

1. Blacks make up only 12% of the U.S. population, but accounted for an estimated 46% of new HIV infections in 2011. <http://bit.ly/1xKqo1J>
2. According to the CDC, unless the epidemic changes, it is predicted that an estimated 1 in 16 black men & 1 in 32 black women will be diagnosed with HIV <http://1.usa.gov/1nxs8pL>
3. The social and economic realities that exist in some African American communities may lead to increased HIV risk. These include poverty, racial discrimination, less access to healthcare, and higher rates of incarceration.
4. Within the African American community, gay and bisexual men are the most affected, followed by heterosexual women. <http://1.usa.gov/SO5xu6>
5. About 1 in 4 new HIV cases is among youth ages 13-24. MOST OF THEM DO NOT KNOW THEY ARE INFECTED! View this diagram for details <http://1.usa.gov/SO5xu6>
6. The most likely transmission route is heterosexual sex, with 89% of African American women living with HIV being infected this way. 11% of female HIV infections were a result of sharing un-sterile needles for drug use. <http://bit.ly/TLaYdV>
7. 'Sister to sister' is an HIV prevention initiative delivered to African American women in a culturally sensitive way when they attend certain medical appointments. Such targeted campaigns may be contributing to the decrease in HIV infections among this population – For More information visit this site: <http://1.usa.gov/SO9OgW>
8. June 27th is National HIV/AIDS Testing Day. Click the link to find free testing and care centers in your area <http://1.usa.gov/1nxs8pL>
9. HIV can be transmitted via: unprotected sexual intercourse or oral sex with an infected person, the sharing of contaminated needles, syringes or other sharp instruments & the transmission between a mother and her baby during pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding.
10. Did you know that you could take an HIV test at home by using Ora Quick? This test can detect HIV infection if used 3 months after a risk event. You can pick up the test for less than \$40 at your local drug store or pharmacy. Find out more here: <http://bit.ly/1hPwyZV>
11. Did you know that there are over 30 FREE & Confidential HIV/STD testing sites in the 5 NYC boroughs? Find them Here and get tested today <http://on.nyc.gov/1l2gg05>
12. More than 35 million people are currently living with HIV worldwide, and 2.1 million of these are adolescents (10-19 years). An estimated 2.3 million people were newly infected with the virus in 2012. <http://1.usa.gov/1nxuXa5>
13. The past decade has seen substantial advances in the development of antiretroviral therapy (ART)—medications used in combination to reduce the replication of HIV virus

and treat HIV-infected persons. Find out more about ART Medications
<http://1.usa.gov/1uZQBXR>

14. Through ART medications many HIV-infected persons are able to reduce levels of virus in the bloodstream to undetectable levels. Data suggest that these people are less infectious, and may be less likely to transmit HIV via sexual contact.
<http://1.usa.gov/SAhhQf>
15. The District of Columbia has the highest rate in the nation, compared to other states, more than 9 times the national rate. Seven of the top 10 states by rate are in the South.
<http://bit.ly/1plka66>
16. New HIV diagnoses are concentrated primarily in large U.S. metropolitan areas (81% in 2011), with New York, Los Angeles, and Miami topping the list. <http://bit.ly/1s6zRQz>

| State | New HIV Diagnoses, Number (%) | State/Area | New HIV Diagnoses, per 100,000 |
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| California | 5,965 (11.9%) | District of Columbia | 177.9 |
| Florida | 5,394 (10.8%) | Virgin Islands | 39.5 |
| Texas | 5,044 (10.1%) | Louisiana | 36.6 |
| New York | 4,944 (9.9%) | Maryland | 36.4 |
| Georgia | 2,520 (5.0%) | Florida | 33.2 |
| Illinois | 2,137 (4.3%) | Georgia | 31.4 |
| Maryland | 1,771 (3.5%) | New York | 30.1 |
| North Carolina | 1,664 (3.3%) | Puerto Rico | 28.6 |
| New Jersey | 1,557 (3.1%) | Mississippi | 25.3 |
| Pennsylvania | 1,539 (3.1%) | Texas | 24.5 |
| Subtotal | 32,535 (65.1%) | – | – |
| U.S. Total | 50,007 (100%) | U.S. Rate | 19.1 |

17. HIV was the 5th leading cause of death for Black men and the 7th for Black women, ages 25-44, in 2010, ranking higher than their respective counterparts in any other racial/ethnic group. <http://bit.ly/1plka66>
18. Dismantling the Myth: The fact is, HIV is not transmitted that easily. You can't get it from a toilet seat, from shaking hands, hugging, or kissing. You can't get it from eating off the plate of someone who has HIV, or drinking out of their glass

19. The Myth: You can't get HIV from oral sex. The Truth: Although the risk is less, you can get HIV from oral sex. Have your partner wear a condom regardless if its oral, anal or vaginal sex.
20. The Myth: HIV was created by the US government to kill black people. The Truth: Nobody really knows. HIV originated from the closely-related Simian Immunodeficiency Virus (SIV), today found in monkeys and chimpanzees. <http://bit.ly/UunDm9>
21. The CDC provides free conferences and trainings across the country. To find our more visit the site at: <http://1.usa.gov/1eCcUI>
22. Not everyone who has HIV progresses to AIDS. With proper treatment, called “antiretroviral therapy” (ART), a person who is diagnosed with HIV and treated before the disease is far advanced can have a nearly normal life expectancy. <http://1.usa.gov/1xKFLqZ>
23. According to the CDC, almost 60% of youth (aged 13-24) with HIV in the United States do not know they are infected. <http://1.usa.gov/1oPqSzx>
24. Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men account for most new infections in the age group 13 to 24; black/African American or Hispanic/Latino gay and bisexual men are especially affected. <http://1.usa.gov/1pln5vw>
25. Many states and some cities have partner-notification laws—meaning that, if you test positive for HIV, you (or your healthcare provider) may be legally obligated to tell your sex or needle-sharing partner(s). <http://1.usa.gov/1pIRWQt>
26. According to the aids.gov Legal Disclosure, in some states, if you are HIV-positive and don't tell your partner(s), you can be charged with a crime. <http://1.usa.gov/1pIRWQt>