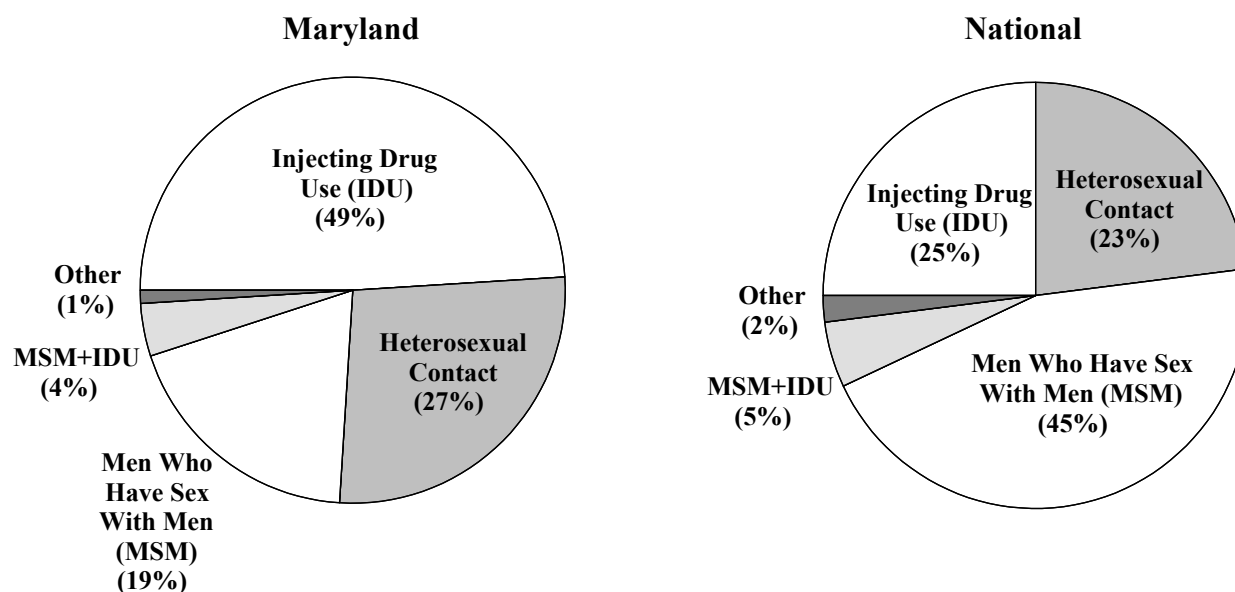


Nearly One-Half of New Maryland AIDS Cases Reported in 2001 Associated with Injecting Drug Use, Compared to One-Fourth Nationally

Maryland AIDS cases diagnosed in 2001 were nearly twice as likely than U.S. cases to be associated with injecting drug use (IDU). Nearly one-half (49%) of the Maryland AIDS cases diagnosed in 2001 were associated with IDU, compared to one-fourth nationally. IDU has been the most common mode of exposure in Maryland since 1991, primarily due to the high percentage of IDU-related AIDS cases in Baltimore City (58%) and in Maryland correctional facilities (89%).

Exposure Category of Maryland And National AIDS Cases Reported in 2001



NOTES: The category "Other" includes hemophiliacs, transfusion recipients, pediatric transmission, and occupational exposures. Maryland 2001 AIDS data are based on reports received through September 30, 2002. Percent distributions exclude cases with exposure category under investigation or risk not specified.

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