

HIV/AIDS Adolescents (ages 13-19) and Young Adults (ages 20-24)

United States 2007

- ✘ HIV/AIDS continues to have a significant impact on teenagers and young adults in the United States. People under 25 are estimated to make up at least 15% of all newly reported HIV cases in the U.S. and HIV remains a leading cause of death among young people. Many teens who are infected don't know it.
- ✘ Minority teens have been particularly hard hit. Although blacks represent only 15% of U.S. teenagers in 2007, they account for most (72%) of the new HIV/AIDS cases reported among teens that year.
- ✘ In 2007 40% of the adolescent cases and 25% the young adult cases were female.
- ✘ From 2004 through 2007, greater than 80% of HIV/AIDS cases among adolescent and young adult males were attributed to male-to-male sexual contact.
- ✘ More than 85% of the newly reported HIV cases among adolescents and young adult females occur through high-risk heterosexual contact.
- ✘ An estimated 3,340 adolescents (ages 13-19) and 5,826 (20-24) are living with AIDS through 2007.
- ✘ It is estimated that of the 14,561 AIDS case deaths in 2007, 58 adolescents and 155 young adults died in 2007.
- ✘ Other than HIV, an estimated 12 million cases of STDs are reported annually. Those under 25 account for about two-thirds of them.

Florida 2009

- ✘ In Florida 15% of new infections of HIV are among persons under the age of 25.
- ✘ 2007-2009, 736 HIV cases were reported for ages 13-19 and 2,006 HIV cases were reported for ages 20-24.
- ✘ A total of 3,833 persons aged 13-24 were living with HIV/AIDS through 2009, as of 12/31/09

Living HIV/AIDS, Young People, thru 2009		
Sex	No.	Percent
Male	2,273	59%
Female	1,560	41%
Total	3,833	
Race/Ethnicity	No.	Percent
White	501	13%
Black	2,703	71%
Hispanic	580	15%
Other	49	1%
Current Age Group	No.	Percent
13-19	1,066	28%
20-24	2,767	72%
Exposure Category	No.	Percent
MSM	1,507	39%
IDU	72	2%
MSM/IDU	38	1%
Heterosexual Contact	1,072	28%
Perinatal Risk	1,131	30%
Other confirmed Risk	14	0%

- ✘ 24% were from Miami-Dade County, 14% from Broward County and 8% from Palm Beach County.
- ✘ In 2008, AIDS-related illnesses were the eighth leading cause of death among people between the ages of 15-19 and the seventh leading cause of death between the ages of 20-24.
- ✘ Of the sexually transmitted diseases reported in Florida, in 2008, 34% of Chlamydia, 29% of Gonorrhea & 8% of Primary and Secondary Syphilis cases were ages 13-19.

- ✘ **Most people diagnosed with AIDS before the age of 30 were infected with HIV in their teens or early twenties. This illustrates the importance of advocating prevention to young people so that they have the information and resources they need to protect themselves and each other from HIV when they make decisions about experimentation with drugs and sex.**
- ✘ **Adolescents need accurate, age-appropriate information about HIV infection and AIDS. Topics should include, but not be limited: how to talk with their parents or other trusted adults about HIV and AIDS, how to reduce or eliminate risk factors, how to talk with a potential partner about risk factors, how to use a condom correctly and where to get tested for HIV. Information should also include the concept that abstinence is the *primary* effective way to avoid infection.**
- ✘ **According to CDC's Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (YRBS), many young people begin having sexual intercourse at early ages: 47% of high school students have had sexual intercourse, and 7.4% of them reported first sexual intercourse before age 13**
- ✘ **The prevalence of having had sexual intercourse with 4 or more people was higher among younger males (16%) than females (13%) in the US and (21.2%) & (11.6%) respectively in Florida.**
- ✘ **Among sexually active high school students, 38.5% had not used a condom during last sexual intercourse.**

