

# The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Southeast Michigan



Re-Sound the Alarm

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African Americans  
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HIV/AIDS  
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# The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Michigan



- ❖ African Americans make up 14% of Michigan's general population, yet 58% of those currently living with HIV/AIDS
- ❖ As of January 1, 2007, the HIV prevalence rate for African Americans is 710 per 100,000 compared to 78 per 100,000 for whites
- ❖ African Americans are more than **nine** times more likely to be infected with HIV than whites

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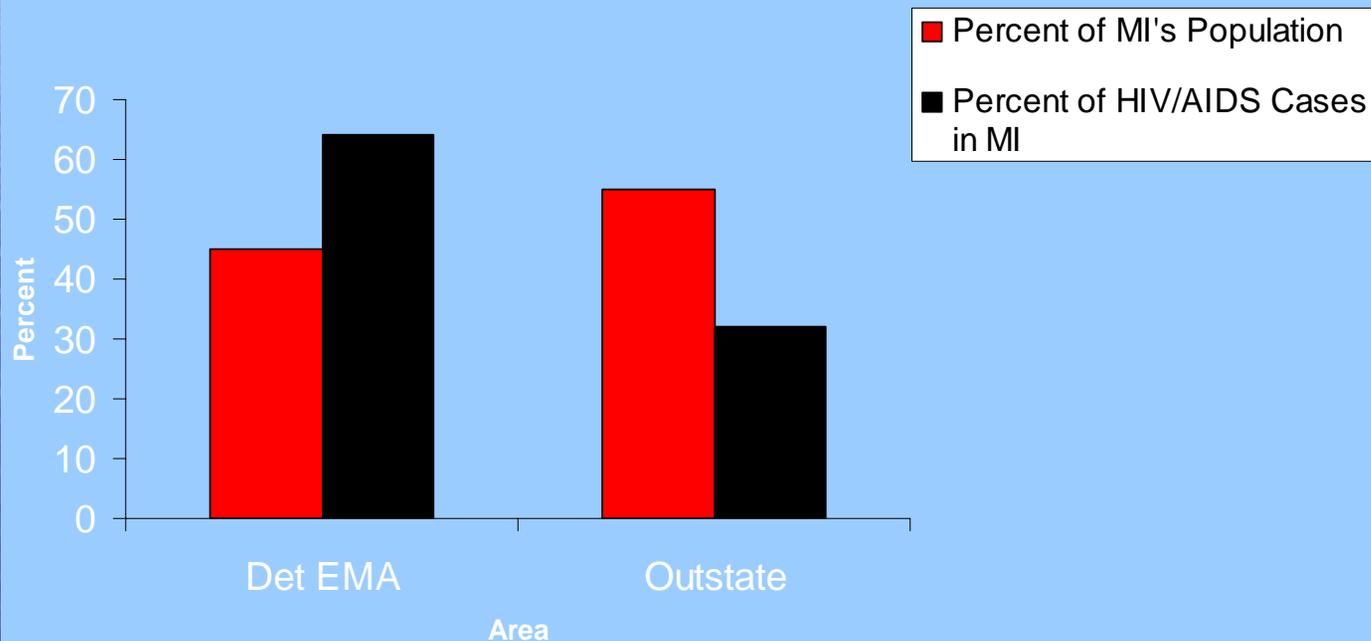


- ❖ MDCH estimates that as many as one out of 100 African American males and one out of 260 African American females may be infected with HIV
- ❖ The death rate from AIDS for African Americans is 10.2 per 100,000 compared to 0.8 per 100,000 for whites

# The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Detroit Metro Area



Figure 1: Michigan Living HIV/AIDS Cases and Population by Area, 1/1/06



# The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Detroit Metro Area



- ❖ In Metro Detroit, the rate of infection among African Americans is 705 per 100,000 population, almost 8 times higher than the rate among whites (92 per 100,000 population)

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- ❖ MDCH estimates that as many as:
  - ❖ one out of 90 African American males may be HIV-infected (one out of 530 white males )
  - ❖ one out of 240 African American females may be HIV-infected (one out of 4,160 white females)
- ❖ In the Detroit metro area, an African American female is 2.3 times more likely to be HIV positive than a white male.

# The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the City of Detroit



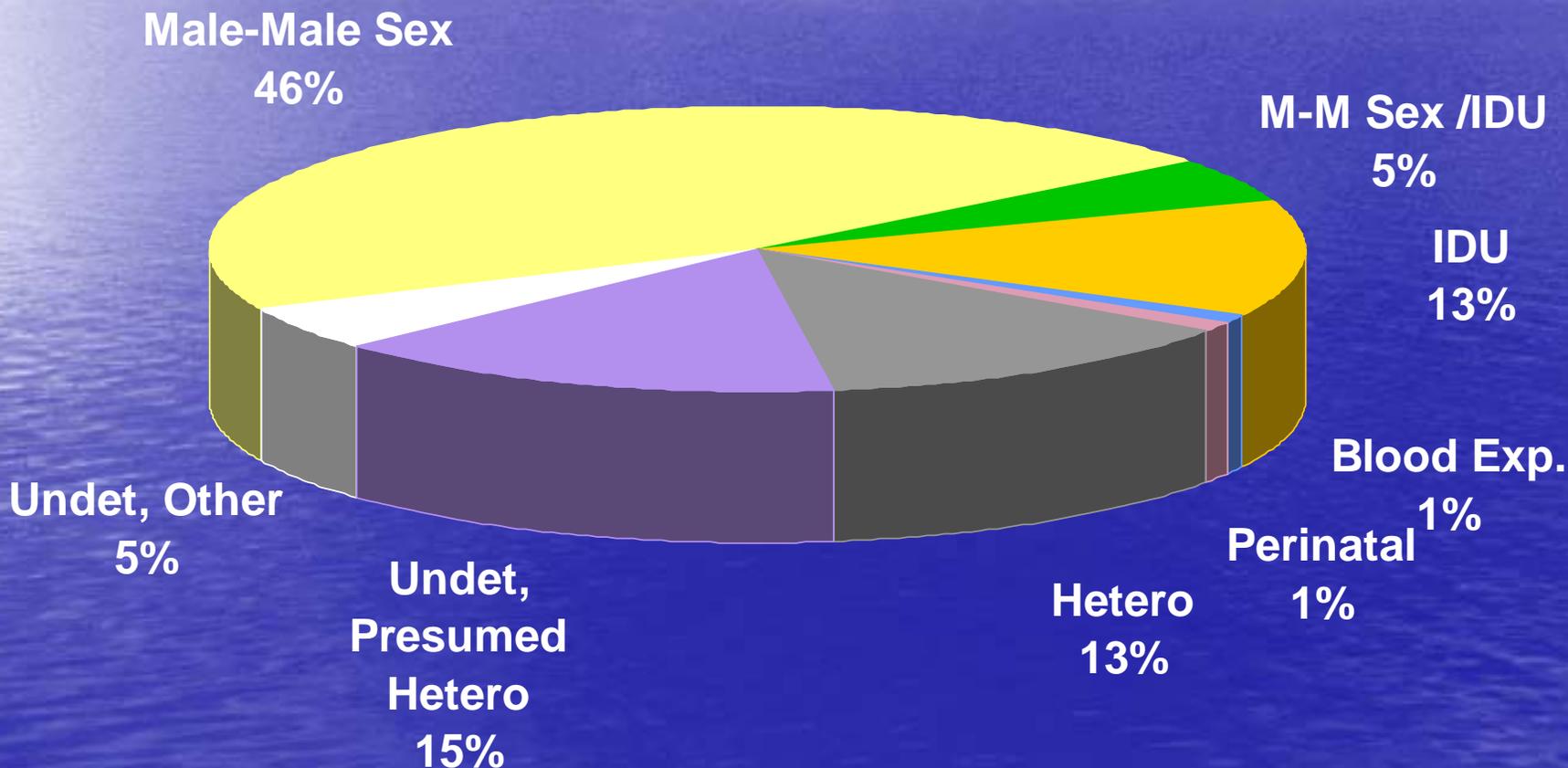
- ❖ Detroit is listed as one of the top 26 cities in the country where African Americans are disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS
- ❖ Detroit made the list for both males AND females



# Persons Living With HIV/AIDS in Michigan by Mode of Transmission (Apr 1, 06)



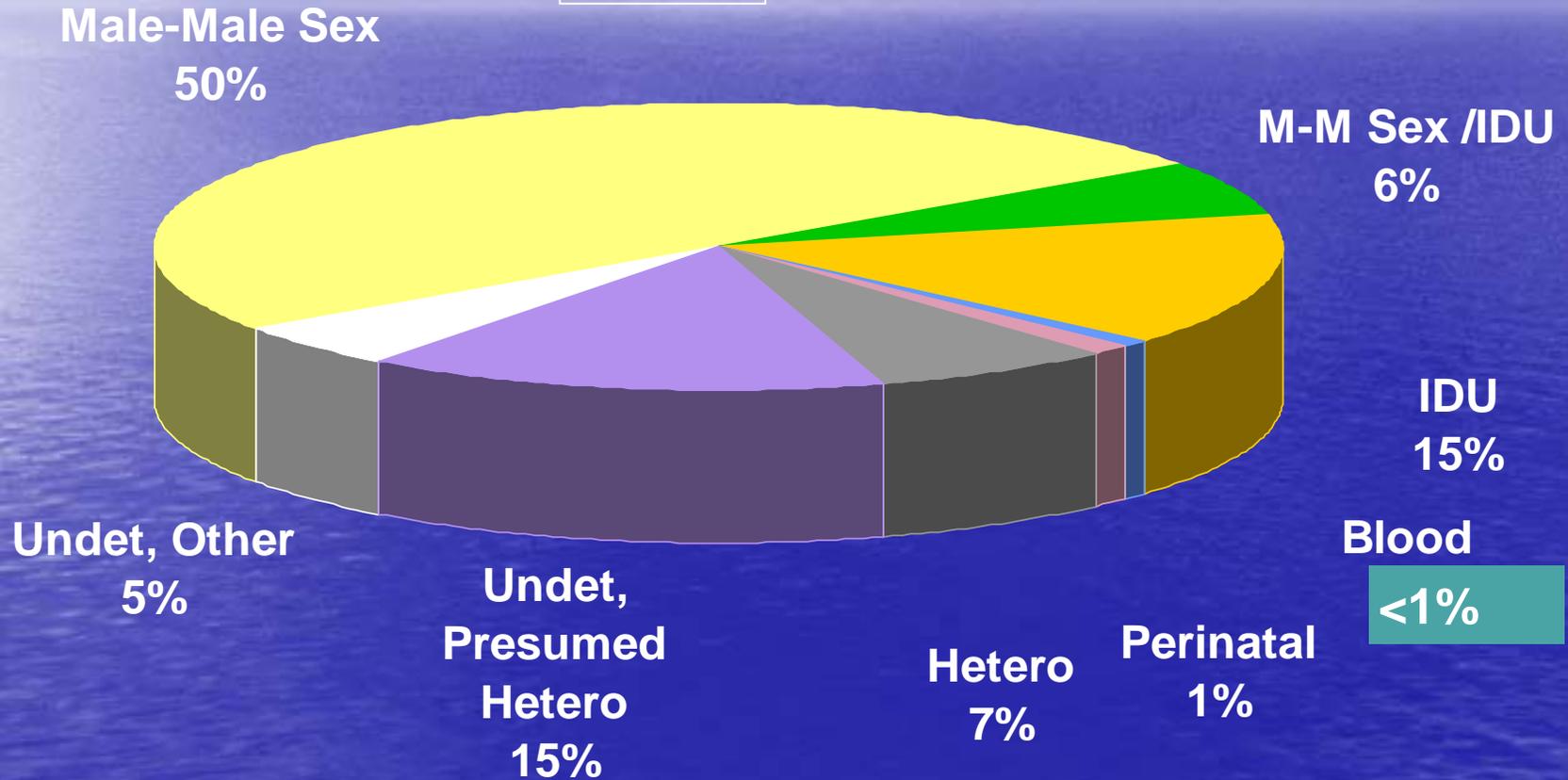
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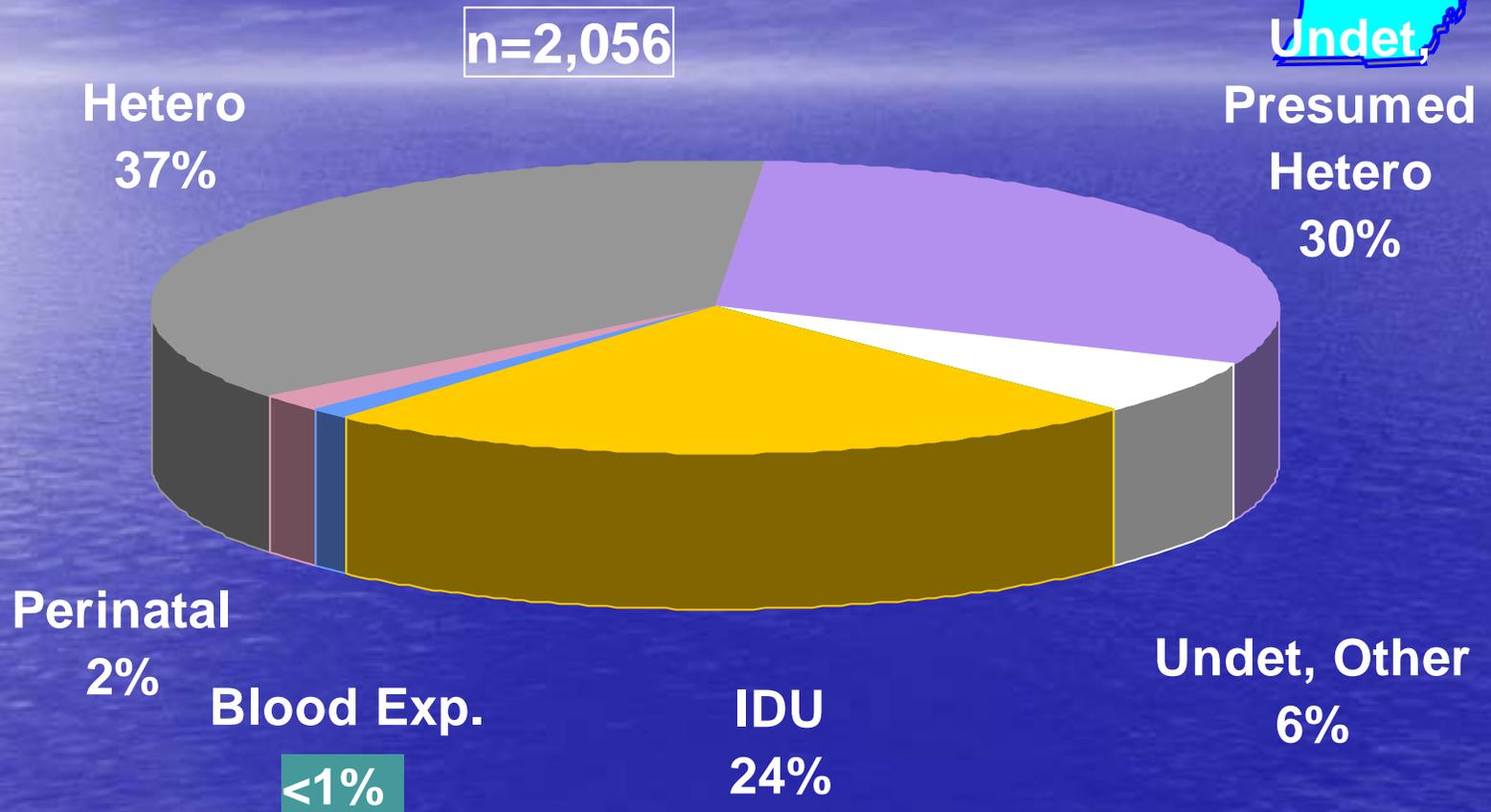
# Black Males Living With HIV/AIDS in MI by Mode of Transmission (Jan 1, 06)



n=4,932



# Black Females Living With HIV/AIDS in MI by Mode of Transmission (Jan 1, 06)



# Who is infected with HIV/AIDS in the Detroit area?



- ❖ Young people
- ❖ Women
- ❖ Men
- ❖ Older people

# Where do we go from here?



- ❖ Data show that HIV/AIDS is already an urgent health crisis in the African American community
- ❖ Get the facts out to African American community in a way they can hear ***and from people they believe*** will be key to stemming the tide

# Where do we go from here?



- ❖ Encourage the African American community to embrace behavior change
  - ❖ Practice safer sexual behavior
  - ❖ Do not share needles or other drug paraphernalia
  - ❖ Get tested and get the results



❖ "AIDS has been allowed to stalk and murder Black America like a serial killer because we have been a compliant victim, submitting through in-action. It is now time for us to fight AIDS like the major civil rights issue it is."

- Rev. Jesse Jackson, 2006