



The potential blood donor contribution from men who have sex with men (MSM)*



4.5% of men estimated to be MSM

- 3% gay/bi^{2,4,5,6}
- 1.5% men who mainly identify as heterosexual³

Based on 4.5% of male donor age (18-75) population¹

408,387 MSM
Blood donor age

This excludes trans women and some nonbinary people who have sex with men**

363,508 potentially eligible MSM blood donors

- minus 21,530 living with HIV (acquired through male-to-male sex)⁷
- minus 23,349 on PrEP (within 3-month period)¹⁰

3.5% Australians donate blood⁸

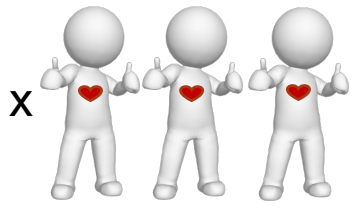
12,723 MSM potential donors

12,723 donors x 470ml blood x 4 yearly donations⁹ =

23,919 litres of blood

Each donation can save **3** lives⁹

12,723 donors x 4 donations a year
50,892 donations



Up to 152,676 lives saved

* Men who have sex with men (MSM), as well transgender women and some nonbinary people who have sex with men, need to abstain from having sex with a male for 3 months (even with a long-term partner) in order to donate.
** Population data on trans women and nonbinary people who have sex with men is not currently available.

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