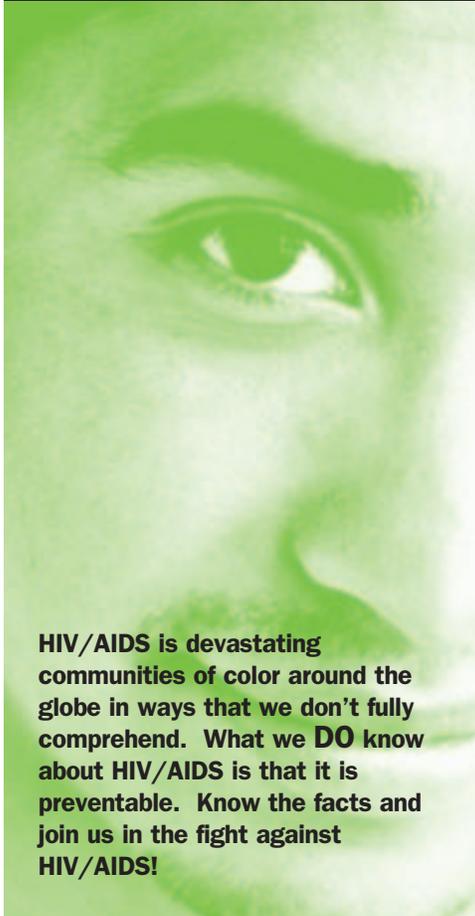




HIV/AIDS

AND

HISPANICS



HIV/AIDS is devastating communities of color around the globe in ways that we don't fully comprehend. What we **DO** know about HIV/AIDS is that it is preventable. Know the facts and join us in the fight against HIV/AIDS!

For more information on HIV/AIDS and Hispanics, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at 1-800-458-5231 or on the Internet at www.cdcnpin.org.



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that today there are 850,000–950,000 HIV-positive people living in the United States, more than at any other time in the epidemic. An estimated 180,000–280,000 HIV-positive individuals do not know they are infected, and therefore are not benefiting from HIV care and treatment, and may also be unknowingly transmitting the virus. An additional 250,000 people living with HIV who are aware of their status may not be getting the care they need or prevention support to help them protect their partners. Altogether, roughly half of all people living with HIV in the United States are untested, untreated, or both.¹

- Through December 2001, 833,452 AIDS cases were reported to the CDC. Hispanics accounted for:
 - 19.8 percent** of total AIDS cases
 - 20 percent** of total AIDS cases among **women**
 - 23 percent** of total AIDS cases among **children**²
- Of the adult and adolescent Hispanics reported with AIDS in the United States through June 2000, **77 percent** were men.²
- From January 2001 to December 2001, **19 percent** of adult and adolescent AIDS cases reported were among Hispanics.²
- In 1998, men of color represented **52 percent** of AIDS cases among men who have sex with men. In 1989, men of color represented **31 percent** of AIDS cases in this same group.³
- HIV/AIDS was the **second** leading cause of death for Hispanic men **ages 35–44** in 2000. For that same age group, HIV/AIDS was the **fourth** leading cause of death for Hispanic women in 2000. HIV/AIDS was the **third** leading cause of death among all Hispanics **ages 35–44**.⁴

The term "Hispanic" includes those individuals who self-identify as "Latino/a" or "Hispanic."

¹ Fleming, PL., et al., "HIV Prevalence in the United States, 2000," 9th Annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, Feb. 24–28, 2002, Seattle, WA, Abstract 11.
² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report 2001*, Vol. 13, No. 2.
³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "HIV/AIDS Among Racial Ethnic Minority Men Who Have Sex With Men — United States, 1989–1998," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, Vol. 49, No. 01 (Jan. 14, 2000), pp. 4–11.
⁴ National Center for Health Statistics, *National Vital Statistics Reports* (Sept. 2002).