**HIV AMONG YOUTH (AGES 13-24) IN MARYLAND, 2015**

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**New HIV Diagnoses**

- There were **1,334** total reported HIV diagnoses, all ages, during 2015 in Maryland. **252 (18.9%)** of these diagnoses were among **youth ages 13-24**.
- The proportion of newly reported HIV diagnoses among youth has increased from **5.7%** in **1997** to **18.9%** in **2015** in Maryland.

**Characteristics of Youth (Ages 13-24 years) Living with HIV**

- Of the **32,375** total living HIV cases (with or without AIDS) on 12/31/2015 in Maryland, **5,112 (15.8%)** were among youth diagnosed at 13-24 years old. **68.7%** of these cases were **male** and **31.3%** were **female**.
- **78.4%** of the 5,112 total living HIV diagnosed at 13-24 years old were **NH black**, **10.7%** were **NH white**, **5.6%** were Hispanic, and **5.3%** were other races.
- Among the **4,210** youth aged 13-24 years old at HIV diagnosis who had a reported exposure, the common exposure categories were **MSM (56.5%)**, **HET (29.2%)**, **IDU (9.9%)**, and **MSM/IDU (3.8%)**.
- Approximately **54.1% (2,765)** of the total living HIV diagnoses among youth had a **viral load test** during 2015. Of those cases, **65.6% (1,813)** had a **suppressed viral load**.

**2015 Trends in HIV Diagnoses Among Youth**

**Trends in HIV Diagnoses Among Youth (Age 13-24 years)**

- Of the **252** youth HIV diagnoses in 2015, **208 (82.5%)** were **male** and **44 (17.5%)** were **female** in Maryland.
- **82.1%** of new diagnoses in Marylanders aged 13-24 years were **NH black**.
- The common exposure categories among the newly reported HIV diagnoses in youth with a reported exposure were **MSM (77.5%)** and **HET (17.3%)** in 2015.