

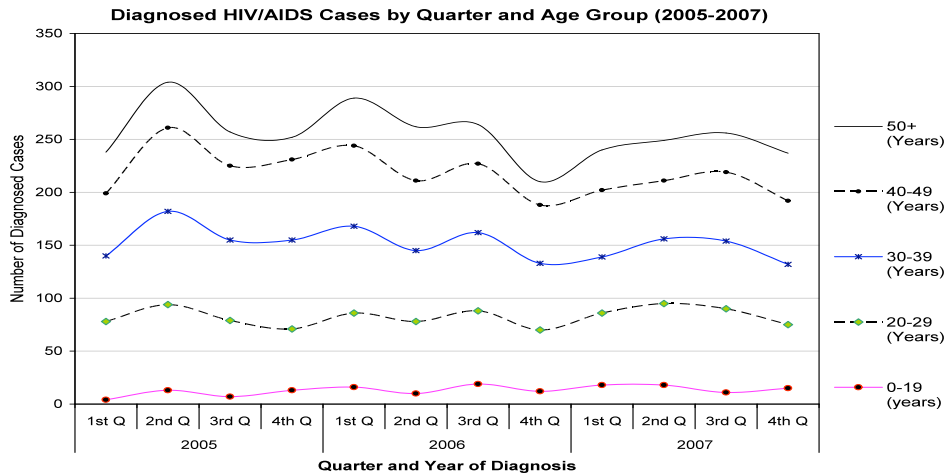
HIV is Preventable

19,537 Virginians were living with HIV as of ~~March 31, 2008.~~¹
20,593 **March 31, 2009**

2 in 3 are African American
1 in 4 are women or girls

1 in 3 live in the eastern region
1 in 12 live in the southwest region

Virginia's Youth are not immune to HIV.



The pink line at the bottom represents the Virginians 0-19 who were diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in each quarter between 2005 and 2007. That line is not dropping; the number of 0-19 year olds diagnosed with HIV/AIDS almost doubled between 2005 and 2007².

Why are Youth Becoming Infected?

Contributing factors may include:

- * Sex initiation at early age
- * Lack of Awareness
- * Out-of-School Youth
- * Substance Abuse
- * Poverty
- * Having other STDs³

Yet Virginia spends very little to stop the spread of HIV among anyone, much less our youth.

Virginia's General Fund grants to support community-based HIV prevention totals \$200,000 ...

- State funds for prevention are not adequate and grant to community-based organizations have not been increased since 1989.
- To achieve that same level of work \$200,000 bought in 1988, today's appropriation should be **\$360,532.62**⁴

A better response – PREVENTION

Virginia's prevention programs are small, scattered, inconsistently available, and constantly struggling to maintain funding – even though the methods used to teach prevention are proven effective.

Please, learn about the HIV Prevention programs in your district. And please, support Virginia funding for HIV-Prevention programs.

Our mission is to end HIV and AIDS in Virginia. Will you join us?

¹ VDH Office of Epidemiology – Division of Disease Prevention, Quarterly Surveillance Report, 1st Quarter 2008 & 2009, Tables 1, 2 and 3.
² The number of persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS will continue to increase, especially for the previous 12-18 months. This is due to reporting delays.
³ HIV/AIDS Among Youth, CC Fact Sheet, <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/Factsheets/youth.htm>, August 19, 2008.
⁴ S. Morgan Friedman webpage; <http://www.westegg.com/inflation/infl.cgi>, August 19, 2008.