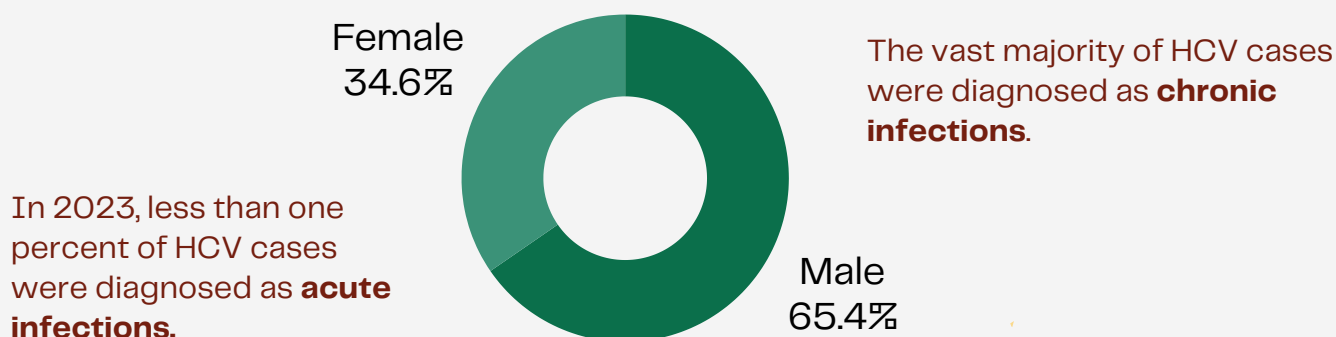


Hepatitis C in Wyoming

Hepatitis C (HCV) is a virus that affects the liver. HCV is spread through blood-to-blood contact, condomless sexual contact, and from a mother to her baby during birth. People at risk for hepatitis C include people who have used injection drugs, infants born to infected mothers, those who received a blood or organ transplant before 1992, recipients of blood clotting factor before 1987, people living with HIV, and men who have sex with men.

2023 Cases

During 2023, there were **211** cases of hepatitis C reported.



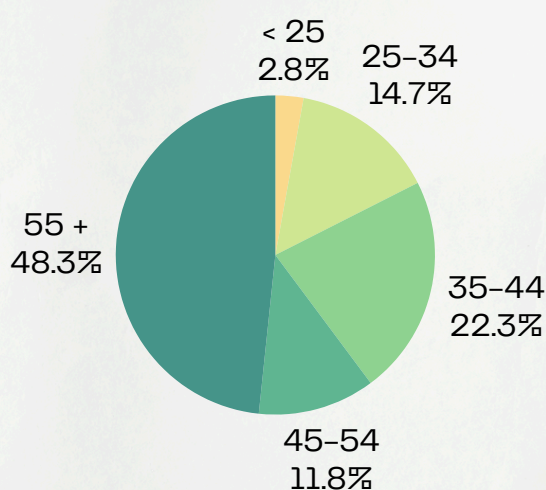
In 2023, less than one percent of HCV cases were diagnosed as **acute infections**.



Cases ≤ 36 years

In 2023, almost one-fifth (**19.9%**) of the newly diagnosed hepatitis C cases were **under the age of 36 years**.

Cases by Age-group



In 2023, **almost half** of HCV cases were reported in the **55 + age group**.

Injection Drug Use (IDU)

Of the investigated cases **under the age of 36 years**, almost three-fourths reported IDU as a risk factor.



Risk Factors

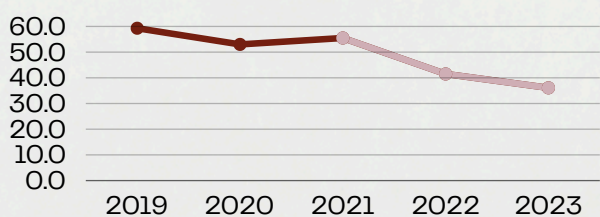
The data points associated with risk factors are **limited**.

Symptoms

Many people who are infected with hepatitis C **do not have symptoms**. If symptoms do occur, they include yellowing of the skin and eyes (jaundice), nausea, clay-colored stool, or dark urine. Hepatitis C is detected with a blood test, and in most cases, hepatitis C is curable with medication.

New HCV Diagnosis Rates

The HCV rate **decreased** in 2022 and 2023.

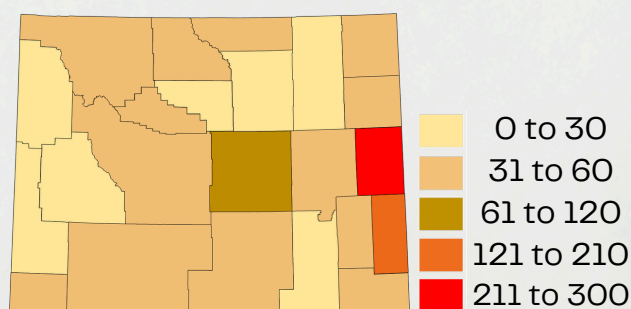


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County Rates, 2019-2023

The elevated five-year rates in **Niobrara** (284.1 per 100,000) and **Goshen** (163.9 per 100,000) are associated with **state correctional facilities**.

Rates by County, 2019-2023



*The rates are per 100,000 population

Note The potential impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on access to hepatitis C virus testing should be considered when interpreting 2020 - 2022 data.

