

Regional HIV/AIDS Epidemiologic Profile of Holyoke, Massachusetts: 2014

Recent changes to the presentation of Massachusetts HIV/AIDS surveillance data

Effective January 1, 2011, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Bureau of Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS fact sheets, epidemiologic reports and other HIV data presentations have been updated to remove all HIV/AIDS cases that were first diagnosed in another state before being reported in Massachusetts. As of January 1, 2014, this resulted in the removal of 4,135 HIV/AIDS cases, of which 973 have died and 3,162 were living. These persons living with HIV/AIDS may still continue to reside and receive care in the Commonwealth. The total number of persons living with HIV/AIDS, irrespective of location at diagnosis, is the basis for MDPH service planning. This change is partially a result of increased activities required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for de-duplication among states in an effort to identify cases that are counted multiple times in the National HIV/AIDS Surveillance System. The cases are assigned to the state that reports the earliest date of AIDS diagnosis if available. If the case has not progressed to AIDS, the case is assigned to the state with the earliest HIV diagnosis date. Please note that previous HIV/AIDS fact sheets, data reports and presentations included cases that may have been first diagnosed in another state.

Also effective January 1, 2011, the MDPH HIV/AIDS fact sheets, epidemiologic reports, and other data presentations have been updated to eliminate the presumed heterosexual reported risk category for men; those cases have been reassigned to the no identified risk (NIR) category. The presumed heterosexual reported risk category was used with the intention of identifying HIV reported risk for women when sex with men is the only reported risk factor, there is no evidence of current or past injection drug use (IDU), and behavioral risk and HIV status information about male sexual partners are unknown. Twenty-nine percent of men living with HIV/AIDS and 40% of recent female HIV diagnoses are reported in the presumed heterosexual reported risk category. The application of the presumed heterosexual reported risk category to men is overly inclusive in that female to male HIV transmission is biologically less probable, and there are alternate reported risks that are possible for men, including sex with other men (MSM) or IDU. The CDC reports men diagnosed with HIV/AIDS who report sex with women as their only risk factor, without corresponding partner risk or HIV status information, in the NIR category. This revision to report presumed heterosexual male HIV/AIDS cases as NIR will bring Massachusetts HIV/AIDS case reporting for men in alignment with CDC standards. The MDPH will maintain presumed heterosexual and heterosexual reported risk categories for women.

Please note that HIV infection diagnosis and concurrent diagnosis trends are not presented for localities such as Holyoke where the annual number of HIV infection diagnoses is less than 20 for each of the years 2003 to 2012.

Table 1. Total number of people reported with HIV infection or AIDS¹ by mortality status on December 31, 2013: Holyoke, Massachusetts²

| | N | % |
|---|------------|-------------|
| People Living with HIV/AIDS | 293 | 54% |
| People Reported with HIV or AIDS who are Deceased | 252 | 46% |
| Total Number of People Reported with HIV Infection or AIDS | 545 | 100% |

¹ Does not include individuals diagnosed with HIV infection (non-AIDS) who died prior to January 1, 1999 or who were not in care on January 1, 1999

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Data Source: MDPH HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program, Data as of 1/1/14

Table 2. Average annual rate of HIV infection diagnosis from 2010 to 2012 and HIV/AIDS prevalence rate on 12/31/13¹: Holyoke, Massachusetts²

| Average annual HIV diagnosis rate from 2010–2012 | Average rate per 100,000 | Average annual number of HIV diagnoses |
|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Holyoke, MA | 32.6 | 13.0 |
| Massachusetts Total | 10.5 | 688.3 |

| HIV/AIDS prevalence rate on 12/31/13 | Rate per 100,000 | Number of people living with HIV/AIDS |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| Holyoke, MA | 734.7 | 293 |
| Massachusetts Total | 292.7 | 19,165 |

¹ The denominators for rate calculations are from the MDPH Massachusetts Race Allocated Census 2010 Estimates (MRACE 2010), Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Health Information, Statistics, Research, and Evaluation.

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Table 3. People living with HIV/AIDS¹, deaths among people reported with HIV/AIDS, and newly diagnosed HIV infections by year²: 2003–2012, Holyoke, Massachusetts³

| Year | HIV/AIDS Prevalence | Deaths among those with HIV/AIDS | Diagnosis of HIV Infection |
|------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2003 | 265 | 6 | 8 |
| 2004 | 270 | 9 | 14 |
| 2005 | 273 | 14 | 17 |
| 2006 | 275 | 7 | 9 |
| 2007 | 273 | 9 | 7 |
| 2008 | 269 | 10 | 6 |
| 2009 | 270 | 8 | 9 |
| 2010 | 280 | 5 | 15 |
| 2011 | 277 | 12 | 9 |
| 2012 | 289 | -- ⁴ | 15 |

¹ Number of people living with HIV/AIDS on 12/31 of each year

² Reflects year of HIV infection diagnosis among all individuals reported with HIV infection, with or without an AIDS diagnosis for the most recently available ten-year period after the implementation of HIV infection reporting in 1999.

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⁴ Values less than five are suppressed for populations less than 50,000 or for populations of unknown size for the assurance of confidentiality. Additional values may be suppressed to prevent back calculation.

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Table 4. People diagnosed with HIV infection from 2010–2012¹ and people living with HIV/AIDS on December 31, 2013 by gender, place of birth, race/ethnicity, exposure mode, age at HIV infection diagnosis and current age: Holyoke, Massachusetts²

| HIV Infection Diagnoses | | | PLWH/A | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Gender: | N | % | N | % |
| Male | 32 | 82% | 175 | 60% |
| Female | 7 | 18% | 118 | 40% |
| Place of Birth: | N | % | N | % |
| US | 19 | 49% | 137 | 47% |
| Puerto Rico/US Dependency ³ | 16 | 41% | 144 | 49% |
| Non-US | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | 12 | 4% |
| Race/Ethnicity: | N | % | N | % |
| White (non-Hispanic) | 7 | 18% | 48 | 16% |
| Black (non-Hispanic) | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ |
| Hispanic/Latino | 27 | 69% | 227 | 77% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ |
| Exposure Mode: | N | % | N | % |
| Male-to-male sex (MSM) | 13 | 33% | 46 | 16% |
| Injection Drug Use (IDU) | 8 | 21% | 106 | 36% |
| MSM/IDU | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | 9 | 3% |
| Heterosexual Sex | 9 | 23% | 71 | 24% |
| Other | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | 15 | 5% |
| Total Undetermined | 7 | 18% | 46 | 16% |
| • Presumed Heterosexual Sex ⁴ | 0 | 0% | 15 | 5% |
| • Undetermined ⁵ | 7 | 18% | 31 | 11% |
| Age: | N | % | N | % |
| | At Diagnosis | | On December 31, 2013 | |
| Under 13 | 0 | 0% | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ |
| 13 to 19 | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ |
| 20 to 24 | 5 | 13% | 9 | 3% |
| 25 to 29 | 5 | 13% | 15 | 5% |
| 30 to 34 | 6 | 15% | 13 | 4% |
| 35 to 39 | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | 27 | 9% |
| 40 to 44 | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | 26 | 9% |
| 45 to 49 | 7 | 18% | 54 | 18% |
| 50 to 54 | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | 72 | 25% |
| 55 to 59 | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | 42 | 14% |
| 60+ | -- ⁷ | -- ⁷ | 32 | 11% |
| Total⁶ | 39 | 100% | 293 | 100% |

¹ Reflects year of HIV infection diagnosis among all individuals reported with HIV infection, with or without an AIDS diagnosis for the most recently available three-year period after the implementation of HIV infection reporting in 1999.

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³ Ninety-eight percent of people diagnosed with HIV infection from 2010–2012 who were born in a US dependency were born in Puerto Rico, 1% were born in the US Virgin Islands, 1% were born in Guam and 1% were born in an unknown dependency.

⁴ Includes female sex with male of unknown HIV status or risk. This category is limited to females.

⁵ Includes male sex with female of unknown HIV status or risk, those still being followed up for risk information, those who have died with no determined risk, and those lost to follow-up.

⁶ Total includes American Indian/Alaska Native, other and unspecified race/ethnicity.

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Table 5. People living with HIV/AIDS on December 31, 2013 by gender and race/ethnicity: Holyoke, Massachusetts¹

| Race/Ethnicity: | Male | | Female | |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | N | % | N | % |
| White (non-Hispanic) | 35 | 20% | 13 | 11% |
| Black (non-Hispanic) | 8 | 5% | 8 | 7% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 130 | 74% | 97 | 82% |
| Total² | 175 | 100% | 118 | 100% |

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Table 6. People living with HIV/AIDS on December 31, 2013 by gender and exposure mode: Holyoke, Massachusetts¹

| Exposure Mode: | Male | | Female | |
|--|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Male-to-male sex (MSM) | 46 | 26% | N/A | N/A |
| Injection drug use (IDU) | 70 | 40% | 36 | 31% |
| MSM/IDU | 9 | 5% | N/A | N/A |
| Heterosexual sex | 17 | 10% | 54 | 46% |
| Other | 7 | 4% | 8 | 7% |
| Total Undetermined | 26 | 15% | 20 | 17% |
| • Presumed heterosexual sex ² | N/A | N/A | 15 | 13% |
| • Undetermined ³ | 26 | 15% | 5 | 4% |
| Total | 175 | 100% | 118 | 100% |

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N/A=Not Applicable

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