

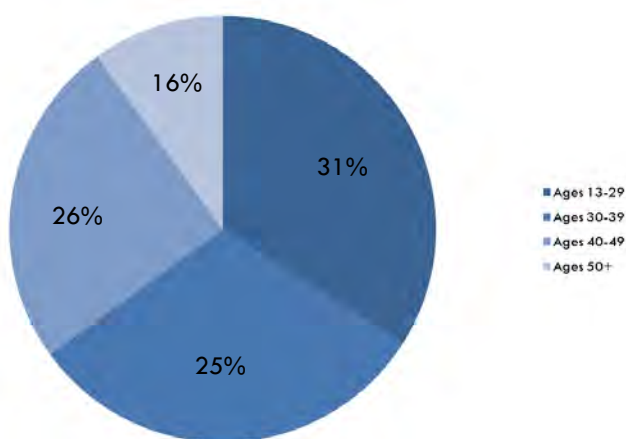
HIV/AIDS Trends Among Youth and Young Adults



How HIV/AIDS Affects Youth

- Compared to older adults, sexually active teens and young adults are at higher risk for acquiring sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including HIV.ⁱ
- Over 30% of new HIV infections occur in young people, ages 13-29; this percentage is the highest among all age groups.ⁱ
- In 2008, of persons aged 13 to 24 years diagnosed with HIV infection, 64% were black/African American, 17% were white, and 17% were Hispanic/Latino.ⁱⁱ
- In 2009, there was an estimated 14,000 youth and young adults diagnosed with HIV.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Among young people, youth of color have been particularly affected. Black teens represented 68% of AIDS diagnoses among 13–19 year-olds; Latino teens represented 21%.^{iv}

Estimated New Infections in the U.S., by Age, 2008ⁱ



Total = 41,269 new HIV infections

How Community Members Can Get Involved

- Attend the annual VOICES Conference.
- Participate in Advocacy Day.
- Utilize social media and outreach networks to educate youth about preventing HIV and STDs.^v
- Volunteer at your local community based organization to help promote HIV/AIDS prevention education among populations most affected by the epidemic.
- Advocate for evidence-based, comprehensive sexual education curriculums in your local schools.
 - Two-thirds of the HIV/STD prevention programs studied had a significant impact on reducing sexual risk behaviors.^{vi}
- Support HIV/AIDS Vaccine Research.
 - Tell others that HIV vaccine research does not transmit HIV and 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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