

HIV/AIDS Trends in Communities of Color: African-Americans

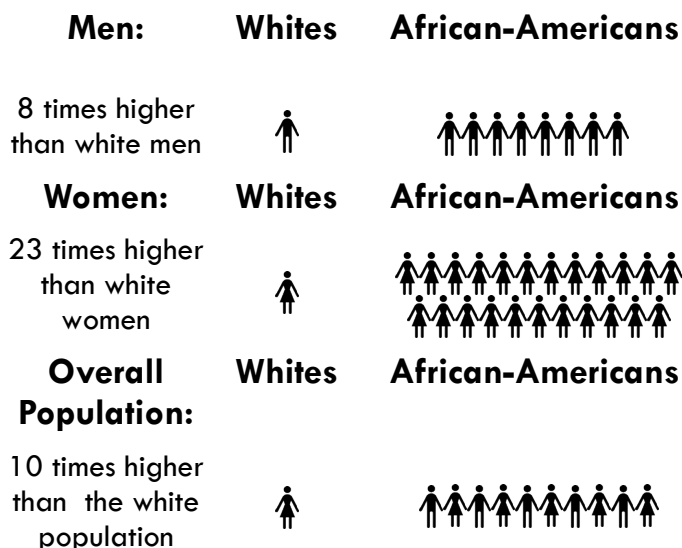


How HIV/AIDS Affects African-Americans

- Although African Americans only account for 12% of the US population, they accounted for approximately 51% of all HIV/AIDS infections in 2007.ⁱ
- AIDS was the third leading cause of death in African American women aged 25-34 and the third leading cause of death in African American men, aged 35-44, in 2005.ⁱⁱ
- Of the 59 US children younger than 13 years of age with a new AIDS diagnosis, 40 were African American.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Of the 141 infants reported infected with HIV, 91 (65%) were African American.^{iv}

More Disproportionate Impacts

The rate of reported AIDS cases in African Americans^v:



How Community Members Can Get Involved

- Attend the annual Voices Conference
- Participate in Advocacy Day
- Become empowered as a Consumer Leadership Corps Trainer
- Encourage Community-Based Organizations in your neighborhood to apply for the Girls 4 HOPE Program
- Get involved by joining a Community Advisory Board
- Advocate for evidence-based, comprehensive sexual education curriculums in your local schools
- Support HIV/AIDS Vaccine Research
 - Tell others that HIV vaccine research does not transmit HIV and that each trial brings us closer to a vaccine
 - Inform people of the importance of an HIV vaccine and the need for people from diverse backgrounds to participate in HIV vaccine trials
 - Show your support for vaccine trial volunteers and/or become a vaccine trial volunteer yourself

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