

**VENTURA COUNTY
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CURRENT AIDS STATISTICS			
	VENTURA	CALIFORNIA	UNITED STATES
ADULT CASES	849	123,206	765,559
ADULT DEATHS	505	75,013	442,882
PEDIATRIC CASES	3	613	8,908
PEDIATRIC DEATHS	2	381	5,178
TOTALS	852	123,819	774,467
DEATHS	507	75,394	448,060

- Cumulative data, numbers may change due to delays in reporting.
- Based on reported AIDS cases to Ventura County Public Health, there are approximately 450 persons *known* to be living with AIDS in Ventura County.

This final HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report will discuss the reported cases of AIDS to the Ventura County Public Health Department from January 2001 to December 2001. A comparison will be made with the 2000 to identify any trends. Ventura County Public Health has been conducting active AIDS surveillance since 1987.

SUMMARY POINTS FOR JANUARY 2001 THROUGH DECEMBER 2001 :

- The total number of cases reported in 2001 was 37.
- Fifteen deaths were recorded in 2001.
- Eighty six percent of the AIDS cases were male, fourteen percent were female.
- There were no pediatric cases.
- The AIDS cases reported in 2001 were primarily hispanic (49%).
- The greatest number of cases were 30-39 years of age.
- The main route of exposure was men having sex with men followed by men having sex with men & IDU and risk not reported.
- The diagnosis of AIDS was determined primarily by a low CD4 count.
- There were fourteen new non-resident cases.
- Sixty eight percent of cases were diagnosed HIV+ and AIDS at the same time.

VENTURA COUNTY AIDS CASES		
	2001	2000
#CASES REPORTED	37	40
#DEATHS	15	15
MALES	32 (86%)	37 (93%)
FEMALES	5 (14%)	3 (7%)

Over the last three years the number of new AIDS cases has slowly decreased, from 48 in 1999 to 37 in 2001. The number of deaths has remained the same. The ratio of males to females has shifted slightly with a greater number of females being reported in 2001.

- **Sixty eight percent** of the patients diagnosed in the year 2001 were diagnosed with HIV and AIDS at the same time, compared to being diagnosed HIV+ and years later AIDS. Unfortunately, this number continues to climb, and is higher than the national average.

RACE		
	2001	2000
WHITE	15 (41%)	16 (40%)
HISPANIC	18 (49%)	21 (53%)
BLACK	4 (11%)	3 (8%)

The number of Hispanics diagnosed with AIDS has increased over the last several years, reaching a high of 53% in 2000.

AGE		
	2001	2000
<19 YEARS	0	0
20-29	1 (3%)	3 (8%)
30-39	16 (43%)	15 (38%)
40-49	3 (8%)	18 (45%)
>49	8 (22%)	4 (10%)

The age categories for Ventura County over the years has been primarily 30-39 years and 40-49 years of age. In 2001, the percentage of new AIDS cases is predominantly in the 30-39 age category.

EXPOSURE CATEGORY		
	2001	2000
MEN SEX WITH MEN	21 (57%)	17 (43%)
IDU	3 (8%)	5 (13%)
HETEROSEXUAL	3 (8%)	3 (8%)
NO RISK ID	4 (11%)	9 (23%)

The primary exposure category has basically remained the same, men having sex with men, however, there have been fluctuations in the other exposure categories. In 2000, there was a slight increase in the number of AIDS cases whose risk was intravenous drug use and a decrease in the number of heterosexual transmissions. No identified risk cases remain under investigation.

DISEASE CATEGORY		
	2001	2000
PCP	9 (24%)	8 (20%)
KS	0	0
CD4	20 (54%)	20 (50%)
OTHER OI'S (NO PCP)	8 (22%)	12 (30%)

As has been the case in previous years, the majority of AIDS cases have been diagnosed by CD4 count.

NON-RESIDENT AIDS CASES (cumulative)	
ADULT CASES	246
ADULT DEATHS	137
PEDIATRIC CASES	1
PEDIATRIC DEATHS	0
TOTAL CASES	247
TOTAL DEATHS	137

Non-residents are diagnosed cases of AIDS reported by another county or state but who are now residing and receiving care in Ventura County. These cases are counted at the time they are reported to the Health Department, not when they were diagnosed.

- There were 14 new Non-Resident cases in 2001 compared to 19 non-resident cases reported in 2000.
- No pediatric AIDS case was reported in Ventura County this year. We are aware of approximately 9-10 children living in Ventura County with HIV.

FACILITY OF DIAGNOSIS		
	2001	2000
VCMC	62%	54%
PRIMARY MD	14%	23%
LOS ANGELES FACILITY	8%	13%
PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN VENTURA COUNTY	14%	10%
OTHER	0%	0%