

- In Miami-Dade 12% of new infections of HIV are among persons under the age of 25. For ages 13-24, 1,314 HIV cases had been reported.
- A total of 1,937 living HIV/AIDS cases, ages 13-24 have been reported through 2007, of which 67% were male and 33% were female.
- Of these 1,937 living HIV/AIDS cases, 26% were of the age group 13-19 and 74% were of the age group 20-24.
- Of these 1,937, 9% were white, 61% were black and 29% were Hispanic.
- Of the male cases ages 13-24 reported with HIV or AIDS, 51% of AIDS and 62% of HIV cases occurred in men who have sex with men.
- Of the female cases ages 13-24 reported with HIV or AIDS, 71% of AIDS and 76% of HIV cases occurred in among heterosexual contact with people at risk for HIV or already infected.
- AIDS-related illnesses are the fifth 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.
- The prevalence of having had sexual intercourse with 4 or more people was higher among younger males (17.9%) than females (11.8%) in Miami-Dade
- Percentage of high school students who were drunk alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse and or ever taught in school about AIDS or HIV, 22.5%
- Almost 14.9% of high school students reported having sex with four or more partners.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

Young people who live on the street often exchange 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.

Other than HIV, an estimated 12 million cases of STDs are reported annually. Those under 25 account for about two-thirds of them.