

2008 County of Marin Fact Sheet: African Americans and HIV/AIDS in Marin County

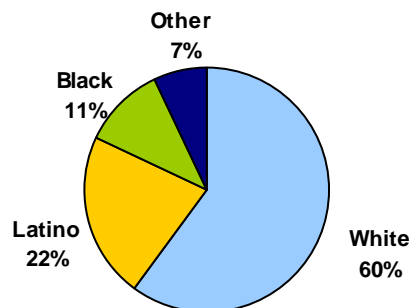


- In California, African Americans make up 19% of people living with HIV or AIDS and 6% of the state population in 2008.^{1,2}
- In Marin County, African Americans make up 7% of people living with HIV or AIDS and 3% of the county population in 2008.^{2,3}

Recent HIV Diagnoses in Marin County³

During 2003-2007, 109 Marin County residents were newly diagnosed with HIV infection, 12 of whom were African American.

Figure 1. Race/Ethnicity of Persons Diagnosed with HIV in Marin County, 2003-2007



Other includes Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, Alaskan Native, multi-racial, and unknown race

Gender

Men made up two-thirds and women one-third of African Americans diagnosed with HIV in Marin County community settings.

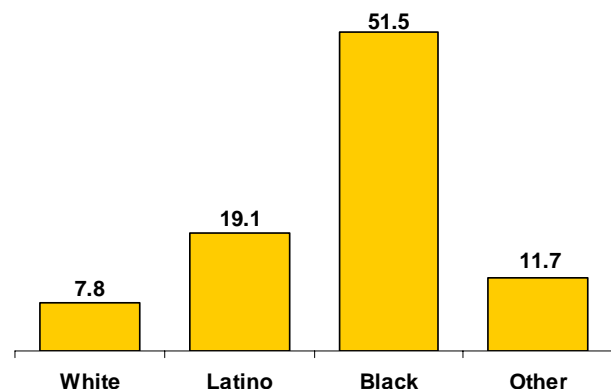
Risk Factors

The most common risk factors for HIV were men having sex with men (MSM) (33%) and high-risk heterosexual contact (33%), followed by injection drug use (IDU) (8%) and MSM & IDU (8%). Risk was unknown or unreported for 17% of African Americans.

Age

Eight percent of African Americans were in their 20s, 50% were in their 30s, and 42% were in their 40s at the time of HIV diagnosis.

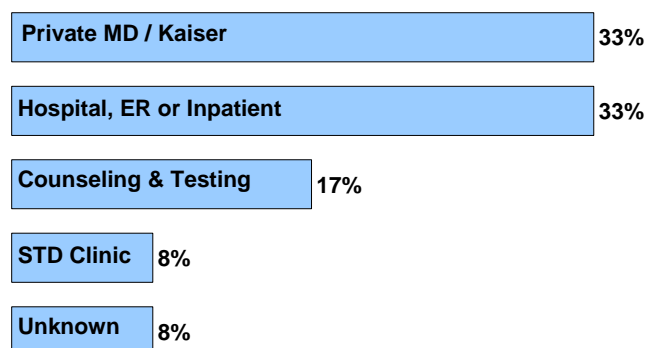
Figure 2. HIV Case Rate per 100,000 Population by Race/Ethnicity for Adults/ Adolescents in Marin County, 2003-2007⁴



Late Testing

Testing late for HIV infection (AIDS diagnosed within one year of HIV diagnosis) is a missed opportunity for early medical treatment and for preventing transmission of the virus. During 2003-2007, 33% of African Americans diagnosed with HIV in Marin County were late testers.

Figure 3. Facility of HIV Diagnosis for African Americans, Marin County, 2003-2007



¹ California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, HIV/AIDS Case Registry Section, May 2008 HIV/AIDS Statistics, data as of May 31, 2008.

² State of California, Department of Finance, *Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2050*. Sacramento, CA, July 2007.

³ Marin County HIV/AIDS Reporting System, Community diagnosed cases only, data as of June 20, 2008.

⁴ San Quentin State Prison population estimates excluded from denominator as cases are not included in the numerator.

