

# HIV among American Indians

## United States 2009

- The estimated AIDS case rate among American Indians in the U.S. in 2009 was 6.6 per 100,000 population which was higher than that for whites at 4.7 per 100,000 population.
- The prevalence of certain risk behaviors differs for American Indians living with HIV disease in Florida compared to the U.S. (see table below)

Prevalence of Selected Risk Factors for HIV among American Indian Populations in Florida and the U.S.

	Males		Females	
	US thru 2008	FL thru 2010	US thru 2008	FL thru 2010
MSM	64%	66%	-----	-----
IDU	13%	7%	32%	27%
MSM/IDU	15%	19%	-----	-----
Heterosexual	8%	15%	67%	73%
Other/NIR	<1%	0%	1%	0%

## Florida 2010

- American Indians represent less than 1% of newly reported HIV infection cases in Florida each year. In 2010, 7 of the 5,187 adult HIV cases reported in Florida were American Indians\*\*.
- Approximately one-fourth (26%) of American Indians living with HIV disease in Florida are women.
- Of the 228 American Indian living with a diagnosis of HIV through 2010, 36% were American Indian alone, 19% were Hispanic, and 44% were multi-race.

### Survival Rates for American Indians

According to both national and Florida data, the survival time from AIDS diagnosis to death is significantly shorter for American Indians than whites. Of the AIDS cases that died in Florida from 2001-2010, American Indians had a median survival of only 39 months. This compares to 65 months for whites. 49 months for Hispanics and 46 months for blacks.

### Key steps to reducing HIV disease in American Indian populations:

- Raise awareness about HIV disease and related risks among American Indians;
- Encourage individuals to be tested for HIV/AIDS;
- Increase youth involvement in HIV community planning, decision making and HIV prevention programming;
- Reduce barriers to HIV testing, prevention and care by reducing HIV/AIDS stigma; and
- Disseminate information on the health benefits of condoms and other risk reduction measures.

### Data sources:

- Florida data: FL Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS
- For more Florida data, go to <http://floridaaids.org/>, then *Trends and Statistics*, then *Slide Shows* to find the slide set on American Indians
- U.S. data: HIV Surveillance Report, 2009 (most recent available) Vol. 29
- For national facts, go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/factsheets/index.htm> or <http://www.kff.org/hivaids/>

\*\* It is important to note that accurate data is often difficult to obtain for American Indian populations. Reporting sources are varied due to sovereignty issues as well as racial/ethnic misclassification, resulting in no reporting or at best, underreporting. Therefore, it's likely that the actual numbers are higher than current counts.