

FACTS ABOUT HIV/AIDS

Local

In 2013, nearly 24,000 residents of the Greater Houston Area were known to be living with HIV/AIDS and more than 4,400 more were estimated to be unaware of their HIV positive status...

- ⓧ Rates of new HIV cases and prevalence in Houston/Harris County continued to exceed rates both for Texas and the U.S.

In 2012, Harris County had the second-highest HIV rate of all counties in Texas, and the Houston Metropolitan Area had the ninth-highest rate of new HIV cases of all metropolitan areas in the nation.

- ⓧ The number of Houston/Harris County residents living with HIV/AIDS continues to rise – In 2012 alone, more than 1,300 new cases were diagnosed;
- ⓧ African Americans made up the largest portion of all new HIV diagnoses in Houston at 47%, followed by Hispanics/Latinos at 35%.

The Greater Houston Area is the 8th most HIV-impacted jurisdiction in the U.S.

National

Approximately 50,000 new HIV infections occur annually in the United States.

- ⓧ In 2012, adults age 25-44 made up the largest portion of all new HIV diagnoses at 50%, followed by Adults over 45 at 28%.

By the end of 2013, an estimated 1.1 million Americans were living with HIV/AIDS, with approximately 16% unaware of their HIV infection.

Global

In 2013, more than 35 million people around the world were living with HIV, 3.2 million of whom were children under the age of 15...

- ⓧ Of the 2.1 million new HIV infections; about 33% were among young people age 15-24;
- ⓧ 1.5 million people died of complications from HIV infection;
- ⓧ Women accounted for 50% of all adults living with HIV and almost 47% of new infections;
- ⓧ Approximately 4.2 million people aged 50 and older were living with HIV/AIDS.

Since the beginning of the pandemic in 1981, there have been more than 78 million infections and 39 million deaths worldwide.

Sources:

1. UNAIDS Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic 2014
2. 2014 Epidemiologic Supplement for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Services Planning