

FACTS TO KNOW

Asians and Pacific Islanders (A&PI) make up 27% of the total population of Alameda County, making them the **2nd largest**, and **fastest growing**, racial/ethnic group in the county.

Alameda County ranks **4th** among California's 58 counties in total AIDS diagnosis and **7th** in HIV cases.

Between 1980 and 2010, **75 HIV** and **278 AIDS** cases have been diagnosed among A&PI.

Among A&PI, **83%** of HIV/AIDS cases, diagnosed in 2010, were **men**.

The most common mode of transmission among A&PI men is **men-having-sex-with-men (MSM)** and the most common mode of transmission among A&PI women is **heterosexual contact**.

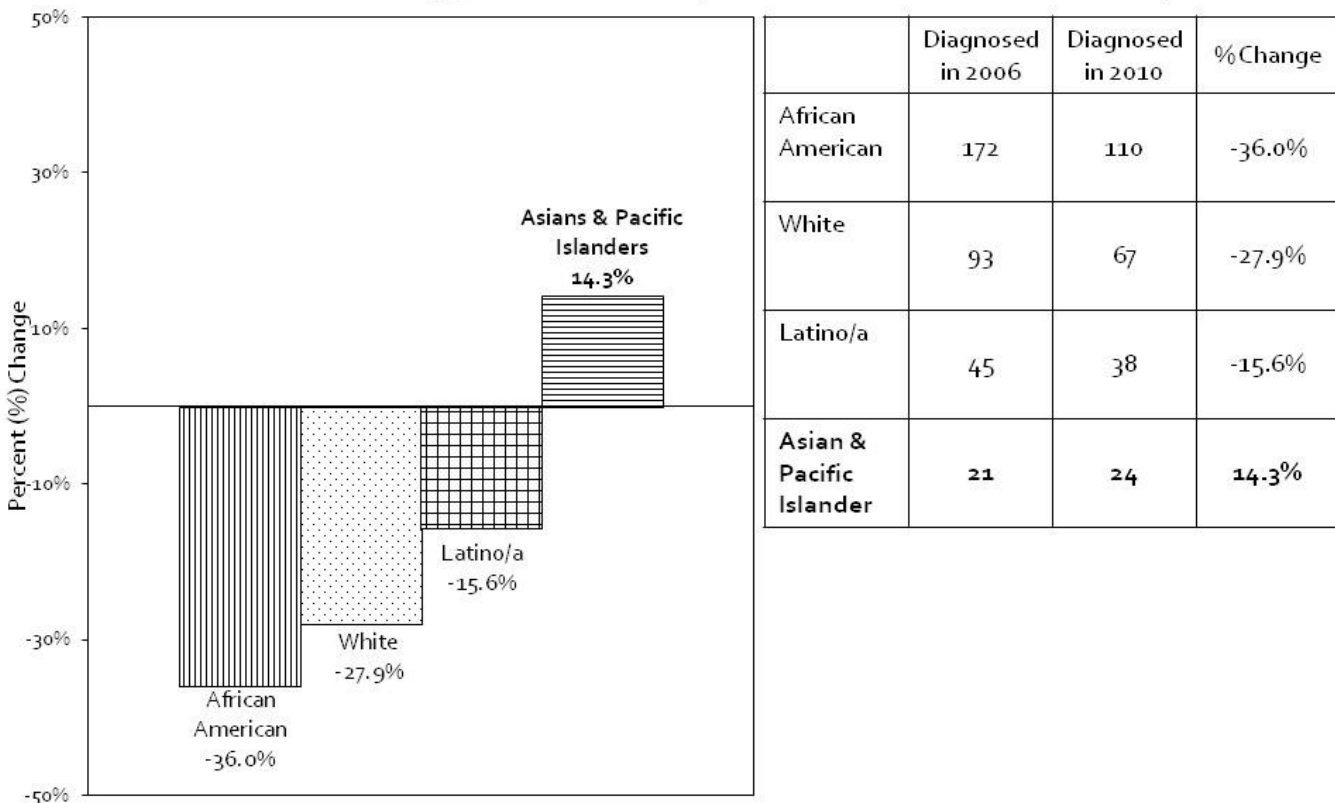
HIV/AIDS cases, diagnosed in 2010, are most prevalent among A&PI who are **40 to 49 years-old**.

92% of HIV/AIDS cases, diagnosed in 2010 among A&PI, were immigrants born outside the US.

Of the **121** A&PI diagnosed with AIDS between 1999 and 2009, 86 (**71%**) of them are **late testers** (people who are diagnosed with AIDS **at the same time** or **within 1 year** of their initial HIV diagnosis).

A&PI were the only group to have an **increase** in HIV and AIDS cases among all racial/ethnic groups between 2006 and 2010. (See graph below)

Percent (%) Change, from 2006 to 2010, in HIV/AIDS Cases in Alameda County



HIV/AIDS

RESOURCES TO USE

Risk Factors and Barriers to Prevention

- ✓ There are cultural taboos against discussing sexual topics and power differences in relationships.
- ✓ A&PI are less likely than other races/ethnicities to test and/or reveal they have been tested for HIV.
- ✓ There are cultural and language barriers to accessing public health messages and care, aggravated by limited culturally appropriate services.
- ✓ Unprotected sexual intercourse - including oral, vaginal, and anal - can increase risks.
- ✓ Use of methamphetamines, alcohol and other drugs can increase risks.

What Can You Do?

- ✓ Learn about HIV/AIDS and its impacts on your communities.
- ✓ Educate others and help end the HIV/AIDS related stigma by talking openly and honestly about HIV prevention and treatment.
- ✓ Get tested in order to protect yourself and others.
- ✓ If you test positive, seek appropriate medical care and support and inform partners of potential exposures.

To Learn More (* FREE HIV testing available)

Asian Health Services * (Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Khmer, Korean, Japanese translation available)

510-986-6876 / 818 Webster Street, Oakland, CA 94607 / www.asianhealthservices.org

Highland Hospital HIV Clinic *

510-437-4800 / 1411 E. 31st Street, Oakland, CA 94602 / www.hghed.com

East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center) *

510-869-8400 / 3100 Summit Street, 2nd Floor, Oakland, CA 94609 / www.eastbayaids.org

Tri-City Health Center *

510-770-8040 / 39500 Liberty Street, Fremont, CA 94538 / www.tri-cityhealth.org

Community Health for Asian Americans

510-835-2777 / 255 International Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94606 / www.chaaweb.org

Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.

415-776-1001 / 2166 Hayes Street, Suite 206, San Francisco, CA 94117 / www.aars.org

Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center: Community HIV/AIDS Services *

415-292-3400 / 730 Polk Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94109 / www.apiwellness.org

Asian Community Mental Health Services

510-451-6729 / 310 8th Street, Suite 201, Oakland, CA 94607 / www.acmhs.org

Street Level Health Project

510-533-9906 / 2501 International Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94601 / www.streetlevelhealth.org

North East Medical Services *

415-391-9686 / 1520 Stockton Street, San Francisco, CA 94133 and

408-573-9686 / 1715 Lundy Avenue, San Jose, CA 95131 / www.nems.org

California HIV/AIDS Service Referral Hotline

1-800-367-AIDS / www.aidshotline.org

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This **Fact / Resource Sheet** is available in **multiple Asian languages**. For more information, contact the Alameda County Office of AIDS Administration @ 510-268-7630 or www.officeofaids.org.