

MOTHER CITY MEN'S HEALTH PROJECT

Time to Stand Up.

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South African HIV Epidemic

- South Africa is experiencing the world's largest HIV-1 epidemic*
 - Estimated 5.5 million HIV-1 infected individuals
 - 13% of global total
 - Annual incidence of 1.2%
 - Responsible for 48.2% of all deaths
- Two distinct epidemics in the Western Cape
 - Fastest growing epidemics in peri-urban communities
 - Stark contrast in resources

*UNAIDS report 2007



- AIDS was first reported in South Africa among male homosexuals in Cape Town in 1983
 - Heterosexual HIV transmission surpassed homosexual transmission in early 1990's
- Current emphasis of HIV/AIDS programs in South Africa is heterosexual
 - Neglect of MSM sexual transmission research



MSM Community



- Men who have sex with men (MSM) are well represented in Cape Town
- Same-sex sexual activity is legal
- Multiple gay social and support groups
- Data on MSM sexual risk behaviour and HIV prevalence is almost completely lacking



Rights Violations and HIV Prevalence Among MSM in Peri-Urban Cape Town



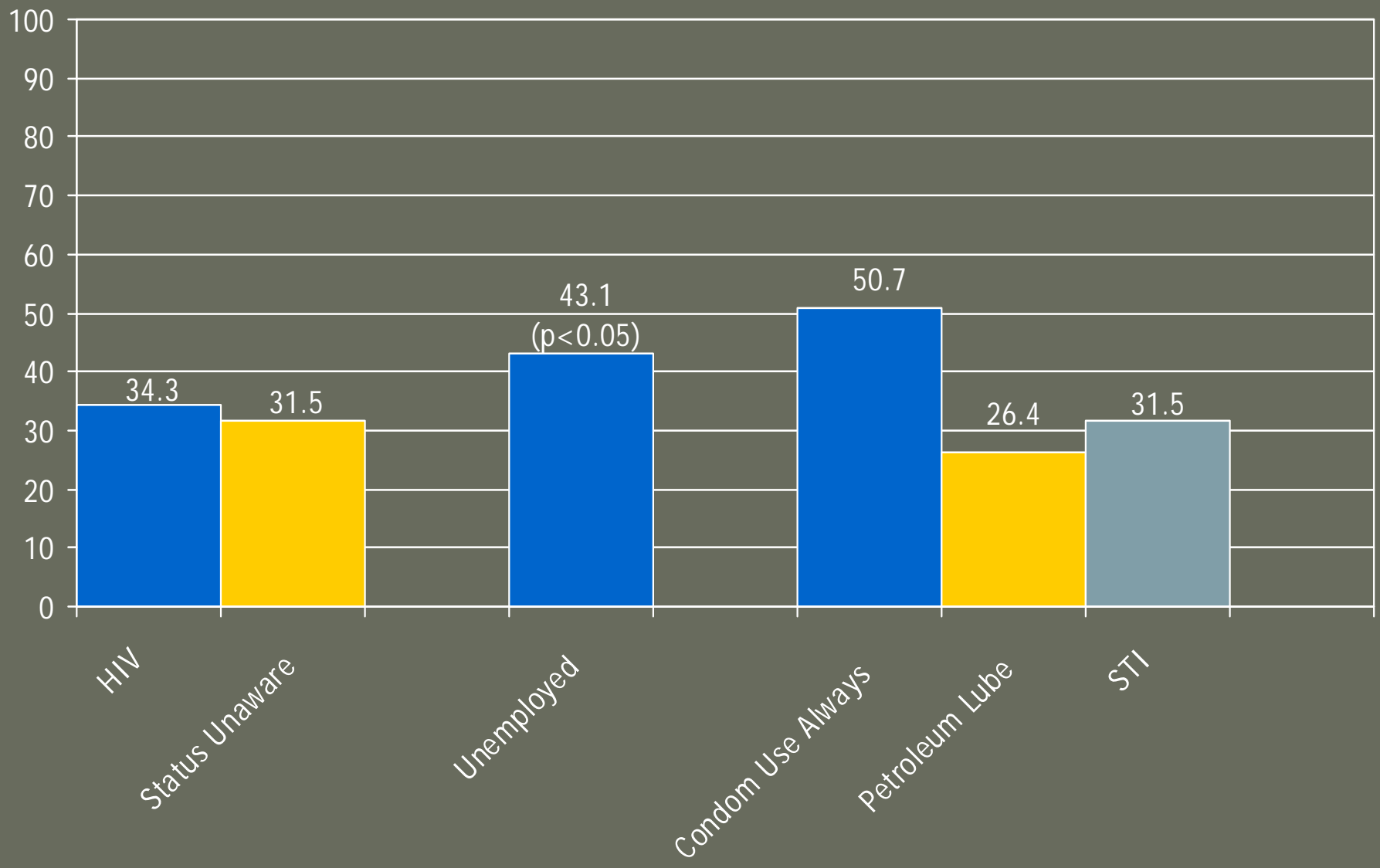


Methods

- Anonymous, venue-based HIV risk behavior and prevalence probe
 - 200 self-identified MSM
 - Black and mixed race townships in Cape Town
- Questionnaire administered by a health worker
 - Demographics
 - Sexual risk behavior
 - Rights abuse
- HIV assessed via OraQuick® rapid HIV-1/2 antibody test
- 73 men enrolled at 12 events

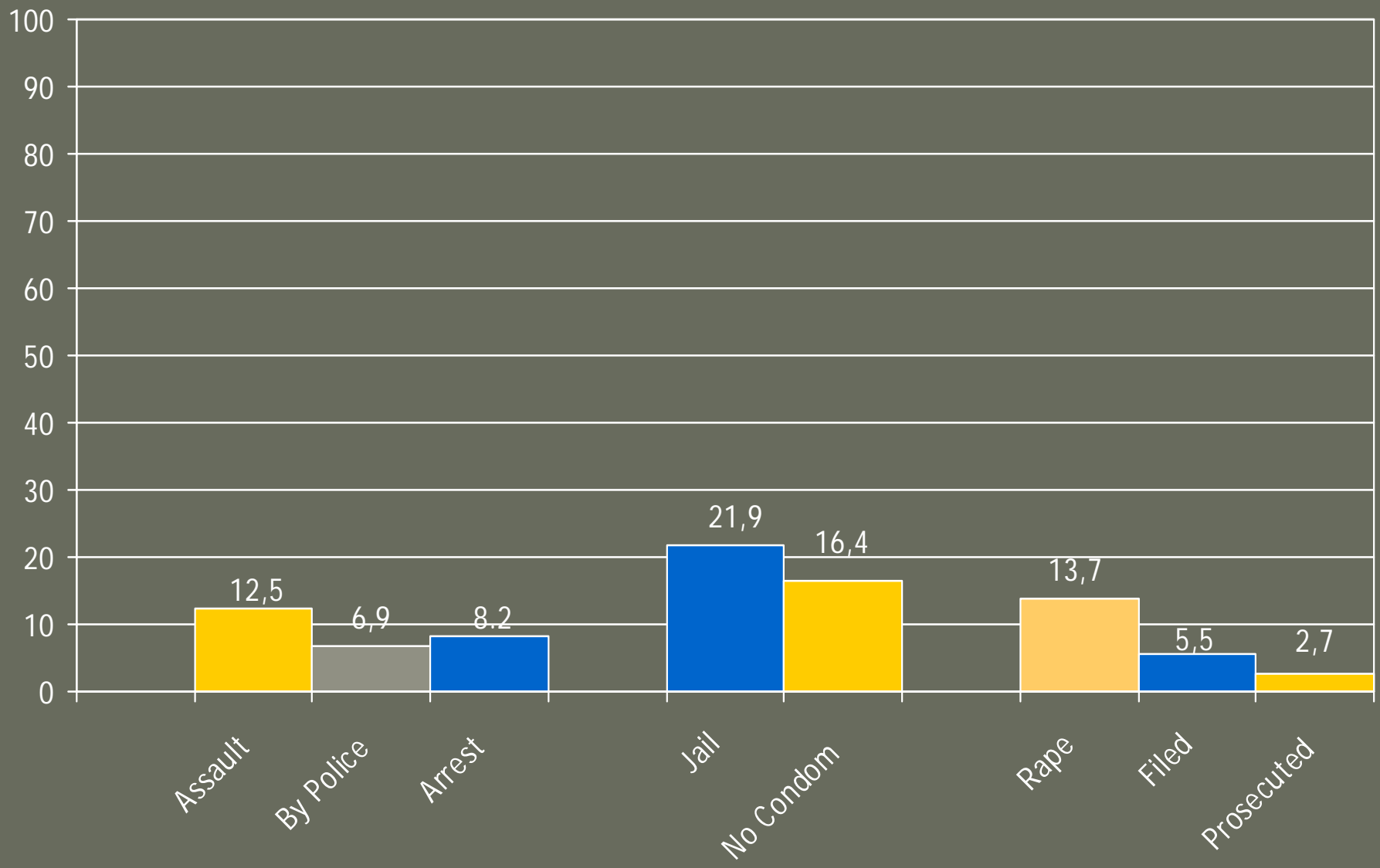


Results





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Conclusions

- High HIV prevalence among township MSM communities
- Disturbing number of human rights abuses based on sexual orientation
- Systematic homophobia and violence

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