

## 2012 HIV/AIDS summary: DHEC Public Health Region 1



### New HIV infections (including AIDS cases), 2010-2011

**Region 1** includes eight counties: Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Oconee and Saluda.

**HIV infected people are the #1 priority population for HIV prevention services in S.C.** For the two-year period 2010-2011, 62 people were newly diagnosed with HIV in Region 1. This represents four percent of the total cases diagnosed in South Carolina. The number of new cases diagnosed in Region 1 during 2010-2011 decreased by 21 percent compared to the 2008-2009 period.

**By gender**, 84 percent of new HIV/AIDS cases occur among men; 16 percent are among women.

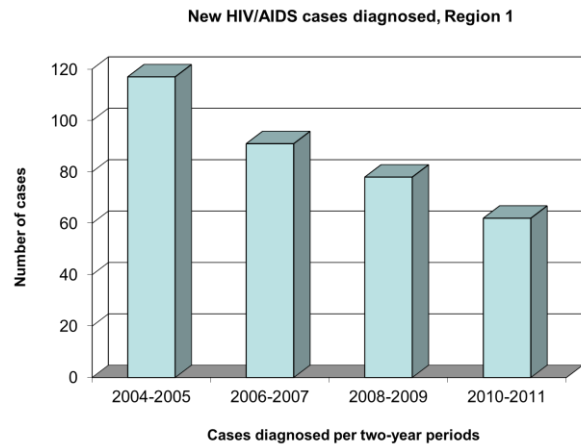
**By age**, the majority (58 percent) of new HIV/AIDS cases were among people ages 25-44; 23 percent were among people age 24 and under; and 19 percent were to people ages 45 and up.

**By risk**, among the 48 people who report risk in Region 1, men who have sex with men (MSM) represent the largest proportion of recent infections (73 percent), followed by those indicating heterosexual sex as their exposure to HIV (19 percent); four percent were infected through injecting drug use (IDU); and four percent were the combined risk of MSM and IDU.

**By race/ethnicity**, among people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Region 1, 76 percent are African-American; 19 percent are White. African-Americans have a case rate about 13 times greater than Whites in Region 1.

**Among women** recently diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Region 1, most are African-American (90 percent); 10 percent are White. Of the women reporting risk, 80 percent indicated heterosexual sex as their exposure to HIV.

**Among men** recently diagnosed in Region 1, 73 percent are African-American; 21 percent are White. Of the 43 men reporting risk, 81 percent are men who have sex with men.



## Total people living with HIV/AIDS through December 2011\*

As of December 2011, 906 people have been reported living with HIV infection (including AIDS) who are residents of Public Health Region 1. This represents six percent of the S.C. total. Of these, 674 are men and 232 are women. Most people (519) are ages 45 and over; 345 are ages 25-44; 8 are children and teenagers under the age of 20.

As with new infections, African-Americans are disproportionately impacted. Most (51 percent) of the people living with HIV in Region 1 are African-American men, 20 percent are White men, 20 percent are African-American women and five percent are White women. Five percent of people living with HIV are Hispanic/Latino.

Most (55 percent) people living with HIV who reported risks are men who have sex with men; 29 percent are men and women exposed through heterosexual sex; 10 percent are injecting drug users; Four percent are both men who have sex with men and injecting drug users.

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### Among remaining priority populations for HIV prevention services:

2010-2014 S.C. HIV prevention plan priority populations <sup>(1,2)</sup>	2010/2011 diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases by population % of total cases w/risks identified (48 Total) **	People living with HIV/AIDS, 2011 by population % of total cases w/risks identified (727 Total)
2. African-American MSM	50%	35%
3. African-American WSM	***	15%
4. African-American MSW	10%	9%
5. White MSM	19%	17%
6. IDU	***	9%
7. ♦Hispanic/Latino <sup>3</sup>	***	4%

**\*\*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 2011, Hispanics/Latinos made an estimated 4.1 percent of the population of DHEC Public Health Region 1. Five percent of people living with HIV in the health region are Hispanic/Latino.

\*Prevalence data is provisional; death updates not available.

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