

Table 3.3

## Reported risk behaviors or exposures among reported cases\* of acute hepatitis C virus infection United States, 2020

Risk behaviors/exposures <sup>†</sup>	Risk identified	No risk identified	Risk data missing
Injection drug use	1,017	523	3,258
Multiple sexual partners	167	352	4,279
Surgery	142	713	3,942
Sexual contact <sup>§</sup>	83	336	4,379
Needlestick	64	706	4,028
Men who have sex with men <sup>¶</sup>	44	258	2,803
Household contact (nonsexual) <sup>§</sup>	17	402	4,379
Dialysis patient	69	964	3,765
Occupational	9	923	3,866
Transfusion	1	885	3,912

\* Reported confirmed cases. For the case definition, see <https://ndc.services.cdc.gov/conditions/hepatitis-c-acute/>.

† Reported cases may include more than one risk behavior/exposure. Case reports with at least one of the following risk behaviors/exposures reported 6 weeks to 6 months prior to symptom onset or documented seroconversion if asymptomatic: 1) injection drug use; 2) multiple sexual partners; 3) underwent surgery; 4) men who have sex with men; 5) sexual contact with suspected/confirmed hepatitis C case; 6) sustained a percutaneous injury; 7) household contact with suspected/confirmed hepatitis C case; 8) occupational exposure to blood; 9) dialysis; and 10) transfusion.

§ Cases with more than one type of contact reported were categorized according to a hierarchy: (1) sexual contact; (2) household contact (nonsexual).

¶ A total of 2,989 acute hepatitis C cases were reported among males in 2020.

Source: CDC, National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Report – United States, 2020. <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/statistics/2020surveillance/index.htm>. Published September 2022.

