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20 YEARS OF AIDS IS ENOUGH.

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HIV/AIDS: The Facts

In 1981, 152 cases of the disease that would come to be known as HIV/AIDS were reported; 128 of those patients died. In subsequent years, AIDS statistics exploded.

As of June 2000, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) had received reports of 753,907 people with AIDS, of which 438,975 had died.

It is estimated that between 800,000 and 950,000 people are living with HIV infection and approximately 40,000 new infections occur each year.

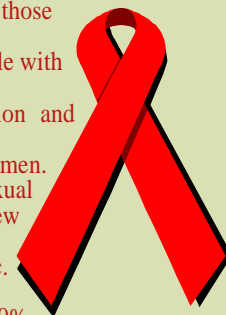
Of the approximately 40,000 new infections, the CDC estimates 70% are men and 30% are women.

The CDC estimates that 42% are a result of homosexual contact, 33% are a result of heterosexual contact and 25% are a result of Injected Drug Use (IDU). The CDC estimates that 54% of new infections are African-American, 26% are white and 19% are Hispanic.

64% of newly infected women are African-American, 18% are white and 18% are Hispanic.

The CDC estimates that 75% are a result of heterosexual contact and 25% are a result of IDU

The CDC estimates that 50% of newly infected men, African-American, 30% are white and 20% are Hispanic. It is also estimated that 60% are a result of homosexual contact, 25% are a result of IDU and 15% are a result of heterosexual contact.



Reported HIV/AIDS Cases by Gender

Of the 753,907 reported AIDS cases, 624,714 (83%) were men and 129,190 (17%) were women.

Of the 130,352 reported HIV infections, 93,527 (72%) were men and 36,814 (28%) were women.

HIV prevalence among young African-American women is 7 times higher than for young white women, and 8 times higher than for young Hispanic women.

In the last decade, the proportion of all AIDS cases reported among adult and adolescent women more than tripled, from 7% in 1985 to 23% in 1999, with the most dramatic increase among women of color.

Reported HIV/AIDS Cases by Age

Of the 753,907 reported AIDS cases, 73% were between the ages of 25 and 44.

Of the 130,352 reported HIV infections, 70% were between the ages of 25 and 44.

In 1998, HIV was the fifth leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 25 and 44.

Among African-American men ages 25-44, HIV infection has been the leading cause of death since 1991.

In 1998, HIV was the third leading cause of death among African-American women.

It has been estimated that at least half of all new HIV infections in the United States are among people under 25, and that the majority of these have been sexually transmitted.

Reported HIV/AIDS Cases by Race/Ethnicity

Of the 753,907 reported AIDS cases, 324,822 (43%) were white, 282,720 (38%) were African-American, 137,575 were Hispanic and 5,546 were of Asian/Pacific Island decent

Of the 320,282 living with AIDS, 122,880 (38%) were white, 129,943 (41%) were African-American, 62,995 (20%) were Hispanic and 2,609 were Asian/Pacific Islanders.

Of the 130,352 reported HIV infections, 48,878 (38%) were white, 68,183 (53%) were African-American, 10,281 (8%) were Hispanic, 506 (<1%) were Asian/Pacific Islanders and 824 (1%) were Native American.

In 1999, more African-Americans were reported with AIDS than any other racial/ethnic group, accounting for 21,900 (47%) of the 46,400 reported cases.

Two-thirds (63%) of all women reported with AIDS were African-American.

African-American children represented almost two-thirds (65%) of all reported pediatric AIDS cases.

Reported HIV/AIDS Cases by Exposure Category

Of the 753,907 reported AIDS cases, 348,657 (46%) were exposed through homosexual contact, 189,242 (25%) through IDU and 78,210 through heterosexual contact.

Of the 320,282 living with AIDS, 144,849 (45%) were exposed through homosexual contact, 89,372 (28%) through IDU and 56,409 (18%) through heterosexual contact.

Of the 130,352 reported HIV infections, 41,818 (32%) were exposed through homosexual contact, 19,720 (15%) through IDU and 21,143 (16%) through heterosexual contact.

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