

Injecting Drug Use Second Most Frequently Reported Risk Behavior for HIV Infection

Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that injecting drug use (IDU) is the second most frequently reported risk behavior for HIV infection. Of the 506,538 adolescent and adult AIDS cases reported to the CDC by December 31, 1995, over one-third (36%) were associated with injecting drug use. IDU-related AIDS cases include persons who are injecting drug users (defined as any person who injected drugs at least once after 1977) as well as those who are heterosexual partners of IDUs. The highest rates of IDU-associated AIDS cases continue to occur in the Northeast; 44% of the cases reported in 1995 were from this region.

Number of Cumulative AIDS Cases Reported as of December 31, 1995, U. S. Adults/Adolescents Aged 13 and Older, by Mode of Exposure

<u>Mode of Exposure</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Men Having Sex with Men	259,672	51%
Injecting Drug Use		
Injecting Drug Users	161,891	32%
Heterosexual Partners of IDUs	18,710	4%
		} 36%
Heterosexual Contact	21,328	4%
Hemophilia/Coagulation Disorder	4,107	1%
Other/Undetermined ¹	40,830	8%
Total	506,538	100%

¹Includes recipients of blood transfusions, blood components, or tissue and workers exposed to HIV-infected blood, body fluids or concentrated virus in health care, laboratory, or household settings.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, Volume 7, Number 2 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AIDS Associated with Injecting-Drug Use--United States, 1995, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 17, 1996, pp. 392-398.

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