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DOUBLE JEAPORDY

HIV and Substance Use

The Impact on Women of Color

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Hello and
Welcome

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HIV/AIDS and Substance Use in the United States

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**“America’s ability to defeat the
AIDS epidemic will be
determined by our ability to
stop it in Black America”**

Phillip Wilson

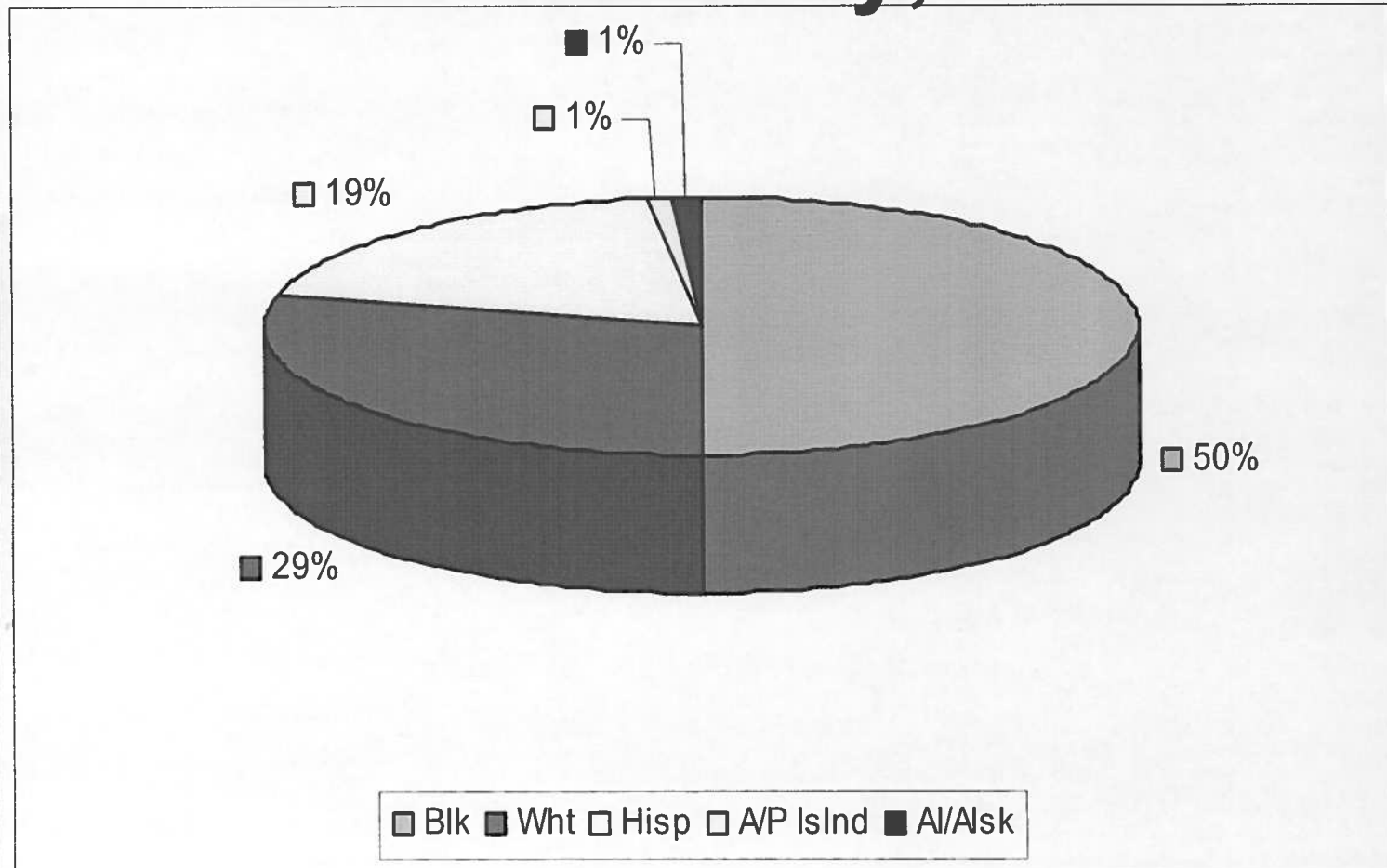
U.S. Statistics

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| New infections each year | 40,000 |
| People living with HIV/AIDS | 1.2 million; more than 400,00 w/ AIDS |
| People with HIV/AIDS <u>not</u> in care | 42 – 59% |
| People with HIV who <u>don't know</u> they're infected | 24 – 27% |

Black Americans in the U.S.

- **Black Americans have been and continue to be disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS**
 - **25% cases diagnosed in 1985 vs. 50% in 2005**
- **Black Americans represent 12% of the US population, yet 50% of new AIDS diagnosis in 2005**

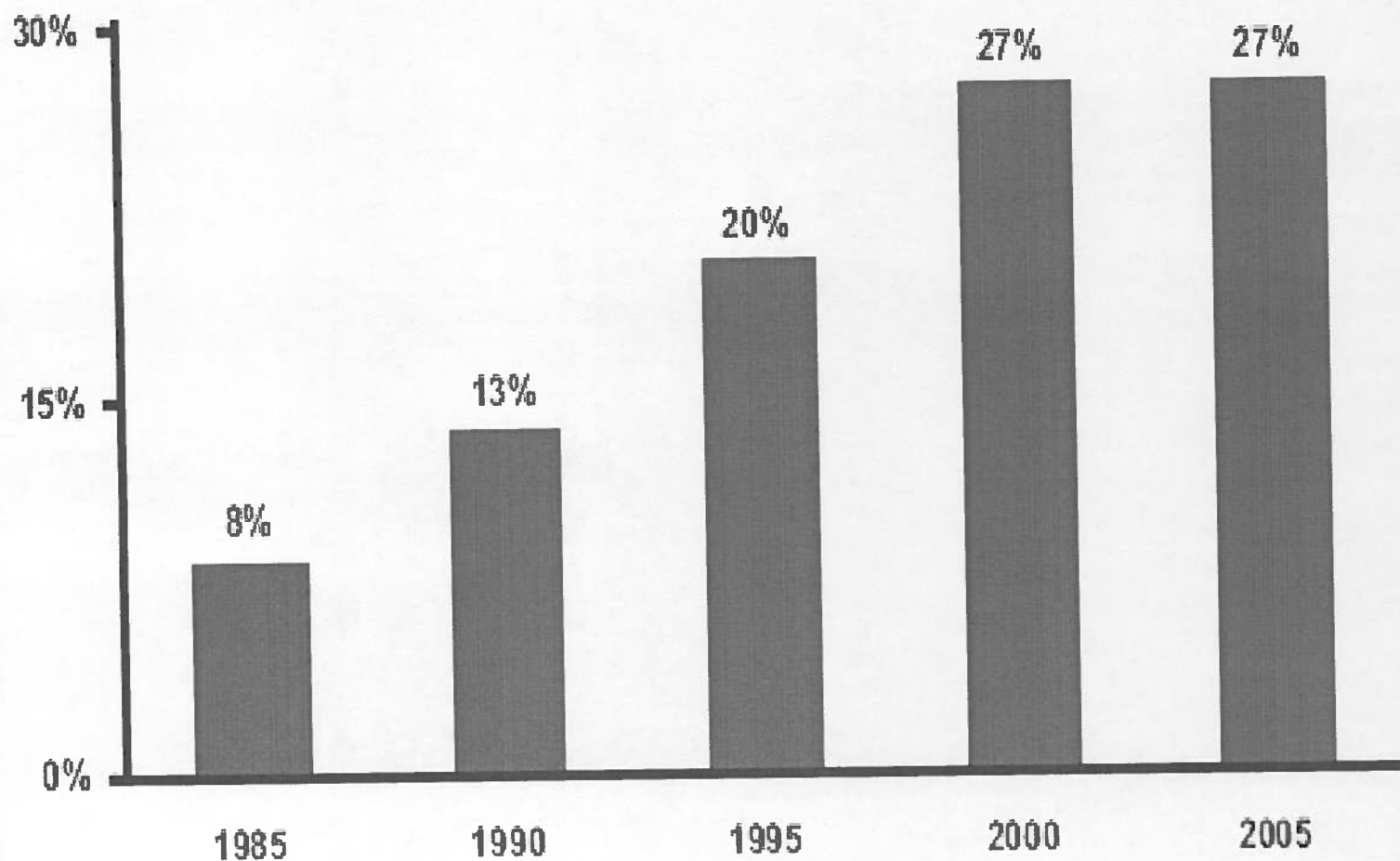
Estimated AIDS Diagnosis by Race/Ethnicity, 2005



Black Women in the U.S.

- **Of the 1.2 million living with HIV/AIDS, more than 300,000 are women**
- **In 2005, roughly 10,800 of the 40,540 new cases of AIDS cases were diagnosed in women**
- **In 1985, women accounted for 8% of AIDS diagnosis compared to 25% in 2005**

Figure 1: Women as a Proportion of New AIDS Diagnoses, 1985-2005^{1,2}



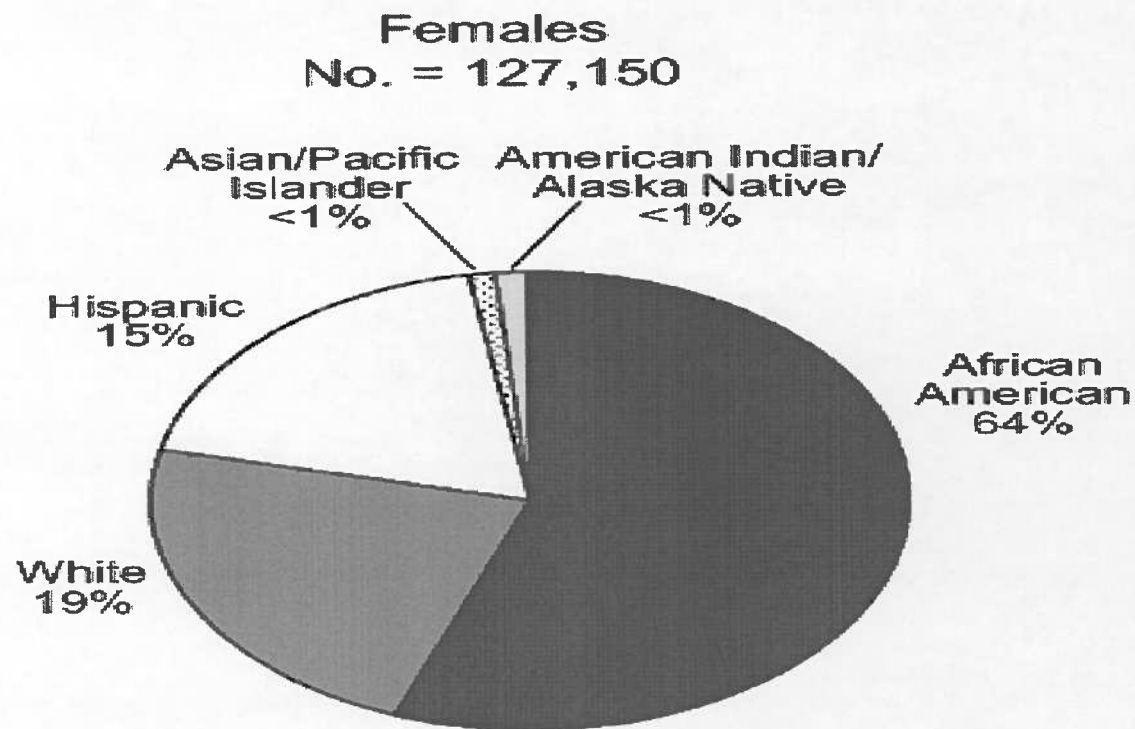
Note: Includes cases among those 13 years of age and older.

Black Women in the U.S.

- **Black women accounted for an estimated 64% - 67% of all women diagnosed with AIDS in 2005**
- **Case rate for Black women per 100,00 was 23 times the rate for white women**
- **HIV/AIDS was the number 1 cause of death for Black women aged 25-34 in 2004**

Race/Ethnicity of Adult Females living with HIV/AIDS, 2005

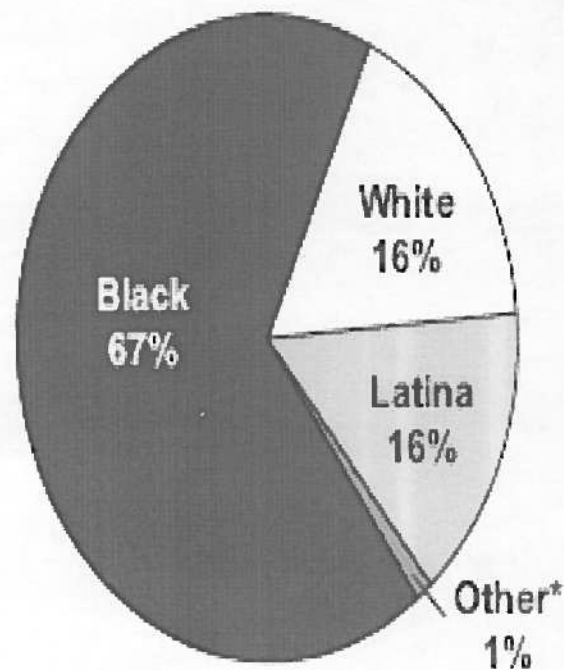
Race/ethnicity of adults and adolescents living with HIV/AIDS, 2005 (cont.)



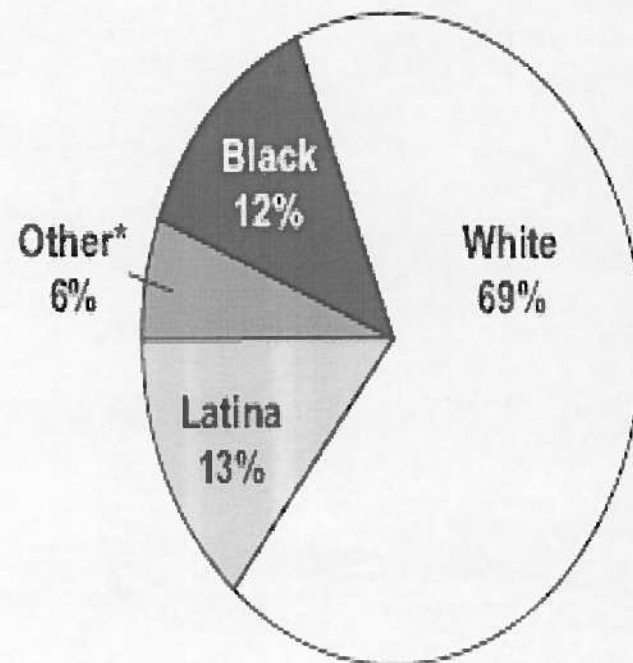
Note. Based on data from 33 states with long-term, confidential name-based HIV reporting.

Figure 2: Estimated AIDS Diagnoses and U.S. Female Population, by Race/Ethnicity, 2005^{1,11,12,13}

New AIDS Diagnoses Among Women



U.S. Female Population



*Other includes Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American/Alaska Native women.

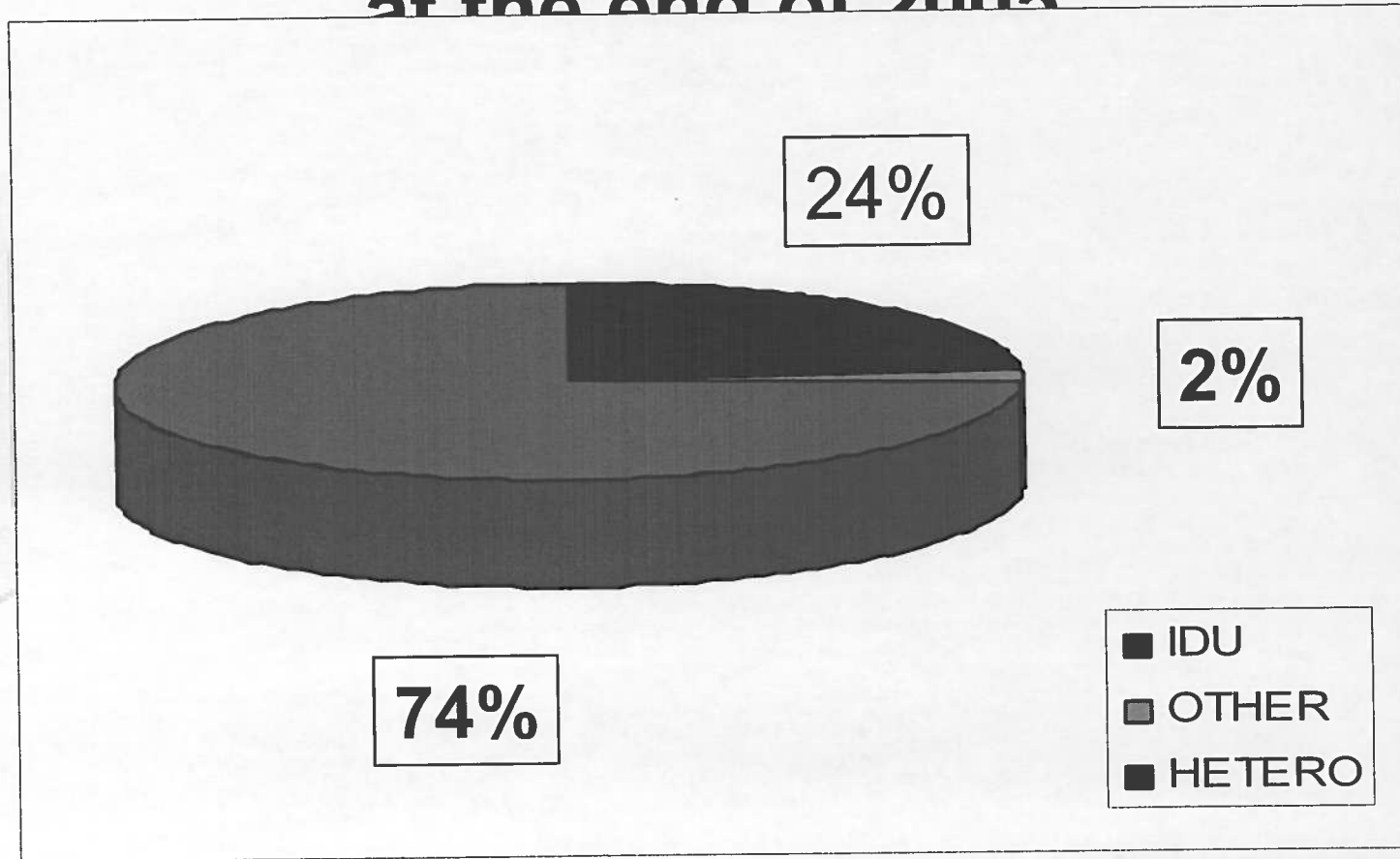
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Black Women in the U.S.

- **Most AIDS diagnosis among women in 2005 were due to heterosexual transmission (70%)**
- **24% of new infection in women in 2005 were due to injection drug use**

Transmission Categories for African American Females living with HIV/AIDS

at the end of 2005



Determinants . . .

- Injection drug use
- Crack
- Prostitution
- Lack of perceived risk
- Knowledge of HIV prevention
- Lack of Tailored interventions
- Lack of gender power
- Self efficacy
- Poverty
- Trauma
- Intimate partner violence
- Sex roles
- Racism

Determinants

- **Drug use**
 - Injection drugs
 - Crack/cocaine
 - Alcohol
 - Marijuana
- **Prostitution**
 - Trading sex for drugs
 - Trading sex for money

Determinants

- **Lack of perceived risk**
 - **Early perception of at-risk population**
 - **Gay, white men**
- **Lack of knowledge**
 - **Risk reduction & Prevention methods**
 - **Modes of transmission**
 - **Available treatment options**
 - **Perinatal transmission**

Determinants

- **Lack of tailored Intervention**
 - Culturally relevant
 - Gender specific
- **Lack of Gender Power**
 - Sexism
 - Sex roles
 - Negotiation of safer sex
- **Poverty**
 - Prostitution
 - Dependency

Determinants

- **Self efficacy**
 - Self esteem
 - Opportunities
 - Social Support
- **Trauma**
 - Rape
- **Intimate partner Violence**
 - Dependency
 - Power and control

Determinates

- **Sex Roles**
 - Unequal balance of power
 - Subservience
 - Care taker
- **Racism**
 - Internalized oppression
 - Institutional

AIDS has been allowed to stalk and murder Black America like a serial killer because we have been a compliant victim, submitting through inaction. It is now time for us to fight AIDS like the major civil rights issue it is,”

Reverend Jesse Jackson,

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