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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

Community-based harm reduction services: Eastern Cape,

Phumzile Mchunu

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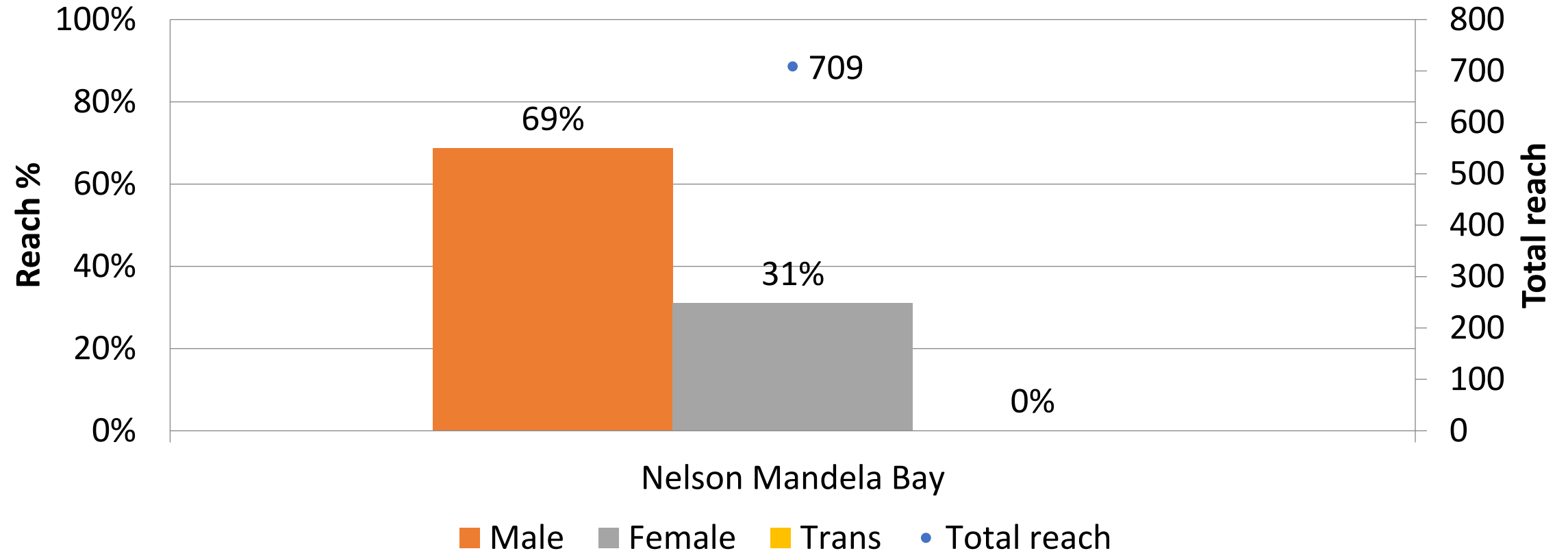
Needle & syringe reach, by gender



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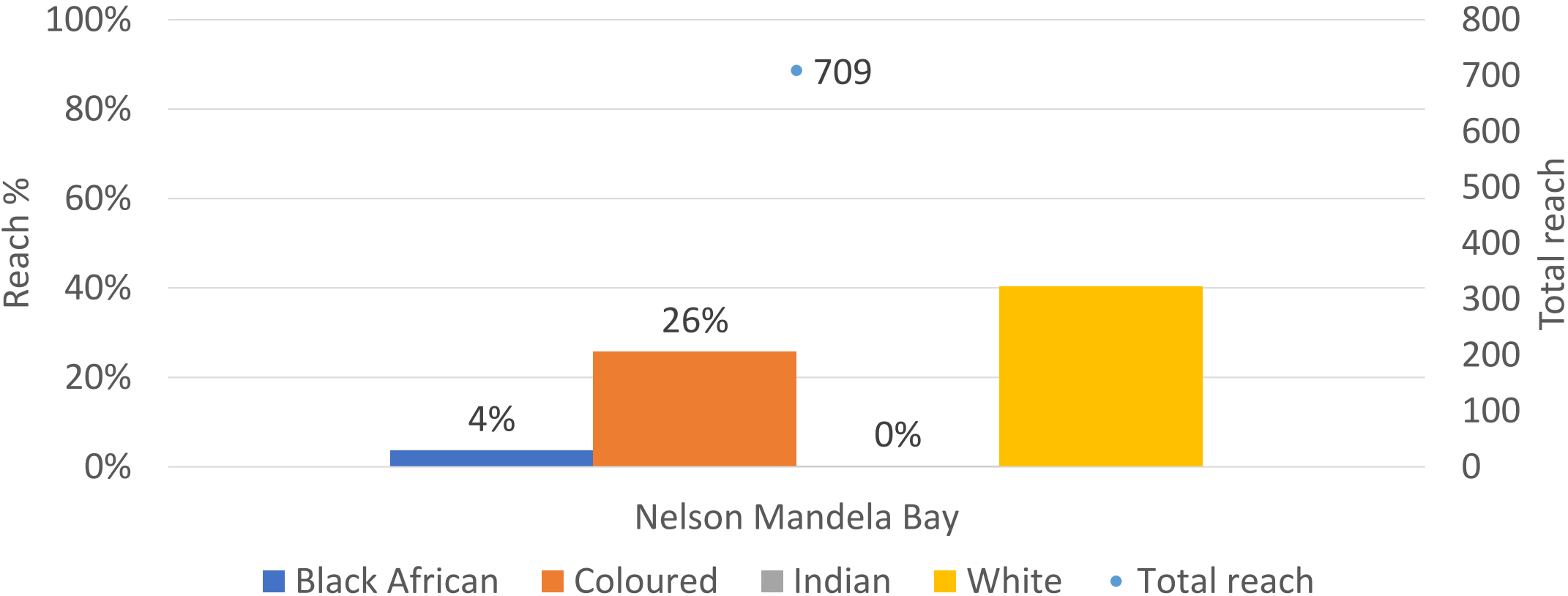
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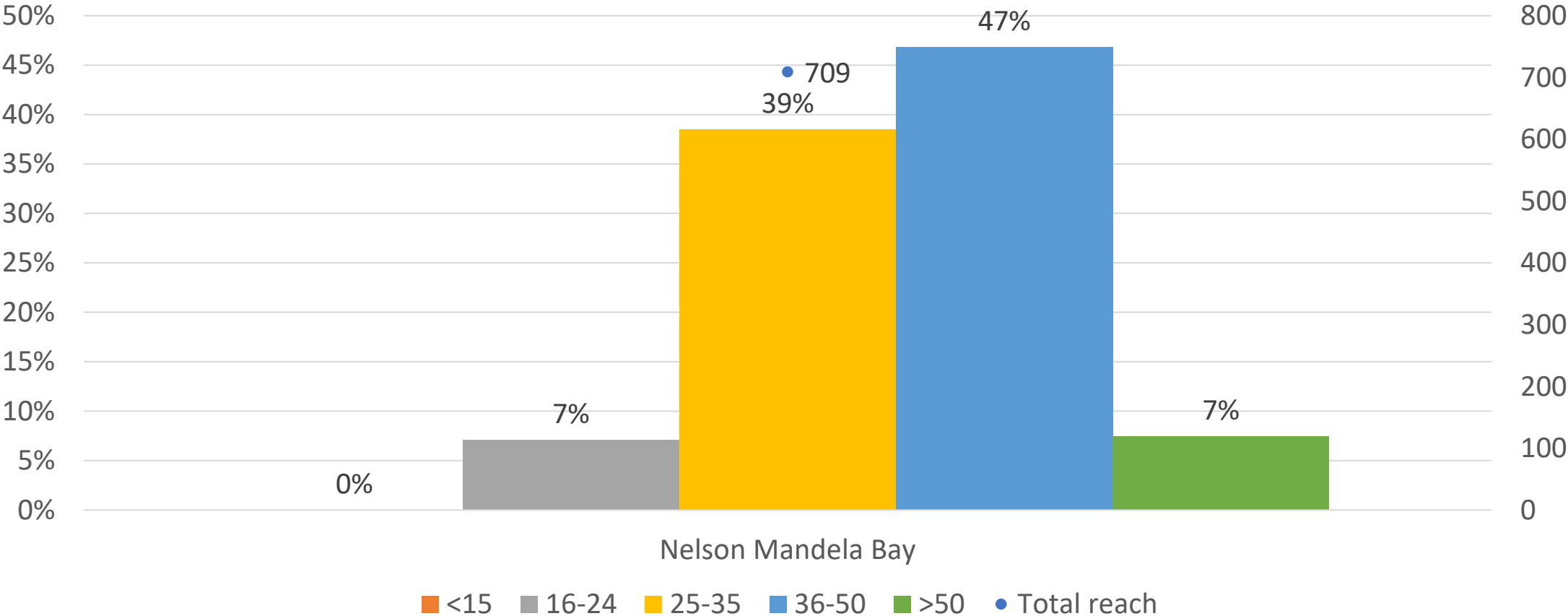
Needle & syringe reach, by population group



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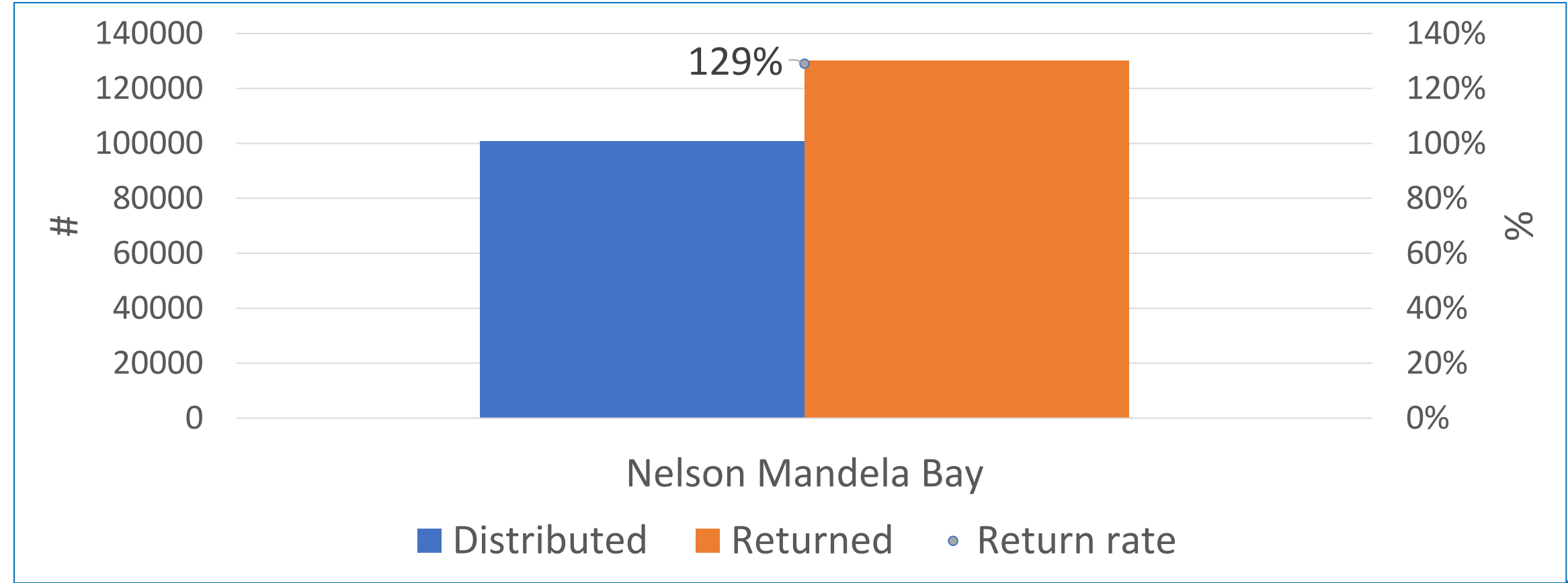
Needle & syringe reach, by age



Needle & syringe distribution & return rate



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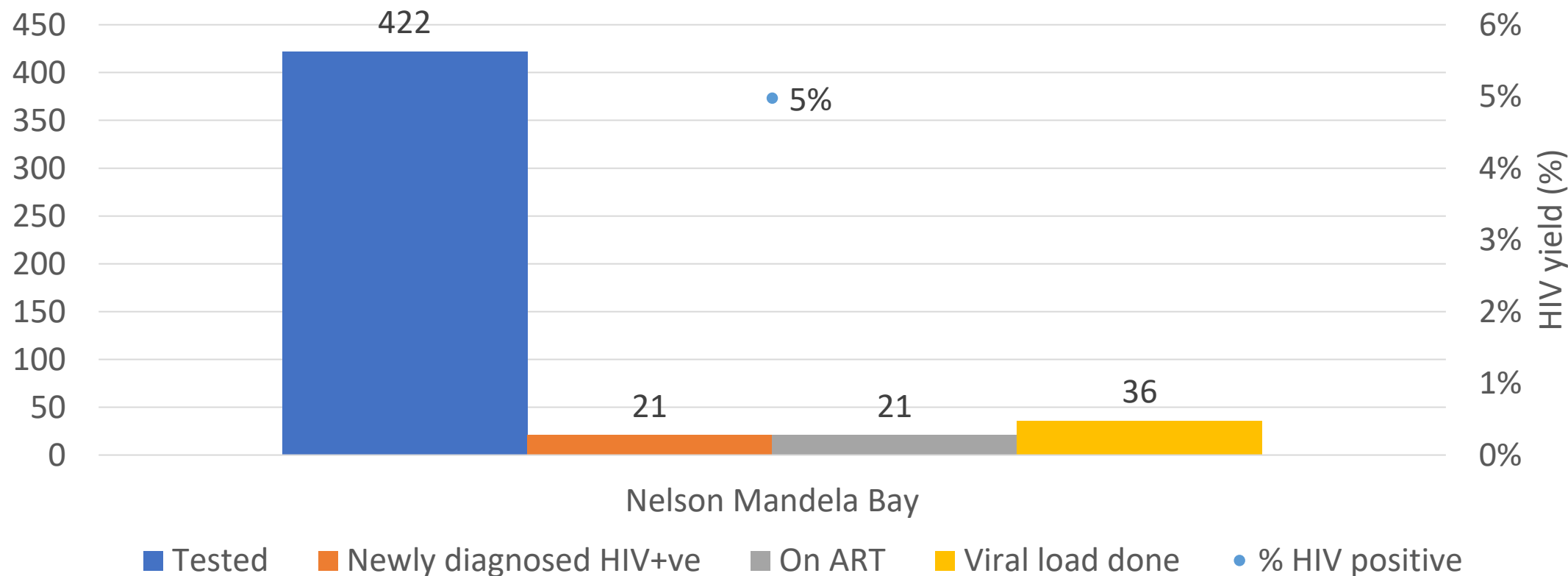


HIV testing & treatment cascade

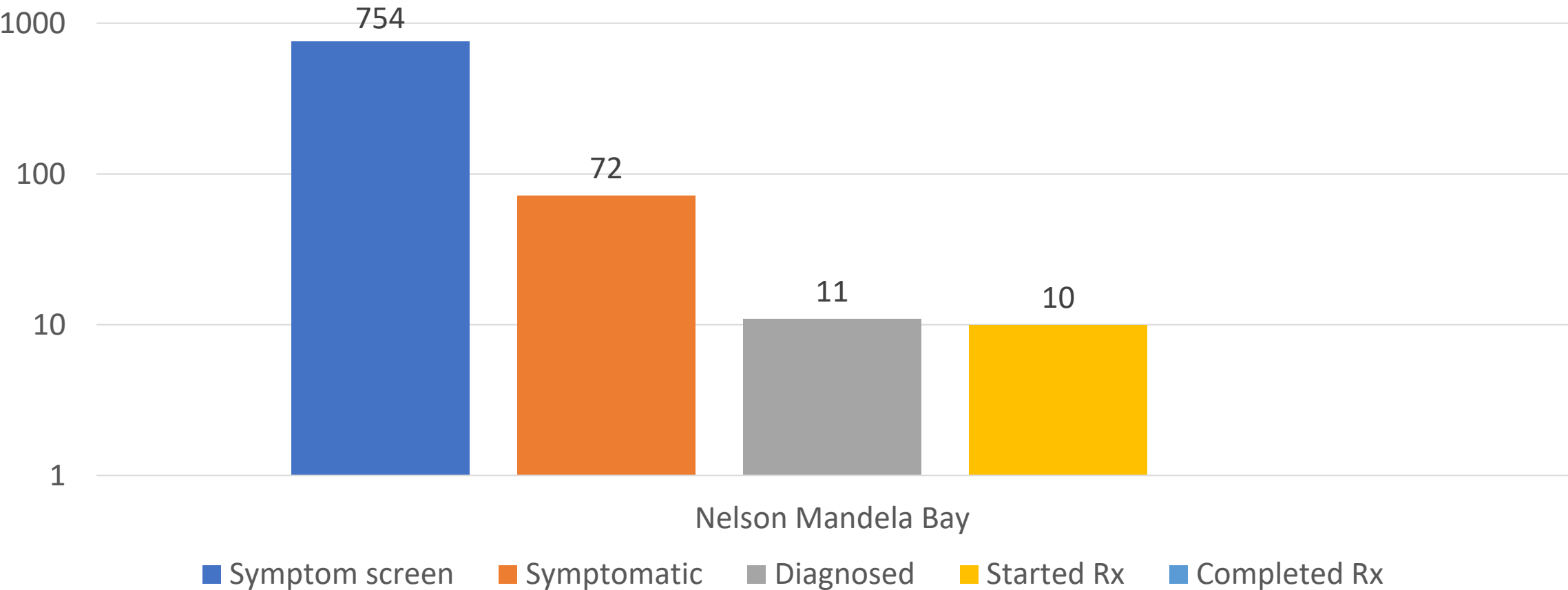


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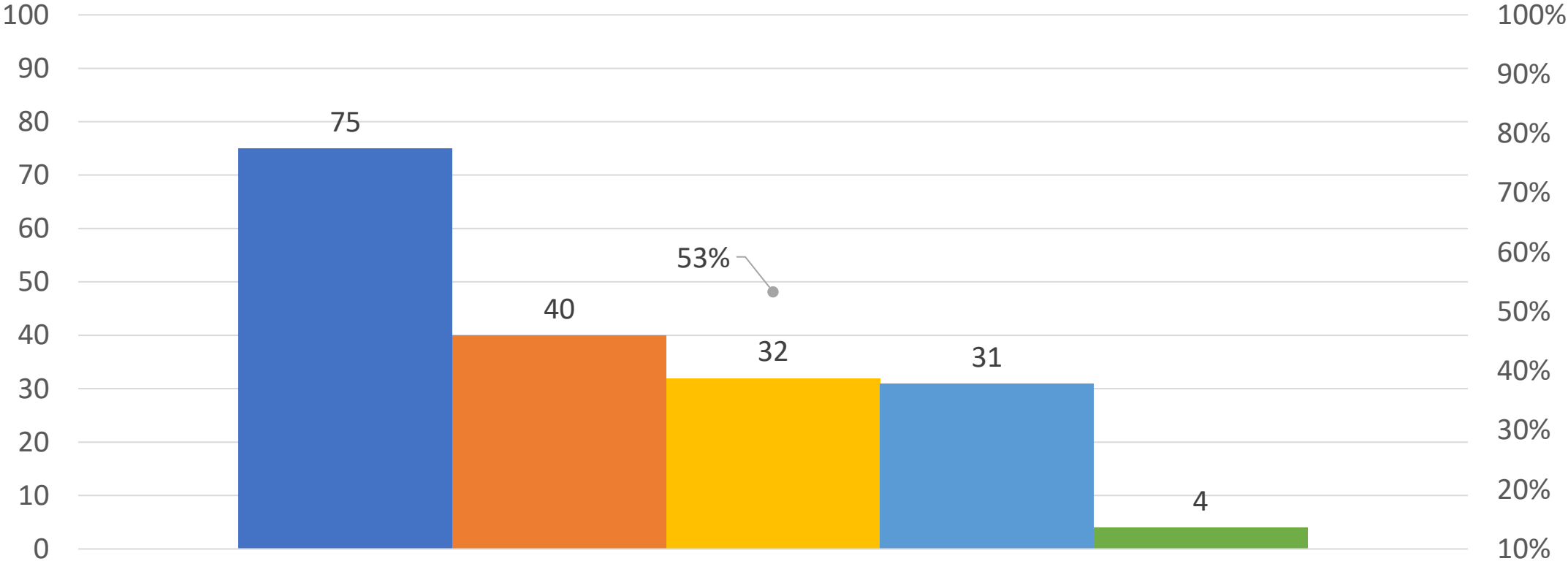
TB testing & treatment cascade



HCV testing & treatment cascade



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Nelson Mandela Bay

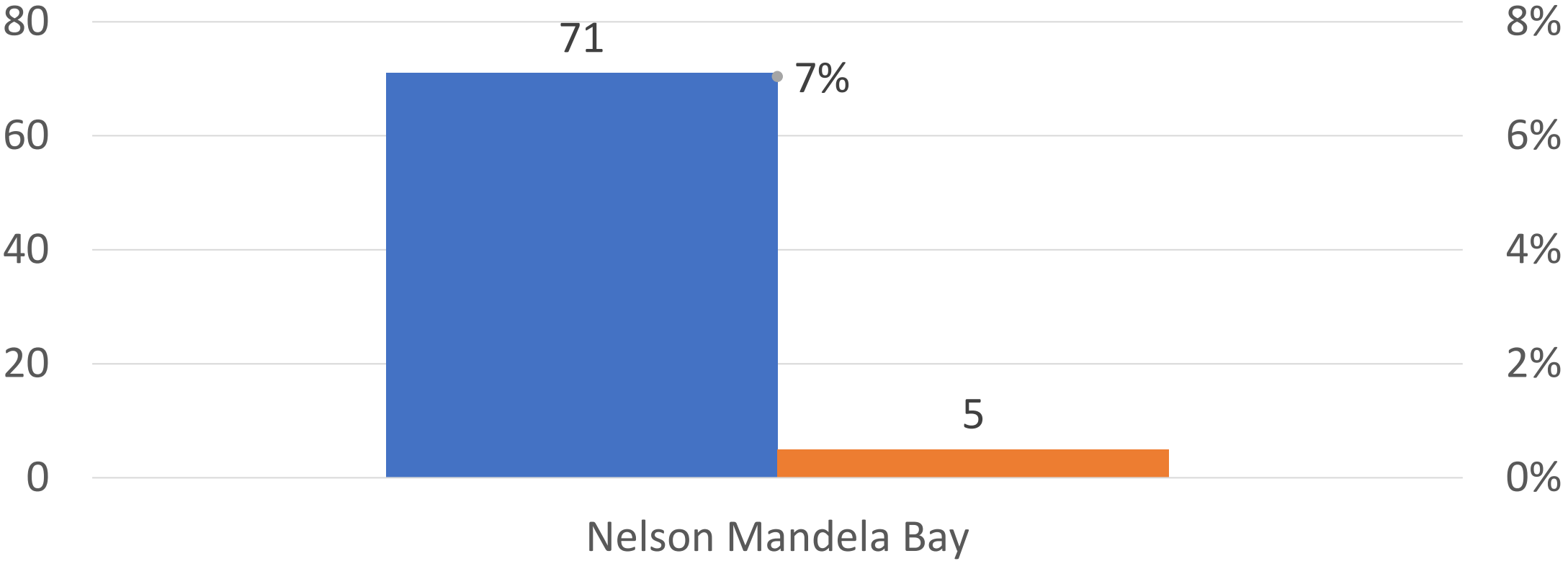
■ HCV screen ■ anti-HCV +ve ■ Confirmed infection ■ Started Rx ■ SVR12 ● anti-HCV %



HBV testing



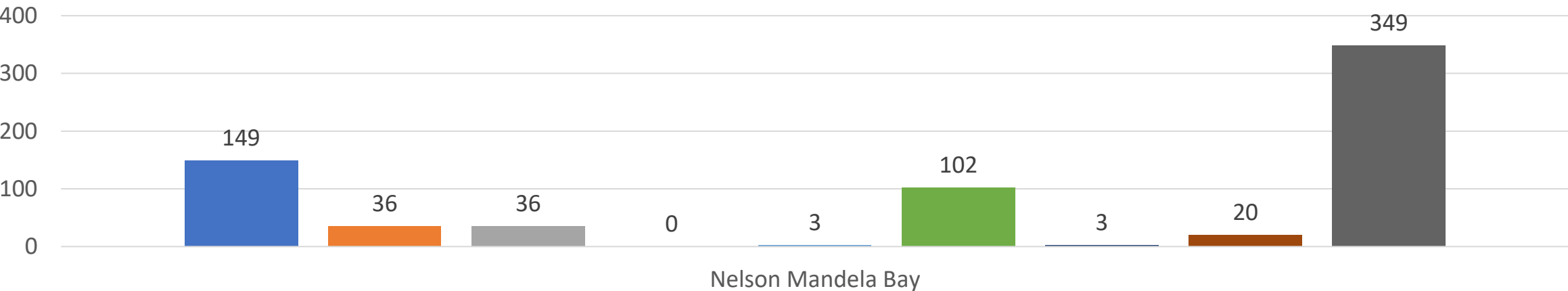
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■ HBV screen ■ HBsAg+ve • HBsAg+ve %



Human rights violations



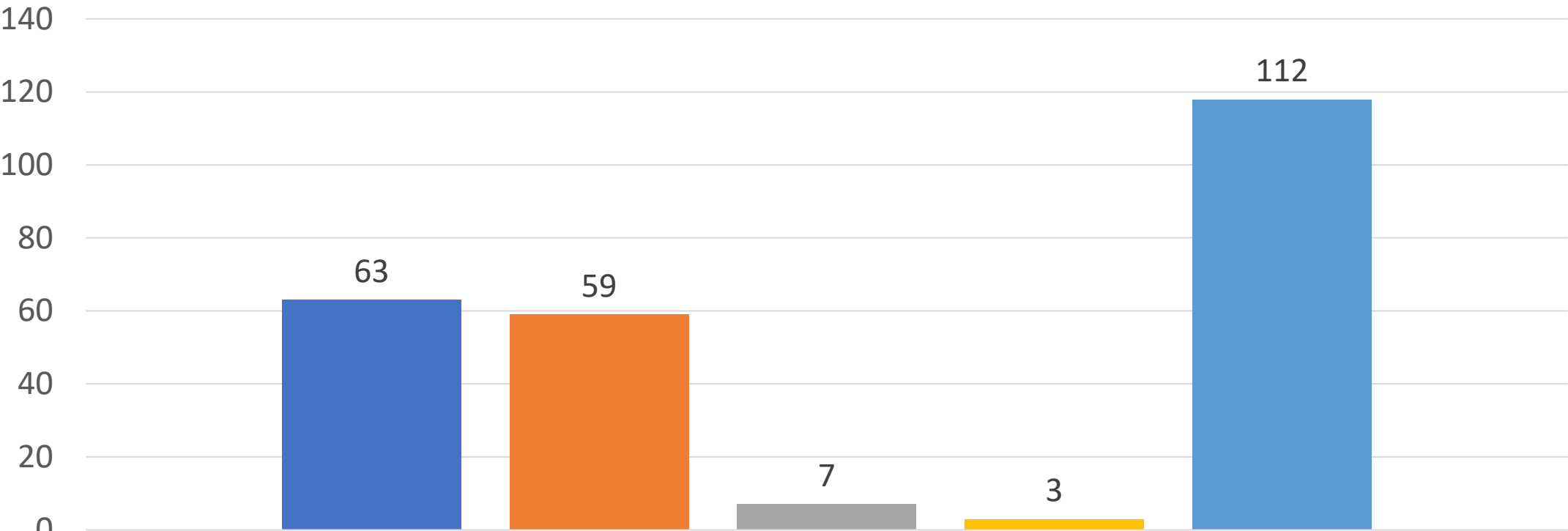
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and assaulted
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and arrested
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and personal photos taken without consent
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and medication taken
- Assaulted
- Falsely arrested
- Other
- Total number of violations reported



Opioid agonist therapy



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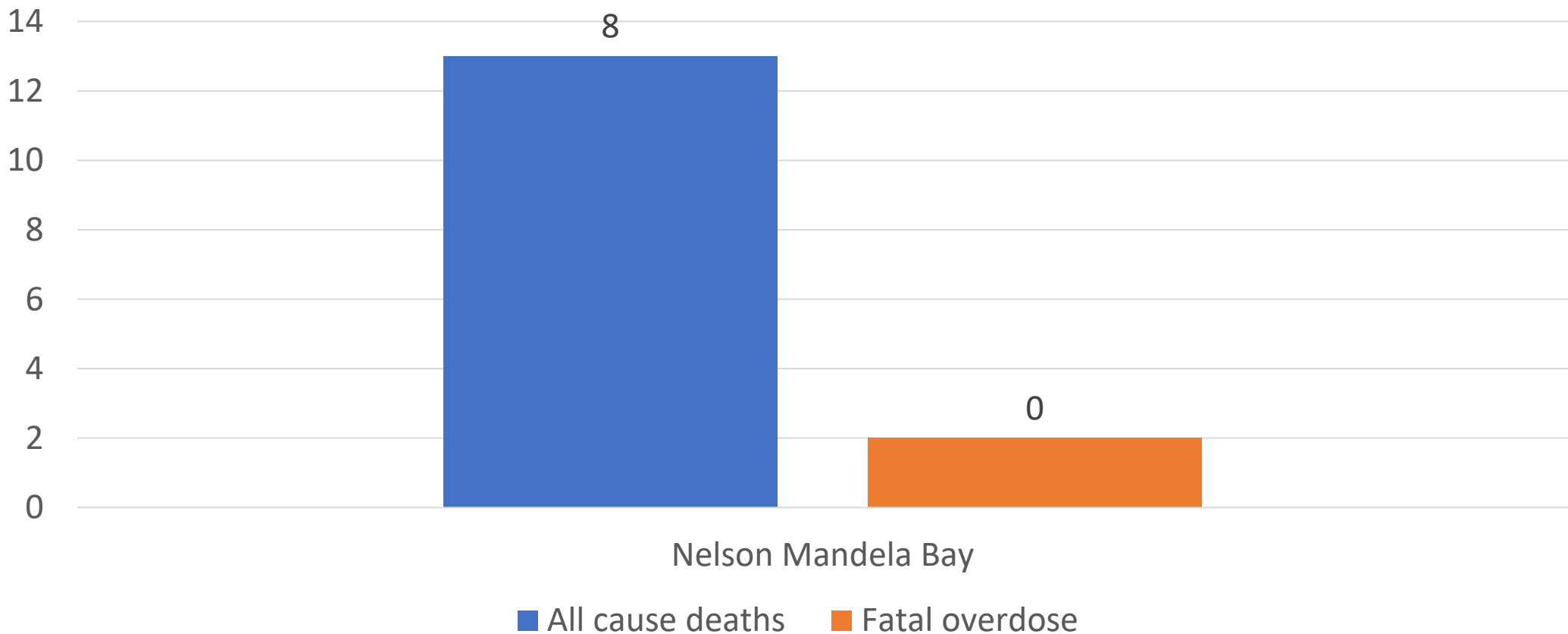


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■ On OST (start of period) ■ Re/Started OST ■ Exited/dropped out ■ Died ■ On OST (end of period)



Mortality & overdose



Issues & challenges



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- Community-level stigma and discrimination against people who use drugs (PWUD) and the organizations that support key populations. A major barrier to acceptance is significant Stigma and Discrimination that results in violations reported by PWID.
- Adherence to treatment for PWID on ART/TB/Hepatitis medication.
- LTF. PWID are often mobile which presents unique challenges for healthcare service delivery.



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Successes

- 100% linkage for newly diagnosed TB/HIV clients.
- The OST program has been successful with multiple health and social benefits for our clients.
- The implementation of the Naloxone Pilot Program, aiming to address opioid overdoses by distributing naloxone kits, providing training, and raising community awareness around overdose.





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