New Jersey HIV/AIDS Planning Group
Gay Men’s HIV Awareness Day
Fact Sheet

- In New Jersey, the transmission category “men who have sex with men,” or MSM, is the most common mode of exposure. Indeed, it is the only exposure category in which the rate of HIV infections is increasing or remaining at the same level.
- In 2012, MSM accounted for 50.9% of men diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. In 2016, this percentage was 53.4%.
- Between 2012 and 2016, there were 2,365 MSM diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.
- As of 12/31/2017, there are 11,549 MSM living with HIV/AIDS.

New HIV/AIDS Cases Attributable to MSM Exposure by County, 2012-2016 (n=2304) (Other* indicates counties had less than 10 cases)

- Other*: 13
- Salem: 12
- Cape May: 13
- Warren: 14
- Gloucester: 27
- Cumberland: 29
- Ocean: 55
- Somerset: 59
- Morris: 59
- Burlington: 61
- Atlantic: 73
- Mercer: 104
- Monmouth: 110
- Middlesex: 135
- Bergen: 147
- Camden: 148
- Union: 162
- Passaic: 164
- Hudson: 414
- Essex: 505

Age
- MSM ages 13 to 34 make up the bulk of new diagnoses, for which the number and percentage increased from 2012-2016. MSM below age 35 compromised 65% to 67% of all MSM HIV/AIDS diagnoses from 2012 to 2016.
- In 2017, for all MSM living with HIV/AIDS, 42.4% were under age 45.
- The following counties had the highest numbers of young (ages 13 to 29 at diagnosis) men whose transmission category was MSM, 2012 to 2016: Essex (297), Hudson (169), Passaic (99), Camden (86), Union (73), Middlesex (72), Mercer (68), Bergen (60), Monmouth (42), Burlington (38), Atlantic (35).
Race/Ethnicity

- In recent years, among MSM the number of new infections among Latino individuals has increased. Between 2007 and 2016, there was a 70% increase in the number of new infections among Latino MSM.
- From 2012 to 2016, 39% of all diagnoses among MSM identified as Latino.
In the table above, the race/ethnicity breakdown of "other" is as follows:
- 2012: Asian - 12; American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander - 1; Multi-Race - 4.
- 2013: Asian - 4; Multi-Race - 4.
- 2014: Asian - 3; Multi-Race - 2.
- 2016: Asian - 12; Multi-Race - 5.

Latino MSM HIV/AIDS Diagnoses by County, 2012-2016 (Other* indicates counties had less than 10 cases)

Black MSM HIV/AIDS Diagnoses by County, 2012-2016 (Other* indicates counties had less than 10 cases)
• The HIV epidemic, which began primarily among White MSM, is now dramatically affecting Black and Latino MSM.

Number of MSM Living with HIV/AIDS Diagnoses by Race/Ethnicity, 2007-2016

- Between 2012 and 2016, the number of diagnoses of HIV/AIDS among Black MSM decreased among all age groups except for ages 13 to 24 and 25 to 34.
- The median age of Black MSM diagnoses with HIV/AIDS was younger than the median age of Latino and White MSM diagnoses between 2012 and 2016.
- Minority MSM comprised 79% of all MSM HIV/AIDS diagnoses in 2016. Latino MSM cases constituted the largest share, 39.24%, of HIV/AIDS diagnoses from 2012 to 2016.

Number and Percentage of MSM Diagnosed with HIV/AIDS by Age and Race/Ethnicity, 2012-2016
MSM Living with HIV/AIDS by County, through 2017

Prevalence: number of MSM living with HIV/AIDS through 2017
Statewide Prevalence: 10,963

- 35 - 157
- 186 - 338
- 399 - 790
- 2050 +

Counties:
1. Essex: 2087
2. Hudson: 2054
3. Union: 785
4. Camden: 705
5. Bergen: 701
6. Middlesex: 637
7. Monmouth: 627
8. Passaic: 578
9. Mercer: 465
10. Atlantic: 399
11. Burlington: 338
12. Morris: 321
13. Ocean: 265
14. Somerset: 216
15. Gloucester: 186
16. Cumberland: 157
17. Hunterdon: 78
18. Cape May: 76
19. Sussex: 56
20. Warren: 54
21. Salem: 35