

## **Reader Information for HIV Counseling and Testing (C&T) Focus Summaries**

- The California HIV C&T numbers and percentages represent the number of services provided and not unique clients receiving these services.
- These data represent people who access publicly funded HIV test sites and cannot be generalized as representing the overall California population.
- Repeat testing does occur and varies by risk group; however, in any given 12-month period, the majority of contacts (over 95 percent) are represented only one time in the yearly data set.
- Reported risks occurred within the last two years of the HIV test.

<b>Total Tests for 2006</b> (reported as of June 15, 2007):	<b>Total Tests</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
<b>Low-Risk Negative</b>	<b>47,323</b>	<b>36.49%</b>
<b>High-Risk Negative</b>	<b>80,867</b>	<b>62.35%</b>
<b>HIV Positive or Indeterminate</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>1.16%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129,700</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### **RISK LEVEL**

#### *HIV Positive or Indeterminate Definition*

HIV test result is a confirmed positive or indeterminate/inconclusive.

#### *High-Risk Negative Definition*

HIV test result is negative and contact reports one or more of the following:

- Sex with an HIV-positive partner;
- Male who has sex with men (MSM);
- Used a needle to inject drugs;
- Sex for drugs or money;
- Sex with a sex worker;
- Sex with a transgender partner;
- Stimulant use (i.e., methamphetamine, speed, crank, crystal, or crack);
- Female contacts who have sex with an MSM sex partner;
- Receptive anal sex (female or transgender); and
- Diagnosed with gonorrhea or syphilis.

#### *Low-Risk Negative Definition*

HIV test result is negative and contact does not report any of the factors listed in the high-risk negative definition above.

### **SELF-DISCLOSED RISKS**

Contacts may be reported in more than one category. Risks are listed in a hierarchy from highest risk to lowest risk based on an analysis of the HIV-positive test results for all California HIV C&T contacts by reported risk.

*MSM* includes non-injecting males who report sex with males.

*Stimulant drug use* includes use of crack, methamphetamine, cocaine, and/or ecstasy.

*Sexually transmitted infection* one or more of the following: chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, hepatitis B, genital/anal warts, genital herpes, trichomoniasis, and/or other sexually transmitted infection. Hepatitis C is not included.

*Other* includes transfusion, job-related risk, born HIV positive, or other behavior.

**REGION TESTED**

<b>Region Name</b>	<b>Counties</b>
Northern and Sierra Counties	Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yuba.
Greater Bay Area	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma.
Sacramento Area	El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Yolo.
San Joaquin Valley	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare.
Central Coast	Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Ventura.
Los Angeles	Los Angeles.
Other Southern California	Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego.

**Source:** Brown ER, Ponce N, Rice T, Lavarreda S. The State of Health Insurance in California: Findings from the 2001 California Health Interview Survey. University of California Los Angeles, Center for Health Policy Research. June 2002. <http://www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu>.

## **REFERRALS PROVIDED**

*Risk/harm reduction* includes any of the following:

- Prevention case management;
- HIV education and prevention services;
- Follow-up HIV counseling;
- Prevention skill development;
- Prevention support group; and
- Individual psychotherapy/counseling.

*Substance use services* include any of the following:

- Alcohol/drug treatment;
- Twelve-step program; and
- Needle exchange program.