

## HIV/AIDS AMONG YOUTHS IN FLORIDA AND MIAMI~DADE



## <u>FLORIDA</u>

In 2004, 12% of reported new HIV cases occurred in people between 13-29 years of age.

AIDS-related illness is the ninth leading cause of death among people between the ages 15-19 and the fifth leading cause of death between the ages 20-24.

Through 2004, 7,507 cases of AIDS had been reported in people between the ages of 13-29. In 2004, 240 AIDS cases were reported in those ages 13-24.

Almost 16% of high school students reported having sex with four or more partners.

In 2004, 68% of the HIV cases reported among young men (age 13-24) occurred in men who have sex with men.

Black and Hispanic women comprise 84% of reported AIDS cases among all women between the ages of 13-24, in the period 2002-2004.

## MIAMI~DADE

In 2004, 20% of reported new HIV cases occurred in people between 13-29 years of age.

AIDS-related illness is the seventh leading cause of death among people between the ages 20-24.

Through 2004, 4,090 cases of AIDS had been reported in people between the ages of 13-29. In 2004, 147 AIDS cases were reported in the same age group.

Almost 17% of high school students reported having sex with four or more partners.

In 2004, 58% of the HIV cases reported among young men (age 13-24) occurred in men who have sex with men.

Black and Hispanic women comprise 91% of reported AIDS cases among all women between the ages of 13-24, in the period 2002-2004.

COUNTY	CURRENTLY SEXUALLY ACTIVE		CONDOM USE IN LAST SEXUAL INTERCOURSE	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
BROWARD	38.2%	36.9%	81.1%	64.7%
MIAMI~DADE	38.8%	36.3%	79.4%	57.6%
PALM BEACH	42.1%	36.0%	73.9%	60.7%

## SEXUAL BEHAVIOR OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BY SEX, 2003

- 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.
- Voung people who live on the street often exchanges sex for shelter, security or food, and are thus at an increased risk for HIV infection.
- Some young people who are addicted to drugs suffer from an increased risk of becoming infected with HIV by exchanging sex for drugs or money.
- <sup>2</sup> Nationwide, 9% of high school students have been physically forced to have sexual intercourse.
- Other than HIV, an estimated 12 million cases of STDs are reported annually.

Source: MDCHD, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Frozen Database [HARS] in January 2005.

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