

TALKING POINT CONCERNING THE HIV EPIDEMIC AMONG AFRICAN AMERICANS, 2009

- Prevalence rates in Michigan are 9 times higher for blacks as compared to whites (*Quarterly Stats Jan 2009*)
- There are almost 4 times as many black females living with HIV than white females in Michigan, but the rates are 19 times higher for black females compared to white females (*Quarterly Stats Jan 2009*)
- The number of deaths in black males has fallen substantially from 2001 to 2007, but the number of deaths among black males still exceeds that of any other race/sex group. (*Quarterly Stats Jan 2009*)
- The percent decrease in deaths between 1995 and 2001 was highest for white males (73%) and lowest for black females (38%). However, percent decrease in deaths between 2001 and 2005 was higher for black men compared to white men (40% vs. 24%, respectively) and black women compared to white women (25% vs. 11%, respectively). (*Quarterly Stats Jan 2009*)
- When looking at the number of new HIV diagnoses by race and sex, black men was the only group that experienced a significant increase between the years 2002-2006. All other race/sex groups remained level over the same time period. (*Trends, May 2008*)
- Between 2002 and 2006, 76% of new diagnoses among 13-24 year-olds were black. This is the third year in a row that MI trends analyses have shown a significant increase among this age group. (*Trends, May 2008*)
- 48% of new HIV diagnoses among 13-24 year-olds are black MSM, compared to 19% of those 25+. (*Trends, May 2008*)
- In the United States, the estimated rates of new infections in 2006 by race, sex, and age was highest for black men in all categories. (*MMWR, Subpopulation Estimates from the HIV Incidence Surveillance System --- United States, 2006, 9/12/08*)
- In a study of young MSM in 7 major cities in the United States, it was found that 14% of black participants aged 15-22 and 32% of black participants aged 23-29 were living with HIV. (*MMWR, HIV Incidence Among Young Men Who Have Sex With Men --- Seven U.S. Cities, 1994—2000, 6/01/01*)