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## Statistics on HIV/AIDS in Chicago

### *AIDS Has Touched Every Community in Chicago*

Our city is the epicenter of Illinois' HIV/AIDS epidemic. Approximately **67%** of reported AIDS cases in Illinois are among Chicagoans. An estimated **28,000** Chicagoans are currently living with HIV—more than ever before. At least **1,000 Chicagoans** are believed to acquire HIV each year.

An estimated **34,000** individuals in metropolitan Chicago and the surrounding suburbs are living with HIV/AIDS, including an estimated **8,500** or more who do not know they are HIV-positive.

Since 1981, at least **22,417** persons in Chicago have been diagnosed with AIDS; at least **12,211** have died from the disease.

### *People of Color Are Disproportionately Affected*

People of color, who account for approximately **61%** of the City's total population, comprise **79%** of recently diagnosed adult AIDS cases and **76%** of recently diagnosed HIV cases. African Americans alone accounted for **60%** of adult AIDS cases and **55%** of HIV cases diagnosed in 2004.

Of the 1,303 HIV cases reported among African Americans from 2003-04, male sex with other males (**31%**), injection drug use (**18%**), and heterosexual contact (**17%**) were the leading risk factors. More than **one-third** of the 1,303 reported cases occurred among females.

The AIDS rate in Chicago among Hispanics (**22 per 100,000 residents**) is second only to the AIDS rate among African-Americans (**45 per 100,000 residents**). Half (**54%**) of all HIV cases among Hispanics in 2003-04 reported male-to-male sex as their likely mode of transmission.

### *Data Reveals Disturbing Trends*

In 2004 alone, **53** cases of HIV diagnoses, **2,856** cases of gonorrhea, and **6,592** cases of Chlamydia were reported among Chicagoans under the age of 19.

The number of syphilis cases in Chicago among men who have sex with men **increased 39%** from 2004 to 2005, and Cook County ranks **third** in the country for the highest number reported syphilis cases. Syphilis, like HIV, is spread by unprotected sex.

Nationally, the number of HIV/AIDS diagnoses among men who have sex with men **rose 8%** from 2003 to 2004.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Chicago Department of Public Health, and AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

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