HIV Among Women and Girls in Illinois



About one in five people

Who is at risk?

In Illinois, of females diagnosed with HIV between 2010 and 2014:

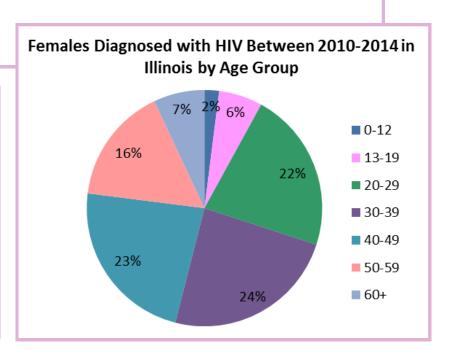
68% were black

13% were white

11% were Latina

How is HIV most commonly spread among women?

The majority of HIV infections that occur among women are attributed to heterosexual contact. Of 1,020 female HIV cases reported with a transmission risk from 2010-2014, 85% were attributed to heterosexual contact and 12% were attributed to injection drug use.



The Best Defense is a Good Offense

Take these simple steps to help prevent HIV infection:

- Use condoms (male or female) every time you have sex.
- Get tested, which can be free and confidential.
- * Be monogamous (only have sex with one partner).
- Do not abuse alcohol or drugs.
- Talk to your doctor about taking PrEP or PEP to prevent getting HIV if you think you could be at risk.



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