

NJ HIV/AIDS Facts

The following is based on information provided by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) Division of HIV/AIDS Services (DHAS).

- By mid 2007, 34,199 people are reported living with HIV or AIDS in New Jersey.
- Minorities account for 76% of adult/adolescent cumulative HIV/AIDS cases and 78% of all persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- Injection drug use and sexual contact remain the major modes of exposure to HIV infection. The proportion of reported cases with HIV/AIDS who were exposed through injection drug use (IDU) is lower than in the past, while the proportion of cases that were exposed through sexual contact is increasing.
- Seven of ten persons living with HIV/AIDS are over 40 years of age or older.
- 36% of people living with HIV/AIDS in New Jersey are females, 69% of females are currently 20-49 years old.
- Perinatal transmission has been reduced to less than 5%.
- 86% of pediatric cases living with HIV/AIDS are minorities.
- The number of annual pediatric infections has dropped over 90%.
- Over 7,000 HIV/AIDS patients received medications through the state's AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP) in 2006.
- More than 22,000 clients received HIV prevention services funded by the NJDHSS in 2006.
- In 2006 over 80,000 HIV tests were administered through Counseling and Testing Sites.
- Over 124,000 clients have been tested by rapid testing funded by the NJDHSS since November 1, 2003.

Did You Know:

that among the 50 United States:

- NJ has the **highest** estimated proportion of women living with AIDS?
- NJ has the **third** largest proportion of children living with HIV/AIDS?
- NJ ranks ninth among states in total population, but remains **fifth** in the total number of AIDS cases reported – only New York, California, Florida and Texas have more cases?