NEW HIV CASES

In Washington, the number of women newly diagnosed with HIV each year has remained steady. Between 2009 and 2013, new HIV cases among adult and teenage women averaged 78 per year.* That is about two new HIV cases per 100,000 women living in Washington each year.

**Female New HIV Cases, Washington State 2009-2013**

![Graph showing new HIV cases by year](image)

By Race and Ethnicity

Most female HIV cases in Washington are black and non-Hispanic (NH). HIV rates are highest among women belonging to a racial or ethnic minority. For example, recent HIV rates** among black women have been more than 30-times higher than those of white women.

**Female New HIV Cases by Race/Ethnicity 2009-2013**

![Pie chart showing race and ethnicity distribution](image)

By Risk Behavior

Although many women are not sure how they became infected, most female HIV cases in Washington are believed to be the result of unprotected sex with an HIV-positive male partner.

**Female New HIV Cases by Risk Category 2009-2013**

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* 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.
NEW HIV CASES (continued)

By Age

Most female cases in Washington probably become HIV-infected as young or middle age adults. Between 2009 and 2013, the median age among new female cases was 36. About 40% were over the age of forty. Approximately ten percent were infants or children.

HIV PREVALENCE*

Due to earlier detection and better treatment options, women with HIV are now able to live longer than ever before. As of the end of 2013, more than 1,700 women were living with HIV in Washington, 53% of whom had AIDS. Each year, the number of HIV-positive women in our state increases by about three percent.

Females Living with HIV Disease
Washington State, 2009-2013

AIDS CASES & DEATHS

Despite growing HIV prevalence, the number of women diagnosed with AIDS in our state appears to be decreasing over time. Since the epidemic began, over 1,400 women have been diagnosed with AIDS in Washington, and more than 480 women have died as a result of their HIV illness.†

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