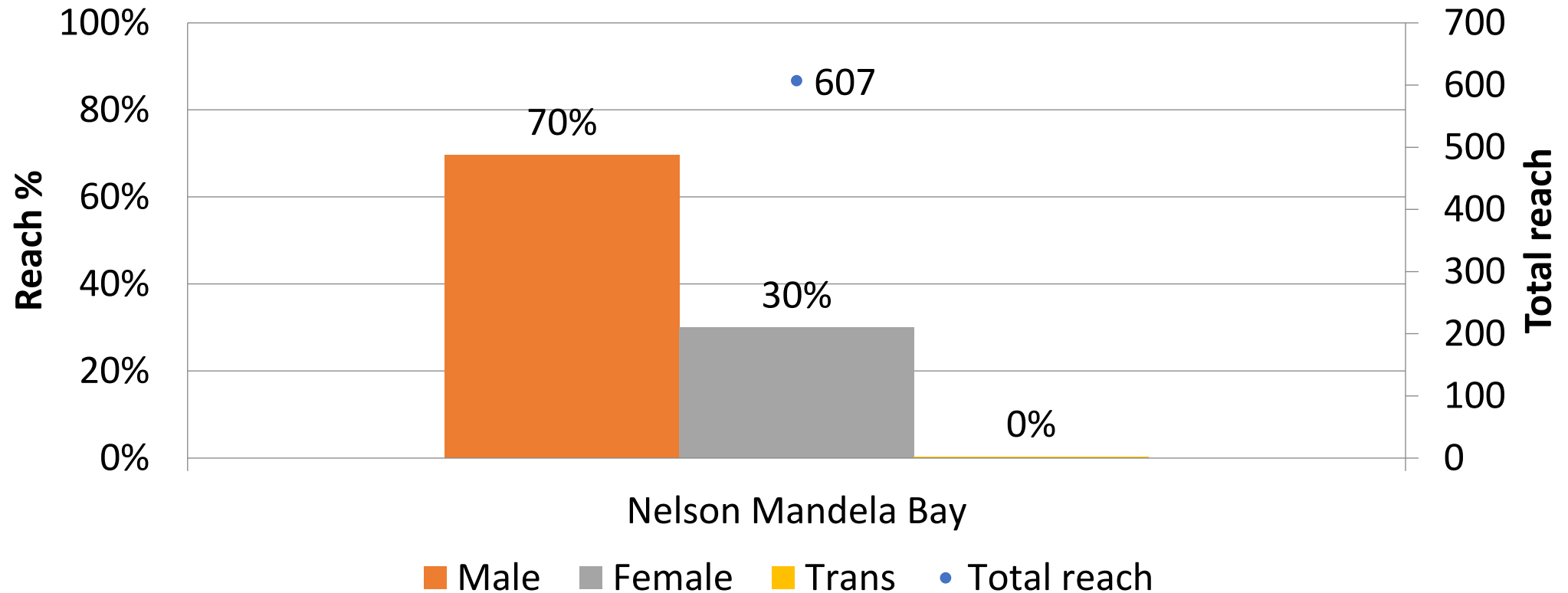
Needle & syringe reach, by gender



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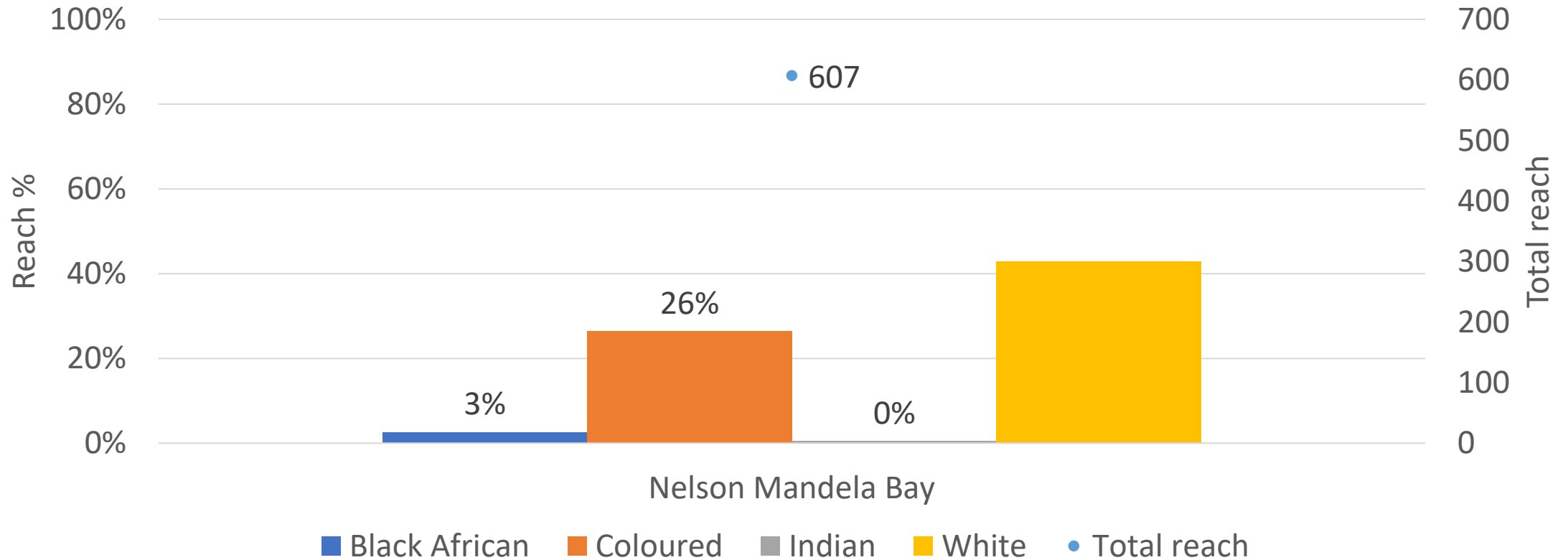
Needle & syringe reach, by population group



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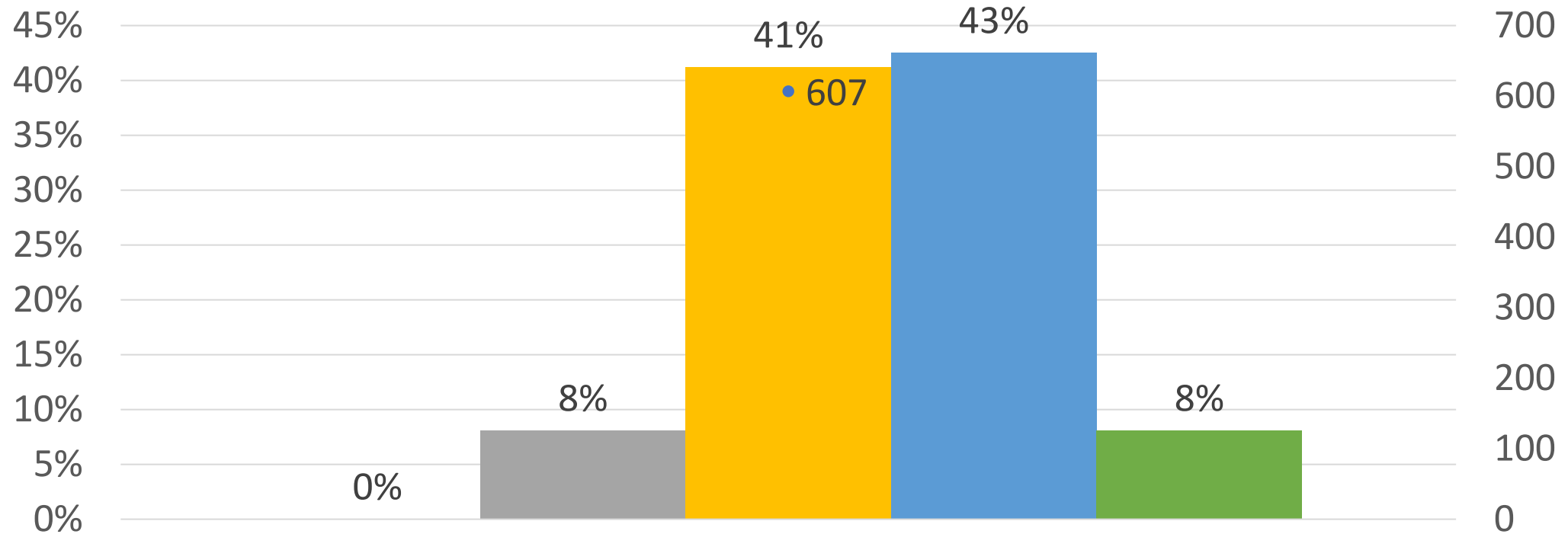
Needle & syringe reach, by age



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Legend: ■ <15 ■ 16-24 ■ 25-35 ■ 36-50 ■ >50 ● Total reach



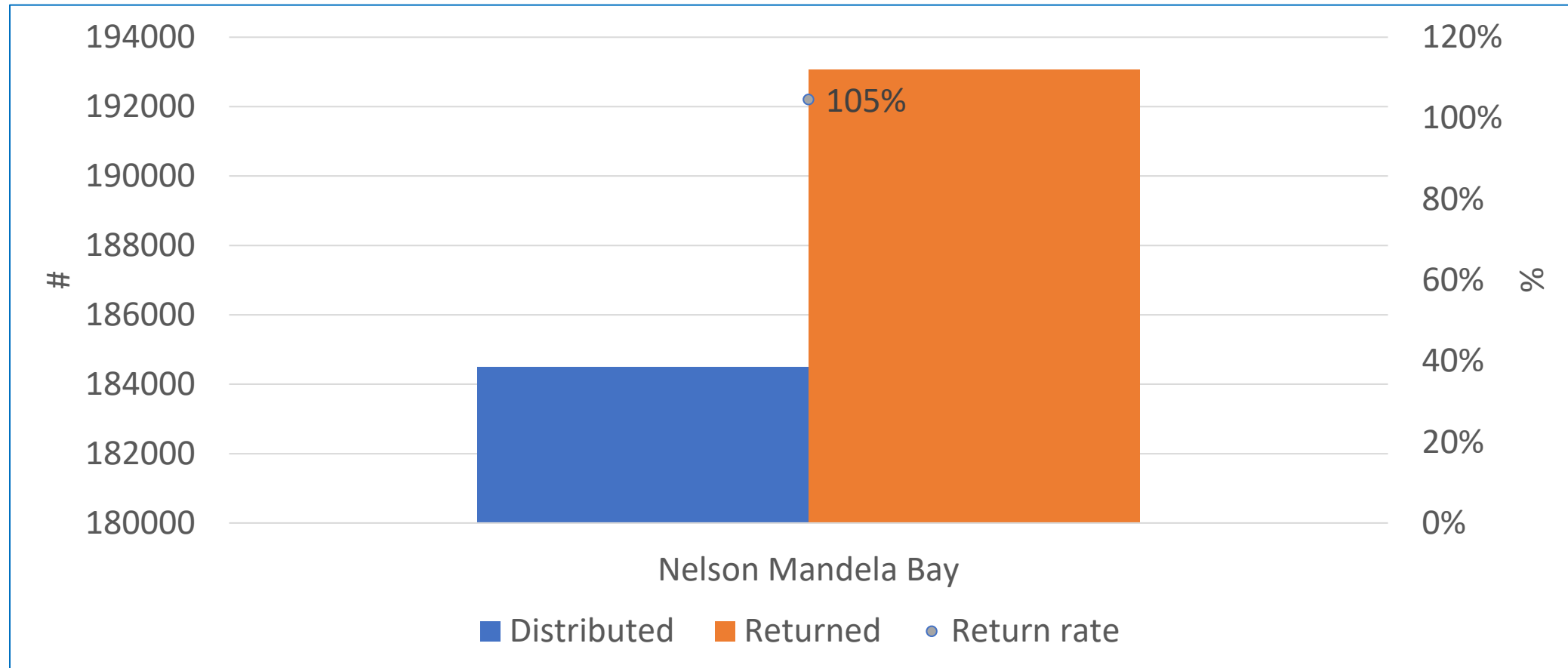
Needle & syringe distribution & return rate



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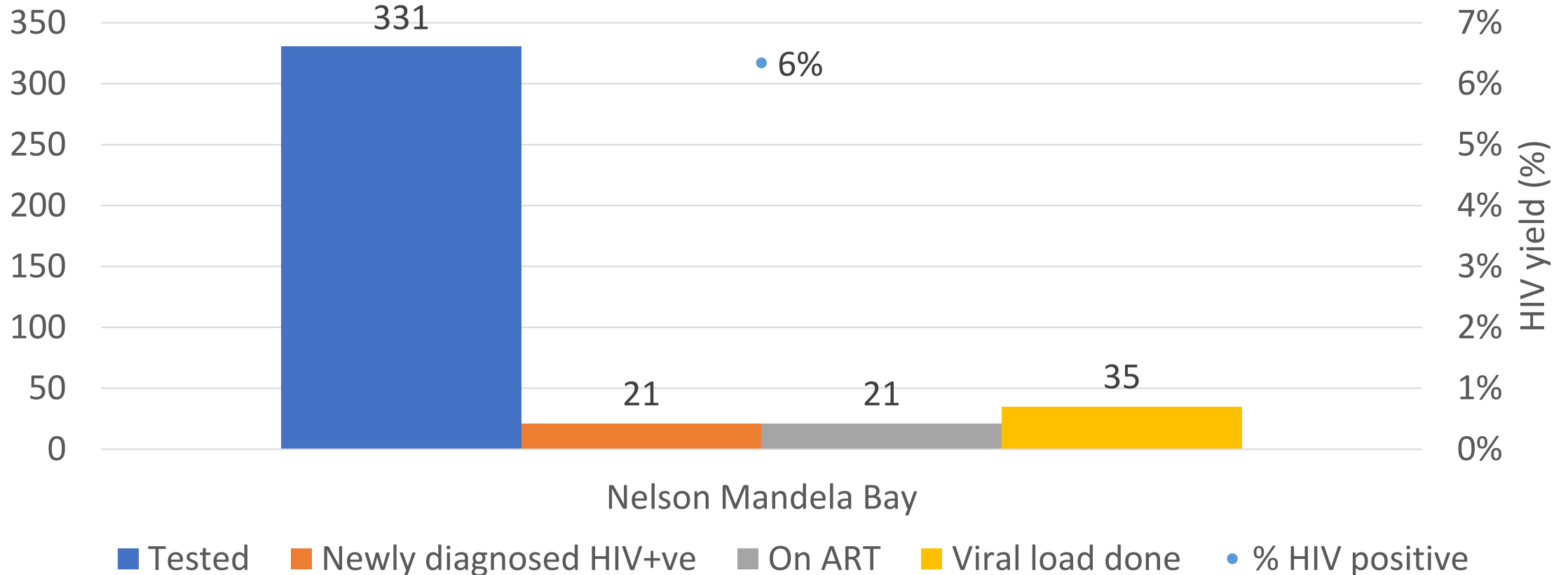
HIV testing & treatment cascade



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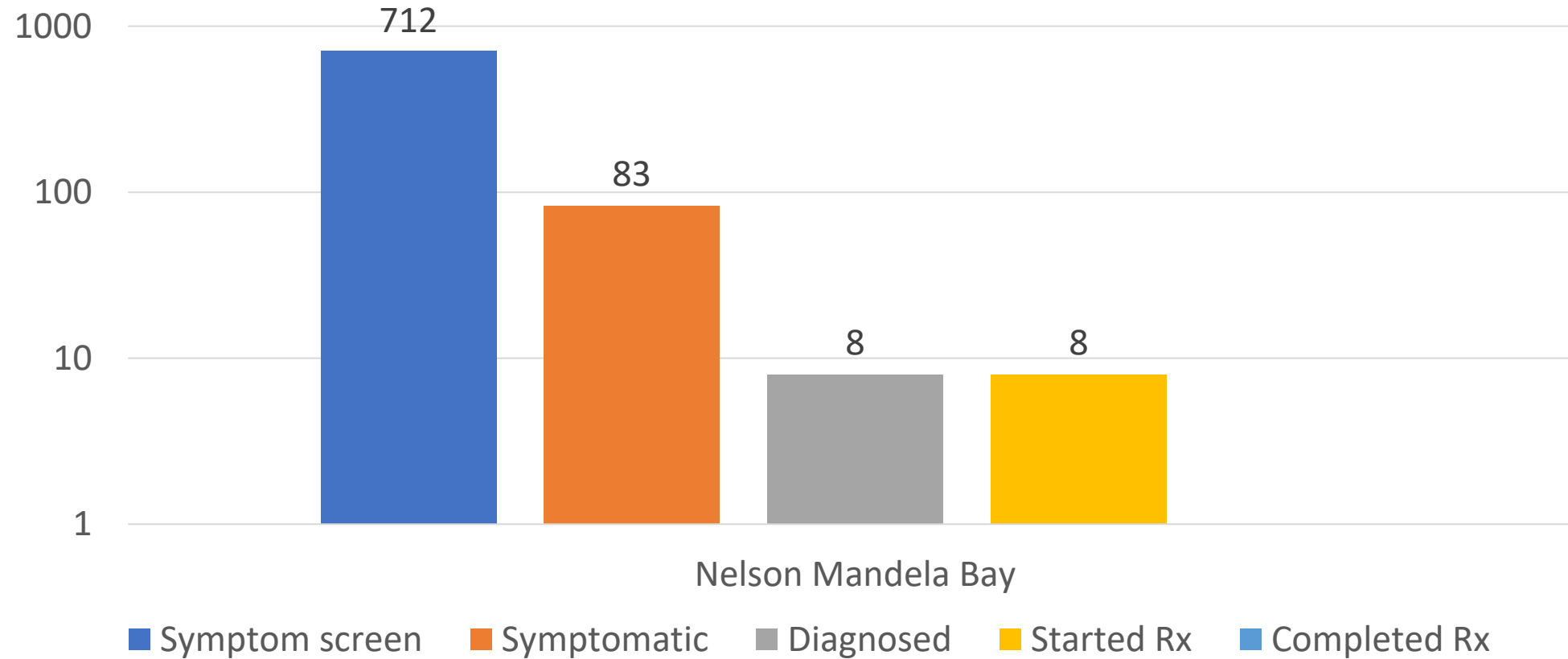
TB testing & treatment cascade



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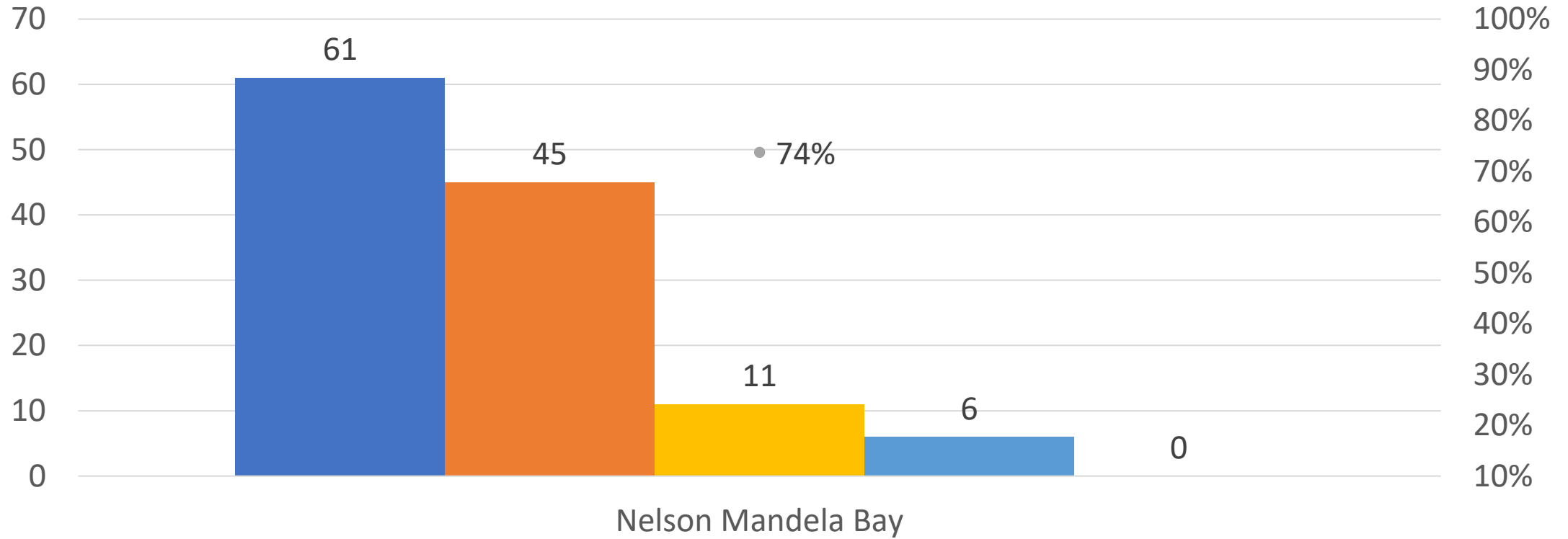
HCV testing & treatment cascade



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■ HCV screen ■ anti-HCV +ve ■ Confirmed infection ■ Started Rx ■ SVR12 • anti-HCV %



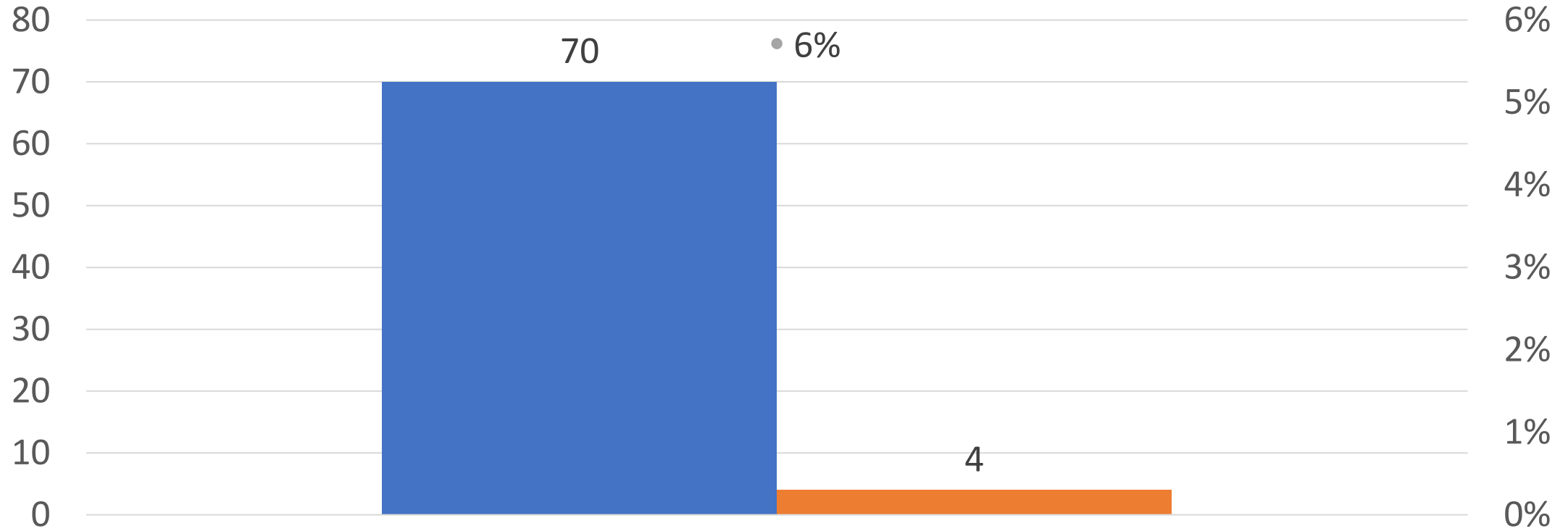
HBV testing



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■ HBV screen ■ HBsAg+ve • HBsAg+ve %



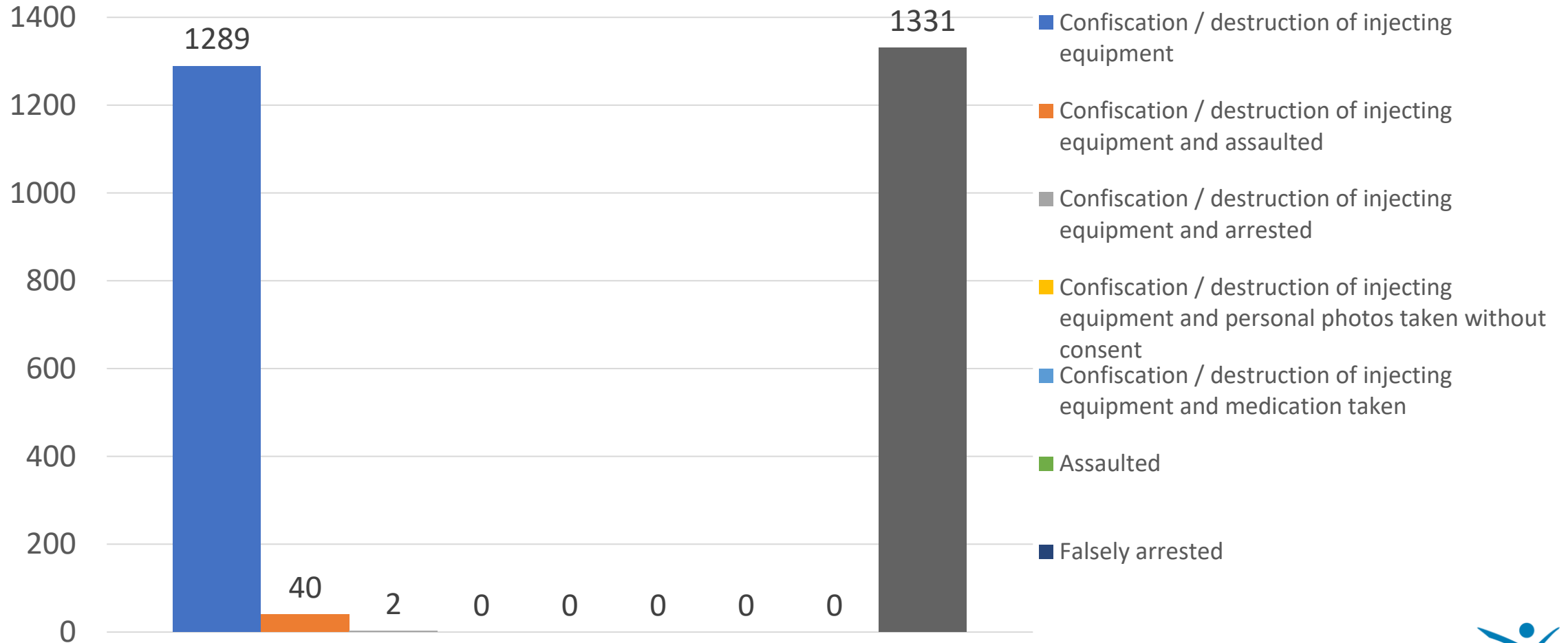
Human rights violations



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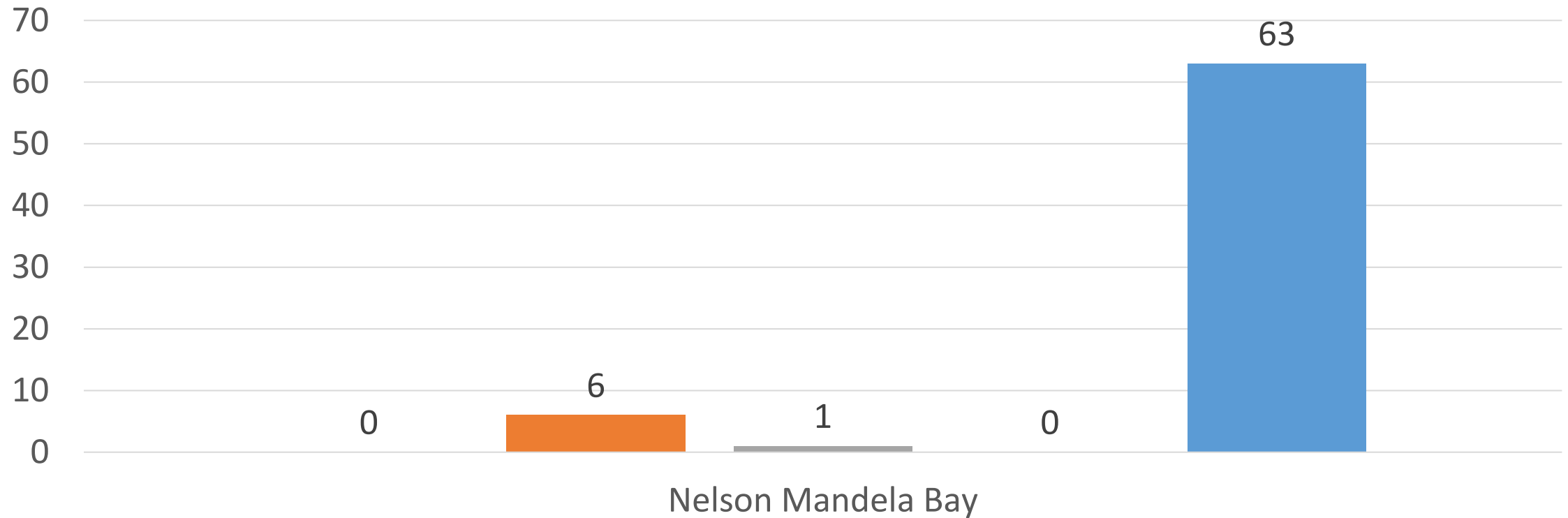
Opioid substitution therapy



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■ On OST (start of period) ■ Re/Started OST ■ Exited/dropped out ■ Died ■ On OST (end of period)



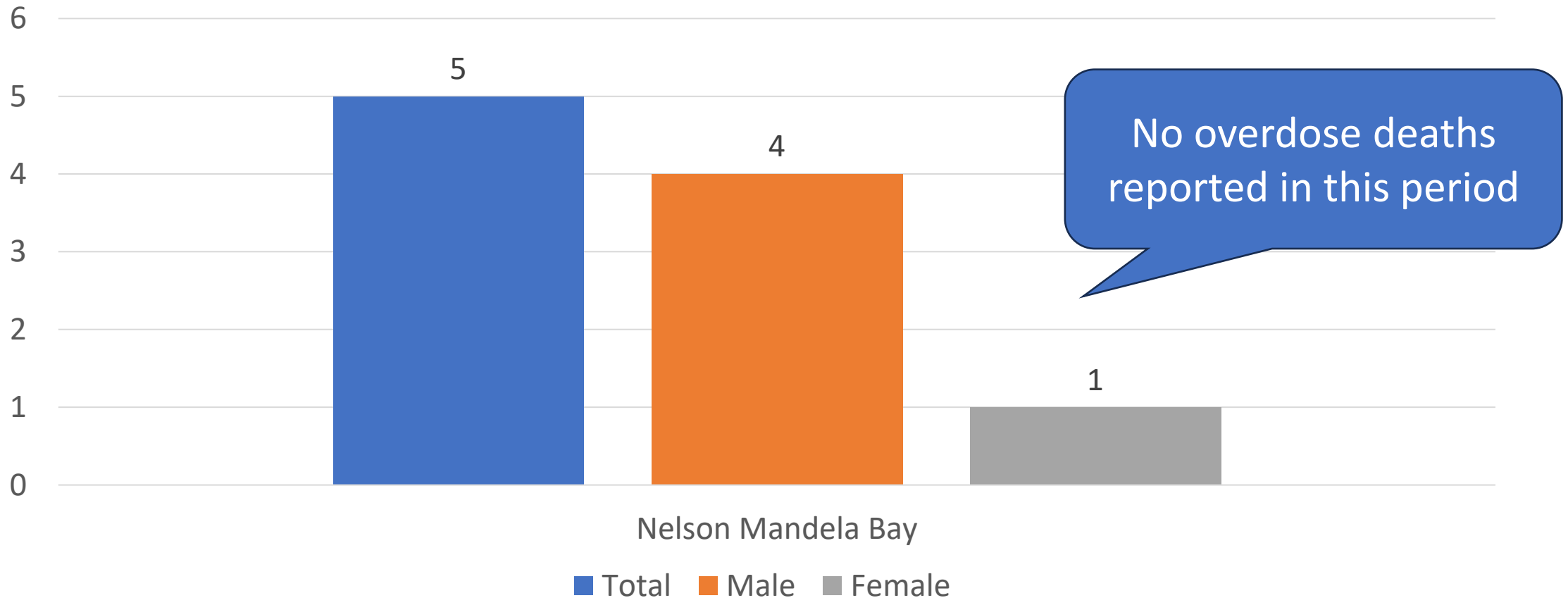
Mortality & overdose



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Issues & challenges



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- Ongoing human rights violations that are affecting service delivery.
- Private security companies, Police, neighborhood watch who continue violating clients despite sensitizations done. The team has managed to gain some support from a neighborhood watch member who is sensitized and understand the impact of harm reduction services and through this we are hoping to infiltrate other neighborhood watch members to prevent victimization of our priority population.
- Adherence to medication is especially difficult to our priority population, the HTS team is doing individual adherence plans and adherence groups to support PWID with an unsuppressed viral load.





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Successes

- The OST program is ongoing and there are many success stories, including clients who have found employment and clients who have been reunified with their families. Take home dosages have started and monitored. We have families who have come on board to collect medication with clients and those buddies who are fetching on behalf of those who are working.
- TB HIV Care-NMB launched an Overdose Prevention Programme in December 2024. This program entails taking steps to limit the risk of overdose while responding to an overdose by delivering naloxone (opioid overdose reversal) and directing clients to the hospital. The clinical team has provided educational trainings on overdose prevention and naloxone administration to beneficiaries' parents and support partners. Target: 25 OST clients and 26 Non-OST clients- Buddy





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