

Engaging Youth in HIV Prevention, Care & Testing

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HIV Infection in Youth 13-24

New HIV infections in youth in 2010

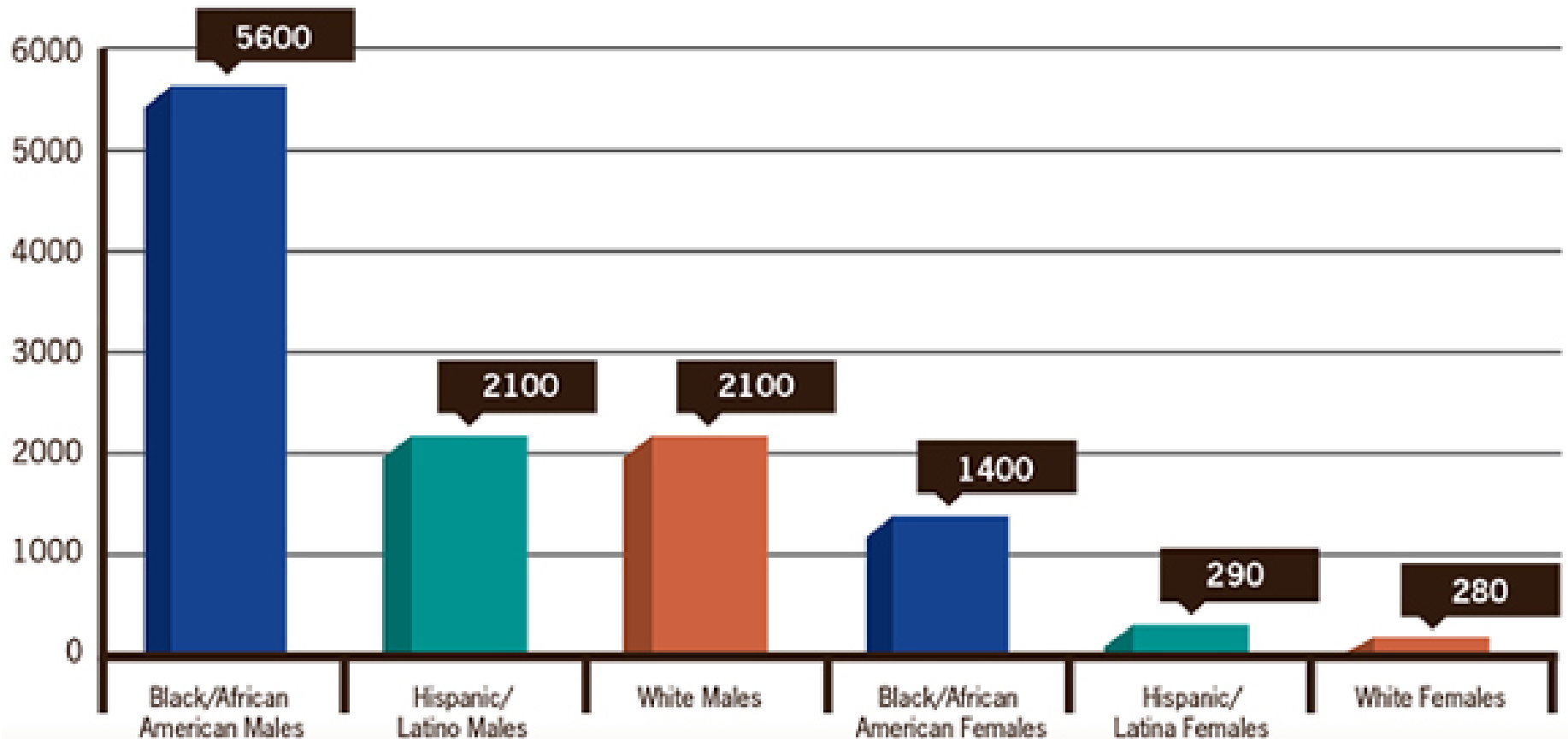
- About 1 in 4 (26%) of all new HIV infections is among youth ages 13 to 24 years. About 4 in 5 of these infections occur in males.
- Nearly 60% of new infections in youth occur in African Americans, about 20% in Hispanics/Latinos, and about 20% in whites.
- Over half (54%) of new infections among young gay and bisexual males are in African Americans.
- About 87% of young males got HIV from male to- male sex, 6% from heterosexual sex, 2% from injection drug use and about 5% from a combination of male-to- male sex and injection drug use.
- About 86% of young females got HIV through heterosexual sex and 13% from injection drug use.
- More new infections occurred among young African American males than in any other group of youth by race/ethnicity and sex.

HIV Testing Among Youth

Most youth are not getting tested for HIV

- About 60% of youth with HIV do not know they are infected and so don't receive treatment, putting them at risk for sickness and early death. These youth can also unknowingly pass HIV to others.
- Young men are far more likely than young women to have HIV and are also less likely to get tested.
- African American youth are more likely to get tested for HIV than youth of other races or ethnicities.
- Youth who report being at risk for HIV are also more likely to get tested, but still many youth at risk have never been tested.

Number of new HIV Infections among youth by sex and race/ethnicity—United States, 2010



Abbreviation: HIV = human immunodeficiency virus.

* Hispanics/Latinos might be of any race.

Local specialists panel

1. What are the barriers to youth accessing testing and/or HIV care?
2. What strategies do you think we should implement to address these barriers?
3. What do you see as the best psycho-social practices for engagement of youth?

Engaging Youth in HIV Care

- Understanding
- Flexibility
- Partnership
- Avoid Assumptions

Resources for Providers

- Youth Social Marketing Guide:

http://www.stdhivtraining.org/ysmt_home.html

- HIV Prevention Research and Program Information:

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite?page=kb-07-04-03#S2X>