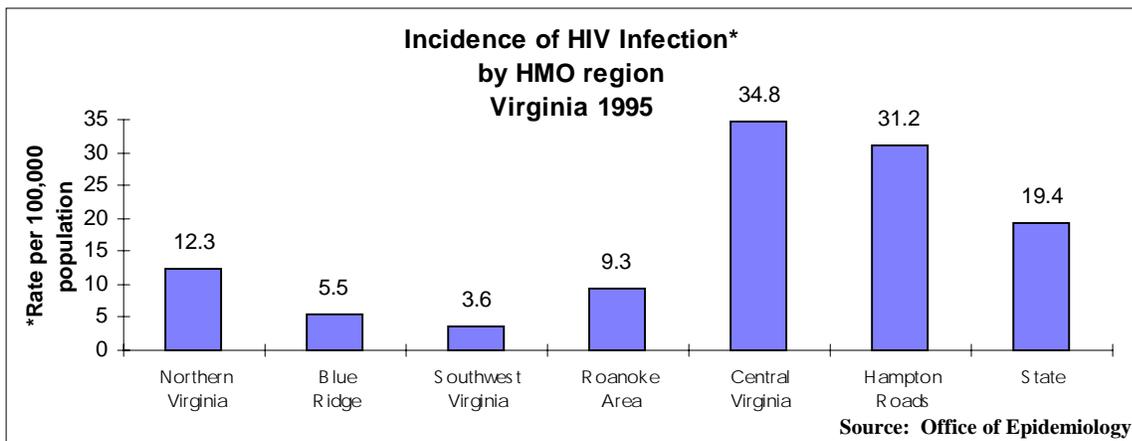
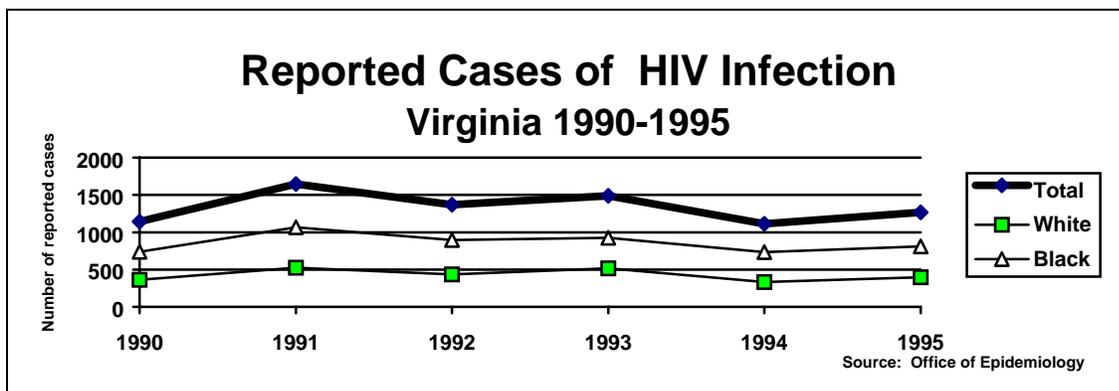


# Sexually Transmitted Diseases: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection

**Objective:** *Confine the incidence of HIV infection to no more than 11.9 per 100,000 people.*

The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is the etiologic agent that causes Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), the disease that is now the eighth leading cause of death in Virginia. During 1995 there were 1,268 new HIV infections reported throughout the state, a 12.8% increase over the previous year. Trends in HIV infection are important because they are likely to be predictive of future AIDS trends. It is also worth noting that localities with large prison populations reflect higher incidence rates of HIV infections. People who are at special risk for HIV include intravenous drug abusers and their sex partners; people with large numbers of sex partners; men who have sex with men, and their female partners; people who exchange sex for money or drugs; and the infants of HIV-infected mothers. Many HIV-infected people do not know that they have the virus, making increased efforts to educate the public on risks and precautions essential to slowing the spread of the disease.



**Incidence of HIV Infection\***  
**by Health District, Virginia 1995**

<b>FIRST QUARTILE</b>	West Piedmont	0.0	
	Loudoun	1.0	
	Lenowisco	1.1	
	Alleghany	2.5	
	Mount Rogers	3.4	
	Central Shenandoah	3.5	
	New River	3.8	
	Cumberland Plateau	5.1	
	Rappahannock	5.2	
<b>SECOND QUARTILE</b>	Lord Fairfax	5.8	
	Rappahannock/Rapidan	6.2	
	Pittsylvania/Danville	7.4	
	Prince William	7.7	
	Thomas Jefferson	8.0	
	Fairfax	9.9	
	Three Rivers	11.2	
	Central Virginia	13.2	<b>Virginia 2000 Objective</b> <b>11.9 per 100,000</b>
	Chesterfield	15.1	
<b>THIRD QUARTILE</b>	Chesapeake	18.7	
	Henrico	19.3	
	Virginia Beach	19.6	
	Peninsula	19.8	
	Eastern Shore	20.1	
	Western Tidewater	20.2	
	Piedmont	20.9	
	Hanover	21.1	
	Southside	22.3	
<b>FOURTH QUARTILE</b>	Arlington	30.8	
	Hampton	31.9	
	Alexandria	39.4	
	Roanoke	40.0	
	Crater	43.9	
	Portsmouth	46.4	
	Norfolk	71.5	
	Richmond	102.0	

\*Rate per 100,000 population