

**A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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***Over One-Third of National AIDS Cases Reported in 1994  
Associated with Drug Use***

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over one-third (36%) of the 80,691 new AIDS cases reported in 1994 were associated with injection drug use (IDU). The majority of the IDU-related AIDS cases were among heterosexuals, which makes injection drug use the most prevalent mode of exposure among heterosexuals. Reported AIDS cases in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area show similar patterns (see CESAR FAX, Volume 3, Issue 48).

**Number of AIDS Cases Reported in 1994, by Mode of Exposure, United States**

<u>Mode of Exposure</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Men Having Sex with Men	34,974	43%
<b>Injection Drug Use</b> <sup>1</sup>		
By Homosexuals	3,853	5%
By Heterosexuals	25,086	31%
		} 36%
Undetermined Risk	9,578	12%
Heterosexual Contact	5,348	7%
Other <sup>2</sup>	1,768	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,691</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Includes having sexual relations with an injection drug user.

<sup>2</sup>"Other" includes non-IDU perinatal transmission, hemophilia/coagulation disorder, and receipt of blood transfusion, blood components, or tissue.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, Volume 6, Number 2.

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