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## HIV Infection in Alaska, 2001

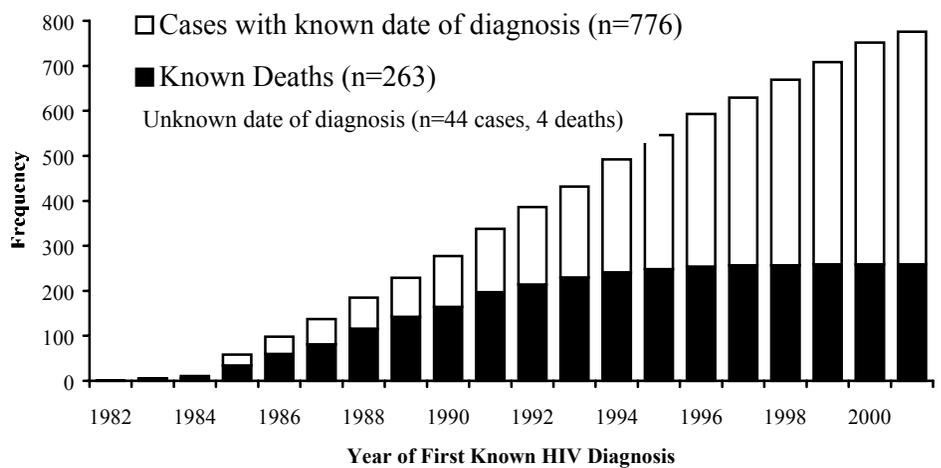
A cumulative total of 820 cases of HIV infection were reported to the Division of Public Health through December 31, 2001. Of these 820 cases:

- 567 were reported with AIDS and 253 with HIV infection without AIDS;
- 673 (82%) were in males and 147 (18%) in females; and
- 263 (32%) were known to have died.

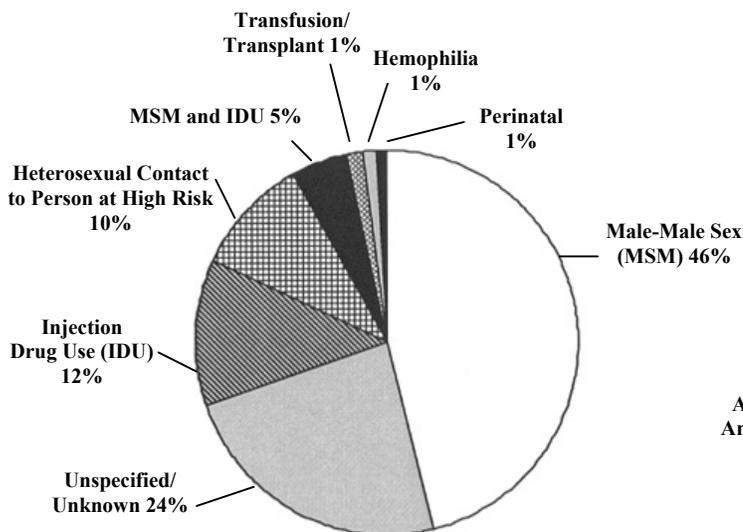
### Cases by Year of First Known HIV Diagnosis through December 31, 2001

Year	Cases
1982	1
1983	5
1984	5
1985	47
1986	40
1987	39
1988	48
1989	44
1990	48
1991	61
1992	48
1993	46
1994	60
1995	55
1996	46
1997	36
1998	40
1999	39
2000	44
2001	24
Unknown	44
Total	820

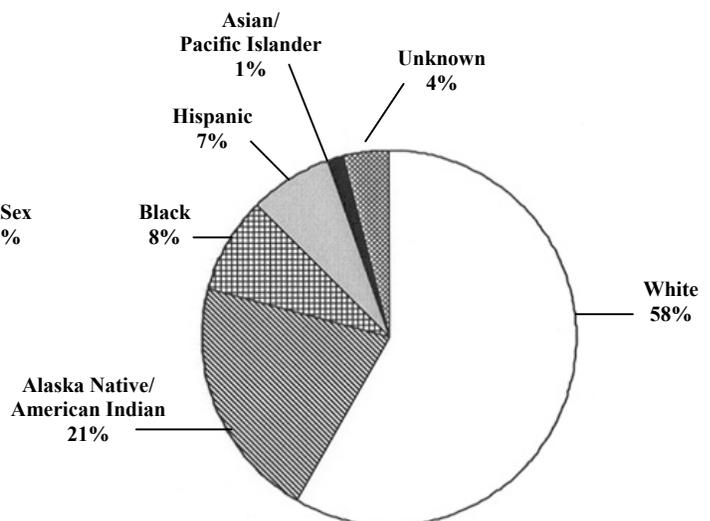
### Cumulative HIV Cases and Known Deaths by Year of First Known HIV Diagnosis through December 31, 2001 (N=820)



### Cumulative HIV Cases by Exposure Risk through December 31, 2001 (N=820)



### Cumulative HIV Cases by Race/Ethnicity through December 31, 2001 (N=820)



\*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 the 47 persons newly reported to the Division of Public Health in 2001 with an HIV or AIDS diagnosis, 30 (64%) were interviewed for partners and 23 (49%) named at least one partner. Three additional individuals reported in an earlier period also participated in partner notification services during 2001. These 26 persons named 61 partners, providing information sufficient to begin investigations for 48 of the partners. Twenty-five partners were located and advised of their exposure, of whom 20 accepted HIV testing and 2 were newly diagnosed with HIV infection. Seven additional partners were aware they were HIV positive by the time of the investigation. Several case investigations are still in process.

**Provider/Patient Assistance:** For patient and provider assistance with HIV partner notification or prevention counseling, providers may call the HIV/STD Program at 907-269-8000. Assistance to identify resources for patient care and support services is available through the statewide AIDS Helpline at 1-800-478-2437.

**Case Reporting by Healthcare Providers and Laboratories:** Suspected or diagnosed cases of HIV and AIDS are reportable as separate events by calling the Division of Public Health HIV/STD Program personnel (907-269-8000), the 24-hour Rapid Telephonic Reporting system (1-800-478-1700 or 561-4234 in Anchorage), or by confidential fax (1-907-561-4239).