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The information provided below is in regards to adult and adolescent cisgender Latinos/Hispanics who report being sexually active with the opposite sex. Unless otherwise specified, all facts are inclusive of the United States and six dependent areas. Women have a higher risk of HIV exposure from a male partner via receptive sexual intercourse (vaginal, anal) compared to males engaging in insertive sexual intercourse with female partners.

THE FACTS

There were a total of 9,798 diagnoses of HIV infection in 2015 among Hispanic/Latinos: 18% of the infections were attributed to heterosexual contact.¹

Twenty percent (619) of all diagnosed HIV infections in 2015 acquired via heterosexual contact among adult and adolescent males were in Latino/Hispanic males compared to 13% (381) non-Hispanic white males.

Seventeen percent (1,096) of all diagnosed HIV infections in 2015 acquired via heterosexual contact among adult and adolescent females were Latina/Hispanic females compared to 15% (968) non-Hispanic white females.¹

Of the 8,563 diagnosed HIV infections in 2015 among adult and adolescent Hispanic/Latino males, 7% were attributed to heterosexual contact. Of the 1,223 diagnosed HIV infections in 2015 among adult and adolescent Latina/Hispanic females 90% were attributed to heterosexual contact.¹

Among Hispanic/Latinos in the U.S. and 6 DA’s, contracting HIV through heterosexual contact varies by region of residence. Of the 1,715 cases of diagnosed HIV in 2015 attributed to heterosexual contact in Hispanic/Latina women, an estimated 280 (16%) reside in the Northeast, 52 (3%) in the Midwest, 460 (27%) in the South, 260 (15%) in the West and 86 (5%) in the U.S. dependent areas.¹

RISK FACTORS

Heterosexual Hispanics/Latinos confront several obstacles when it comes to preventing HIV infection and seeking treatment once infected.

» Hispanics/Latinos have relatively high rates for STIs compared to some other races/ethnicities, including chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. Research shows that the presence of another STI makes it easier to become infected with HIV.²

» Country of origin and number of years living in the United States, and religiosity are important factors in acquiring HIV/AIDS knowledge and condom use.³,⁴

» Region of residence in the United States is an important factor in acquiring HIV infection through Heterosexual contact.¹

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