



# HIV Among Foreign Born Persons, Michigan

## Number of Cases and Recent Trends:

- In Michigan, there are 834 persons living with HIV/AIDS among persons born in a country other than the United States (Foreign Born).
- Almost one-quarter (23 percent) of the HIV infections in Michigan have a missing or unknown country of birth so data on Foreign Born individuals must be considered a minimum estimate and therefore must be interpreted with caution.

## Demographics:

- The majority of HIV infections in Foreign Born individuals originated from Africa and South and Central (S/C) America, including Mexico (73%).
- In contrast to U.S. born HIV cases (77 percent male; 23 percent female), those born in Africa are 43 percent male and 59 percent female, reflecting a higher rate of infection attributed to heterosexual transmission.
- Male HIV infections attributed to heterosexual transmission make up 25 percent of African cases, 10 percent of S/C American cases, and only 5 percent of US born cases.
- African born individuals are 99 percent black, while those from S/C America are 84 percent Hispanic.

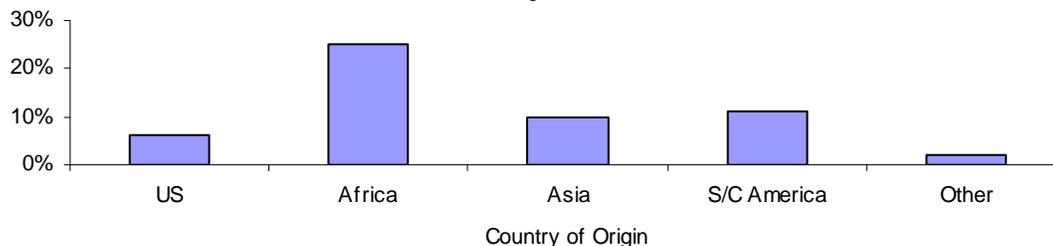
## Other Facts:

- The Immigration and Nationality Act, updated in 1999, allowed HIV positive refugees to enter the U.S.
- From 1999 to 2000, Michigan experienced a 110 percent increase in HIV diagnoses among Foreign Born individuals, most likely an effect of the updated Act.
- The number of HIV infections diagnosed in Foreign Born individuals increased from 14 cases in 1985 to 33 cases in 2009 and peaked at 86 cases in 2000.

## Program Efforts:

- Specific HIV care services to foreign born persons primarily consist of those provided to African Nationals and are primarily located in Southwest Michigan.

Percent of Males Living with HIV and Infected through Heterosexual Sex, by Country of Origin



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