



# HIV/AIDS

# AND

# ADOLESCENTS

## & Y O U N G A D U L T S

- Of the 816,149 AIDS cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through December 2001, 33,093 were among persons 13–24 years of age.
- During 2001 alone, 1,833 AIDS cases were reported among young people, including 372 among adolescents 13–19 years old and 1,461 among young adults 20–24 years old.<sup>1</sup>
- Black males age 13–24 comprised **42 percent** of AIDS cases for their age group among males, while Black females accounted for **60 percent** of AIDS cases among females in the same age group.<sup>1</sup>
- Although only **15 percent** of the adolescent population in the United States is Black, **61 percent** of AIDS cases reported in 2000 among 13- to 19-year-olds were among Blacks. Hispanics, comprising **15 percent** of the adolescents in this age group, accounted for **21 percent** of the newly reported AIDS cases.<sup>2</sup>
- Persons aged 13–24 accounted for **13 percent** of HIV (not AIDS) cases reported in 2001 in areas with confidential HIV reporting. Of these persons, females accounted for **45 percent** of the cases in this age group.<sup>1</sup>
- Through December 2001, 4,428 adolescents 13–19 years of age had been reported with AIDS, and 6,588 persons in this age group had been reported with HIV (not AIDS), according to data from areas with confidential HIV surveillance.<sup>1</sup>
- As of December 2001, young Black females between 13 and 19 years of age represented **72 percent** of all young women diagnosed with HIV (but who had not developed AIDS) in this age group.<sup>1</sup>
- As of December 2001, young Black adults ages 20–24 represented **53 percent** of all persons diagnosed with HIV (but who had not developed AIDS). Whites were **35 percent** of HIV cases in this age group, and Hispanics were **10 percent**.<sup>1</sup>

**For more information on HIV/AIDS and the youth population of the United States, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at 1-800-458-5231 or on the Internet at [www.cdcnpin.org](http://www.cdcnpin.org).**



**The terms "African-American" and "Black" are used interchangeably to include those individuals who self-identify as either. The term "Hispanic" includes those individuals who self-identify as "Latino/a" or "Hispanic."**

<sup>1</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, 2001; Vol. 13 (No. 2).

<sup>2</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *HIV/AIDS Surveillance in Adolescents*, L265 Slide Series (through 2001) on the Internet at [www.cdc.gov/hiv/graphics/adolesnt.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/graphics/adolesnt.htm).