

Our Community, Our Responsibility: Latinos in Action

Nuestra Comunidad, Nuestra Responsabilidad: Latinos en Acción

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County of Los Angeles

Square Miles: 4,086
Population¹: 10.3 Million

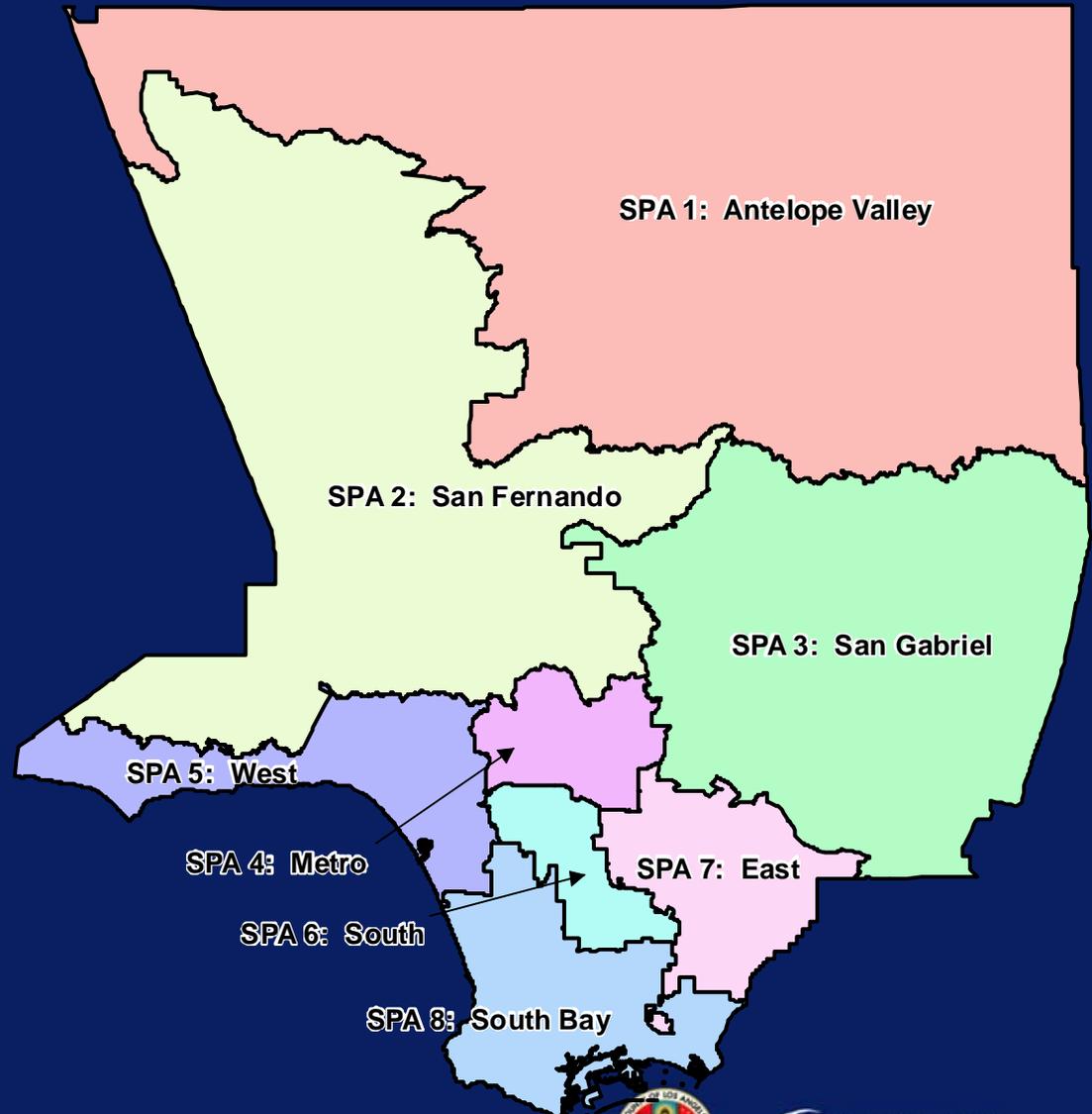
Latino/a 47.0%
White 28.9%
Asian/PI 12.6%
African-American 9.0%
Native American 0.3%

Proportion of California Population²: 29%

Proportion of California AIDS Cases³: 36%

Proportion of U.S. AIDS Cases³: 5%

Living with HIV/AIDS³:
60,000 (Estimated)



¹United Way, Los Angeles (2008)

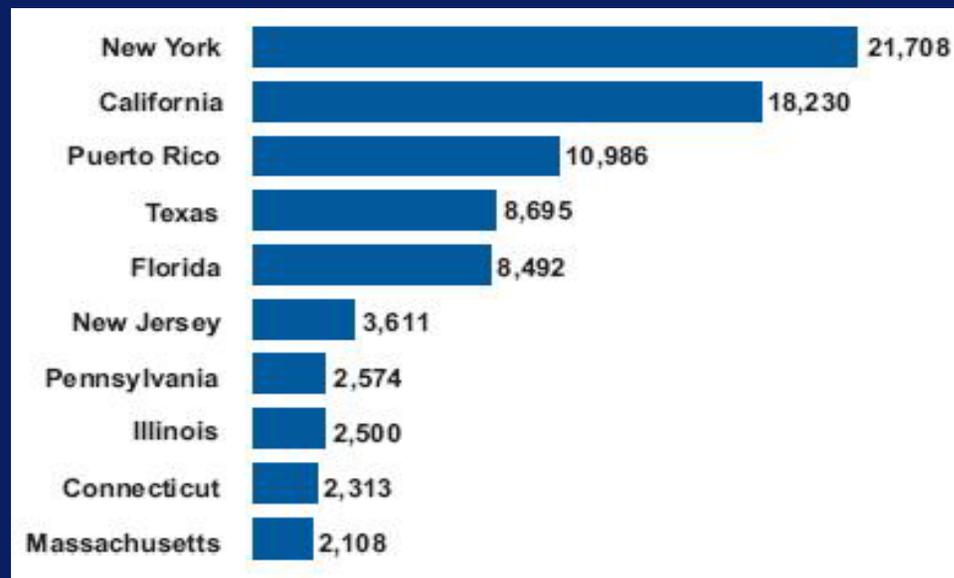
²U.S. Department of Commerce (2008)

³Los Angeles County HIV Epidemiology Program (2008)



Latinos and HIV/AIDS in California

Latinos Estimated to be Living with AIDS by State in 2006*



* Kaiser Family Foundation – Latinos and HIV/AIDS, “Number of Latinos Estimated to be Living with AIDS: Top 10 States/Areas, 2006”, May 2008; 2

- 35.9% of CA population in 2006**
- 22.8% of CA AIDS cases to date
- 127% increase in Latinos living with HIV/AIDS from 1996 to 2006

** US Census Bureau, California QuickFacts, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06000.html>; July 2008

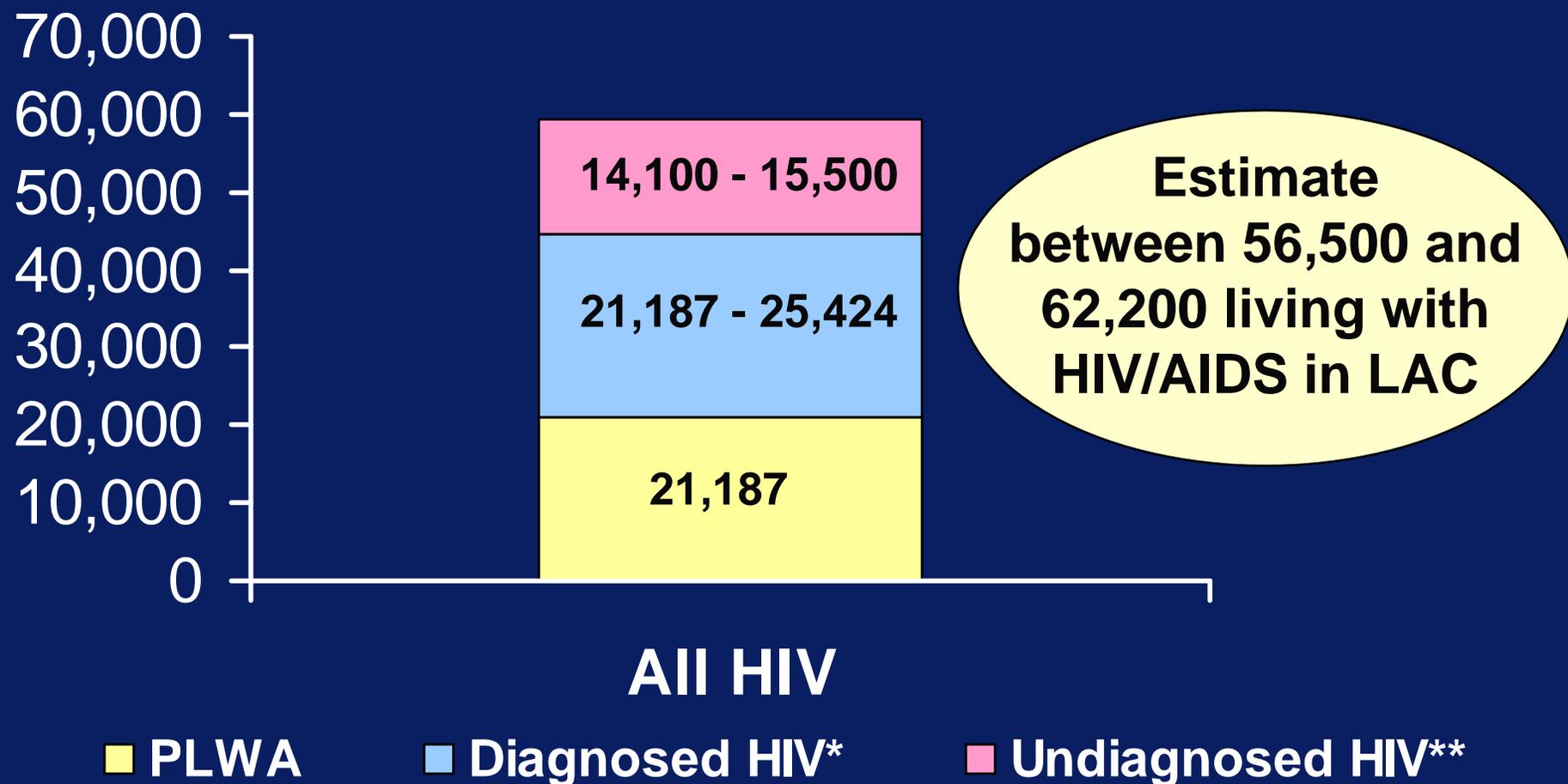


Overall HIV/AIDS Impact on Los Angeles County

- LAC is second only to New York City among US metropolitan areas in cumulative number of reported AIDS cases
- Only 4 states (CA, TX, NY, FL) have reported more AIDS cases than LAC
- 36% of all California AIDS cases are reported from LAC



Estimated Number Living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County as of April 2007



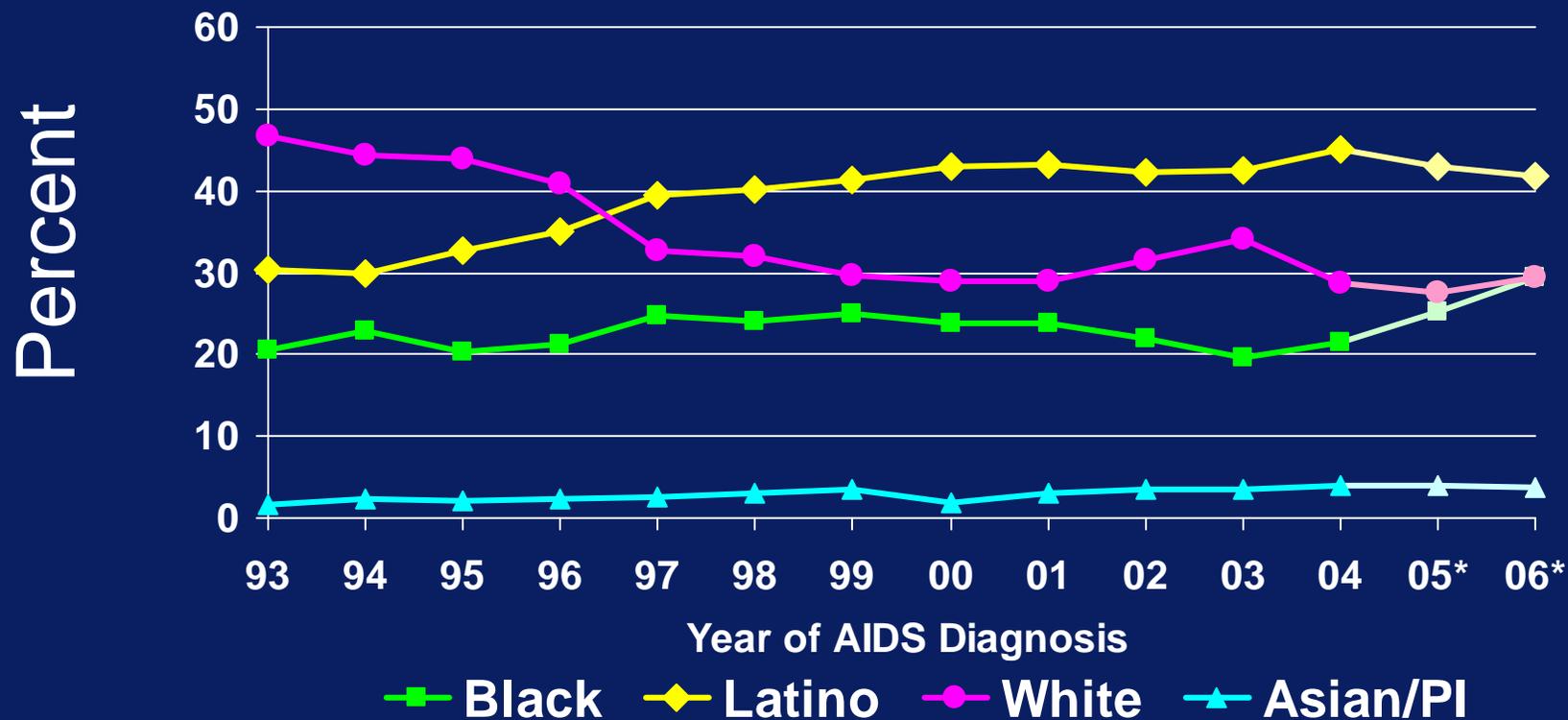
Source: HIV Epidemiology Program, LAC/DPH



* Estimates based on a range of 1:1 to 1.2:1 ratio of HIV (non-AIDS) to AIDS cases

** Estimates based on CDC's estimate that 25% are unaware of HIV infection (Glynn, 2005)

AIDS Cases by Race/Ethnicity and Year of Diagnosis (LAC 1993 – 2006)



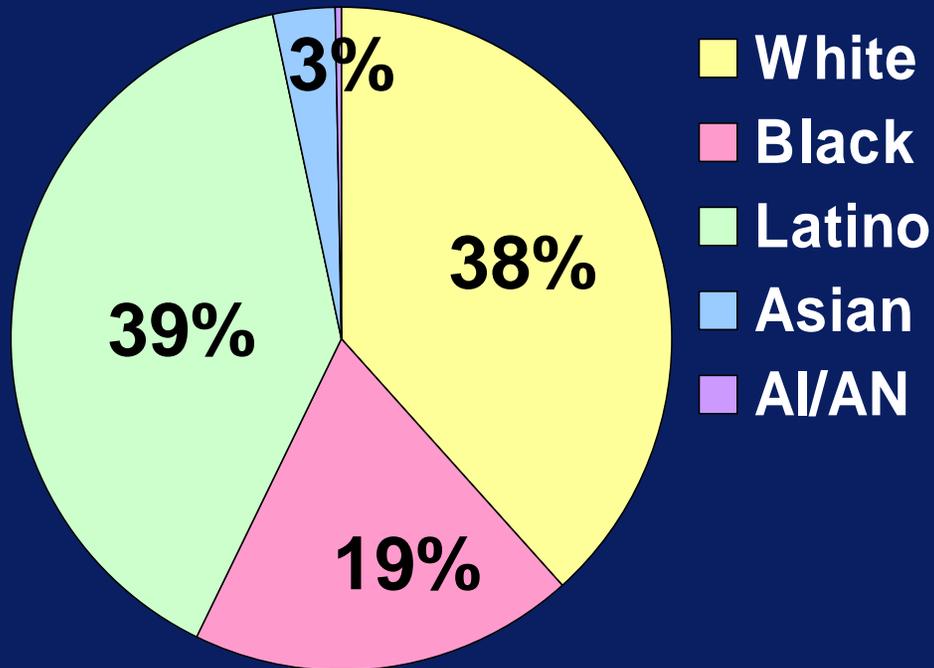
Source: *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Summary*, data as of December 2007.

* Data are provisional due to reporting delay.

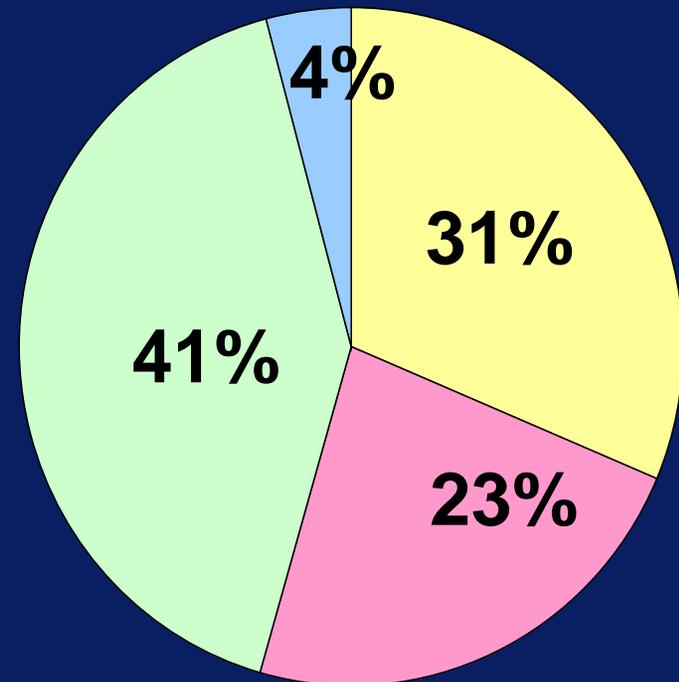


Comparison of Persons living with AIDS and Cases Diagnosed in 2006, by Race/Ethnicity

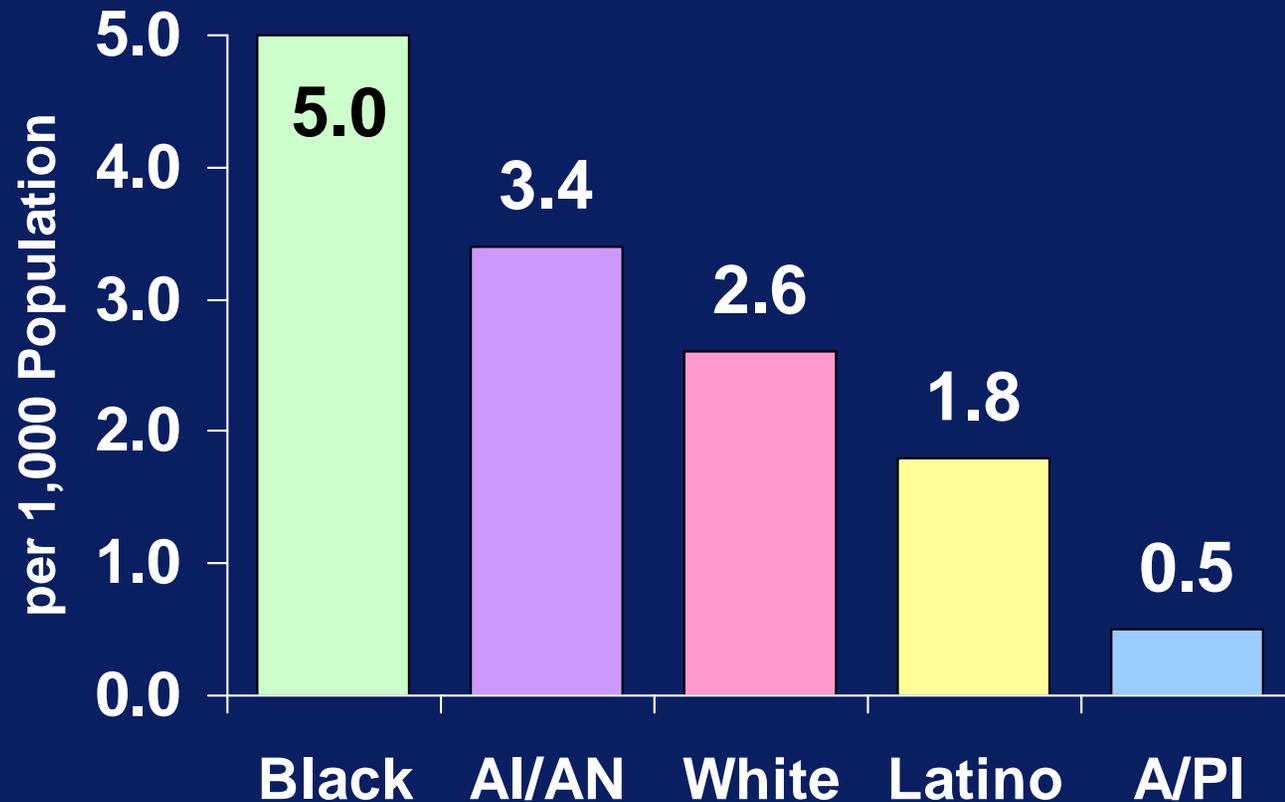
Living with AIDS



2006



Persons Living with AIDS in LAC per 1,000 population by Race/Ethnicity

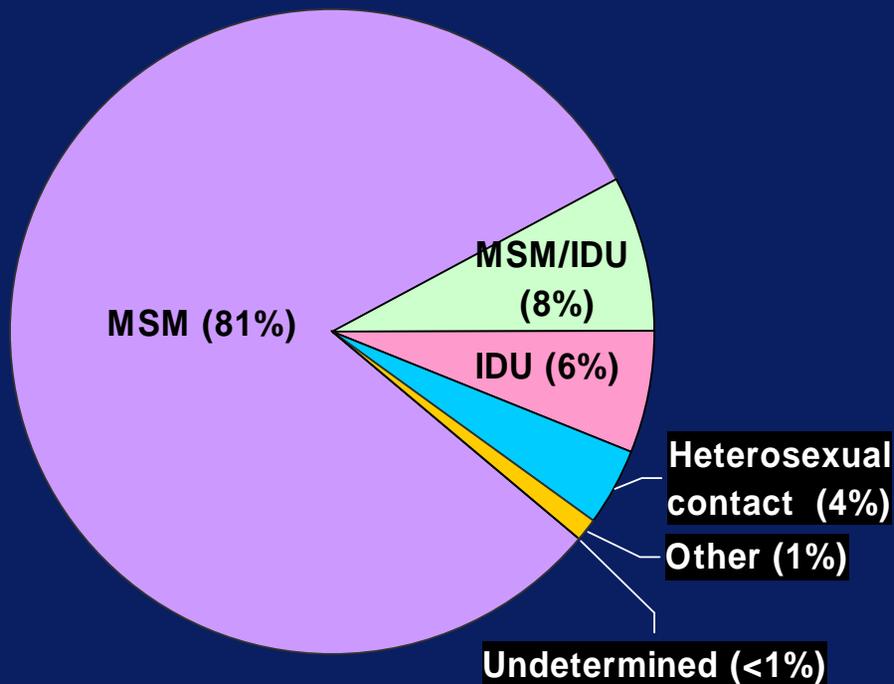


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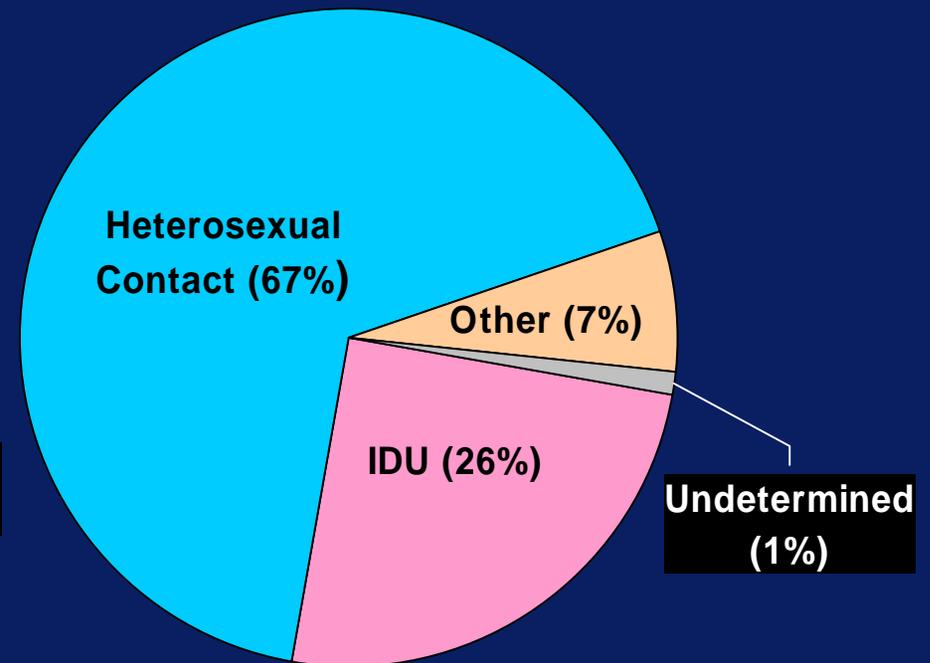


Adjusted Mode of Exposure¹ for Persons Living with AIDS by Gender in LAC, as of December 2006

Male (n=19,474)



Female (n=2,384)

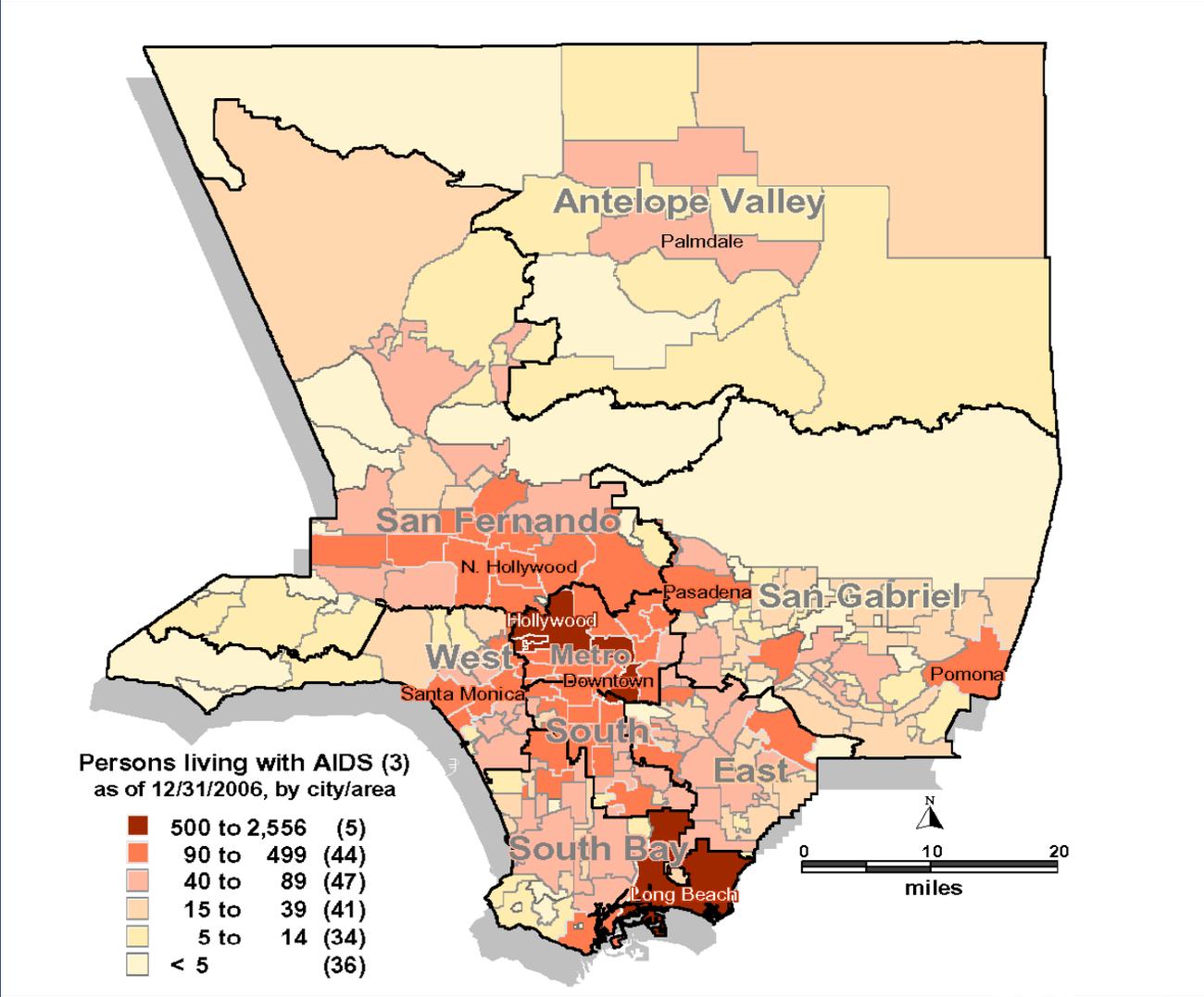


1. Persons who had no reported risk for HIV infection had been redistributed to a valid mode of exposure category based on the distribution of reclassified cases reported from 1993-2002.

Source: *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Summary*, data as of June 2007.



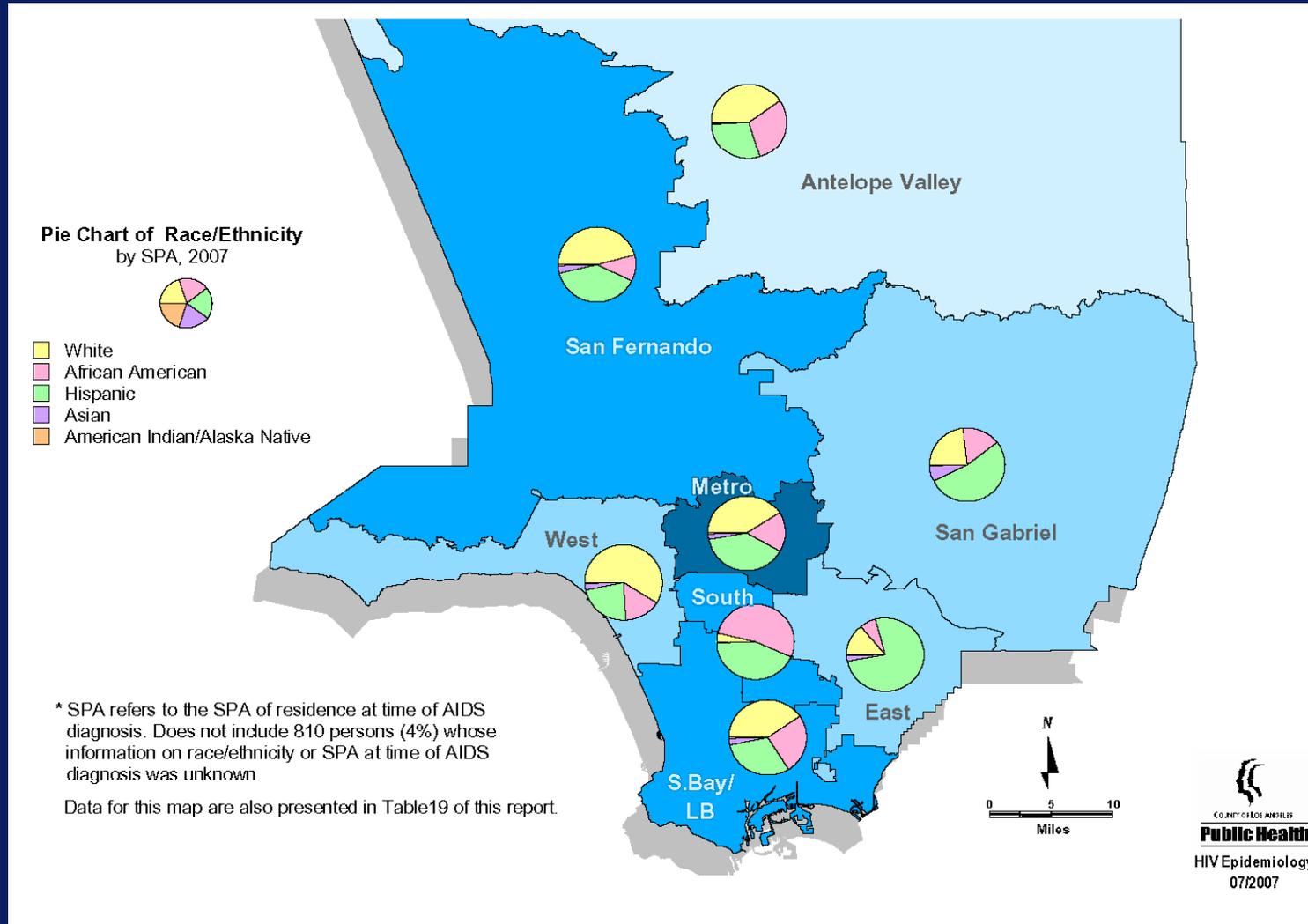
Number of Persons Living with AIDS by City/Area of LAC



Source: *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Summary*, data as of December 2006.



Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Persons Living with AIDS by Service Planning Area* (SPA) in LAC, as of December 2006



Source: *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Summary, data as of June 2007.*



Current Issues

- Immigration Status
Support Networks, Acculturation, Access to Services
- Number of Uninsured
- Cultural Competency
- Delayed Diagnosis
- Late Access to Care

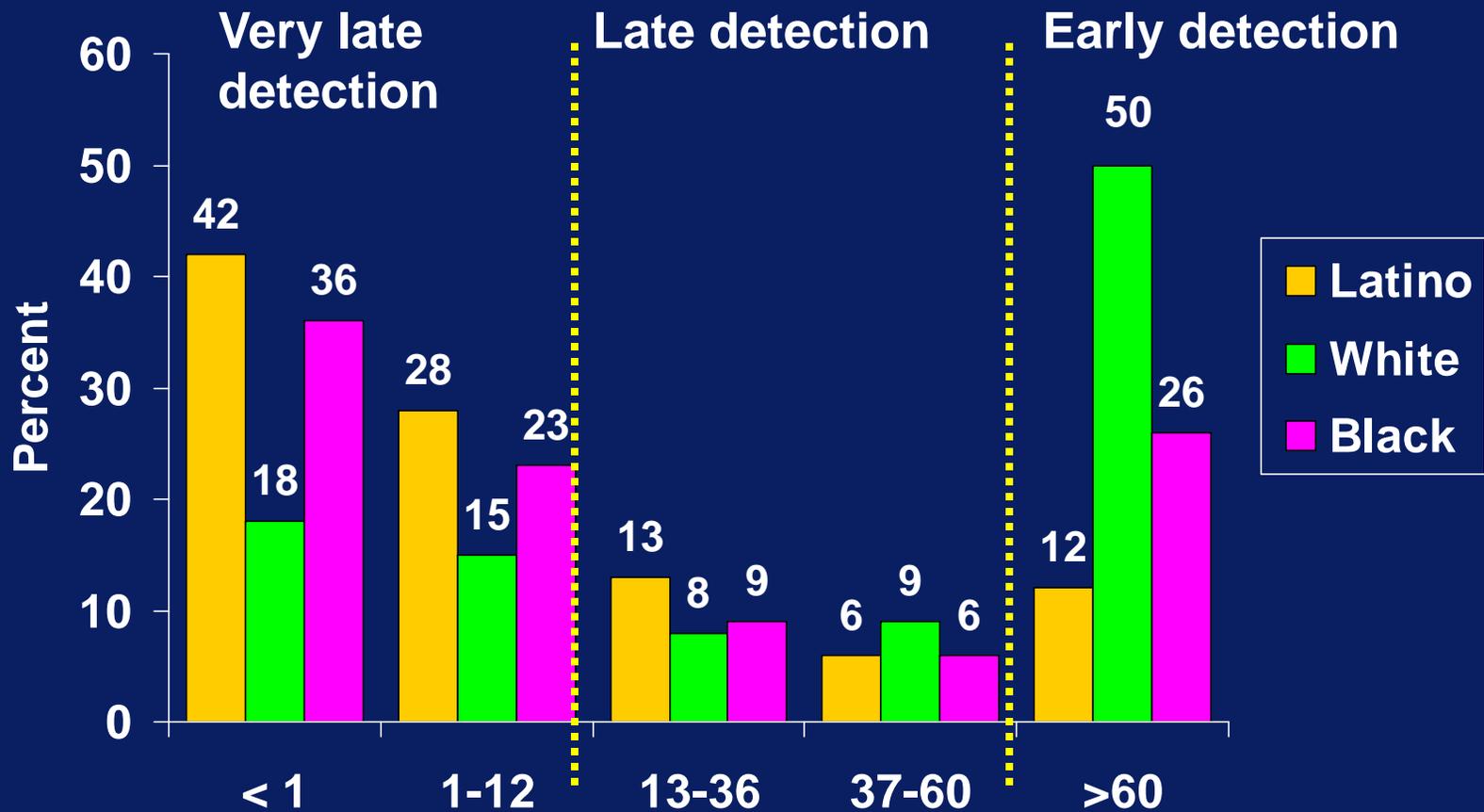


Current Issues

- **Stigma**
Homophobia, Sexual and Drug Use Behaviors, Disease
- **Cultural Norms as Barriers**
Machismo, Familismo, Marianismo
- **Language**
Spanish/English, Low Literacy



Months between First Learned of HIV+ Status and AIDS Diagnosis, by Race/Ethnicity



SHAS, HIV Epidemiology Program. LAC, 2000 - 2004 (N = 672)



OAPP Principles

- Aggressive HIV Case Finding
- Improve Anti-retroviral Access
- Maximize Treatment Outcomes

- ***Prevención, prevención, prevención...***



HIV Prevention Services

- Health Education/Risk Reduction (HE/RR)
 - HIV 101 and Beyond
 - Incorporate Behavioral Theories
 - Behavior Change Programs
 - Evidenced Based
- HE/RR Activities
 - Group Level
 - Individual Level
 - Community Level
 - Latino Faith Based HIV Prevention Initiative
 - Community Mobilization

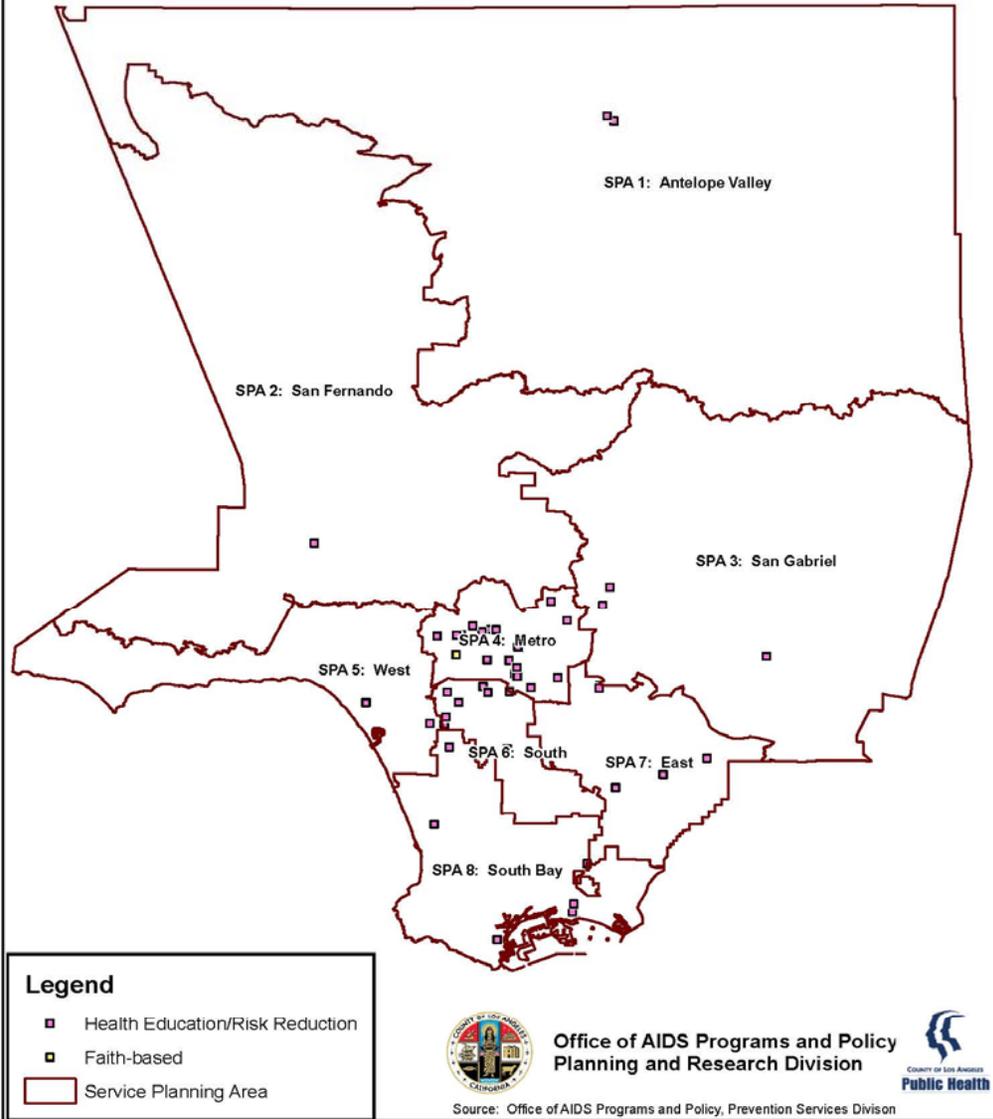


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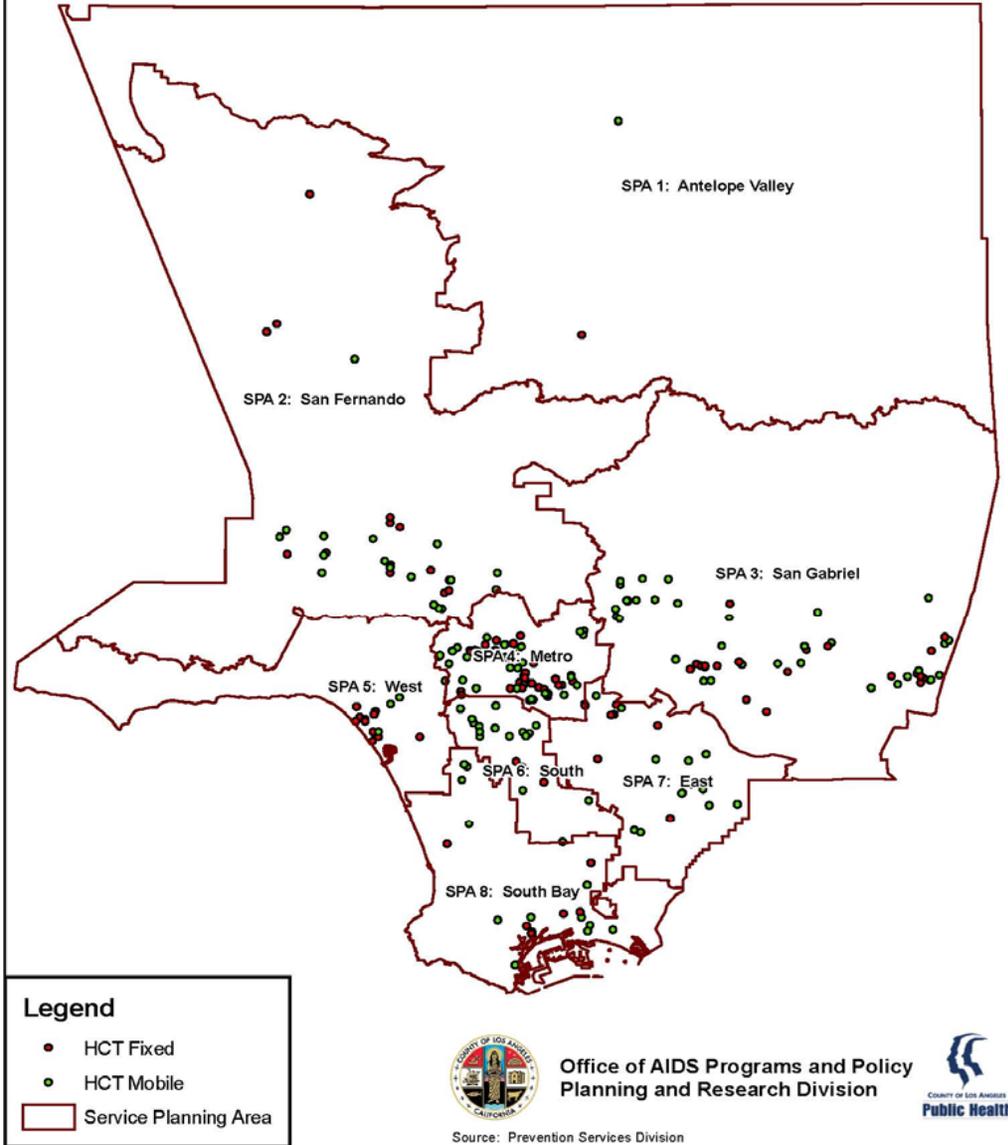
- Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services
- Health Communications/Public Information
 - Social Marketing
 - Community Forums
 - HIV Counseling and Testing Week
 - National AIDS Awareness Days
- HIV Testing
 - HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT)
 - HIV Screening (Routine Testing)



Health Education/Risk Reduction Sites (2006) Los Angeles County



HIV Counseling and Testing Sites (2006) Los Angeles County



Opportunities for HIV Prevention

- Prevention Message Saturation
- Expand Screening Practices
- Early Diagnosis and Treatment
- Build on Successful Interventions



Opportunities for HIV Prevention

- Partnerships Among Fellow HIV Service Providers
- Coordinate and Collaborate with other Health and Social Service Programs
- Address Multiple Morbidities Simultaneously



HIV Prevention Lessons Learned

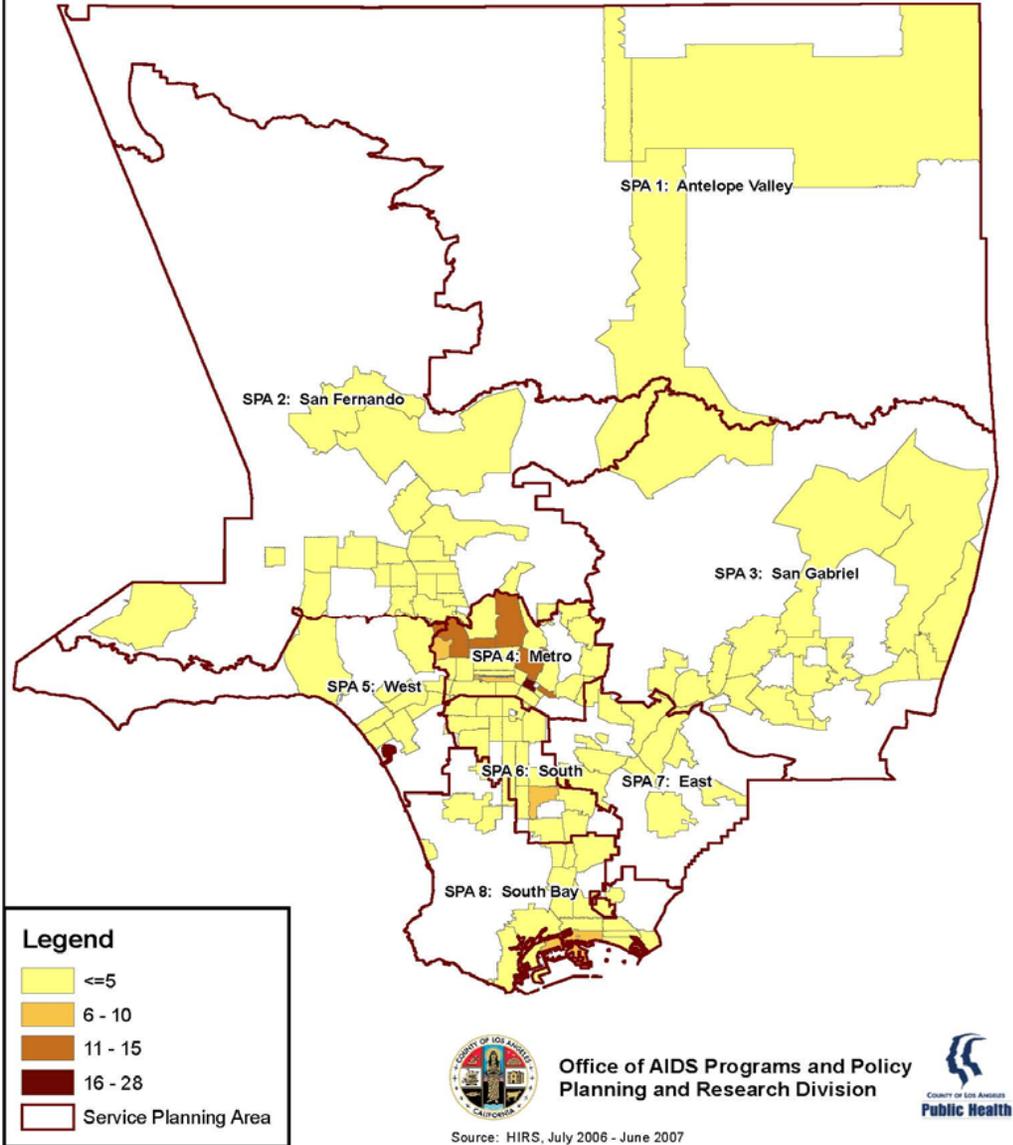
- Targeted Interventions
 - Cultural competence, Promotores, Support Groups, Social Venues, Social Networks, Community Action
- Better Understanding of Barriers
 - Identification of Most At-Risk, Service Uptake
- Cultural Norms as Assets
 - Familismo, Machismo, Shared Responsibility and Collective Action



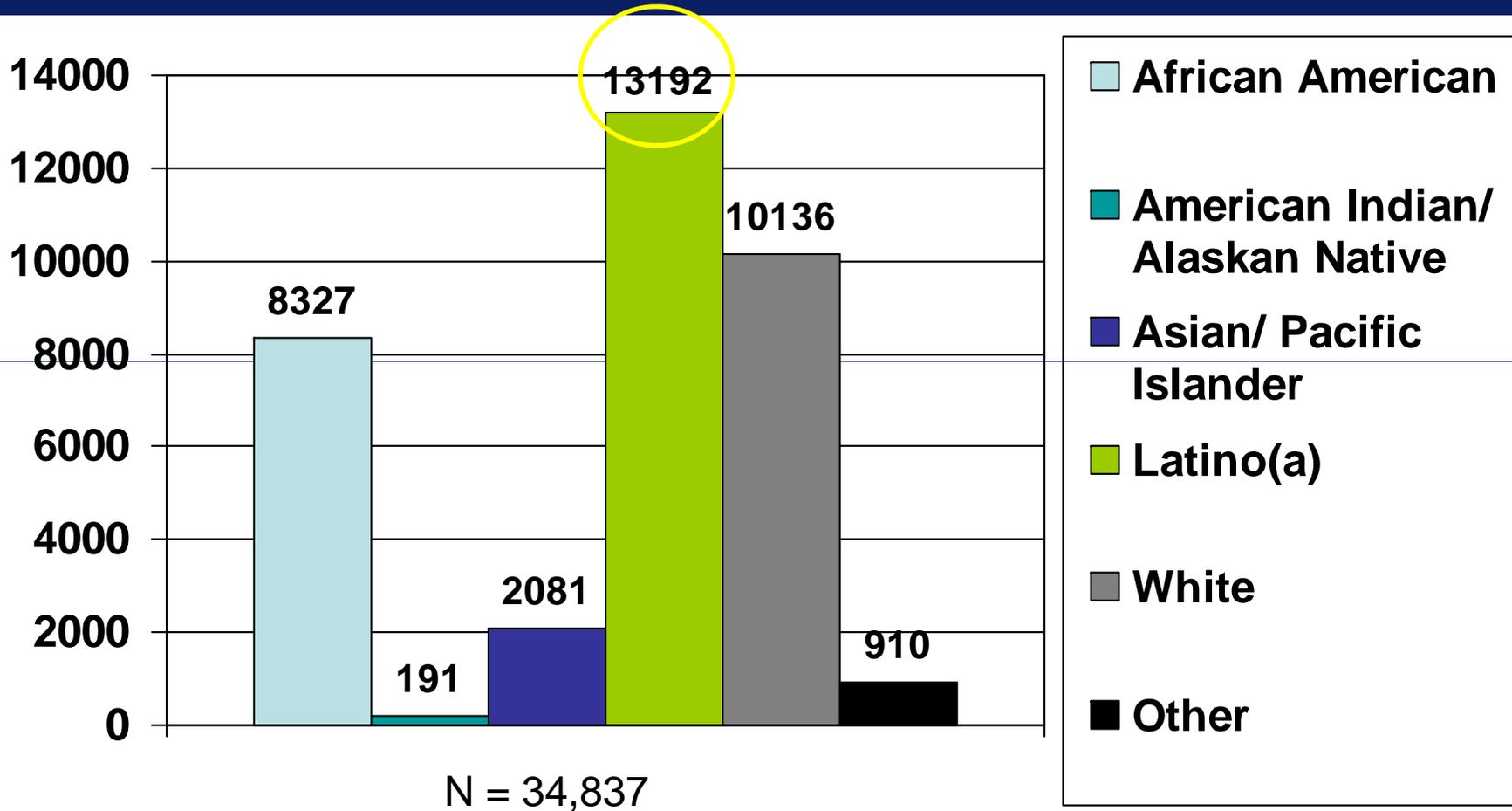
HIV Counseling and Testing Data



New Positive HIV Tests by Zip Code (FY2006-07) Los Angeles County



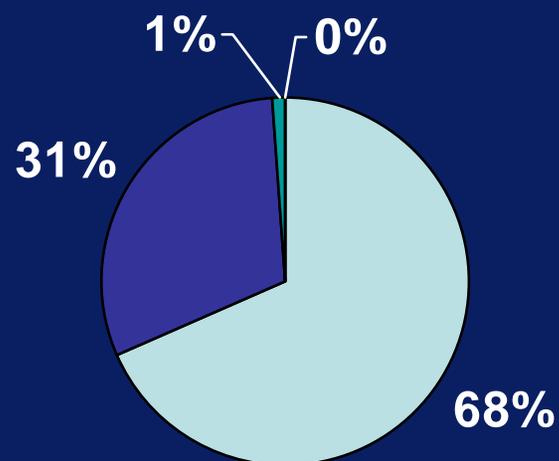
Overall HIV Tests by Race/Ethnicity



Source: Provisional HIV Counseling and Testing Data, CY 2007, Planning & Research Division

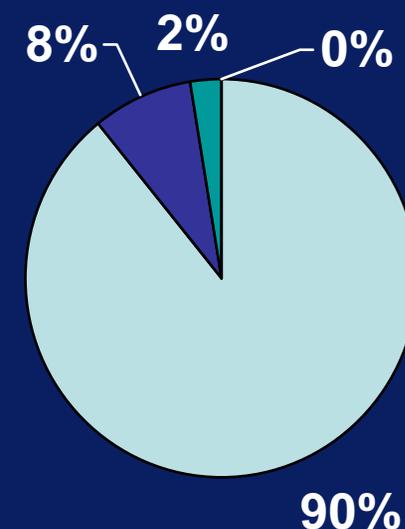
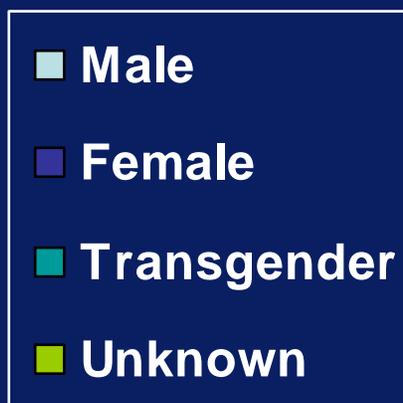


HIV Tests and New HIV Positive Testers* by Gender among Latinos



Tests

N = 13,192



New Positives

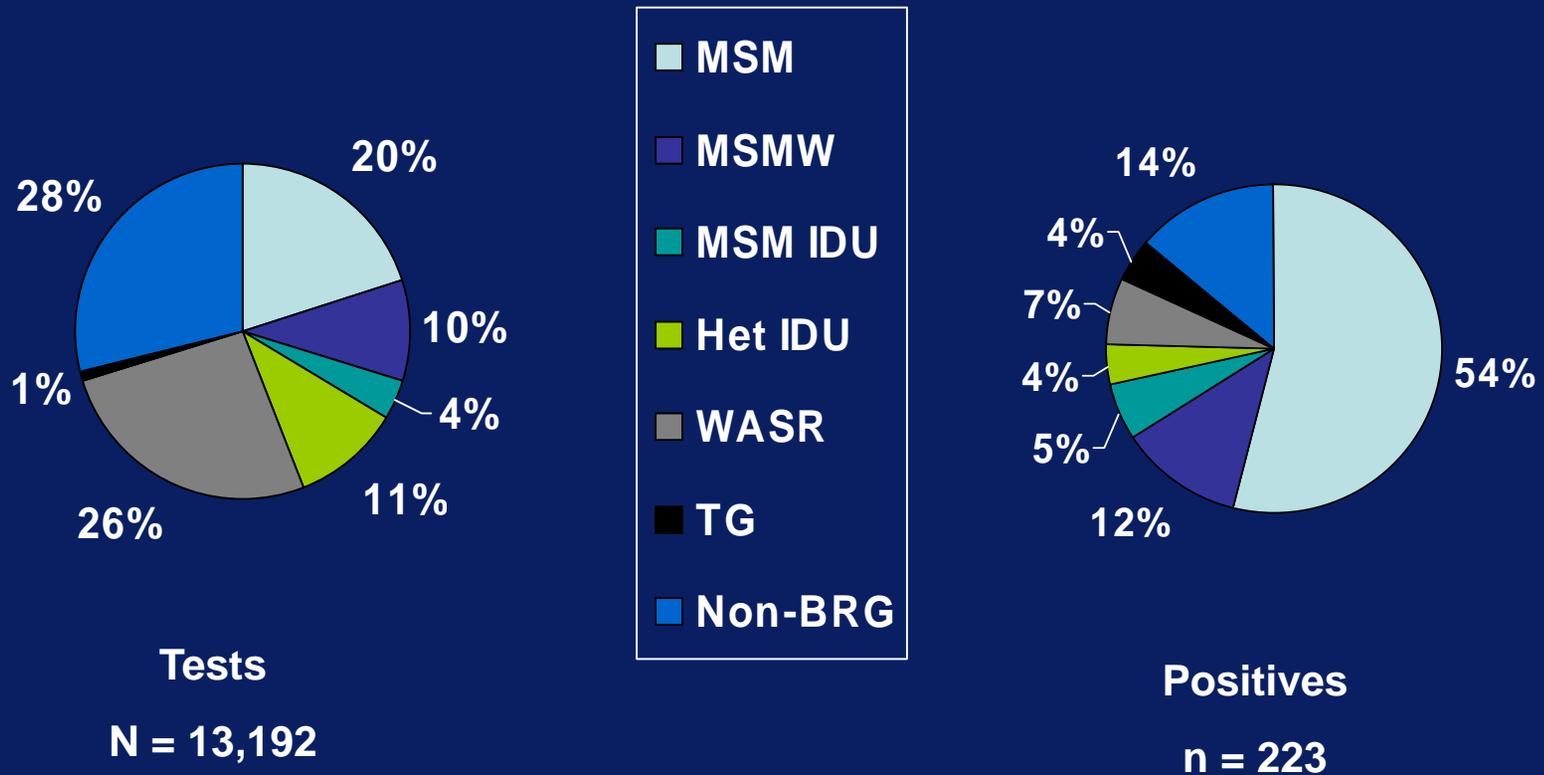
n = 168

Source: Provisional HIV Counseling and Testing Data, 2007, Planning & Research Division

*New Positives are HIV Positives not previously self-reported to have had an HIV Positive test. Includes preliminary positive individuals.



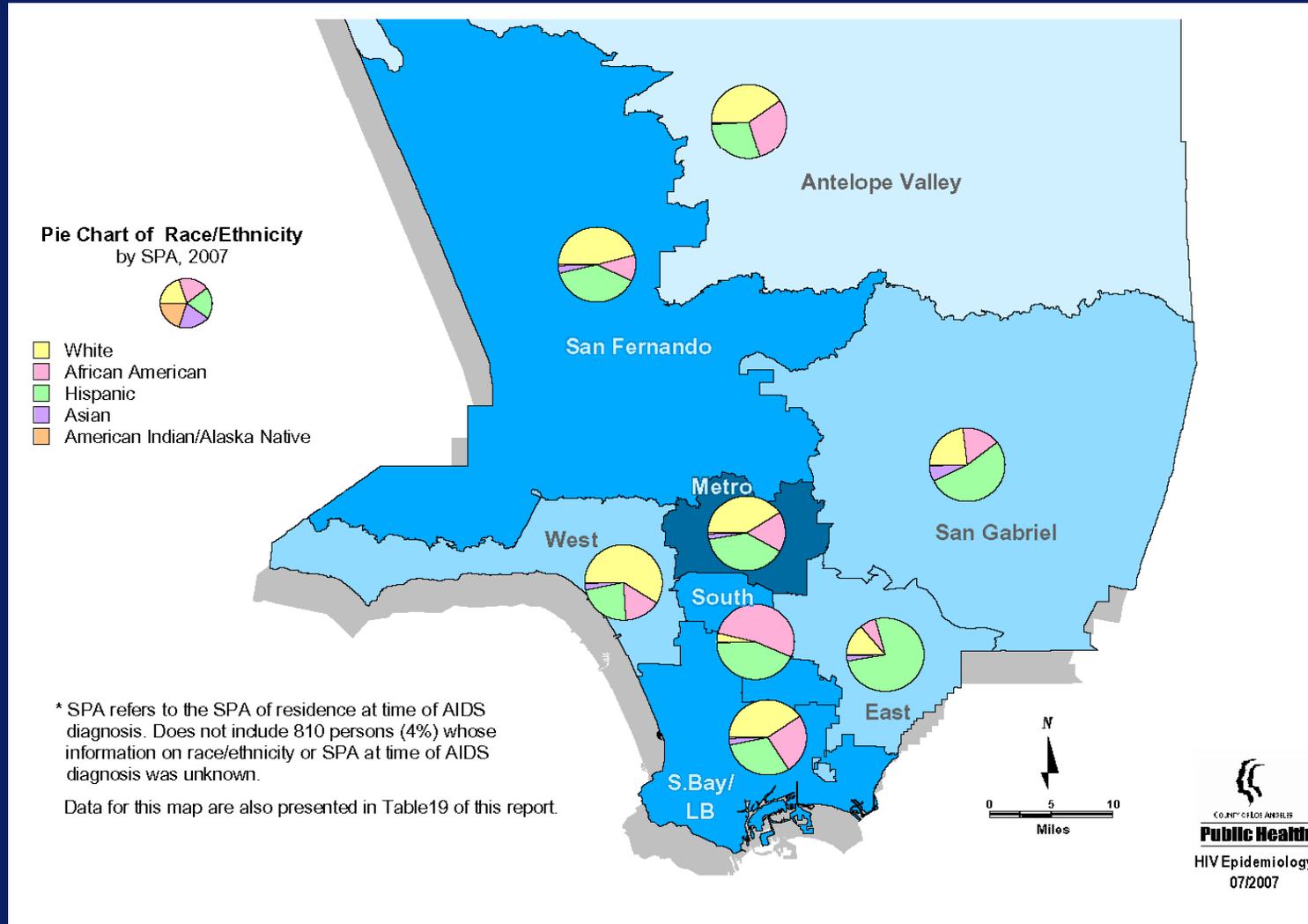
HIV Tests and All HIV Positive Testers by BRG among Latinos



Source: Provisional HIV Counseling and Testing Data, CY 2007, Planning & Research Division



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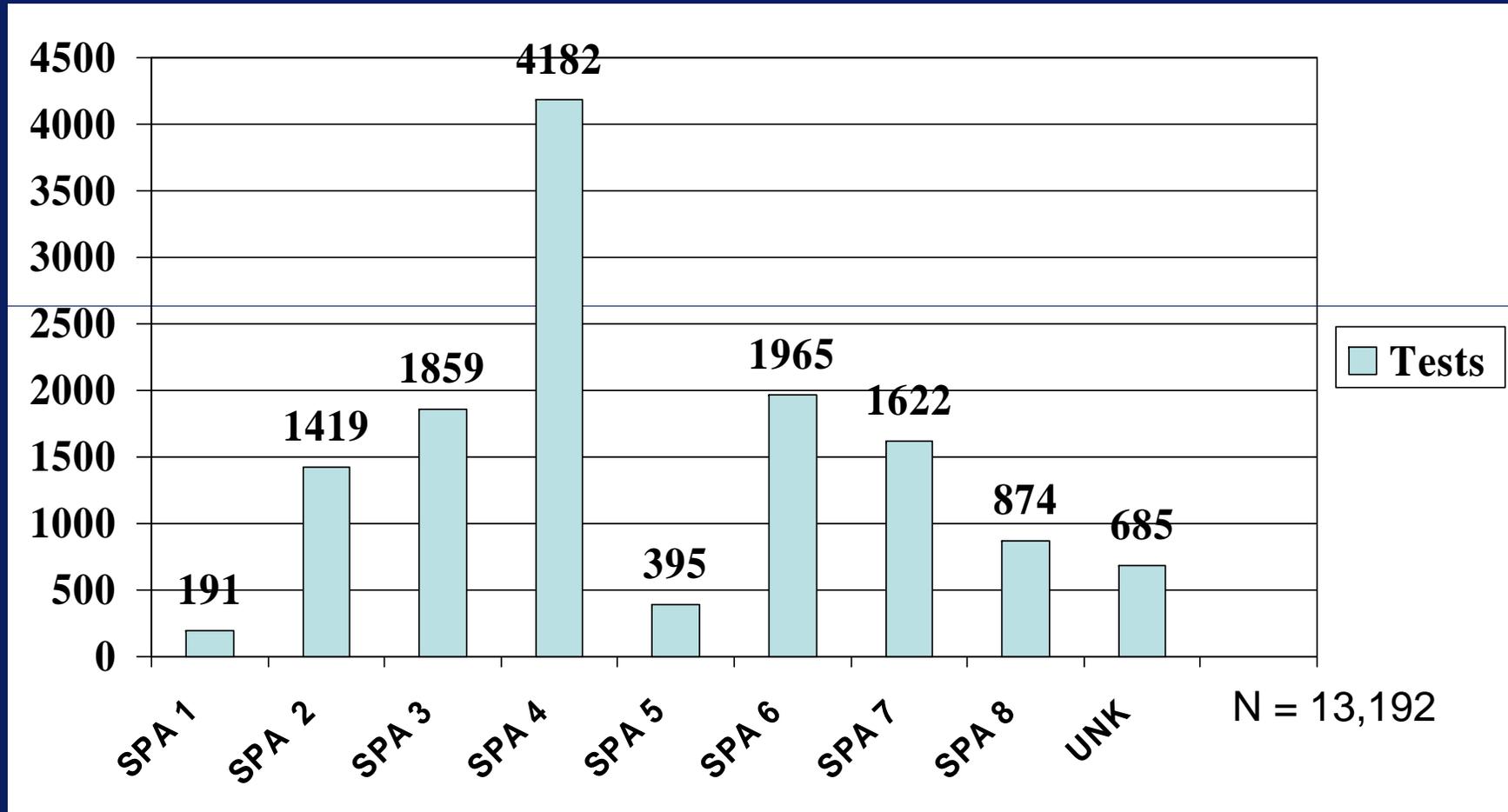


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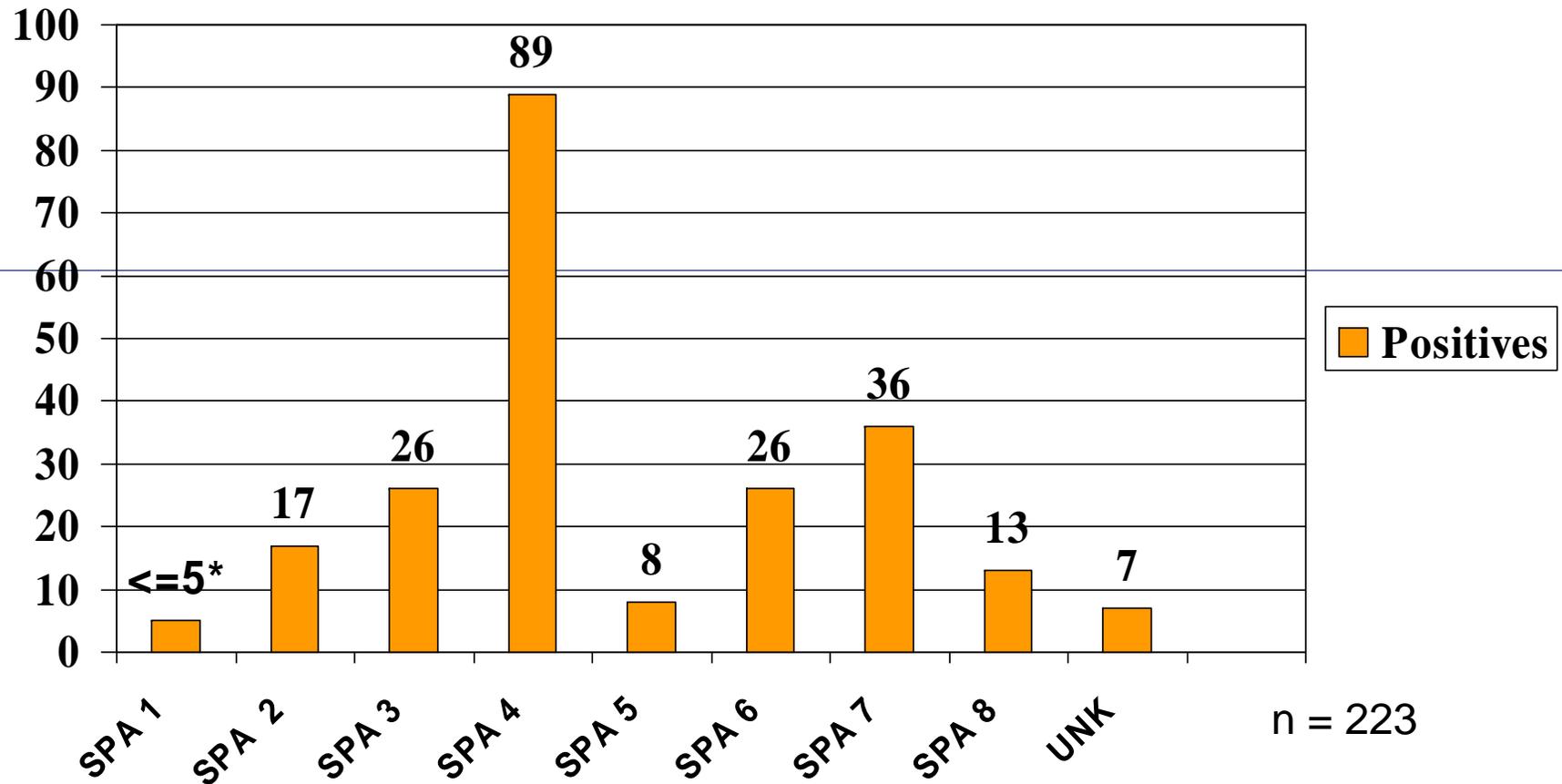
HIV Tests by SPA of Residence among Latinos



Data Source: Provisional HIV Counseling and Testing Data, CY 2007, Planning & Research Division



HIV Positive Testers by SPA of Residence among Latinos



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*Where 5 or fewer cases exist, <=5 are reported



Care and Treatment Opportunities and Issues for Latinos

- Linking and Retaining Clients in Care
 - Early Intervention Programs (EIP)
 - Medical Care & Antiretroviral Therapy
 - Clinical Enhancement Services
 - Addressing Unmet need
- Minority AIDS Initiative



Care and Treatment Interventions

- Ambulatory/
Outpatient Medical
- Case Management
- Transportation
- Food Bank
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health
- Nutritional Counseling
- Housing Assistance
- Oral Health Care
- Medical Specialty



HIV/AIDS Care & Treatment Utilization

- In CARE Act Year 17, a total of 17,920 PLWHA in LAC accessed care and treatment services
 - 45% were Latinos



HIV/AIDS Care & Treatment Utilization

- Of the 8,048 Latinos accessing HIV care and treatment in Year 17:
 - 81% accessed medical outpatient services
 - 41% accessed medical and psychosocial case management services
 - 27% accessed mental health services
 - 22% accessed nutrition services



HIV/AIDS Care & Treatment Utilization

- Of the 8,048 Latinos accessing HIV care and treatment services in Year 17:
 - 11% accessed oral services
 - 11% accessed treatment adherence services
 - 20% accessed other services including housing assistance, home-based care, substance abuse treatment, peer support, and transportation



Conclusions

- Latinos are at HIGH risk for HIV infection
- Latinos make up the plurality of all HIV/AIDS cases
 - Significant proportion in almost all SPAs
- Latinos are diagnosed too late in the course of disease
- Latinos are HIV testing at high rates



Conclusions

- Latinos respond to culturally-responsive programming
- Social ills and cultural stigmas continue to retard HIV prevention and access to care efforts
- Service Capacity must keep pace with changing demographic
- Opportunities to address multiple health concerns must be capitalized



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