

Speak To Your Health!

HIV/AIDS in Genesee County

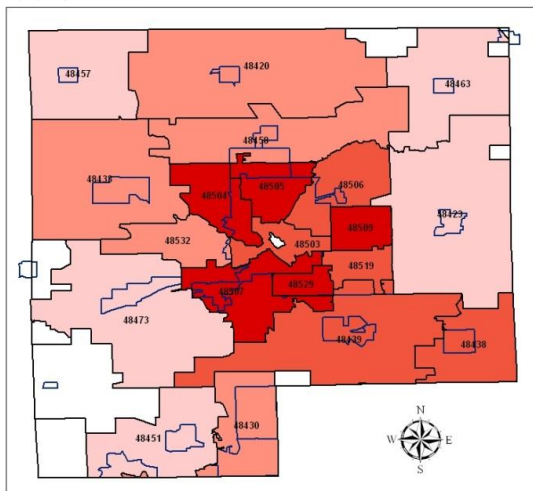


In the United States, one in six people who have HIV are not aware of their infection¹. There are more than ten clinics in Flint, Michigan where HIV testing and care services are available by appointment. YOUR Center in Genesee County offers HIV/STI Outreach Prevention Education (HOPE) as one of their services which uses social and interactive media to assist in reducing the transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STI) among young adults who are 18-24 years of age. Wellness AIDS Services, Inc., for example, offers medication assistance and a Wellness Treatment Education Adherence Program, which is designed to promote treatment education, counseling, and adherence to individuals that are infected with HIV/AIDS². According to the 2013 Biannual HIV Surveillance Report in Genesee County and the 2011 Census, 73% of Genesee County residents living with HIV are White and 52% are female. Even though United States HIV Prevalence Estimates report that about 15.8% of people are not aware of their infection, the prevalence of HIV in Michigan has steadily increased³.



2011 Speak to Your Health! Genesee County Community Survey

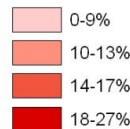
Proportion of respondents who have been tested for HIV at least once in the past 12 months



Note: Insufficient data for some ZIP Codes



Proportion



DID YOU KNOW?

The Speak To Your Health! Community Survey is a resource that provides information about HIV/AIDS in Genesee County. According to the 2011 survey:

- 19% of Genesee County residents have been tested for HIV at least once in the past 12 months
- 69% of residents reported that they felt they were not at risk of getting HIV.
- 61% of Genesee County residents reported that they have to be closely attached to someone before he or she is comfortable having sex with him or her.
- Genesee County residents reported that they know the HIV status of all their sexual partners 76% of the time.

WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Genesee County Health Department Flint Health Center: (810) 238-3631 <http://www.gchd.us/Services/CommunityHealth/STD/HIVSupport.asp>
- Wellness AIDS Services, Inc.: (810) 232-0888 <http://www.wellnessaids.org/clientservices/case-management>
- YOUR Center: (810) 789-3687 www.yc4w.org
- Genesee County Healthy Sexuality Coalition: <http://gchealthysexuality.org/>

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

◆ **Get tested.** Be sure of your HIV status and protect the health of others.

◆ **Use protection.** Latex or Polyurethane condoms are the most effective for preventing HIV/AIDS.

◆ **Don't share needles.** Sharing drug injection equipment is a common way that HIV is transmitted; however sharing needles of any kind can facilitate the transmission of HIV.

◆ **Communicate with your partner.** Knowing the HIV status of your partner can help prevent the transmission of HIV.

¹ AIDS.gov, HIV/AIDS Basics, U.S. Statistics. Retrieved from <http://aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/hiv-aids-101/statistics/>

² Wellness services: Promoting education and Prevention in the Community <http://www.wellnessaids.org/aboutus>

³ Michigan Department of Community Health: Biannual HIV Surveillance Report Genesee County, January 2013 http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Genesee_Co_Jan2013_final_408899_7.pdf

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