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HIV Infection in Alaska, 2000

A cumulative total of 781 cases of HIV infection were reported to the Division of Public Health through December 31, 2000. Of these 781 cases:

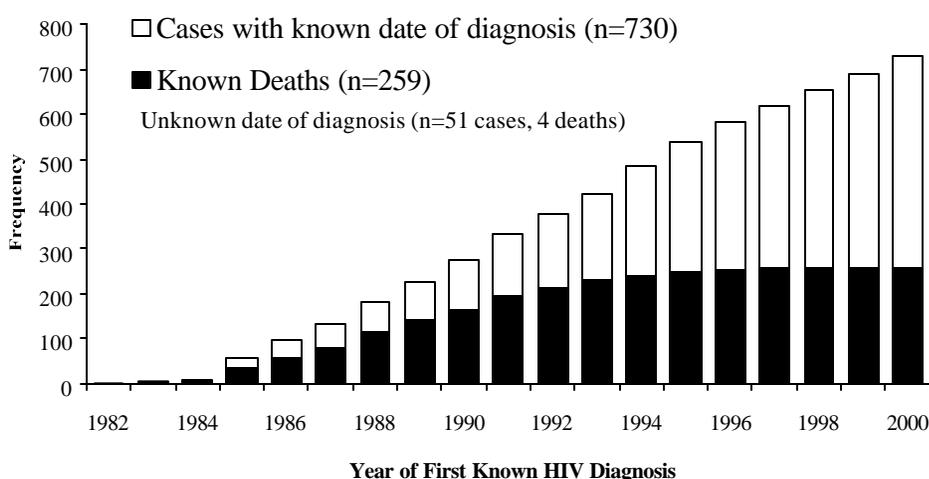
- 544 were reported with AIDS and 237 with HIV infection without AIDS;
- 647 (83%) were in males and 134 (17%) in females; and
- 263 (34%) were known to have died.

A Bulletin with more detailed HIV/AIDS data will be published in the near future.

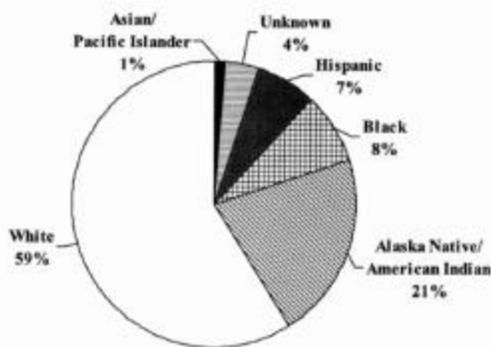
Cases by Year of First Known HIV Diagnosis through December 31, 2000

Year	Cases
1982	1
1983	5
1984	5
1985	46
1986	39
1987	38
1988	48
1989	44
1990	48
1991	59
1992	46
1993	44
1994	60
1995	56
1996	45
1997	33
1998	38
1999	35
2000	40
Unknown	51
Total	781

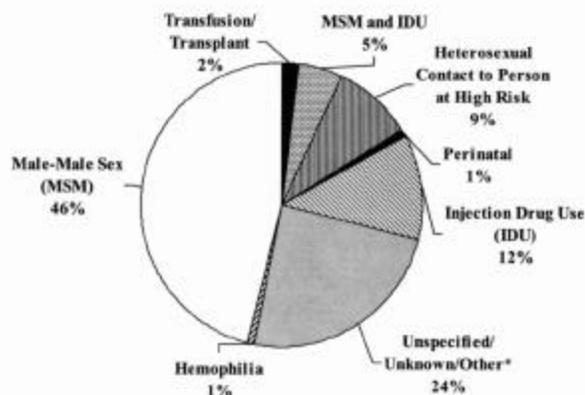
Cumulative HIV Cases and Known Deaths by Year of First Known HIV Diagnosis through December 31, 2000 (N=781)



Cumulative HIV Cases by Race/Ethnicity through December 31, 2000 N=781



Cumulative HIV Cases by Exposure Risk through December 31, 2000 N=781



*The Unspecified/Unknown/Other category includes cases with no reported history of HIV exposure through the other routes listed. These are generally cases where information is incomplete due to death, declining an interview, or loss to follow up; or where investigation is in process.

Partner Notification Activities: Of 77 persons newly reported to the Division of Public Health in 2000 with an HIV or AIDS diagnosis, 53 had not previously received partner notification (PN) services. Of these, 39 (74%) chose to participate in PN activities (including one partner newly diagnosed with HIV), 10 (19%) declined, and 4 (8%) were undecided or could not be located. Four more individuals who had participated in PN activities in an earlier year received additional services during 2000. The 43 individuals who participated in PN activities named a total of 117 sexual and/or injecting contacts, of which 106 had sufficient information to begin follow up; 81 partners were located and notified of their HIV exposure and 61 accepted counseling and HIV testing during PN services. One partner was

newly found to be HIV infected, and 16 additional partners knew their HIV positive status at the time PN activities took place. Interactions with these individuals during PN indicated that many would not otherwise have sought or received risk reduction counseling or HIV testing services. Overall, participants:

- did not perceive themselves to be at high risk for HIV;
- were often unemployed or with modest income;
- had partners in both urban and rural areas of Alaska as well as in other states;
- included a small number who reported crack use;
- needed assistance to access care and supportive services;
- included some individuals who had difficulty maintaining safer behaviors.