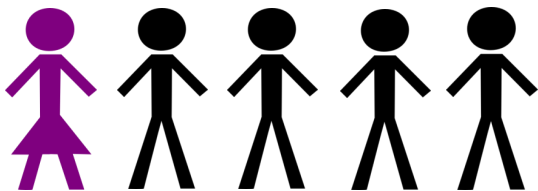


# HIV Among Women and Girls in Illinois



About one in five people diagnosed with HIV in Illinois each year is female.

## Who is at risk?

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

**68% were black**

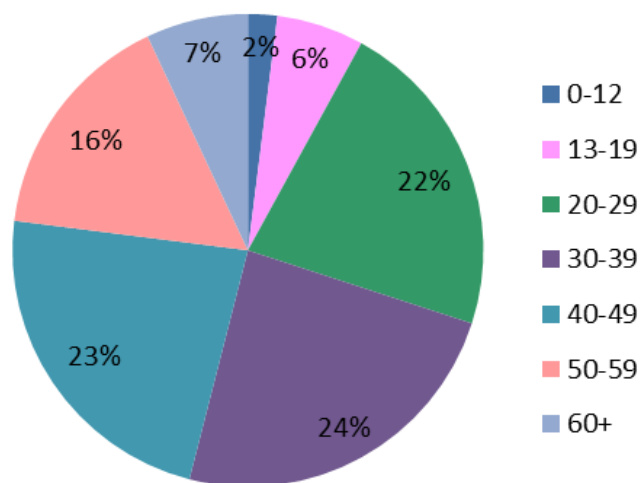
**13% were white**

**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*.

Females Diagnosed with HIV Between 2010-2014 in Illinois by Age Group



## 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.