

# 2008 Marin County Fact Sheet: Latinos and HIV/AIDS in Marin County

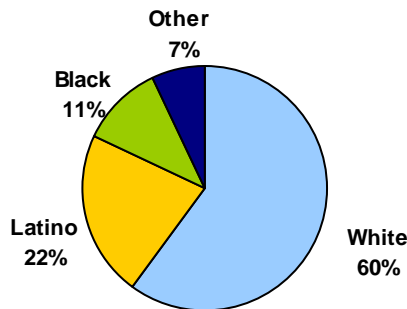


- In California, Latinos make up 29% of people living with HIV or AIDS and 36% of the state population in 2008.<sup>1,2</sup>
- In Marin County, Latinos make up 15% of people living with HIV or AIDS and 17% of the county population in 2008.<sup>2,3</sup>

## Recent HIV Diagnoses in Marin County<sup>3</sup>

During 2003-2007, 109 Marin County residents were newly diagnosed with HIV infection, 24 of whom were Latino.

**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

## Country of Birth

Of the Latinos diagnosed with HIV in Marin, 25% were US born, 42% were born in Mexico, 25% were from Central America (Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras), and 8% were from South America.

## Gender

Men made up the vast majority (88%) of Latinos diagnosed with HIV.

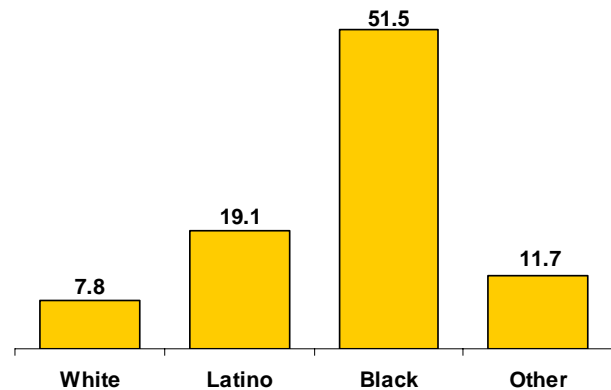
## Risk Factors

The most common risk factor for HIV was men having sex with men (MSM) (54%), followed by high-risk heterosexual contact (13%), injection drug use (IDU) (8%), and MSM & IDU (4%). Risk was unknown or unreported for 21% of Latinos.

## Age

One third of Latinos were in their 20s, 50% were in their 30s, and 17% were in their 40s at the time of HIV diagnosis.

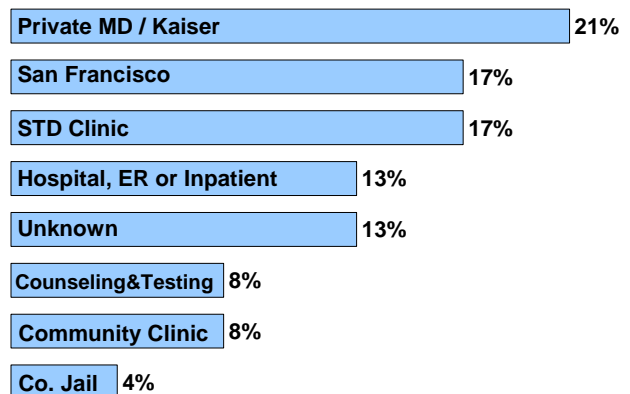
**Figure 2. HIV Case Rate** per 100,000 Population by Race/Ethnicity for Adults/ Adolescents in Marin County, 2003-2007<sup>4</sup>



## 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, 39% of those diagnosed with HIV in Marin County were late testers. One third of US born Latinos were late testers as compared to 56% of Latinos born outside the US, emphasizing the importance of HIV testing and prevention services in immigrant communities.

**Figure 3. Facility of HIV Diagnosis** for Latinos, Marin County, 2003-2007



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

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

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

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

