



Fact Sheet

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2015 HIV/AIDS summary: Lowcountry Public Health Region



New HIV infections (including AIDS cases), 2013-2014

Lowcountry Public Health Region includes eleven counties: Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, and Orangeburg.

HIV infected people are the #1 priority population for HIV prevention services in S.C. For the two-year period 2013-2014, 410 people were newly diagnosed with HIV in the Lowcountry Public Health Region. This represents 26 percent of the total cases diagnosed in South Carolina. The number of new cases diagnosed in the Lowcountry Public Health Region during 2013-2014 increased by 11 percent compared to the 2011-2012 period.

By gender, 79 percent of new HIV/AIDS cases occur among men; 21 percent are among women.

By age, 46 percent of new HIV/AIDS cases were among people ages 25-44 and 30 percent were among people age 24 and under; 24 percent were ages 45 and up.

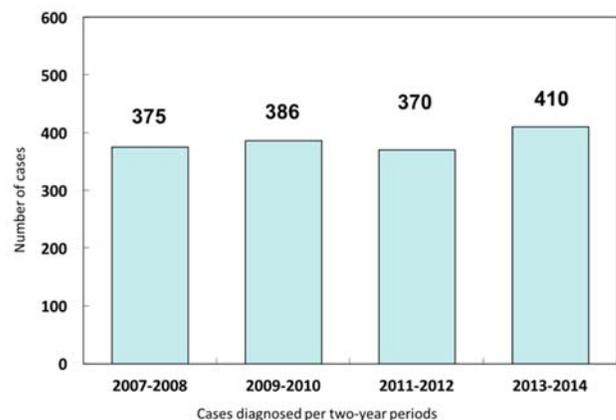
By risk, among the 308 people who report a risk, men who have sex with men (MSM) represent the largest proportion of recent infections (72 percent), followed by those indicating heterosexual sex as their exposure to HIV (24 percent); two percent reported injecting drug use (IDU); and one percent were the combined risk of MSM and IDU.

By race/ethnicity, among people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, 74 percent are African-American; 19 percent are White. In 2013-2014, African-Americans had a case rate about nine times greater than Whites in the Lowcountry Public Health Region.

Among women recently diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in the Lowcountry Public Health Region, most are African-American (82 percent); 11 percent are White. Of the women reporting a risk, 92 percent indicated heterosexual sex as their exposure to HIV; Six percent indicated a risk of IDU.

Among men recently diagnosed in the Lowcountry Public Health Region, 72 percent are African-American; 21 percent are White. Of the 259 men reporting risk, 86 percent reported a risk of men who have sex with men; eleven percent reported heterosexual contact; one percent IDU.

New HIV/AIDS cases diagnosed in S.C. Lowcountry Public Health Region



Total people living with HIV/AIDS through December 2014*

As of December 2014, 3,993 people have been reported living with HIV infection (including AIDS) who are residents of the Lowcountry Public Health Region. This represents 25 percent of the S.C. total. Of these, 2,837 are men and 1,156 are women. Most people (2,354) are age 45 and over; 1,374 are ages 25-44; and 35 are children and teens under the age of 20.

As with new infections, African-Americans are disproportionately impacted. Most (48 percent) of the people living with HIV in the Lowcountry Public Health Region are African-American men, 19 percent are White men, 24 percent are African-American women and four percent are White women. Four percent of people living with HIV are Hispanic/Latino.

Of people living with HIV who reported a risk, 52 percent reported a risk of men who have sex with men; followed by men and women exposed through heterosexual sex (33 percent); injecting drug use (nine percent); and four percent the combined risk of men who have sex with men and injecting drug use.

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Among remaining priority populations for HIV prevention services:

2010-2014 S.C. HIV prevention plan priority populations ^(1,2)	2013/2014 diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases by population % of total cases w/risks identified (310 Total) **	People living with HIV/AIDS, 2014 by population % of total cases w/risks identified (3,180 Total)
2. African-American MSM	51%	32%
3. African-American WSM	12%	18%
4. African-American MSW	8%	9%
5. White MSM	17%	17%
6. IDU	2%	9%
7. Hispanic/Latino ³	6%	5%

****Caution: Due to small numbers, must interpret recent case proportions with caution.**

*****Cells with 3 or fewer cases are set to missing.**

NOTES:

1. Populations: MSM = Men who have Sex with Men; IDU = Injecting Drug User; WSM = Women who have Sex with Men; MSW = Men who have Sex with Women.
2. Epi Profile Data: Based on number of people with known risk; excludes number of "No Risk Reported". Priority population percentages do not include the combined risk of MSM and IDU.
3. In 2014, Hispanics/Latinos made an estimated six percent of the population of the Lowcountry Public Health Region. Five percent of people living with HIV in the region are Hispanic/Latino.

*Prevalence data is provisional; death updates not available.

Source: SCDHEC, STD/HIV Division 10/15

For more information, call the S.C. AIDS/STD Hotline toll free at 1-800-322-AIDS