

Illinois' AIDS Drug Assistance Program

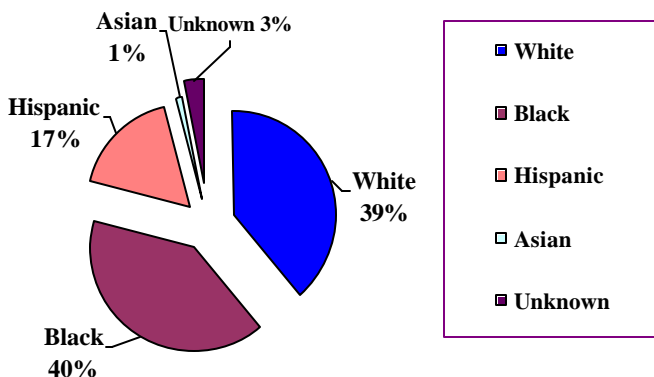
The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides anti-viral medications to low-income people living with HIV or AIDS. ADAP recipients lack prescription drug coverage or sufficient income to obtain costly HIV medications on their own. Without ADAP, virtually all program recipients would forgo AIDS treatments and eventually would become so sick as to qualify for Illinois' overburdened Medicaid program. ADAP addresses the most basic need shared by all people living with HIV: life-extending medications that will slow down HIV disease. Since 1995, Illinois has experienced a dramatic decline in AIDS-related deaths due in large part to the services provided by ADAP. Unfortunately, the number of people who need ADAP services continues to grow. There are currently an estimated 35,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Illinois, and each year approximately 1,600 Illinoisans become newly infected with HIV.

- ADAP is a joint federal-state program that costs more than \$30 million dollars in funds each year - \$26 million in federal funds and \$7 million in general revenue funds. Federal ADAP funds are appropriated through Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act.
- To receive federal funding for ADAP, Illinois is required to provide a 50% match for all Title II funds appropriated. Current general revenue funding levels satisfy this match, but any cuts to ADAP will take us below the 50% mark and could cause Illinois to lose its federal ADAP funding.
- ADAP is the program of last resort for people living with HIV. Individuals on ADAP do not have health insurance, Medicaid, or sufficient personal resources to purchase medications on their own.
- Cuts to ADAP funding will mean that fewer people living with HIV will have access to AIDS therapies and could force people living with HIV to spend-down income to qualify for Medicaid.

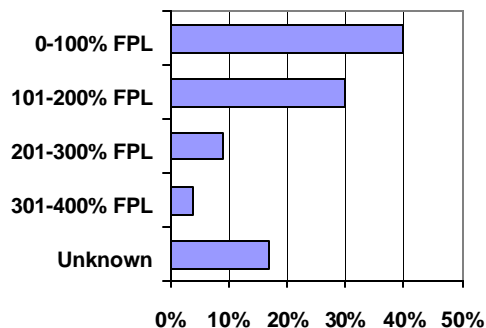
Demographics of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program:

- ADAP serves more than 3,000 people each month
- 83% of ADAP clients are men, 17% are women
- 72% of ADAP clients are between the ages of 22-44
- Since 1996, ADAP has served over 6,000 people

Race:



Socioeconomic Status:



FPL = federal poverty level. Unknown includes households in which the total number of occupants is unknown.

All data is reported in the Illinois Department of Public Health Title II Annual Administrative Report. For more information contact Karen Reitan at 312-922-2322 or kreitan@aidschicago.org.