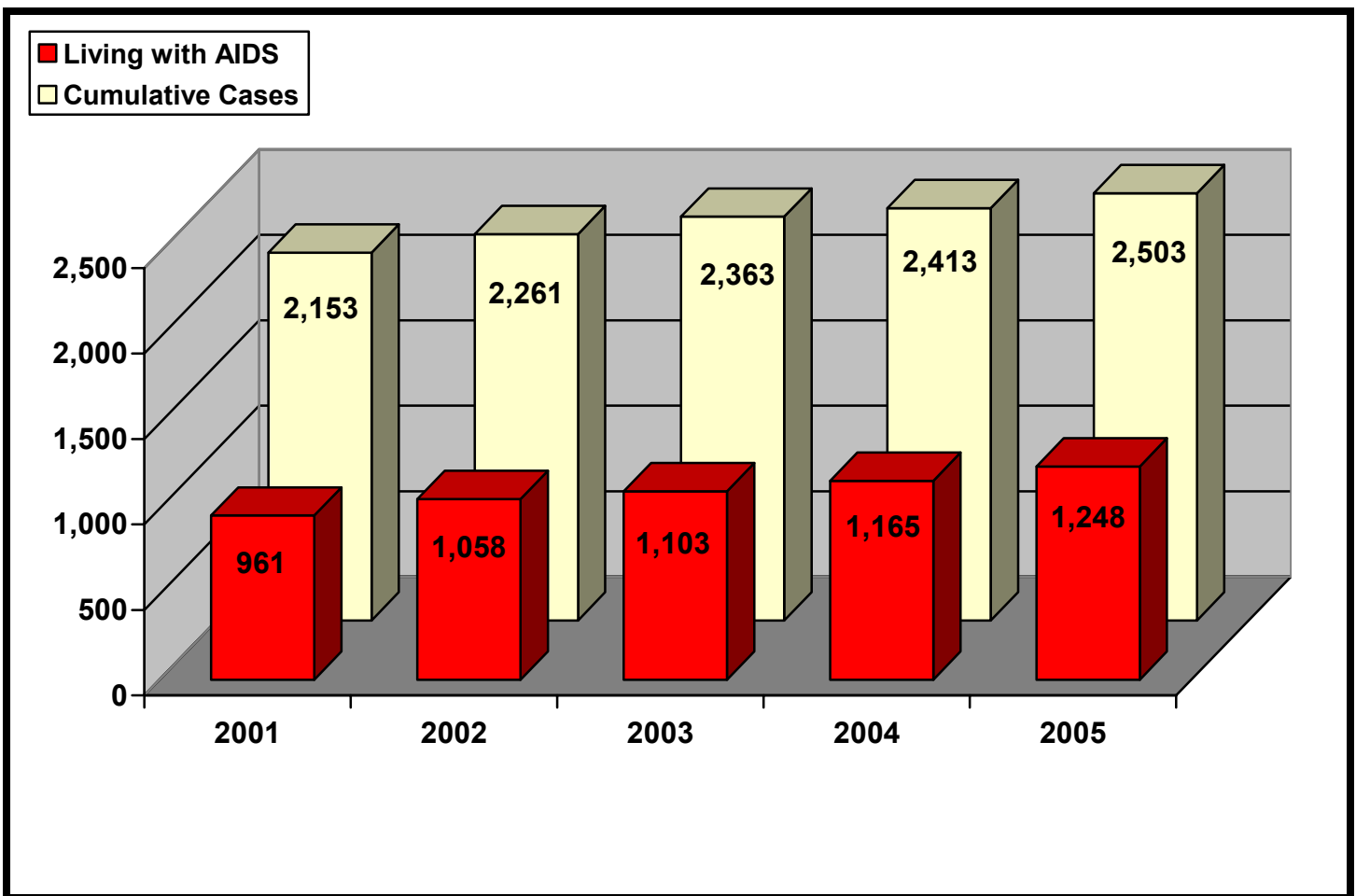


## HIV/AIDS IN RHODE ISLAND

While the federal government's investment in treatment and research is helping people with HIV/AIDS live longer and more productive lives, HIV continues to spread at a staggering national rate of over 40,000 new infections per year. The following data represent the total reported AIDS cases in Rhode Island through year-end 2005:

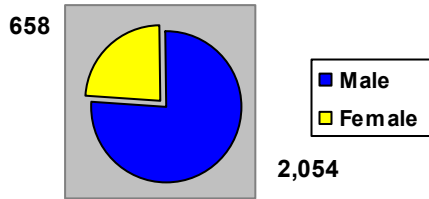
**Total Reported AIDS Cases**



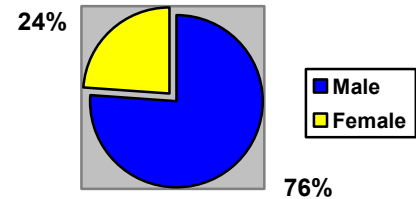
## Demographic Trends

It is the position of AIDS Action that the current HIV/AIDS statistics represent only a portion of the epidemic in the U.S. The data below only captures the AIDS cases that were confirmed through testing and reporting; thus, it does not reflect the demography and size of the HIV positive population that has not yet been tested or reported.

### TOTAL REPORTED AIDS CASES BY GENDER, 2005



### PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL AIDS CASES REPORTED BY GENDER, 2005



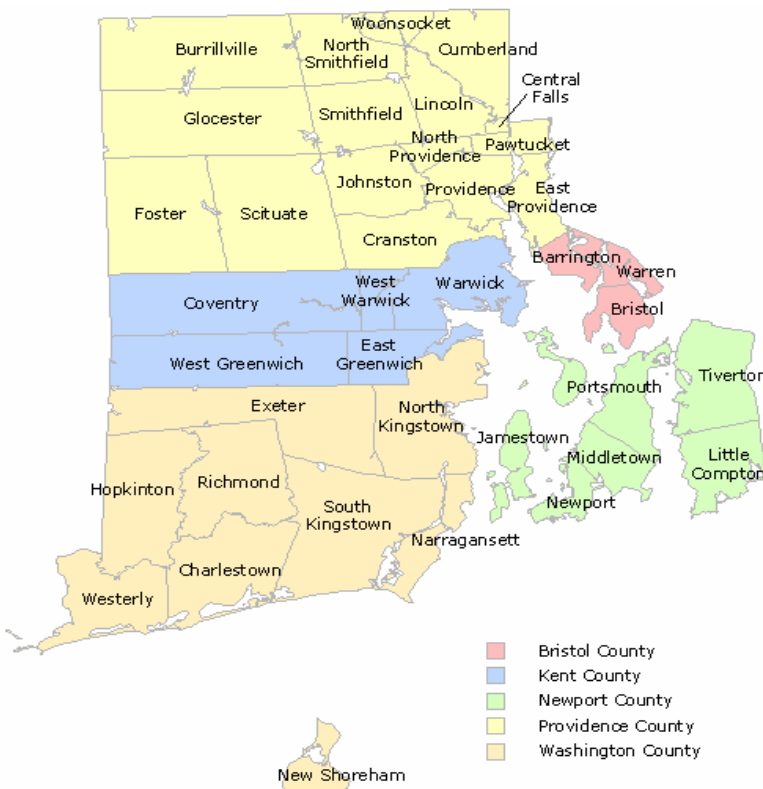
### TOTAL REPORTED AIDS CASES BY RACE / ETHNICITY, 2005

White	1,504
African American	678
Hispanic	488
Legacy Asian/Pacific Islander	13
American Indian/Alaskan Native	22

### PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL REPORTED CASES BY RACE / ETHNICITY, 2005<sup>ii</sup>

White	56%
African American	25 %
Hispanic	18 %
Legacy Asian/Pacific Islander	<1 %
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1 %

### RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES, 2004<sup>iii</sup>



### TOTAL REPORTED AIDS CASES BY COUNTY, 2005<sup>iv</sup>

Providence County	2,184
Kent County	163
Washington County	105
Newport County	163
Bristol County	87

## FISCAL YEAR 2005 FUNDING FOR HIV/AIDS IN RHODE ISLAND

### At-A-Glance

	Department	Agency	Amount
HIV Prevention	Health & Human Services	Centers for Disease Control & Prev.	\$1,692,570
Ryan White - Title I	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin	\$0
Ryan White - Title II	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin	\$3,175,453
Ryan White - Title III	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin	\$1,049,342
Ryan White - Title IV	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin	\$561,089
Ryan White - AETC	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin	\$1,867,486
Ryan White - Dental	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin	\$0
Ryan White - MAI	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin	\$37,523
Ryan White - SPNS	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin	\$697,915
HOPWA	Housing & Urban Dev.	Office of HIV/AIDS Housing	\$764,000

### Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provided Rhode Island with \$1,692,570 for HIV prevention programs. These funds were allocated to state and local health departments and community-based organizations to finance counseling and testing programs, public information and health education/risk reduction activities, and monitoring/surveillance programs.<sup>v</sup>

### Ryan White CARE Act

The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, enacted in 1990 and reauthorized in 1996, 2000, and 2006 is the centerpiece of the federal government's efforts to improve the quality and availability of care for medically underserved individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. The CARE Act, administered by the HIV/AIDS Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration, provides funding to states, territories, and other public and private nonprofit entities to develop, organize, coordinate, and operate more effective and cost-efficient systems for the delivery of essential health care and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

- **Title I – Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs):** Title I provides funding to eligible metropolitan areas disproportionately affected by the HIV epidemic. Rhode Island qualified for \$0 in Title I funding.
  - EMAs: None
- **Title II – States:** Title II helps state health departments improve the quality, availability, and organization of HIV health care and support services. This title also contains the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides medications to individuals with low income and supplemental grants for emerging communities, which are defined as cities reporting between 500 and 1,999 AIDS cases in the past five years. Rhode Island received \$3,175,453 in CARE Act Title II funds, which includes \$2,109,545 for ADAP and \$0 for emerging communities.
- **Title III – Early Intervention Services and Planning:** Title III supports competitive grants to provide medical treatment and medical support services for people living with HIV including HIV testing, early intervention services, risk reduction counseling, case management, outreach, oral health, nutrition, and mental health services. Title III supports Early Intervention Services (EIS) grants that provide services for HIV positive individuals with low income who are uninsured or underinsured as well as grants for planning

and capacity building to help rural or underserved communities develop high-quality HIV primary care. Rhode Island received \$1,049,342 in Title III funds.

- **Title IV – Women, Infants, Children, and Youth:** Title IV focuses on the operation and development of primary care systems and social services for women and youth, two groups that represent a growing share of the epidemic. Rhode Island received \$561,089 in Title IV funds.<sup>vi</sup>

- **Other CARE Act Funding Programs:**

**AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program**

AETCs provide training, consultation, and information to HIV health care providers through a network of 11 regional centers, each of which serves between two and ten states and/or territories; four national centers (the AETC National Resource Center, the National HIV/AIDS Clinicians’ Consultation Center, the National Evaluation AETC, and the National Minority AETC); and over 130 local performance sites across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.

Funding is allocated to each of the 15 national and regional centers, which then distribute resources to local performance sites in each state.

<b>Total New England AETC Regional Funding:</b>	\$1,867,486 <sup>vii</sup>
<b>Regional Center</b>	<b>Local Performance Site(s)</b>
New England AETC	Rhode Island AETC
Office of Community Programs	BRUNAP Program, Brown University
University of Massachusetts Medical School	Providence, RI
23 Miner Street, Floor G	
Boston, MA 02215-3318	
Donna Gallagher, MS, RNC, ANP, FAAN,	The Miriam Hospital of Rhode Island
Director & Principal Investigator	Providence, RI
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Website: <a href="http://www.neaetc.org">http://www.neaetc.org</a> <sup>viii</sup>	

*Located in: Massachusetts*

*Serves: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont*

**Dental Program**

The Ryan White Care Act Dental program provides funding to both a community-based dental program, to increase access to oral health care services for HIV-positive individuals while providing education and clinical training for dental care providers as well as a reimbursement program which reimburses dental schools, postdoctoral dental education programs, and dental hygiene programs for oral health care of individuals living with HIV.

**Total Dental Funding:** \$0

Community-based Dental Program	\$0
Dental Reimbursement Program	\$0

### Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) was created by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) in 1998 in response to the HIV/AIDS health crisis facing racial and ethnic minorities in the United States. The program funding is channeled through several federal HIV/AIDS programs and across all titles of the Ryan White CARE Act. MAI funds target programs to enhance effective HIV/AIDS efforts that directly benefit racial and ethnic minority communities. The Minority AIDS Initiative is part of HHS' larger initiative to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities by the year 2010.

**Total MAI Funding:** \$37,523

### Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS)

SPNS is the research and development aspect of the Ryan White CARE Act. SPNS is responsible for assessing the effectiveness of certain care models, providing support for innovative models of HIV/AIDS service delivery and for assisting the replication of effective models across the nation.

**Total SPNS Funding:** \$697,915<sup>ix</sup>

### Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA) provides housing assistance and related supportive services for HIV positive persons with low income and their families. HOPWA funds are awarded as “formula grants” to states and metropolitan areas. Grants are also awarded to specific projects on a competitive basis through three grant programs: Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS), projects that address permanent housing and service challenges for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and technical assistance projects.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided Rhode Island with a total of \$764,000 in HOPWA funding. Rhode Island received \$764,000 in formula grants<sup>x</sup> and \$0 in competitive grants under the HOPWA program.<sup>xi</sup>

HOPWA Grant Type	Funding Amount
Formula	\$764,000
Competitive	\$0

### Serostatus Reporting

States require that cases of AIDS be reported to local and state health departments, and since 2004, all states require that cases of HIV infection be reported as well. **The data below include the number of persons reported with HIV infection who do *not* have an AIDS diagnosis.** As of 2007, all states will use name-based reporting. In name-based reporting, the individual who tests positive is identified by name. The CDC only accepts name-based data for its surveillance reports.

- Rhode Island began name-based reporting of HIV infections in 2006.<sup>xii</sup>
- Total number of adults living with HIV infection through December 2005: n/a
- Total number of children ≤ 13 years old living with HIV infection through December 2005: n/a

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