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In 2021, the Central NY/Syracuse region had the largest number of cases in NYS. Case rates per 100,000 were highest in the NY Penn/Binghamton region.

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Following an increase in case rates in 2014, corresponding to the initiation of the NYS HCV Testing Law, rates of newly reported hepatitis C have declined in NYS (excluding NYC).

In NYS in 2021, case rates were higher in females aged 25-34 and males aged 30-34 than among “baby boomers,” persons born between 1945-1965; 59% of cases in females were of reproductive age.

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Northeastern NY/Albany Region at a Glance
- 608 newly reported cases
- Cases decreased 5% since 2020
- 5th highest case rate in NYS
- 64% male
- 50% <40 years of age
- 84% of cases <40 have history of IDU
- 65% of female cases are of reproductive age

Hepatitis C case rates per 100,000 in the Northeastern NY/Albany region were highest among females in the 25-29 age group and males aged 30-34.

Injection drug use (IDU) is a major risk factor for hepatitis C. When risk factor information was available, 68% of total newly reported cases had a history of IDU. IDU was more common among those <40 years of age than those 40+.

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NY Penn/Binghamton Region at a Glance

- 171 new cases
- Cases remained steady since 2020
- Highest case rate in NYS
- 60% male
- 52% <40 years of age
- 91% of cases <40 have history of IDU
- 62% of female cases are of reproductive age

Case rates in the NY Penn/Binghamton region remained the same in 2021 and were higher than rates in New York State (excluding NYC).

In 2021, Broome County had the largest number of cases and highest case rates per 100,000 in the NY Penn/Binghamton region.

Injection drug use (IDU) is a major risk factor for hepatitis C. When risk factor information was available, 80% of total newly reported cases had a history of IDU. IDU was more common among those <40 years of age than those 40+.

Hepatitis C case rates per 100,000 in the NY Penn/Binghamton region were highest for females aged 35-39 and males aged 25-29.

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Hepatitis C Newly Reported Cases
Western NY/Buffalo Region, 2021

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Western NY/Buffalo Region at a Glance
- 685 new cases
- Cases decreased 11% since 2020
- 4th highest case rate in NYS
- 52% <40 years of age
- 86% of cases <40 have history of IDU
- 61% of female cases are of reproductive age

Case rates in the Western NY/Buffalo region increased in 2021 and remained higher than rates in New York State (excluding NYC).

In 2021, Erie County had the largest number of cases in the Western NY/Buffalo region. Case rates per 100,000 were highest in Chautauqua County.

Injection drug use (IDU) is a major risk factor for hepatitis C. When risk factor information was available, 76% of total newly reported cases had a history of IDU. IDU was more common among those <40 years of age than those 40+.

Hepatitis C case rates per 100,000 in the Western NY/Buffalo region were highest for females aged 25-29 and males aged 30-34.

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Lower Hudson Valley Region at a Glance
- 314 new cases
- 3% decrease in cases since 2020
- 2nd lowest case rate in NYS
- 61% male
- 31% <40 years of age
- 57% of cases <40 have history of IDU
- 36% of female cases are of reproductive age

Case rates in the Lower Hudson Valley region decreased in 2021 and were lower than rates in New York State (excluding NYC).

Injection drug use (IDU) is a major risk factor for hepatitis C. When risk factor information was available, 45% of total newly reported cases had a history of IDU. IDU was more common among those <40 years of age than those 40+.

Hepatitis C case rates per 100,000 in the Lower Hudson Valley region were highest for females aged 60-64 and males aged 30-34 and 70+.

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In 2021, Orange County had the largest number of cases in the Mid Hudson Valley region. Case rates per 100,000 were highest in Ulster County.

Mid Hudson Valley Region at a Glance
- 514 new cases
- Cases increased 19% since 2020
- 3rd highest case rate in NYS
- 60% male
- 46% <40 years of age
- 96% of cases <40 have history of IDU
- 57% of female cases are of reproductive age

Injection drug use (IDU) is a major risk factor for hepatitis C. When risk factor information was available, 74% of total newly reported cases had a history of IDU. IDU was more common among those <40 years of age than those 40+.

Hepatitis C case rates per 100,000 in the Mid Hudson Valley region were highest for females aged 30-39 and males aged 30-34.

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**Hepatitis C Newly Reported Cases**
**Nassau-Suffolk Region, 2021**

Hepatitis C case rates per 100,000 in the Nassau-Suffolk region were highest for females aged 25-29 and males aged 65-69.

**Nassau-Suffolk Region at a Glance**
- 605 new cases
- Cases decreased 9% since 2020
- Lowest case rate in NYS rate
- 59% male
- 34% <40 years of age
- 82% of cases <40 have history of IDU
- 41% of female cases are of reproductive age

In 2021, Suffolk County had the largest number of cases and highest case rates per 100,000 in the Nassau-Suffolk region.

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In 2021, Monroe County had the largest number of cases in the Finger Lakes/Rochester region. Case rates per 100,000 were highest in Seneca County.

Finger Lakes/Rochester Region at a Glance
- 332 new cases
- Cases decreased 10% since 2020
- 3rd lowest case rate in NYS
- 69% male
- 50% <40 years of age
- 91% of cases <40 have history of IDU
- 70% of female cases are of reproductive age

Hepatitis C case rates per 100,000 in the Finger Lakes/Rochester region were highest for females aged 25-29 and males aged 30-34.

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Central NY/Syracuse Region at a Glance
- 812 new cases
- Cases increased 4% since 2020
- 2nd highest case rate in NYS
- 61% male
- 54% <40 years of age
- 95% of cases <40 have history of IDU
- 69% of female cases are of reproductive age

Case rates in the Central NY/Syracuse region increased in 2021 and remained higher than the rates in New York State (excluding NYC).

In 2021, Onondaga County had the largest number of cases in the Central NY/Syracuse region. Case rates per 100,000 were highest in Cayuga.

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Hepatitis C case rates per 100,000 in the Central NY/Syracuse region were highest in females and males aged 30-34.