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HIV/AIDS Among Blacks in Wayne County HIV/AIDS Fact Sheet

HIV/AIDS is a health threat to communities of color. Blacks are disproportionately impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic: they comprise 59% of those living with HIV/AIDS while comprising only 14% of Michigan's general population. Among all race and ethnic groups blacks have the highest rate of HIV in Michigan and in the U.S.

In Michigan, as of October 1, 2009, blacks living with HIV/AIDS have a rate of 589 per 100,000 compared to 63 per 100,000 for whites and 142 per 100,000 for Latinos. When looking at cases reported over time in the table below you can see that the proportion among blacks in Wayne County (including the City of Detroit) is increasing. When comparing Wayne County with the whole state keep in mind that just under half of HIV/AIDS cases in Michigan are among Wayne County residents so trends in Wayne County have a large effect on statewide trends.

Percentage of Persons Reported with HIV/AIDS Who are Black by Year of Report					
Year of Report	10/1/05-9/30/2006	10/1/2006-9/30/07	10/1/2007-9/30/08	10/1/2008-9/30/09	2006-2009 change
Wayne County	81%	82%	82%	86%	+6%
Statewide	59%	62%	62%	66%	+12%

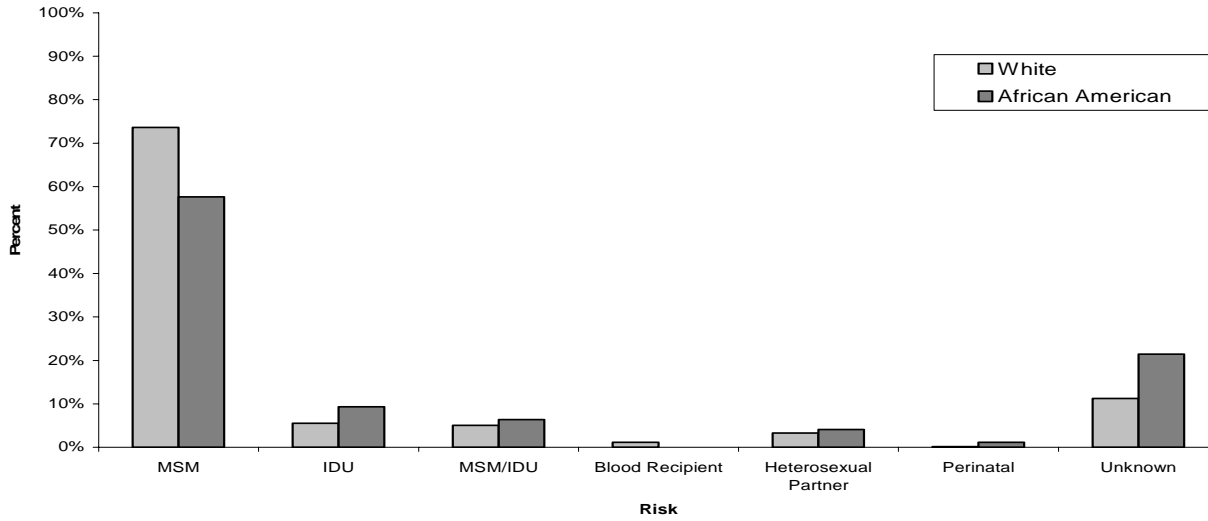
Snapshot of the Epidemic:

Transmission

In Wayne County (including the City of Detroit), HIV transmission patterns among black men are slightly different from those of white men. Both groups are most likely to be infected through sex with other men, however white men are more likely to have been infected this way. Injection drug use and unknown risk account for a greater share of infections among black men compared to white men.

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HIV + White and African American Men Living in Wayne County (including the city of Detroit), by risk, 10/1/09



In Wayne County (including the City of Detroit), black women have a similar pattern of risk for HIV infection as white women. Both are most likely to have been infected through heterosexual sex. However, black women are more likely to have an unknown risk.

HIV + White and African American Women Living in Wayne County (including the city of Detroit), by risk, 10/1/09

