

HIV surveillance and epidemiologic activities in the United States include six territories in the Pacific Ocean (in addition to the State of Hawaii). All of these "U.S. Pacific Islands" receive some funds from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for HIV prevention activities.

The U.S. Pacific Islands include three U.S. territories, Guam (pop. 160,695) and American Samoa (pop. 61,819), and the self-governing Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (pop. 53,552). Also included among the U.S. Pacific Islands are three former U.S. trust territories that are now independent nations in free association with the United States: the Republic of Palau (pop. 18,467); the Republic of the Marshall Islands (pop. 65,507); and the Federated States of Micronesia (pop. 131,500).

HIV/AIDS has had a limited impact on the U.S. Pacific Islands, due in part to their relative geographic isolation and small populations. Between July 1999 and June 2000, the U.S. Pacific Islands reported 18 AIDS cases, a rate of 11.8 cases per 100,000 population. Cumulatively, the U.S. Pacific Islands have reported 50 AIDS cases, all among adults (of these, 46 were reported on Guam). This is fewer than one-third the number of cases in the U.S. state (North Dakota) with the next lowest number of AIDS cases. Of the 50 individuals with AIDS, 27 individuals (25 of whom were on Guam) were reported to be known to still be living as of June 2000.

HIV/AIDS prevention funding from CDC to health departments, 2000:

Funding to entire country: \$286,841,075

Funding to American Samoa: \$101,231

Funding to Guam: \$289,291

Funding to Marshall Islands: \$67,998

Funding to Micronesia: \$88,635

Funding to Northern Mariana Islands: \$143,033

Funding to Palau: \$176,611

U.S. Pacific Islands' percentage of CDC funding: 0.30%

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