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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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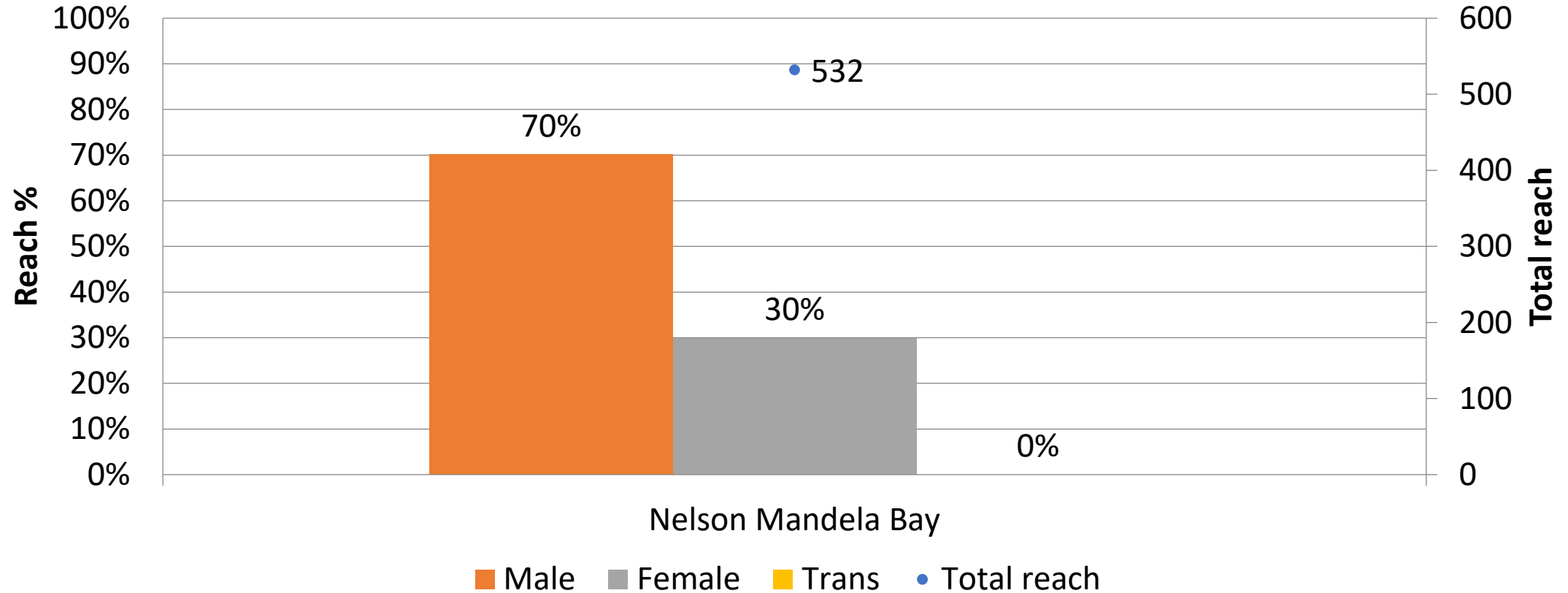
Needle & syringe reach, by gender



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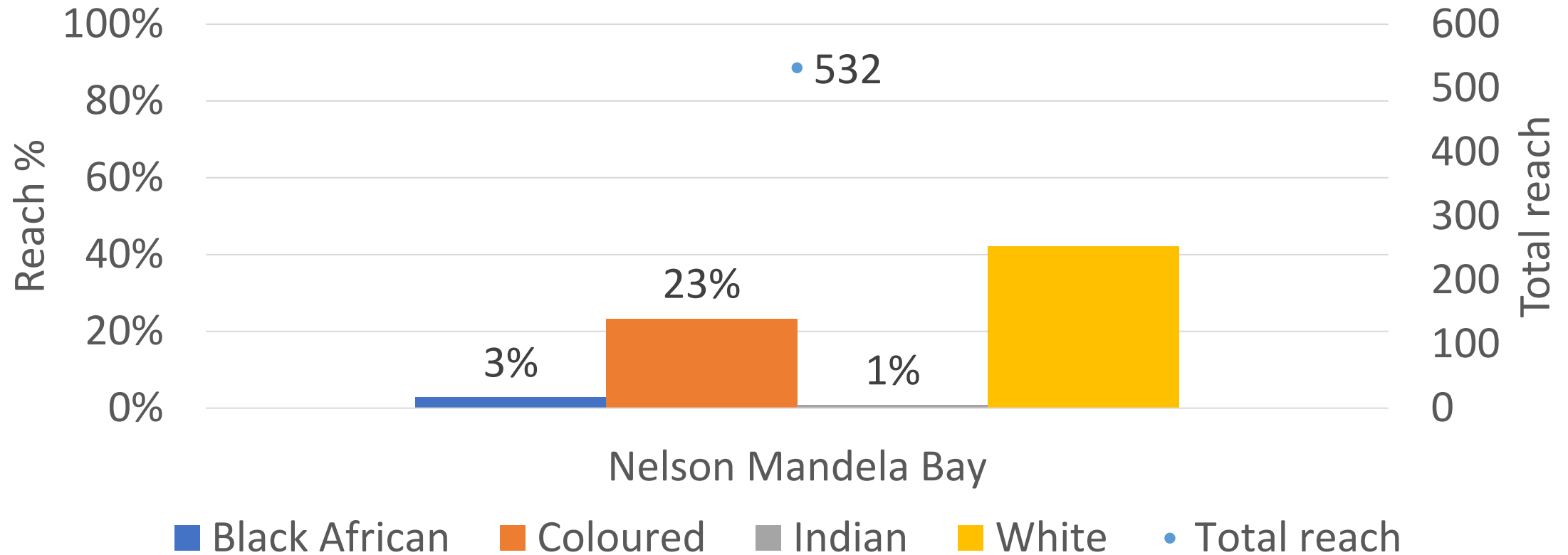
Needle & syringe reach, by population group



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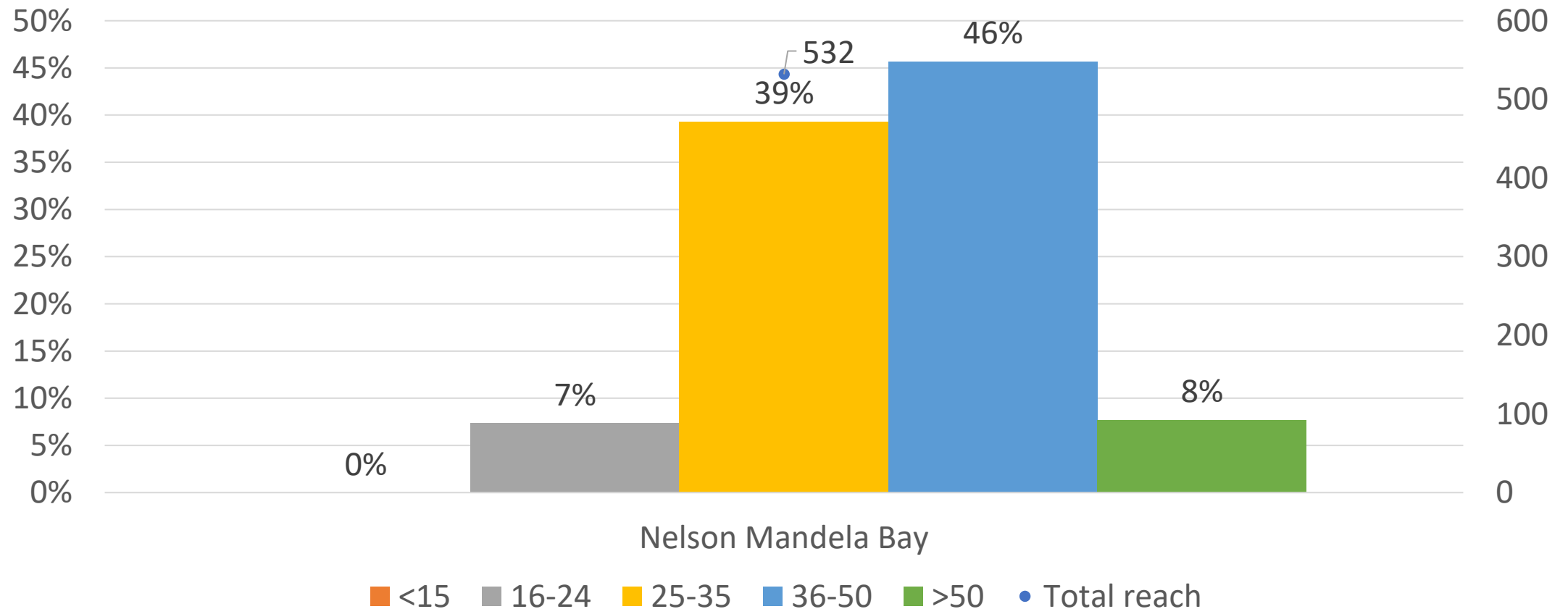
Needle & syringe reach, by age



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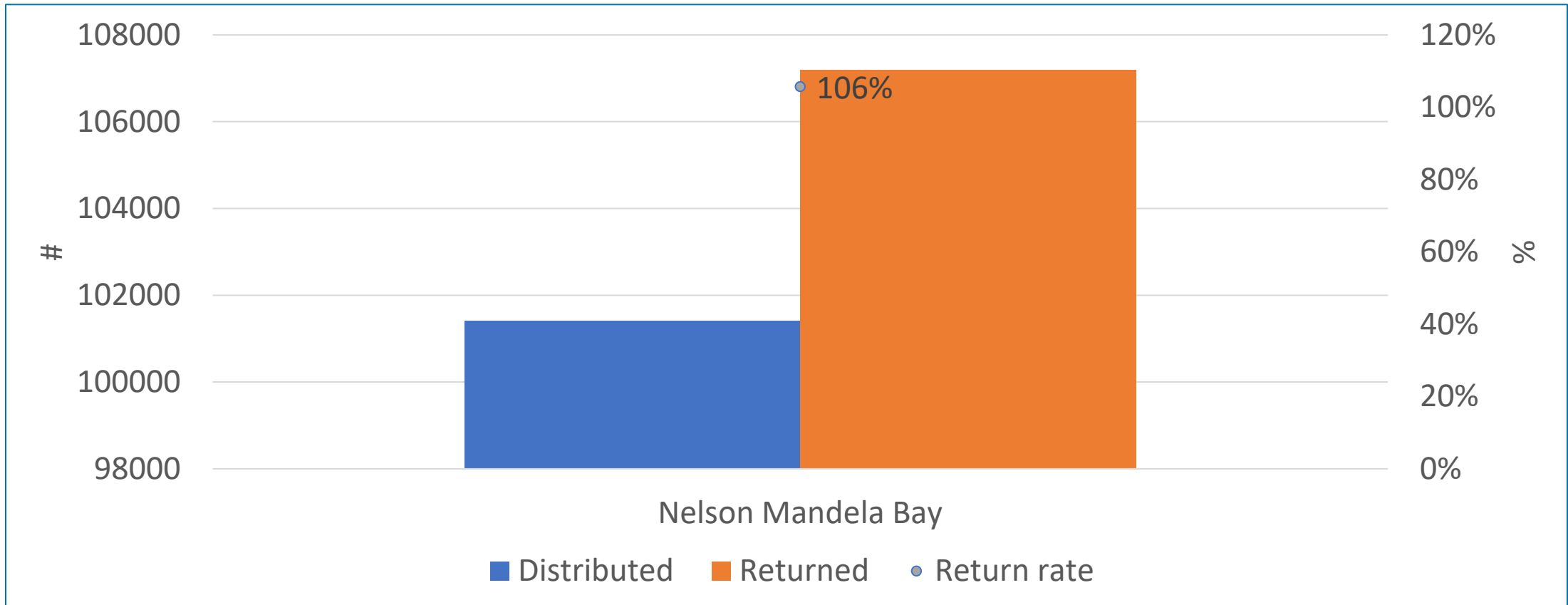
Needle & syringe distribution & return rate



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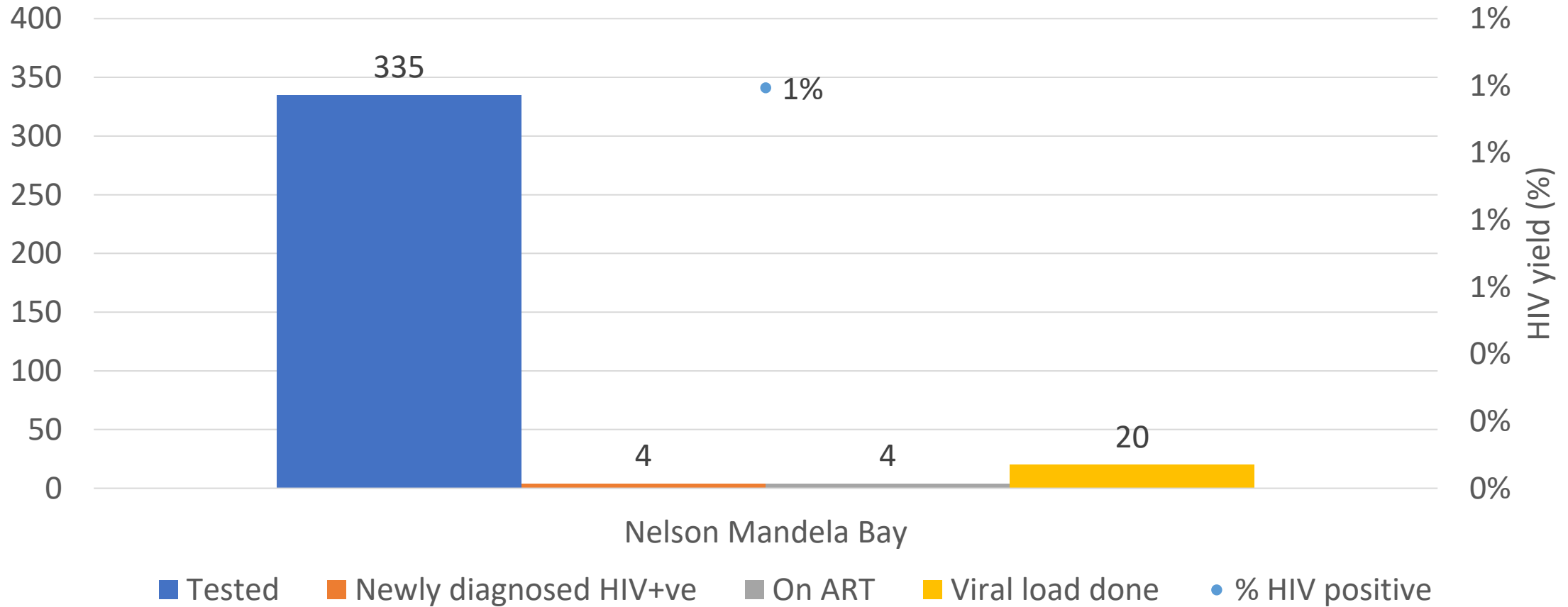
HIV testing & treatment cascade



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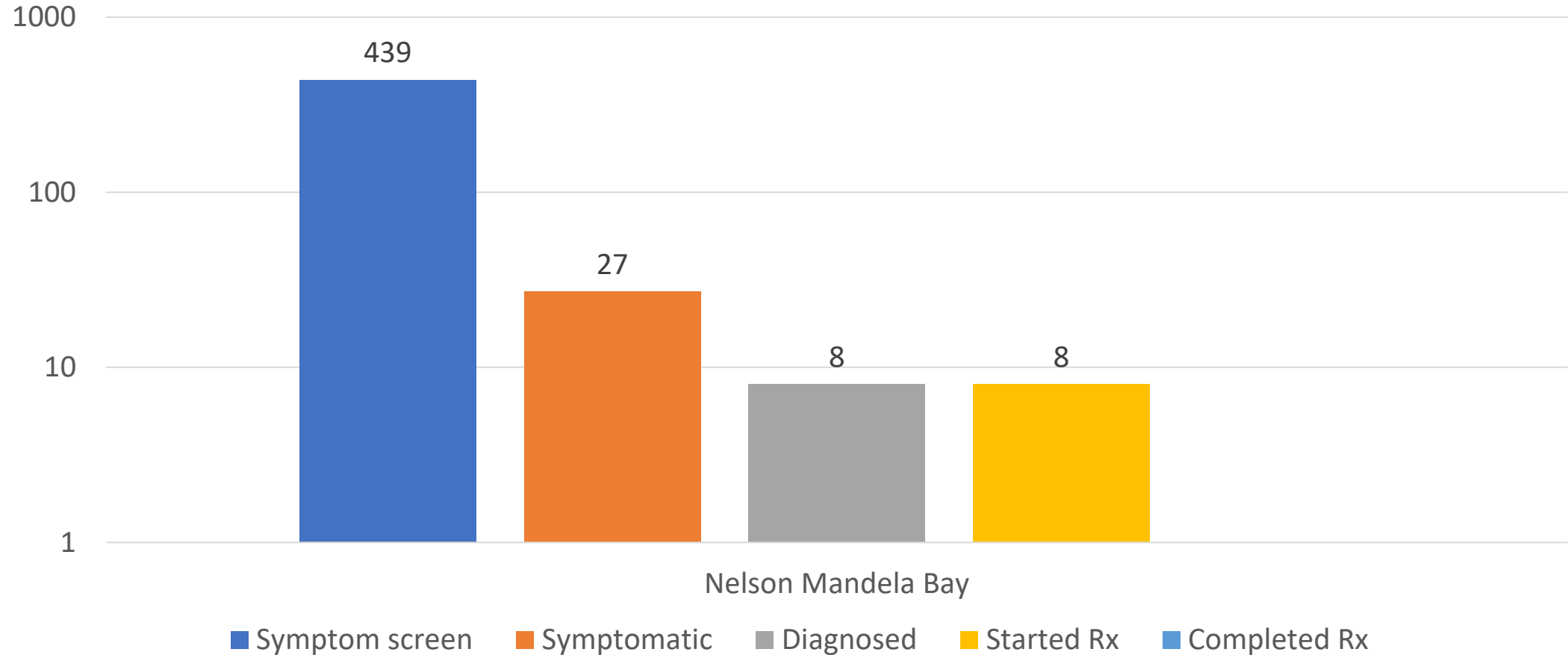
TB testing & treatment cascade



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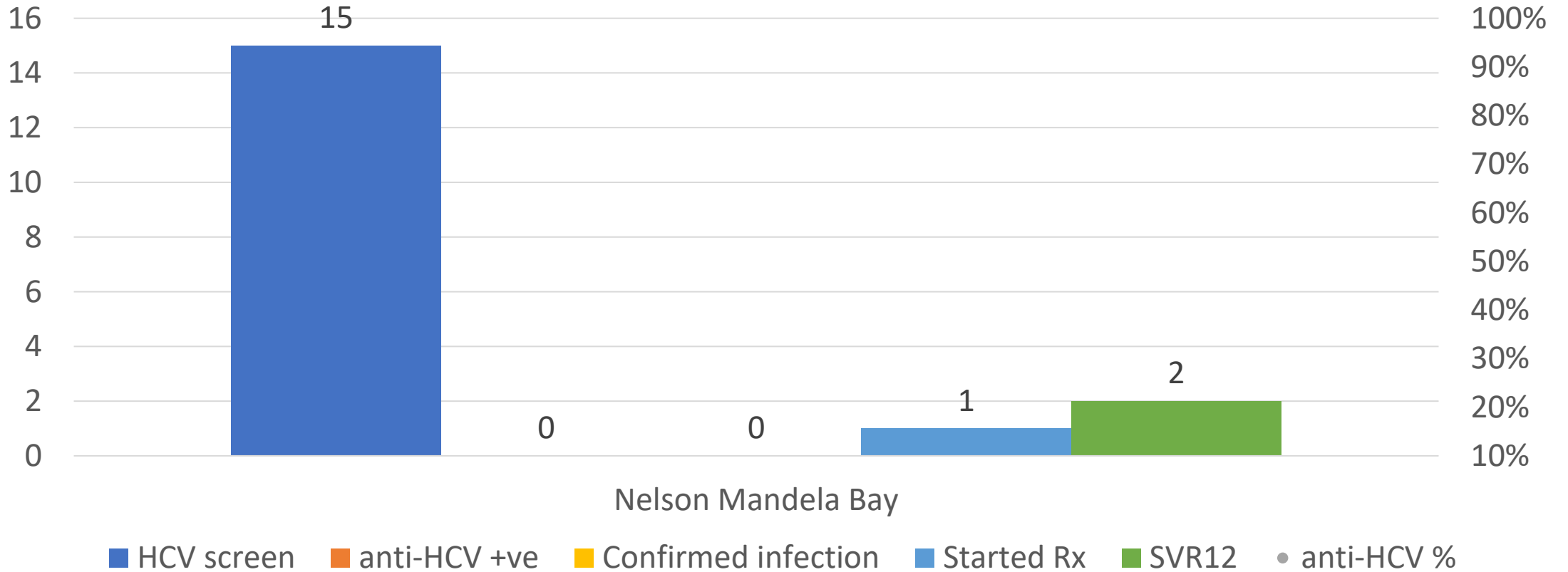
HCV testing & treatment cascade



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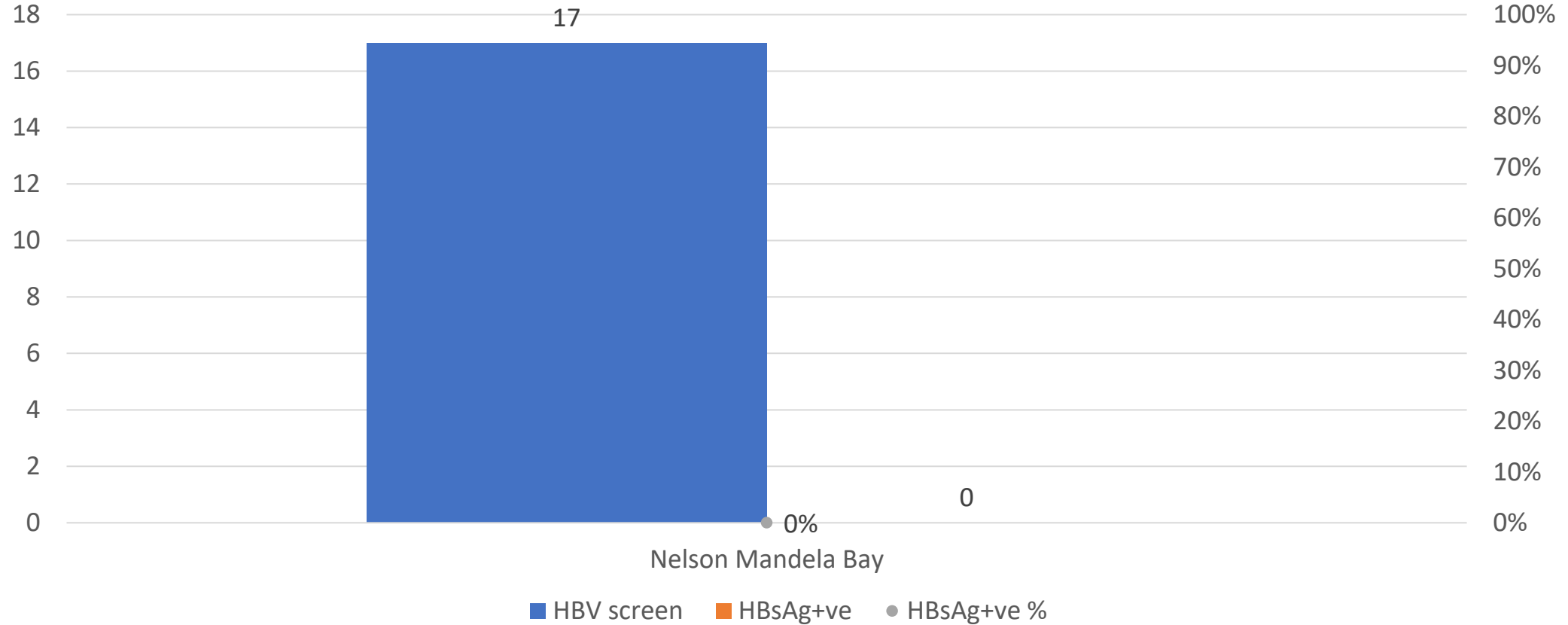
HBV testing



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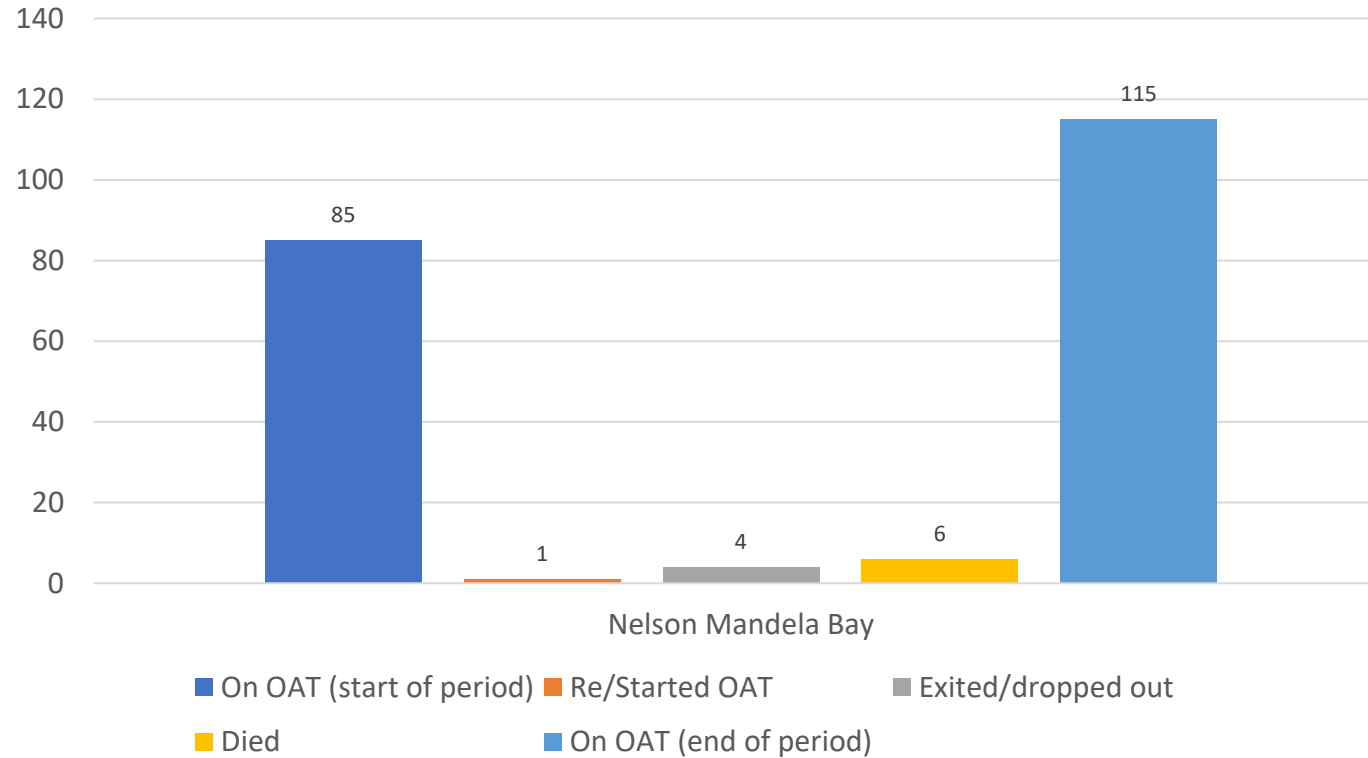
Opioid agonist therapy



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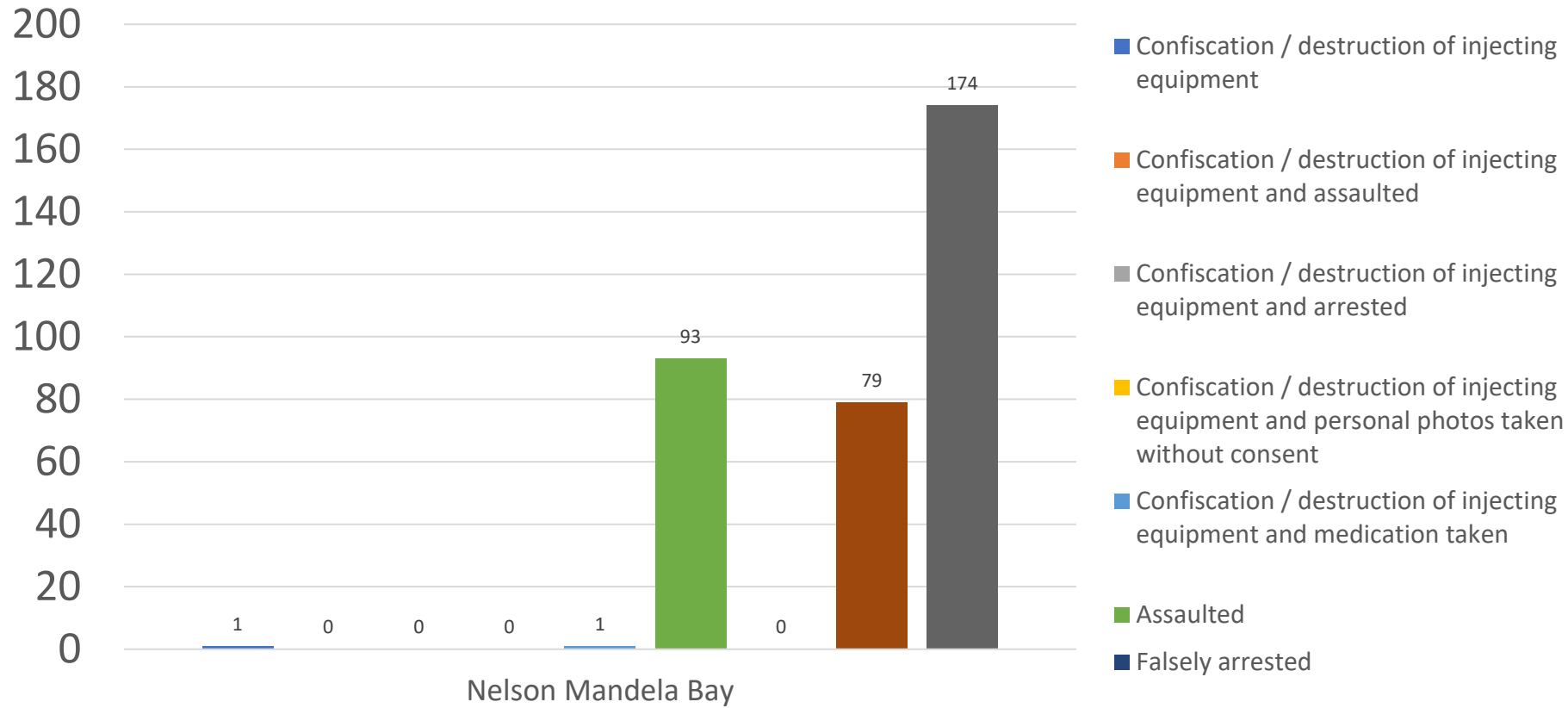
Human rights violations



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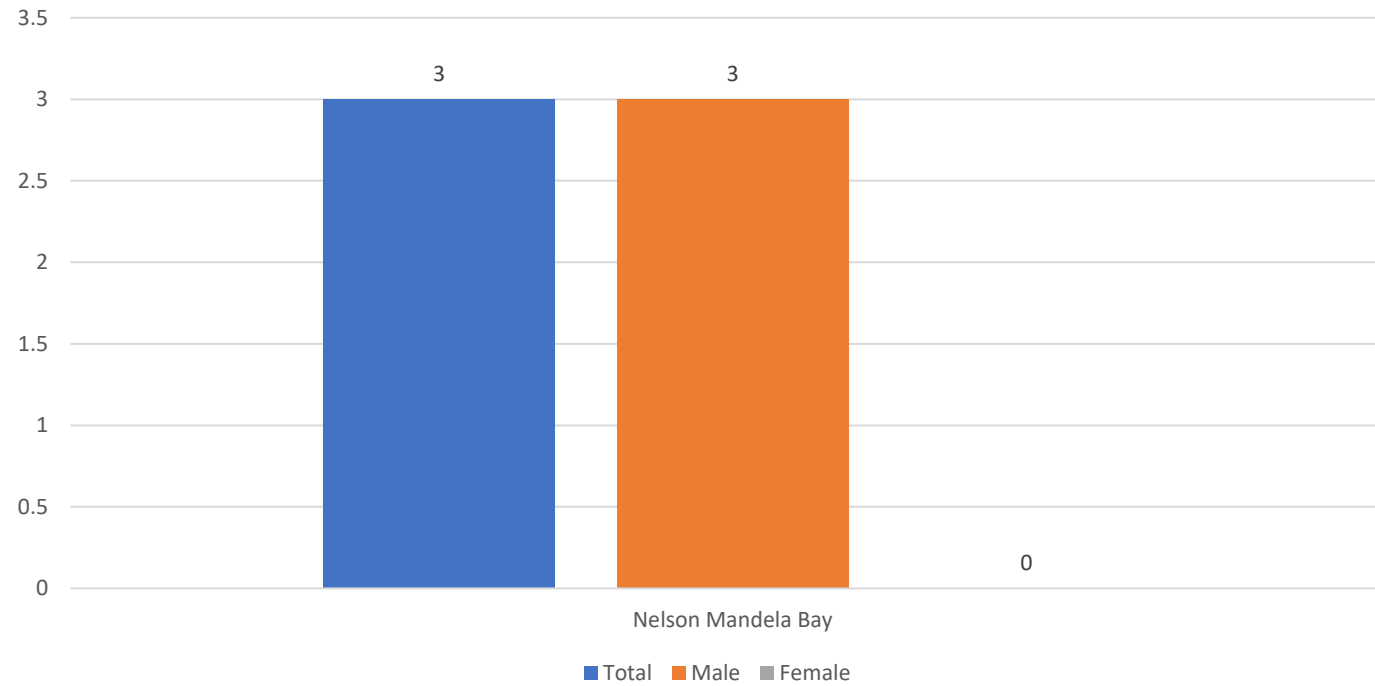
Mortality



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No fatal overdoses reported this period



Issues & challenges



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- High TB burden - higher numbers of cases than in other districts.
- Despite effectiveness of naloxone pilot, it has not been continued for now.
- Persisting high numbers of human rights violations – confiscation of injecting equipment and assault
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Successes

- Good retention on OAT, despite transition to new principle recipient
- HIV testing yield has reduced over time – suggested effects of HIV prevention interventions for PWID (NSP, OAT, testing and treatment)
- Viral hepatitis service integration has been good.





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