

Asians & Pacific Islanders and HIV/AIDS in Alameda County
FACT SHEET

Asians and Pacific Islanders (A&PI) make up 21% of total population, making it the **2nd largest** racial/ethnic group and the **fastest growing**.

Alameda County ranks **4th** among California's 58 counties in total AIDS cases and **7th** in total HIV cases.

From 1980 through 2008, **87 HIV** and **247 AIDS** cases have been reported among A&PI.

Among A&PI, **80%** of HIV and AIDS cases are diagnosed in **males**.

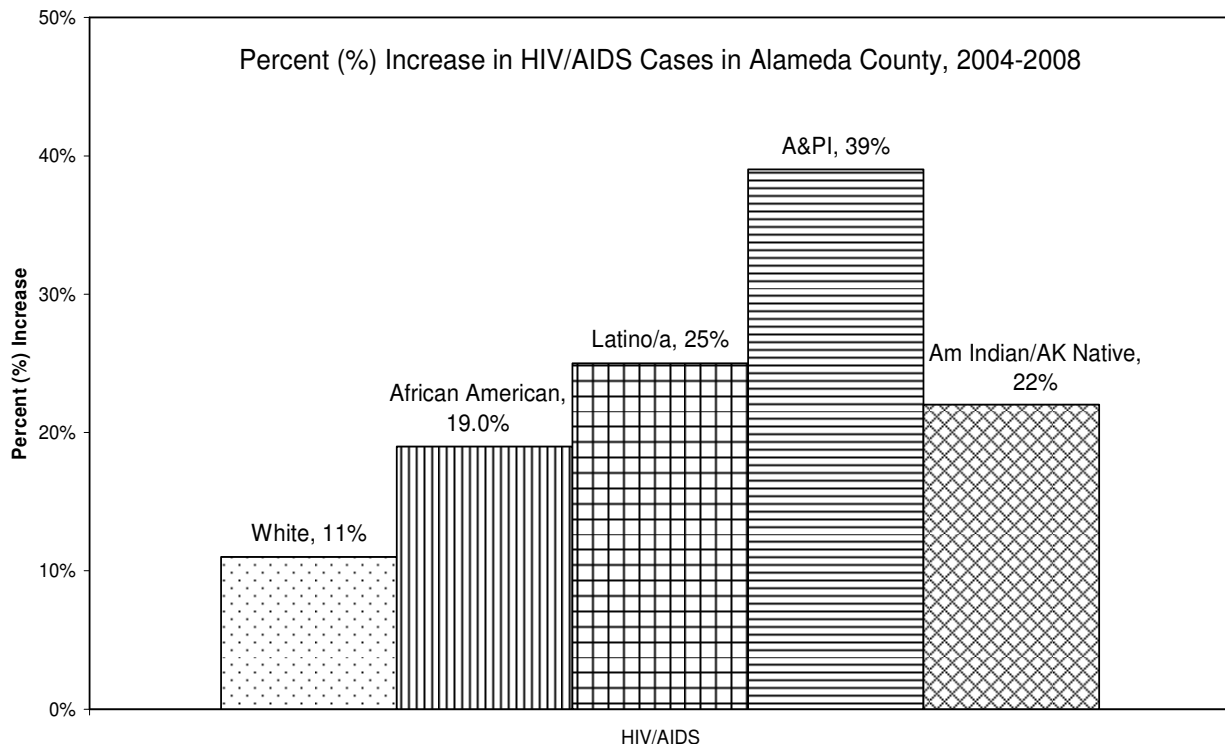
The most common mode of transmission among A&PI men is **men-having-sex-with-men (MSM)**. The most common mode of transmission among A&PI women is **heterosexual contact**.

HIV/AIDS among A&PI are most prevalent in people **30 to 39 years-old**.

67% of HIV/AIDS cases among A&PI are in **immigrants** born outside the US.

Of the **107** Asians and Pacific Islanders diagnosed with AIDS between 1999 and 2008, 73 (**68%**) of them are **late testers** (people who are diagnosed with AIDS **at the same time** or **within 1 year** of their initial HIV diagnosis).

A&PI have the **greatest percentage increase** in HIV and AIDS cases among all racial/ethnic groups between 2004 and 2008 (see graph below).



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RESOURCE SHEET

Risk Factors and Barriers to Prevention

- ✓ Cultural taboos against discussing sexual topics and power differentials between genders.
- ✓ A&PI are less likely than other races/ethnicities to test and/or reveal they have been tested for HIV.
- ✓ Cultural and language barriers to receiving public health messages and accessing appropriate care.
- ✓ Unprotected sexual intercourse including oral, vaginal, and anal.
- ✓ Use of methamphetamines, alcohol, and other drugs can increase risks.

What Can You Do?

- ✓ Learn about HIV/AIDS and its impacts on your communities.
- ✓ Educate others and help end the stigma about HIV/AIDS by talking openly and honestly about HIV prevention and treatment.
- ✓ Get tested in order to protect yourself and others.
- ✓ If you test positive for HIV, seek appropriate medical care and support, and inform partners of potential exposures.

To Learn More (* **FREE** HIV testing available)

Asian Health Services * (Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Khmer, Korean, Japanese translation available)
510-986-6876 / 818 Webster St. Oakland, CA 94607 / www.asianhealthservices.org

Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center: Community HIV/AIDS Services *
415-292-3400 / 730 Polk Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94109 / www.apiwellness.org

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
510-272-9536 / 300 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 620, Oakland, CA 94612 / www.aapcho.org

Tri-City Health Center *
510-770-8040 / 39500 Liberty Street, Fremont, CA 94538 / www.tri-cityhealth.org

Highland General Hospital *
510-437-4800 / 1411 E. 31st Street, Oakland, CA 94602 / www.hghed.com

East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center) *
510-869-8400 / 3100 Summit St., 2nd Floor, Oakland, CA 94609 / www.eastbayaids.org

North East Medical Services *
415-391-9686 / 1520 Stockton Street, San Francisco, CA 94133 / www.nems.org

California HIV/AIDS Service Referrals
1-800-367-AIDS / www.aidshotline.org

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
www.cdc.gov/hiv

The Banyan Tree Project
www.banyantreeproject.org/

National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
www.aids.gov/awareness-days/national-asian-pacific-islander

References

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