

NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

HIV/AIDS Statistics Fact Sheet

American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians

HIV/AIDS AMONG AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES

- From the beginning of the epidemic through 2005, AIDS was diagnosed for an estimated 3,238 American Indians and Alaska Natives (1).
- In 2005, AI/ANs had the 3rd highest HIV/AIDS diagnoses at 10.4 per 100,000 persons, compared with 71.3 for Blacks, 27.8 for Hispanics, 8.8 for Whites and 7.4 for Asians and Pacific Islanders (1).
- In 2005, there were an estimated 2,055 AI/ANs living with HIV/AIDS. The number of AI/AN people living with HIV/AIDS may actually be higher because the estimate only includes HIV data from 33 states (1).

HIV continues to increase among Native people as it has over the past decade, in fact, **American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN)** have the **third highest** rate per 100,000 persons (1) (above Whites) of AIDS diagnoses, despite having the smallest population (5).

HIV/AIDS STATISTICS COMPARED TO OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS

- Of persons who had received a diagnosis of AIDS during 1997 - 2004, AI/ANs had survived for a shorter time than Asian/Pacific Islanders, Whites, and Hispanics. As of 2005, 67% of AI/AN were alive compared with 66% of Blacks, 74% of Hispanics, 75% of Whites, and 81% of Asian/Pacific Islanders (2).
- Life expectancy for AI/ANs is shorter than that of any other race/ethnicity (2).
- Health professionals are now paying closer attention to HIV infection data in an effort to determine a more comprehensive and accurate picture of the epidemic to enhance and improve prevention and care services. Currently, cumulative reported HIV infection (not AIDS) cases for AI/AN males is 799 and for AI/AN females is 332 (1).

HIV/AIDS AMONG NATIVE HAWAIIANS

- Native Hawaiian data is subsumed in the category "Asian/Pacific Islander." The Office of Management and Budget has mandated a distinct category for Pacific Islanders, but the mandate has not been implemented (3).
- Due to national reporting limitations, the data presented for Native Hawaiians is only for the state of Hawaii. Hawaiian/Part-Hawaiian represents 8.6 % of the Hawaii population and account for 11% (302) of the total reported AIDS cases as of June 30, 2005. The proportion of Hawaiian cases has increased from 10.7% before July 1995 to 13.0% during the period from July 2000 - June 2005 (4).

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