

HIV/AIDS Trends Among Women

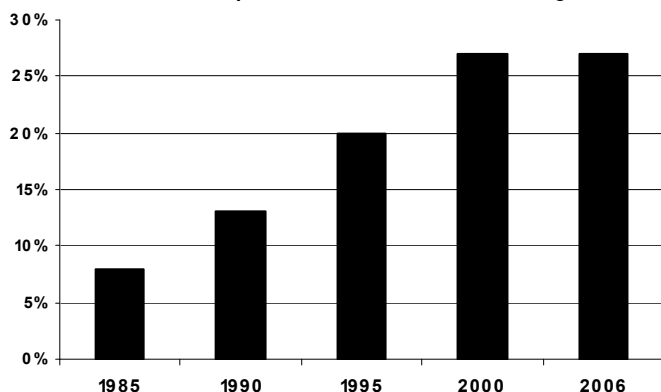


How HIV/AIDS Affects Women

- According to the most recent figures women accounted for 27 percent of newly reported HIV infections in 2006.ⁱ
- In 2006, roughly 73 percent of women newly diagnosed with HIV were infected through heterosexual sex, while 24 percent were infected through injection drug use.ⁱⁱ
- For women of all races and ethnicities, the largest number of HIV/AIDS diagnoses during recent years was among young women. More than 30 percent of new HIV infections among women were those aged 13-29 in 2006.^{i,iii}
- Perinatal infections occur in only two percent of HIV positive women in the US, but disproportionately occurs among African American women.ⁱⁱⁱ
- African American women account for approximately 60% of all new HIV cases among women.^{iv}

Impact Over Time

Women as a Proportion of New AIDS Diagnosesⁱⁱⁱ



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
 - Express that it is essential that women – especially women of color – participate in vaccine clinical trials because their bodies work differently than men’s bodies and we need to develop a vaccine that we know will work for women
 - Show your support for vaccine trial volunteers and/or become a vaccine trial volunteer yourself

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