

BRIEF FACTS ON AFRICAN-AMERICANS (AF-AMs) AND HIV/AIDS

As of May 31, 2004, **6274** Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections and **7735** Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)* cases have been reported to the Alabama Department of Public Health. A combined total of reported HIV/AIDS in Alabama is **14,009**.

AF-AM's represent **26%** of the state's population; however, **61.8% (8664)** of all reported HIV/AIDS in Alabama are from this group.

AF-AM males represent **43.8%** of all HIV/AIDS reported.

AF-AM females represent **18.1%** of all HIV/AIDS reported.

HIV/AIDS cases in AF-AMs are reported in these risk factor categories: Men Who Have Sex With Men-MSM (**31.6%**), Injecting Drug Use-IDU (**13.8%**), Heterosexual (**23.3%**), MSM/IDU (**5.2%**), Maternal Transmission (**0.9%**), Transfusion (**0.6%**), Hemophilia (**0.2%**), and Undetermined (**24.2%**) **.

Age groups represented by HIV/AIDS in AF-AMs are:

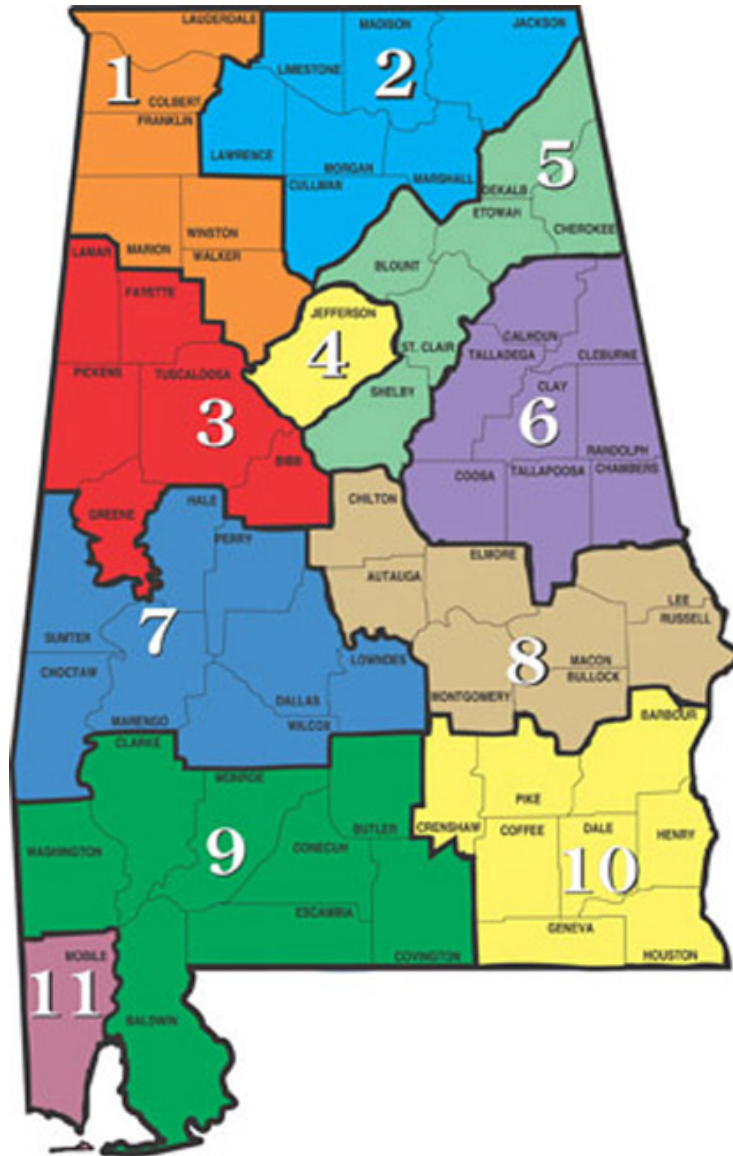
AGE GROUP***	TOTAL AF-AM	PERCENTAGE
0-12	88	1.0%
13-19	357	4.1%
20-29	2724	31.4%
30-39	3133	36.2%
40-49	1652	19.1%
50+	709	8.2%
TOTAL	8664	100.1%

*AIDS is the most serious complication caused by infection with HIV. The virus attacks the white blood cells which protect the body from infection and thus lowers the body's ability to fight diseases and infections.

**Undetermined cases pending surveillance follow-up are eventually assigned one of the seven specified risk factor categories.

***There is 1 "unknown" age.

(OVER)



The representation of AF-AM reported HIV/AIDS by Public Health Area (PHA) are: PHA IV (29.8%), PHA VIII (20.7%), PHA XI (17.9%), PHA X (6.7%), PHA II (5.4%), PHA IX (4.5%), PHA VI (4.4%), PHA VII (4.1%), PHA III (3.8%), PHA V (1.6%), PHA I (0.8%), and Unknown (0.2%)

Prepared by: *HIV/AIDS Prevention Planning Development Branch*
 Source: *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Branch*

For additional information on HIV Prevention Community Planning Groups call Sharon/Tamara at (334) 206-5364 or 1-800-228-0469 with the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, Alabama Department of Public Health.