

HIV among the Caribbean-Born in Florida

- A total of 16,822 Caribbean-born persons (ages 13+) were living with HIV disease in Florida through 2014. This represents 15% of the adults living with HIV disease in this state.
- Caribbean Countries include: Aruba, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Netherlands Antilles, Bermuda, St. Kitts & Nevis, Anguilla, Montserrat, US Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.
- More than two-thirds (71%, n=12,228 of N=16,822) of Caribbean-born adults living with HIV disease were reported from South Florida, of which 43% were reported from Miami-Dade County, 19% from Broward County and 11% from Palm Beach County.
- The majority (57%) of Caribbean-born persons living with HIV are black, 42% are Hispanic and less than 1% are white or of another racial/ethnic group.
- The majority (82%) of Caribbean-born persons living with HIV are over 40 years old.
- Male-to-male sexual contact is the major mode of transmission for Caribbean-born males living with HIV (51%), followed by heterosexual contact (37%) and injection drug use (7%).
- Heterosexual contact is the major mode of transmission for Caribbean-born females living with HIV (93%), followed by injection drug use (6%).



Table 1: HIV/AIDS Cases Among Caribbean-Born By Country of Birth, Diagnosed through 2014

Caribbean Country of Birth	#	% of Total
Haiti	12,774	44%
Cuba	7,968	27%
Puerto Rico	4,341	15%
Jamaica	1,820	6%
Bahamas	713	2%
All other Caribbean Countries of Birth	1,452	5%
Total	29,068	100%

Data sources:

- ◆ Florida data: FL Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Disease, HIV/AIDS Section
- ◆ For more Florida data, go to <http://floridaaids.org/>, select *Surveillance*, then select *State HIV/AIDS Slide Sets* to find the slide set on Caribbean-Born
- ◆ U.S. data: HIV Surveillance Report, 2013 (most recent available) Vol. 25 (HIV data for all 50 states)
- ◆ <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/index.htm>
- ◆ For national facts, go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/factsheets/index.htm> or <http://www.kff.org/hiv/aids/>

