

# SOUTH CAROLINA HIV/AIDS STATISTICS\*

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- **South Carolina ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the rate of new AIDS cases annually.**

The CDC considers SC one of its top 10 “Hot Spots” nationally – see chart below.  
Ranking based on January-December 2008 rate.

- **Our capital, Columbia, ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation - we were only 9<sup>th</sup> last year -**  
among larger metropolitan areas in the rate of new AIDS cases annually. Charleston is 20<sup>th</sup> and Greenville is 55<sup>th</sup>. Result? Our 3 major metro areas are consistently among the nation's top 100. Rankings based on January-December 2008 rate.
- **For four years running, the SC HIV Testing Reports show the age group 20-29 with the highest percentage of newly diagnosed HIV positive people in South Carolina.**

Our youth are our future. What will you do?

Based on SC HIV Test Reports 2006-2009.

- **Among South Carolinians newly diagnosed with HIV who identify their risk factors, the modes of transmission are:**

**Men who have sex with men = 53%, Heterosexual = 39%, Injecting drug users = 8%.**

Based on 2007-2008 newly reported adult and adolescent cases.

- **South Carolina currently ranks 1<sup>st</sup> among our nation's 50 states in the percentage of cumulative cases of AIDS from heterosexual contact.** Based on Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts “Reported AIDS Cases among Adults and Adolescents, by Transmission Category, Cumulative through 2008.”
- **The rate of reported new HIV/AIDS cases among African American South Carolinians is about seven times that of whites.**

Based on 2007-2008 newly reported adult and adolescent cases.

- **Top 10 rankings:**

## NATIONAL RANKINGS BY STATE

Rank	State
1	District of Columbia
2	Maryland
3	Florida
4	Louisiana
5	New York
6	Puerto Rico
7	Georgia
8	New Jersey
9	Delaware
10	South Carolina

Based on 2008 AIDS cases in the US  
(States, Dependencies & District of Columbia)

## NATIONAL RANKINGS BY MSA\*

Rank	*Metropolitan Statistical Area
1	Miami, FL
2	Baton Rouge, LA
3	New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA
4	Baltimore—Towson, MD
5	Jacksonville, FL
6	Washington, DC-VA-MD-WV
7	Columbia, SC
8	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA
9	San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo, PR
10	New York, NY-NJ-PA

Based on 2008 AIDS cases in  
US Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## SC RANKINGS BY COUNTY

Rank	SC County
1	Richland
2	Bamberg
3	Sumter
4	Williamsburg
5	Orangeburg
6	Barnwell
7	Clarendon
8	Marion
9	Allendale
10	Charleston

Based on HIV & AIDS cases in SC  
cumulative through December 2009

## RESOURCES

- [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- [www.scdhec.gov/stdhiv](http://www.scdhec.gov/stdhiv) - Click SC Plans or HIV/AIDS/STD Surveillance Reports for comprehensive data on HIV/AIDS and other STDs in SC
- [www.statehealthfacts.org](http://www.statehealthfacts.org) - Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts
- [www.schivaidsCouncil.org](http://www.schivaidsCouncil.org) - SC HIV/AIDS Council and its many programs including **FREE** Testing and Counseling, Medical Case Management and Support Groups, and Project F.A.I.T.H. (Fostering AIDS Initiatives That Heal)

**SC AIDS/STD Hotline: 1 (800) 322-AIDS (2437)**

# Know your status. Get tested!

\* Statistics cited: most recent data available on SCDHEC and Kaiser Family Fdt. websites 8/6/2010. For more information: SC HIV/AIDS Council, (803) 254-6644.