




Amsterdam Public Health Services  
Center for Sexual Health

# Building Bridges

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Use of HIV/STI services and gender-affirming care  
for transgender and gender diverse communities  
in Amsterdam at an NGO-Public Health co-led clinic.



# Background

## THE LANCET

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### Transgender Health

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Published: June 17, 2016

#### Executive Summary

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Transgender people and their needs remain little understood, not only by health-care providers but also more generally in society. An absence of appropriate information, together with misinformation, breeds stigma and prejudice, leading to discrimination, harassment, and abuse, with alarming consequences for transgender people's health and wellbeing.



# Methods



**TRANS UNITED**  
EUROPE



**Centrum**  
**Seksuele**  
**Gezondheid**  
Amsterdam







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Start January 2021

- Community-based locations
- Predominantly Queer-Trans team
- Hormone support + HIV/STI testing offered

Descriptive statistics

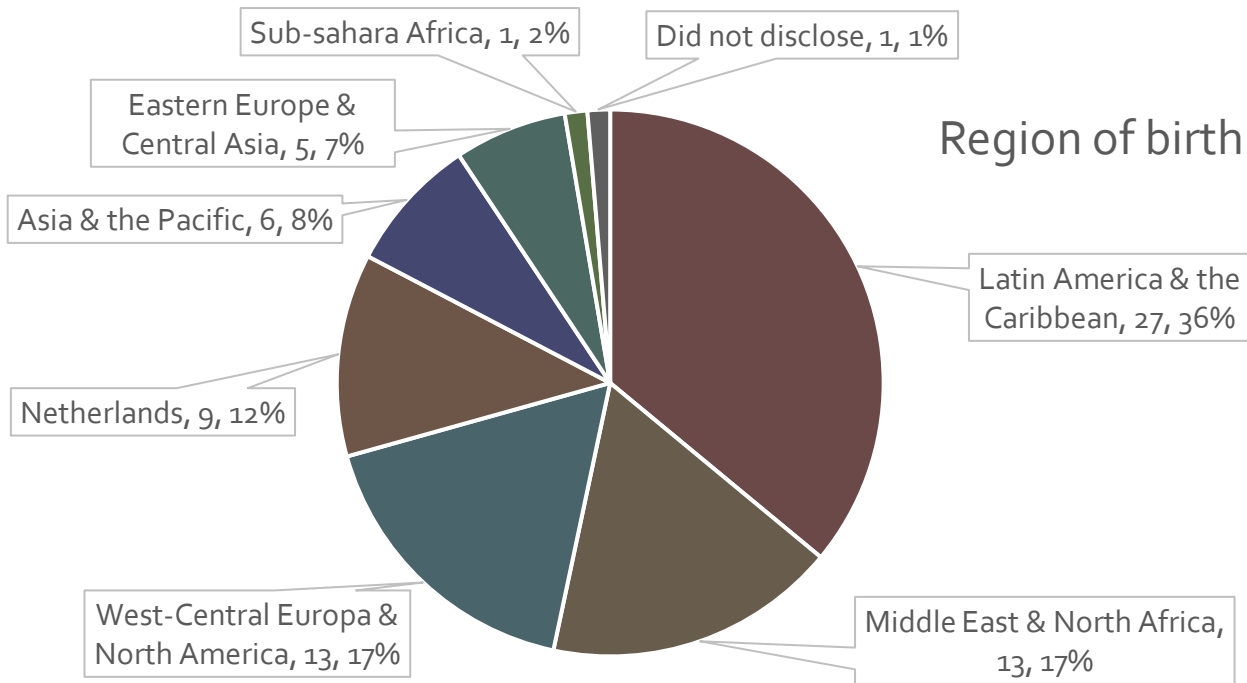
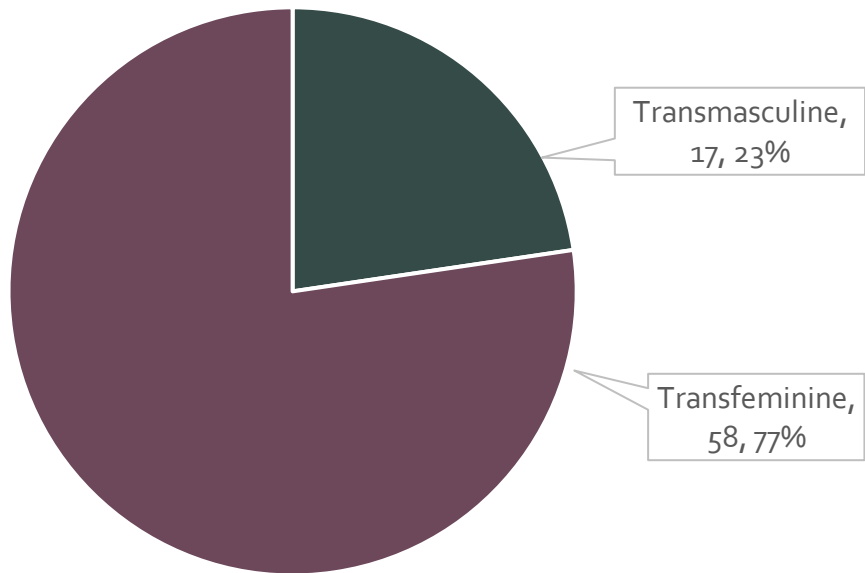
- Period January-December 2021
- Further research in progress





# Results

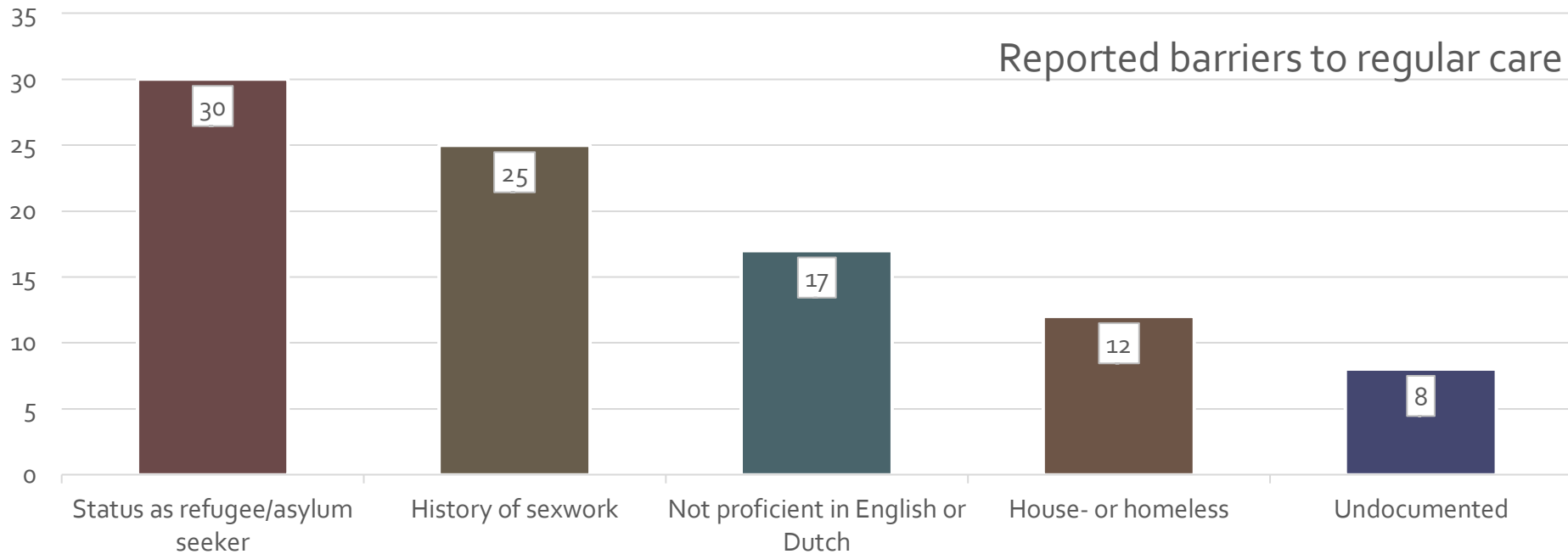
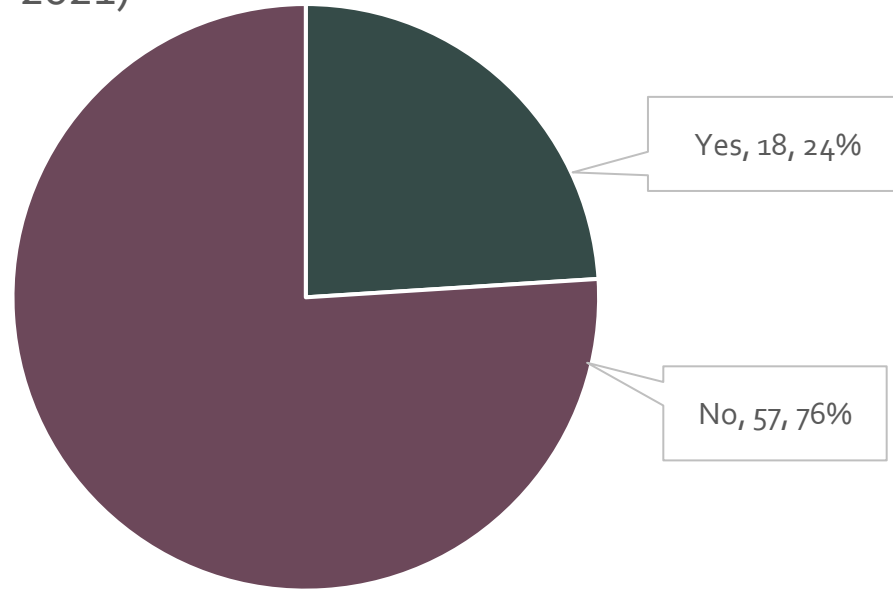
75 unique visitors in 2021





Had a prior visit to the Center for Sexual Health  
(between 2017 -2021)

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## **HIV/STI Testing uptake:**

- 63% (37/58) among transfeminine visitors
- 41% (7/17) among transmasculine visitors

## **HIV/STI Testing uptake was high among:**

- refugees (73%, 22/30)
- those who reported sex work (69%, 18/25)

## **Self-reported HIV prevalence:**

- 13% among transfeminine visitors
- 0% among transmasculine visitors

## **HIV/STI testing results:**

- no new HIV diagnosis
- 1 acute Hepatitis B infection
- 15 bacterial STIs among 44 individuals during 77 visits.



## Conclusion

A photograph of a bridge at night, illuminated with vibrant rainbow lights. The bridge has several arches and is reflected in the water below. The sky is dark, and the lights create a colorful glow.

Offering combined hormone therapy and HIV/STI services  
with strong community involvement  
seems a successful way to reach marginalized TGD  
communities for STI testing





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