

Reporting HIV/AIDS cases has a direct impact on HIV positive Connecticut residents!

HIV/AIDS surveillance data are used to allocate state and federal funding for care and prevention activities.

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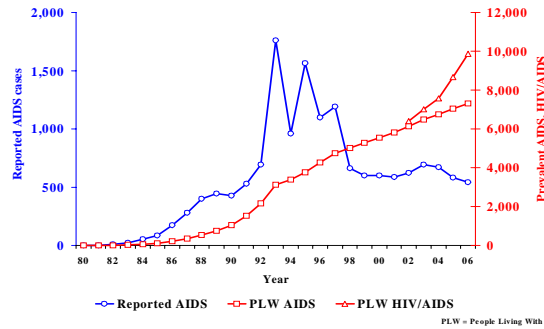
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Trends in HIV/AIDS, Connecticut, 1980-2006



Data on the HIV/AIDS Surveillance website is updated every 6 months.

### Directions to online data:

Go to: [www.ct.gov/dph](http://www.ct.gov/dph)

On the DPH MAIN MENU (left side)

- Click on [Disease & Prevention](#)
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# Reporting HIV & AIDS in Connecticut



## Case Reporting

HIV has been physician reportable to DPH since 2002. Collecting information about HIV helps us understand the epidemic in our state. HIV data is also used to obtain funding for HIV prevention and care services in Connecticut.

The *Adult HIV/AIDS Case Report Form* has been updated to make the form more user-friendly and to include some new information being collected to estimate HIV incidence in Connecticut.

**Medical providers must complete the case report form for all HIV positive patients.** The forms will be mailed to your office with a postage paid return envelope.

Calling in cases is also acceptable and takes just a few minutes. Please have the patient's chart available when you call. The phone number is (860) 509-7907.

**Due to Ryan White funding cuts in Connecticut, reporting cases is more important than ever. To make sure all of your HIV positive patients are reported, call (860) 509-7900.**

## What is Reportable?

Laboratories report significant findings like positive antibody or viral load tests to DPH but we rely on physicians for the case information.

Case report forms need to be completed for any person, any age with the following positive laboratory findings:

**HIV**— antibody, antigen, viral load.

**AIDS**— HIV positive with:

1. CD4 t-lymphocyte count of <200 cells/ul or <14%

or

2. A CDC defined opportunistic infection indicating severe immunosuppression (for list, please refer to the form).

## HIV Resistance

HIV drug resistance testing is part of the standard of care for HIV patients; it is also eligible for Ryan White-covered services. The information collected on the form will assist to further our understanding on HIV primary resistance issues and resistance pattern in our state.

## The Case Report Form

Every patient with a positive HIV test or a CD4 count <200 cells/ul or <14% must be reported to the Department of Public Health using an *Adult HIV/AIDS Case Report Form*. **Please make every effort to complete all of the sections.**

Patient consent is not required for reporting and reporting is not subject to HIPAA. Reportable disease information is used only for public health purposes. Information collected is kept confidential in accordance with state statute (Public Health Act No.93-291).



**Physicians or medical staff should complete the *Adult HIV/AIDS Case Report Form* and return the form to DPH!**

If you need forms or have further questions about HIV reporting, please contact us at (860) 509-7900.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**