NEW HIV CASES

In Washington State, the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV has decreased slightly over the last 10 years. New HIV case counts decreased from an average of 553 cases per year between 2004 and 2008 to 518 per year between 2009 and 2013. New HIV case rate averaged 7.6 cases per 100,000 residents between 2009 and 2013.

By Gender and Risk Behavior

For nearly a decade, the numbers of new male and female HIV cases have remained about the same from year to year. Over 85 percent of male cases are gay or bisexual men. Most female cases are believed to be the result of unprotected sex with an HIV-positive male partner. Among all new HIV cases, roughly one in six report a history of injection drug use, although this proportion appears to be dropping over time. Since 2000, there have been seven cases of perinatal HIV transmission, where the virus passed from a mother to her baby.

By Race and Hispanic Origin

Between 2009 and 2013, 57 percent of all new HIV cases in Washington were white, non-Hispanic (NH). Yet, several racial and ethnic minorities are disproportionately affected by HIV. Non-Hispanic Blacks (3 percent of the general population) account for 17 percent of all new cases, and Hispanics (11 percent of the general population) account for 16 percent of new cases.

* The term “new HIV cases” refers to all newly diagnosed cases of HIV disease, with or without AIDS.

** This is an annualized, crude disease rate based on new HIV cases diagnosed between 2009 and 2013, and reported as of June 30, 2014.
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By Age

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