

NASSAU-SUFFOLK HIV HEALTH SERVICES

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HIV/AIDS on Long Island Fact Sheet 2011

- **As of December 31, 2009, approximately 5,951 Long Islanders are living with HIV/AIDS. This represents a 2.3% increase (136 people) from the prior year.**
- **Those most affected by HIV/AIDS in Nassau and Suffolk counties are people of color, men who have sex with men (MSM), and injection drug users (IDU).**
 - African Americans comprise 11% of Nassau County and 8% of Suffolk County's general populations, but represent approximately 41% of the newly diagnosed AIDS cases and 39% of emergent HIV cases.
 - Hispanics comprise 13% of Nassau County and 14% of Suffolk County's general populations, but represent 27% of the newly diagnosed AIDS cases and 23% of emergent HIV cases.
 - Men who have sex with men represent 51% of emergent HIV cases, 35% of emergent AIDS cases and approximately 32% of the HIV/AIDS prevalent cases in the Long Island region.
 - Persons with any IDU risk behavior account for nearly 21% of all people living with HIV/AIDS in Long Island.
- **The majority of Long Islanders living with HIV/AIDS are over the age of 45. At the same time, the majority of new cases of HIV are among people ages 20-44.**
 - Long Islanders who are 45 years of age or older account for 61.5% of people living with HIV/AIDS in the region.
 - Approximately 70% of new HIV cases in Long Island are among people between the ages of 20-44; 58% of new AIDS cases are among the same age group.

Source: New York State Department of Health Epidemiological Data, most recent data available.
HIV or AIDS Incidence (or emergent cases) are defined as the number of new HIV or AIDS cases diagnosed from 01/01/2009 to 12/31/2009. HIV or AIDS Prevalence is defined as the number of people living with HIV or AIDS as of 12/31/2009.