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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: Western Cape

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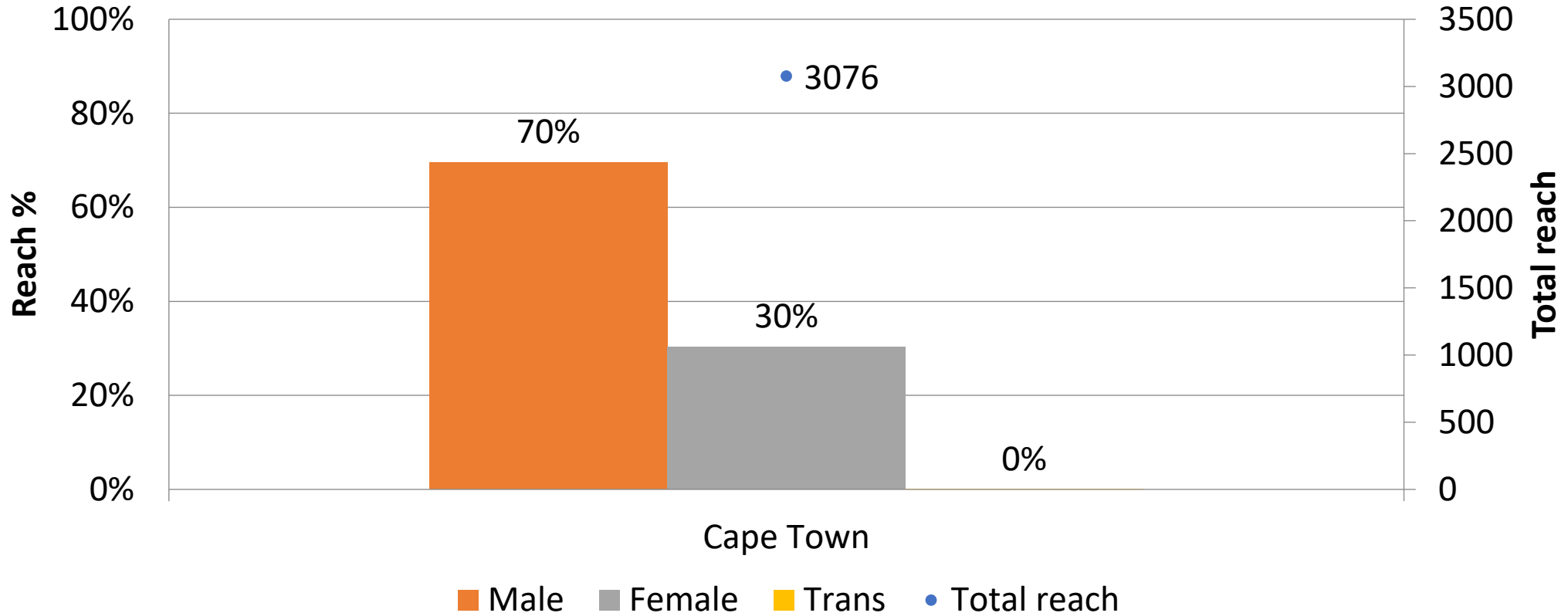
Needle & syringe reach, by gender



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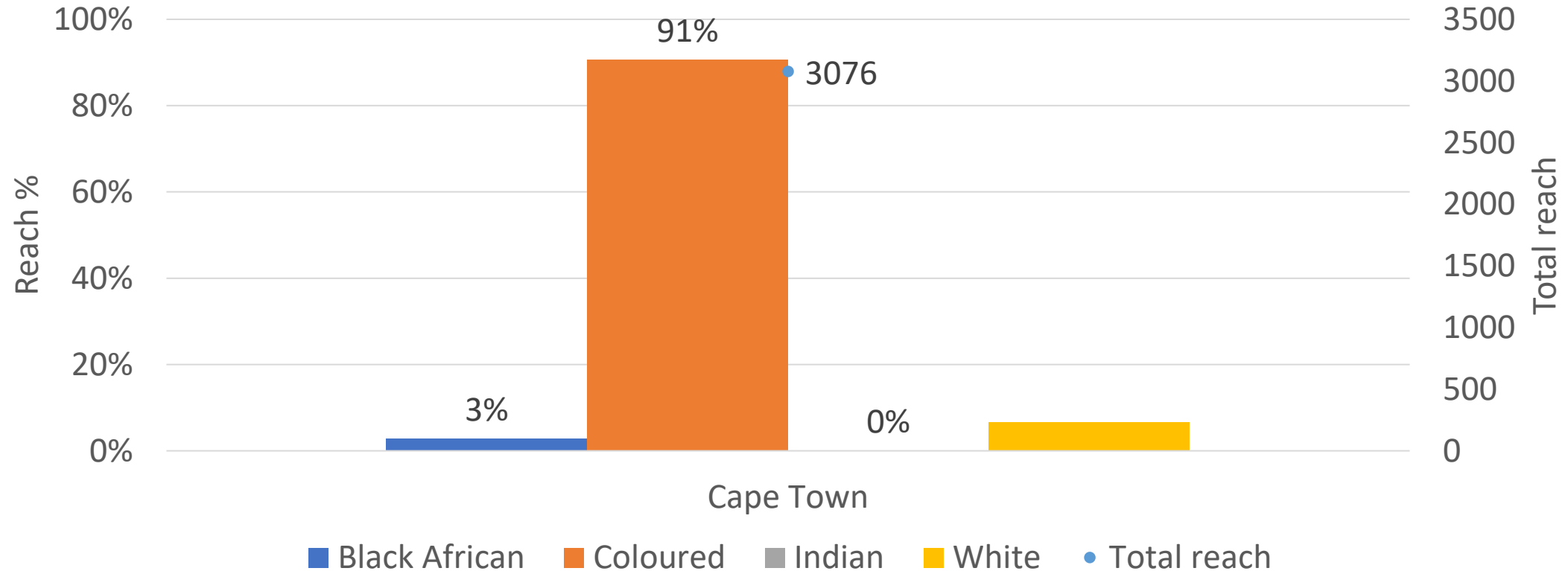
Needle & syringe reach, by population group



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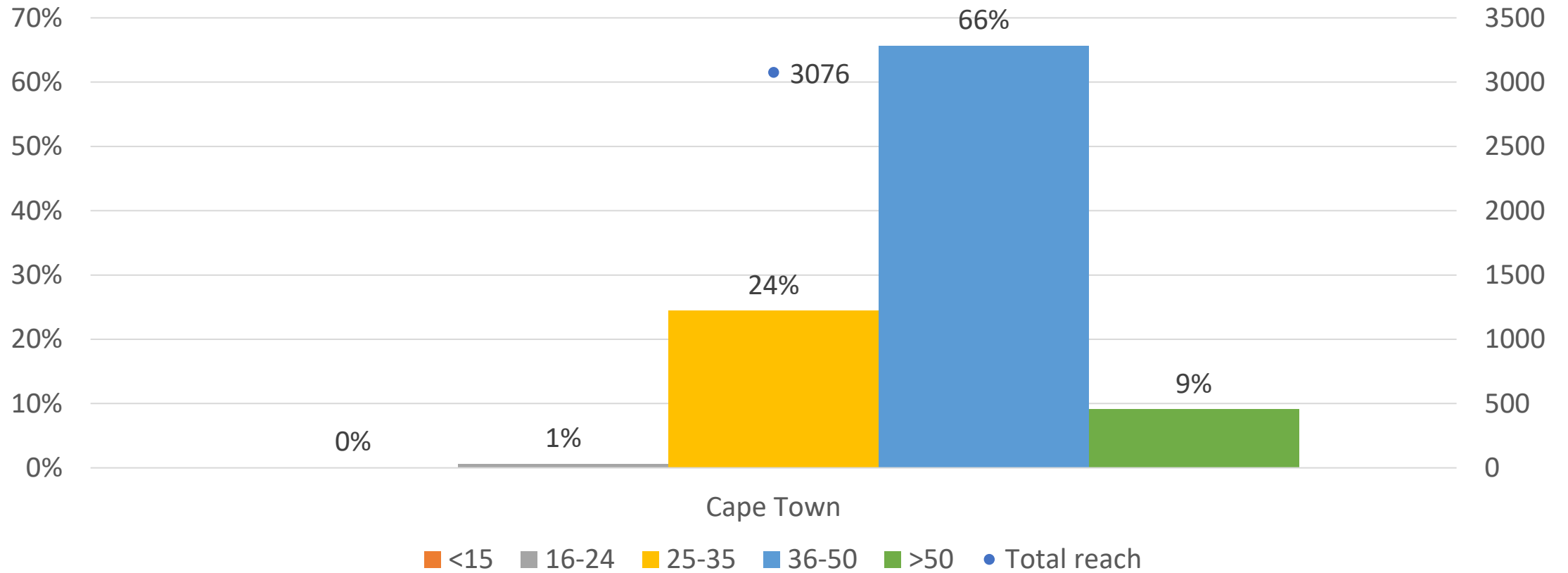
Needle & syringe reach, by age



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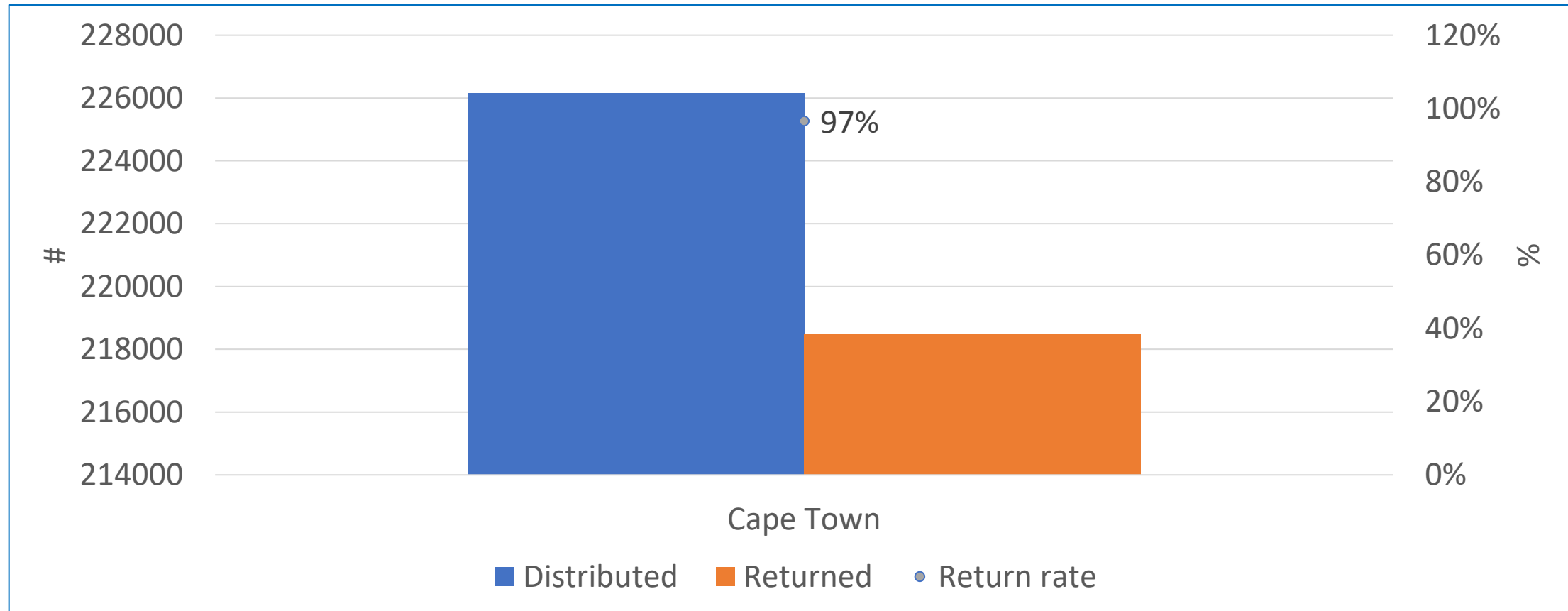
Needle & syringe distribution & return rate



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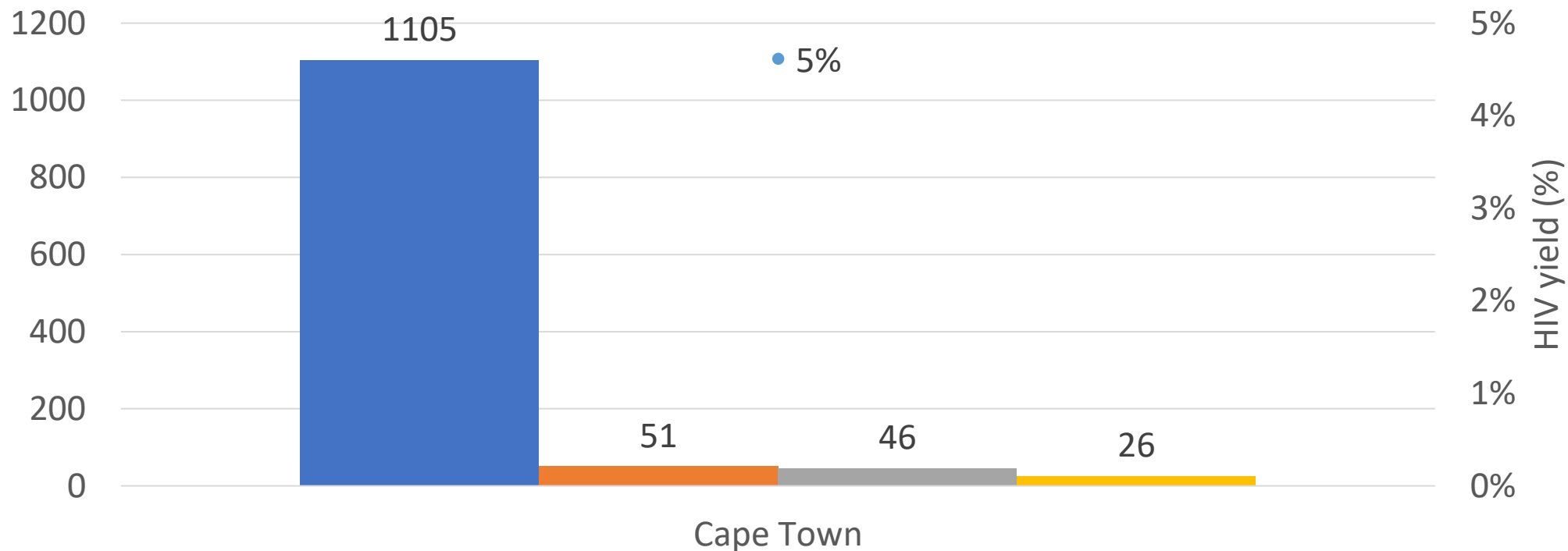
HIV testing & treatment cascade



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■ Tested ■ Newly diagnosed HIV+ve ■ On ART ■ Viral load done • % HIV positive



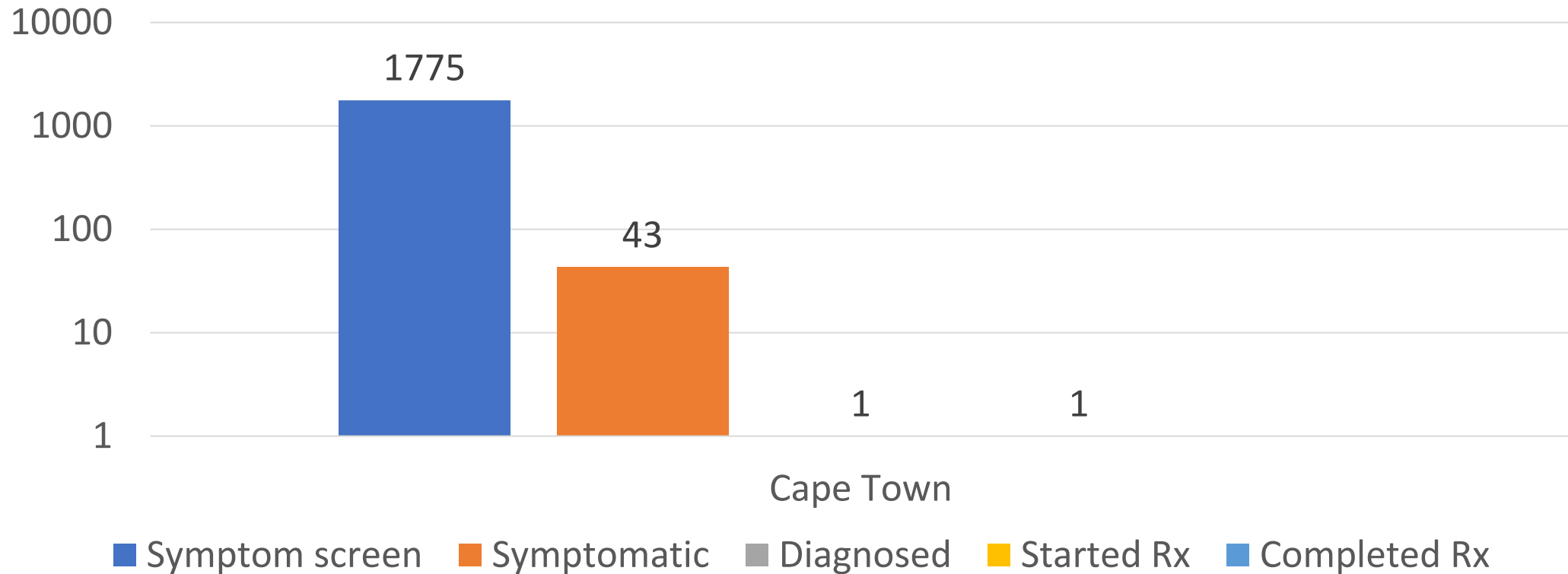
TB testing & treatment cascade



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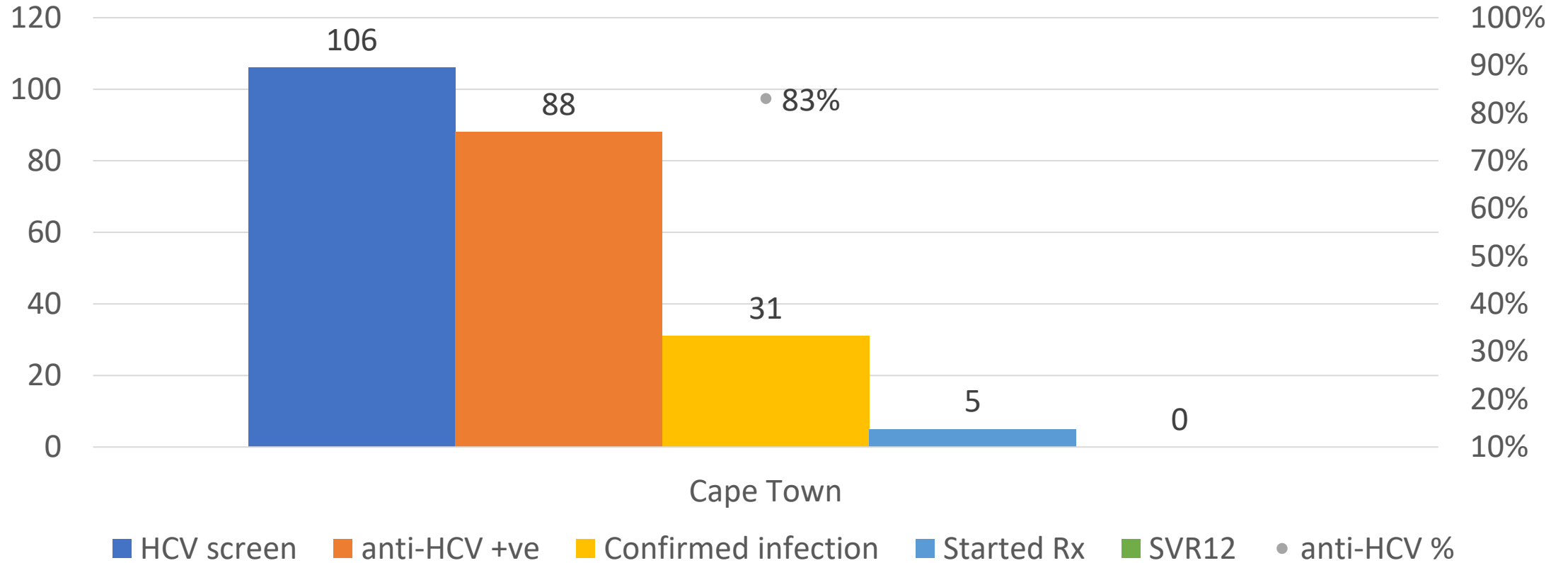
HCV testing & treatment cascade



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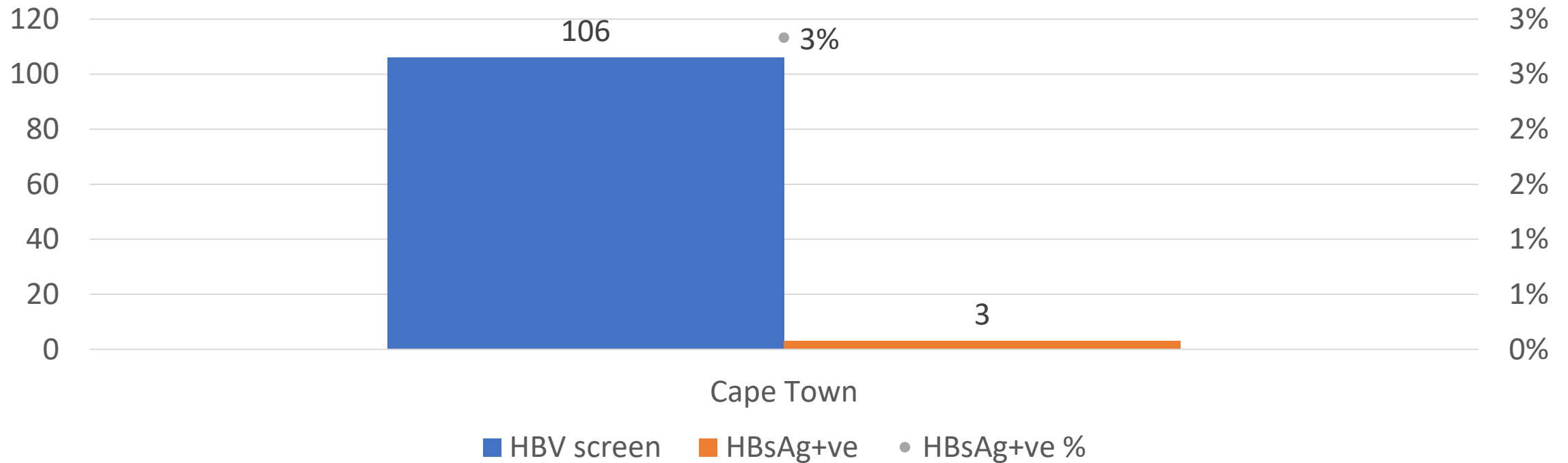
HBV testing



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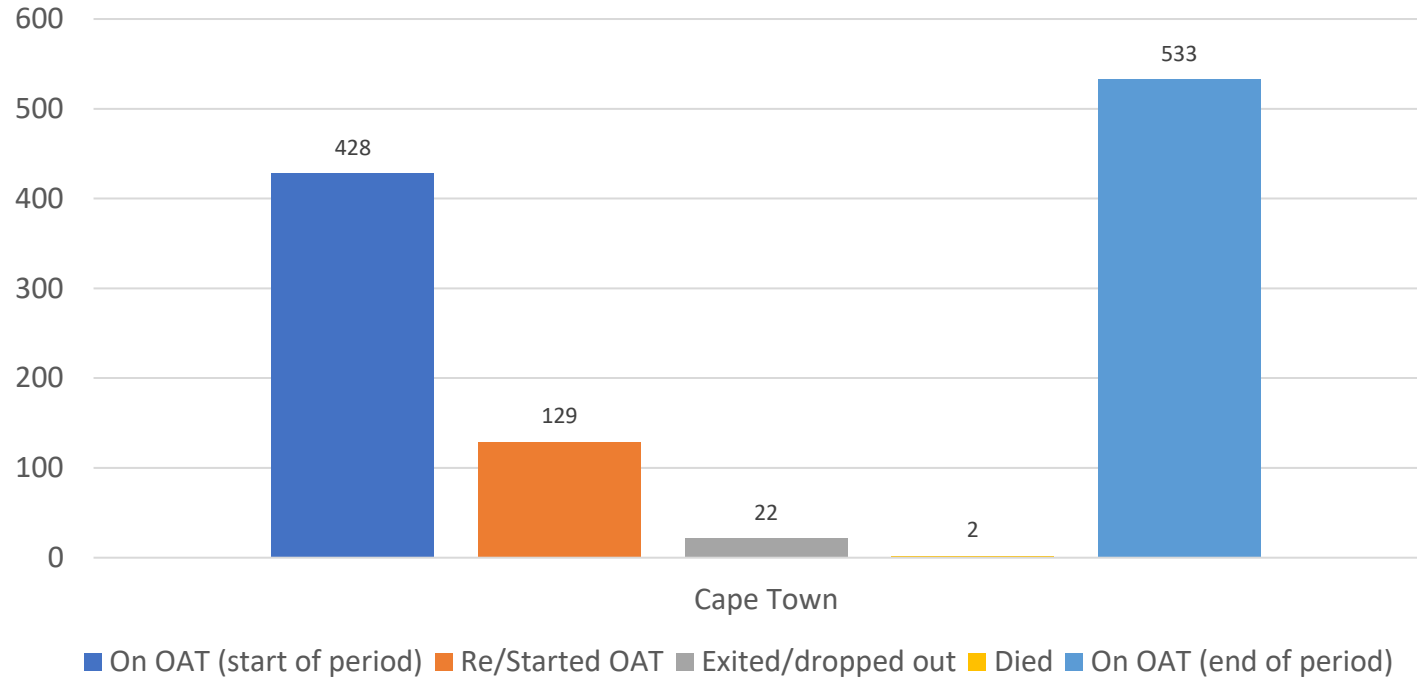
Opioid agonist therapy



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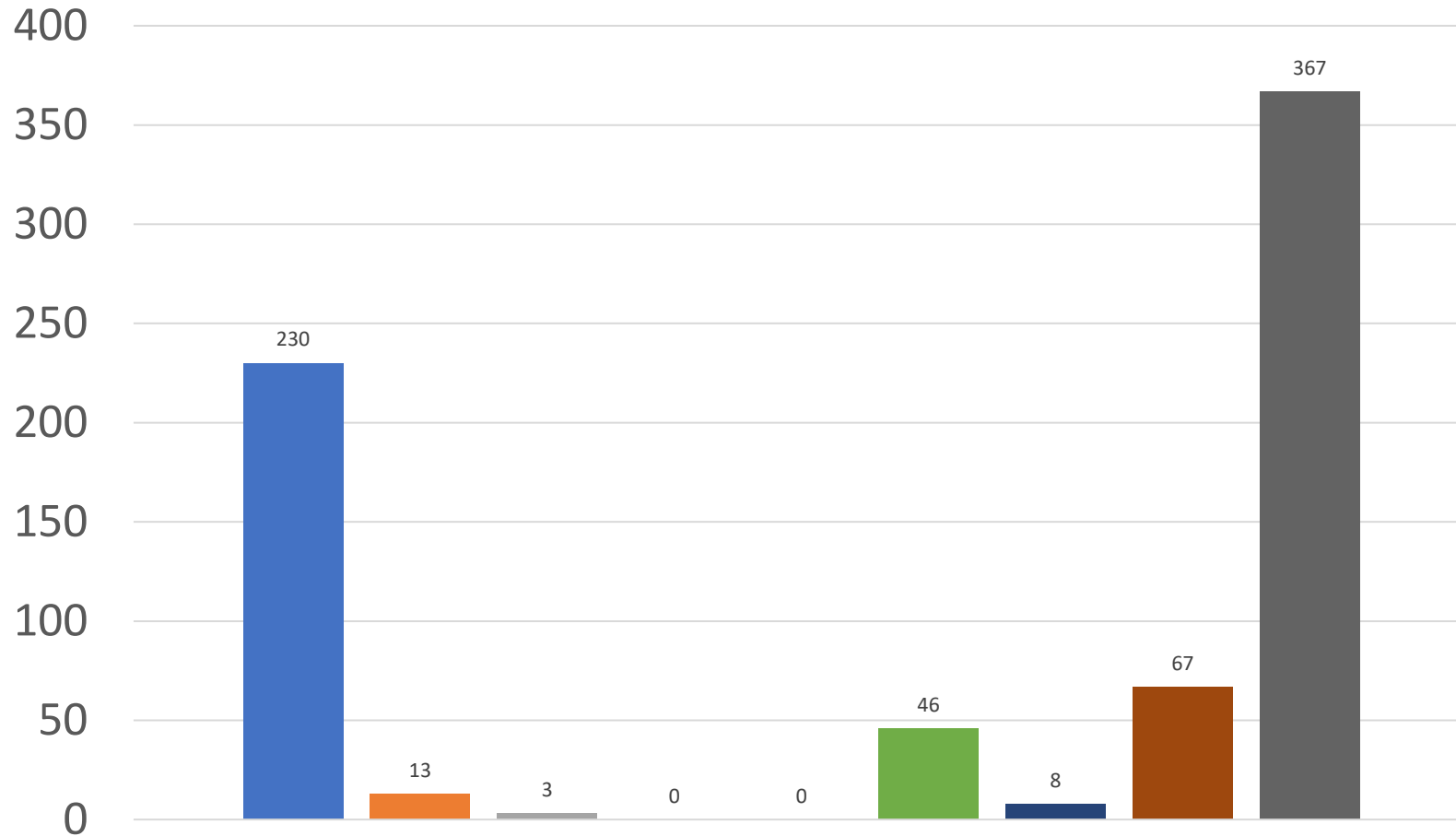
Human rights violations



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- 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

Cape Town



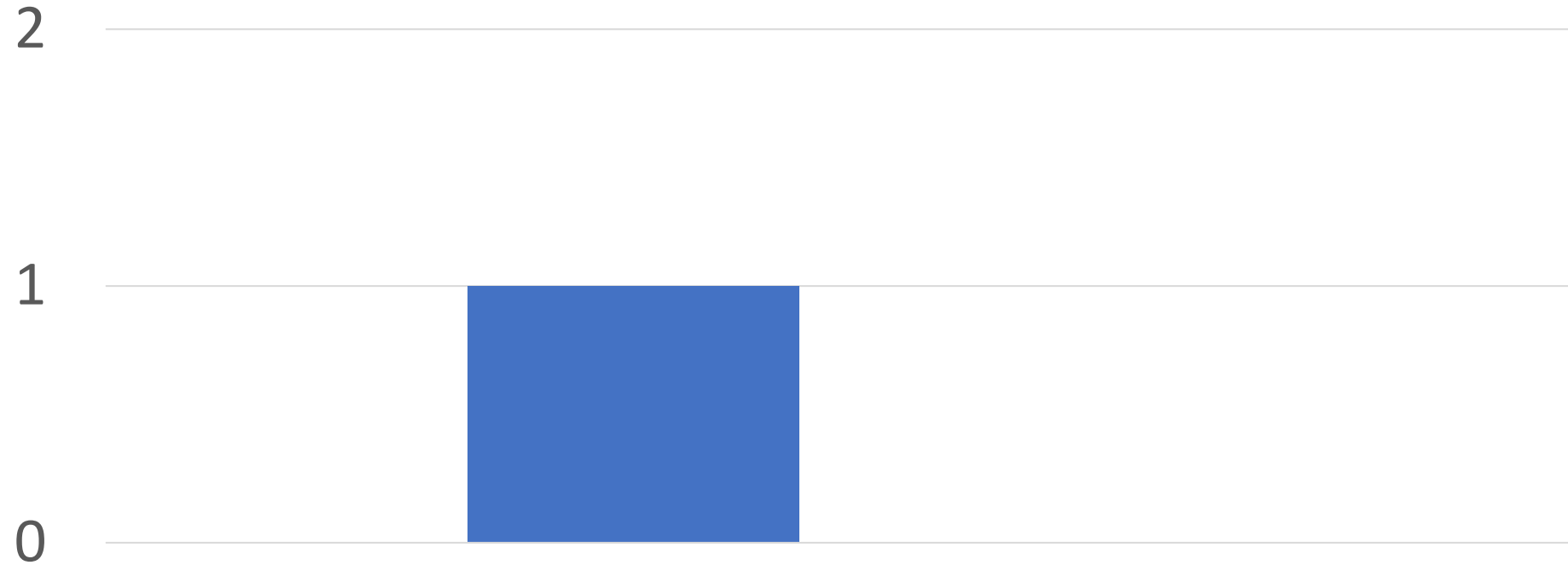
Mortality & overdose



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■ All cause deaths ■ Fatal overdose



Issues & challenges



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Delays in finalisation of contracting and transition to new principle recipient
Ongoing high levels of needle/ syringe confiscations .

- Transition of the programme from NACOSA to Aurum as the new Global Fund PR
- Uncertainty of programming



Successes



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Highest NSP coverage in a 6 month period to date

High proportion of women who inject drugs accessing services (30%)





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