

# World AIDS DAY

## American Indians/Alaska Natives

*According to Census 2000, 4.1 million American Indians and Alaska Natives live in the United States, representing 1.5% of the total population.*

### **An analysis of HIV/AIDS data for American Indians and Alaska Natives highlights a number of significant findings (Red Talon STD Profile):**

- **At 10.4 cases per 100,000 population, American Indians and Alaska Natives had the 3rd highest AIDS rate in 2003 in relation to other ethnic groups.** Approximately 0.5% of all new AIDS cases diagnosed in the U.S. were among AI/ANs. At that time, an estimated 1,498 AI/ANs were living with AIDS.
- **On average, AI/ANs who developed AIDS were younger than other populations with AIDS, indicating that they likely acquired HIV at a younger age as well.** Compared with the total number of persons with reported cases of AIDS, a higher percentage of AI/ANs with AIDS were aged 20-29 years (23% versus 17%, respectively), and a lower percentage were aged 40-49 years (21% versus 25%).
- **When compared with everyone in the U.S. with AIDS, AI/ANs with AIDS are geographically clustered in selected areas in the West, and in smaller cities and rural areas.** Compared with all persons who have AIDS, a lower proportion of AI/ANs resided in metropolitan areas with populations greater than 1,000,000 (56% versus 77%, respectively), and a higher proportion resided in rural areas with populations less than 50,000 (19% versus 6%).
- **AI/ANs are among those with the shortest AIDS survival rate.** Of persons who have received a diagnosis of AIDS since 1995, AI/ANs survived fewer years than Asians and Pacific Islanders, Whites, and Hispanics. The rate of AIDS diagnoses among AI/ANs has been higher than that for whites since 1995.



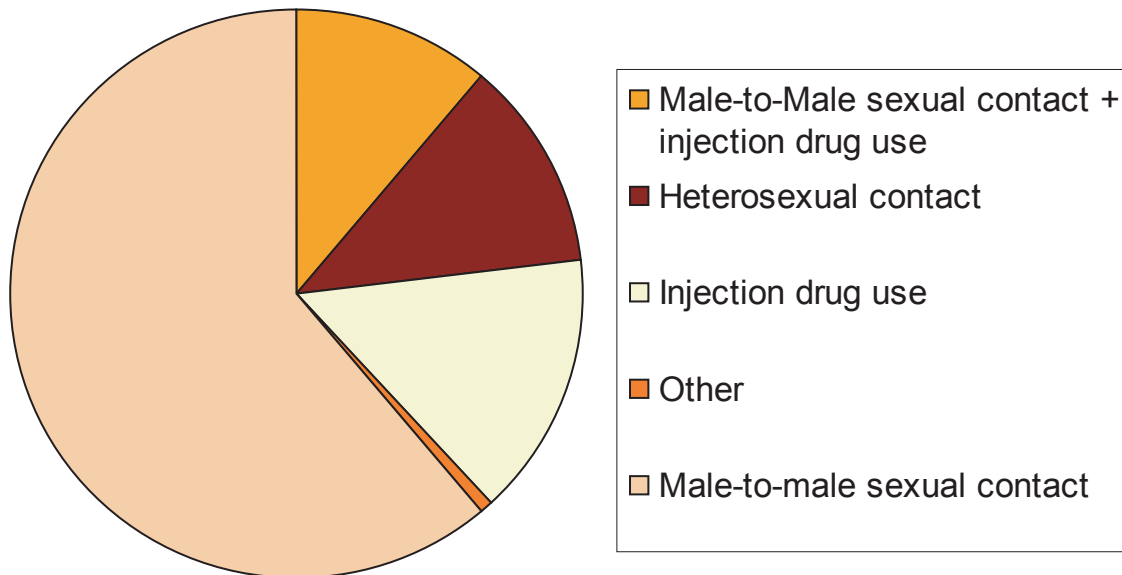
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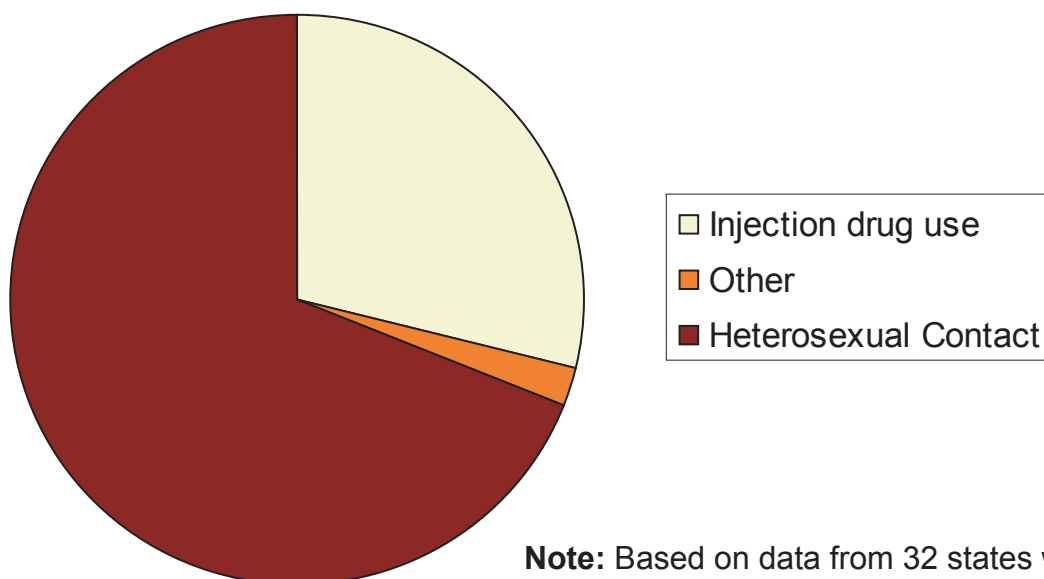


# Transmission categories of American Indians/Alaska Natives given a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS, 2000-2003

**Males**  
**No. = 505**



**Females**  
**No. = 210**



**Note:** Based on data from 32 states with long-term, confidential name-based HIV reporting.