

Table 11. Needle sharing and cleaning during the 12 months before interview among 711 injection drug users recruited at street location or needle exchange program, HIV Testing Survey, 2002

Behavior	Total	No. (%)
Used a needle previously used by another person	711	
Never		475 (67)
Sometimes		215 (30)
Always		8 (1)
Used bleach to clean previously used needles^a	223	
Never		68 (30)
Sometimes		108 (48)
Always		42 (19)
Used water, rubbing alcohol, or peroxide to clean previously used needles^a	223	
Never		133 (60)
Sometimes		67 (30)
Always		16 (7)
Used the same cooker, cotton, rinse water or other equipment with other people	711	
Never		397 (56)
Sometimes		270 (38)
Always		40 (6)
Received a bleach kit for cleaning needles	711	
No		316 (44)
Yes		387 (54)

Note. Column percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. Numbers may not add to totals because of missing data.

^aAsked of those who said they had sometimes ($n = 215$) or always ($n = 8$) used a needle they knew or suspected had been used by someone else.