Asian and Pacific Islanders and HIV/AIDS

Global

- AIDS has killed more than 20 million people worldwide.  
- In 2004 alone, 3.1 million people died of AIDS.  

National

- The number of Asians and Pacific Islanders living with AIDS has climbed by more than 10% every year for the last 5 years.  
- 559 new AIDS cases were reported among Asian and Pacific Islanders in 2003, only 1.3% of the total new reported AIDS cases in the U.S.  
- In 2003, an estimated total of 3,826 Asians and Pacific Islanders were living with HIV/AIDS, less than 1% of the estimated total of HIV/AIDS cases in the U.S.  
- 3,340 Asians and Pacific Islanders had died of AIDS by the end of 2003, accounting for less than 1% of all AIDS fatalities since the beginning of the epidemic.  
- The number of HIV/AIDS cases in Asian and Pacific Islander communities may be higher than reported, due to underreporting and a lack of detailed HIV surveillance about Asians and Pacific Islanders.

Illinois

- 21 new Asian and Pacific Islander AIDS cases were reported in 2003, nearly 1.2% of the total new AIDS cases.  
- In 2003, the total number of Asians and Pacific Islanders living with HIV/AIDS in Illinois was 70, only .5% of the total.  
- The Asian and Pacific Islander AIDS case rate was 4.9 per 100,000 Illinois residents in 2003.  

Chicago

- Most U.S. Asian and Pacific Islanders AIDS cases are concentrated in Chicago, Hawaii, and the East and West Coasts.  

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