

AIDS Update 1

**TOTAL AIDS CASES IN UTAH AND UNITED STATES
JULY 30,1993
DISTRIBUTION BY AGE**

AGE GROUP	U.S. AIDS CASES		UTAH AIDS CASES	
	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Under 13	4,480	2	20	2
12 - 19	1,167	0	9	0
20 - 29	55,120	19	188	22
30 - 39	132,197	46	395	47
40 - 49	66,933	23	174	21
Over 49	29, 423	10	59	8
TOTAL	289,320	100	815	100
Male	254,726	88	749	92
Female	34,594	12	66	8
TOTAL	289,320	100	815	100

AIDS Update 2**AIDS PUTS DEADLY TWIST IN DATING GAME
(adapted from article in the Detroit Free Press;
statistics from the National Center for Health Statistics)**

Ellen drew stares from her friends when she walked down the street on the arm of her boyfriend. He was older than she, and the hottest kid in the neighborhood. The honor came with a demand--he wanted sex. Ellen didn't want to lose him and figured he wasn't asking much. Ellen was 15 when she tested positive for the AIDS virus.

Many teens who have participated in sexual adventures are among a growing number facing the deadly reality of life with AIDS. Teens are the group most likely to behave in a risky manner, and with consequences not coming immediately thereafter, see no reason to change their habits. This ensures the problem will only get worse.

The HIV virus stays hidden for an average of 10 years, so even if a teenager contracts the virus, it may not surface until they have outgrown their adolescent behaviors. AIDS is the 11th leading cause of death among Americans. But among younger Americans, it ranks much higher. Here are the leading causes of death by age group in the United States in 1993.

<u>Age 15-24</u>	<u>Age 25-44</u>
1. Accidents	1. AIDS
2. Homicide	2. Accidents
3. Suicide	3. Cancer
4. Cancer	4. Heart diseases
5. Heart disease	5. Suicide
6. AIDS	6. Homicide
7. Birth Defects	7. Liver defects
8. Pneumonia/flu	8. Strokes
9. Strokes	9. Pneumonia/flu
10. Respiratory disease	10. Diabetes

The only big "movement" in the 1993 chart is the number of deaths due to AIDS. In 1989, AIDS was the 3rd on the list for age group 25-44. It moved into 1st place in '93. The statistics for Utah parallel national figures. As of April 1994, Utah has 10 cases of full blown AIDS in teenagers ranging from 13 to 19 years of age. All are hemophiliacs. There are 26 known diagnosis of the HIV virus for the same age range.

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"AIDS NEWS"

- The news reflects the percentage of new cases growing fastest is in teenagers and heterosexual women.
- If a mother is infected and gives birth to a baby with HIV, the baby has a life expectancy of two (2) years. One baby in 60 in New York City is born infected. (1993)
- AIDS is spreading "unchecked" among the nation's adolescents, regardless of where they live or their economic status.
- Two thirds of all HIV carriers are not aware they have it.
- During 1989-1992 the cumulative number of 13-to-24 year olds diagnosed with AIDS increased 77%!
- The virus spreads in adolescents because of risky sexual behavior. Multiple partners increase the rate of risk.
- Teens aren't getting the "safe sex" message, or else there is no such thing as "safe sex".
- In the United States, needle-sharing and male-to-male sex account for 87% of AIDS cases in adults over 24, but only 77% of the cases among 13-to-24 year olds.
- Heterosexual contact accounts for 12% of the cases in the 13-to-24 age.
- AIDS strikes more young females than females 24 and older.
- In Portland, Oregon, a young man became the first person in the nation to be convicted on assault charges for passing the virus on knowingly to at least two girls. One has already died. (Aug. 1992)
- 70% of the new HIV cases are adolescent girls.

WHO IS AT RISK FOR AIDS?

As the information on AIDS is mounted, there seem to be clear cut groups of people who are more at risk than others. The list on the following page shows those most at risk of contracting the HIV virus that leads to AIDS. You'll notice the choices people make put them into greater risk. AIDS is a 99% preventable disease if you make safe choices! That is good news! Because AIDS is a relatively new disease, information is continually being gathered as the facts change.

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DISTRIBUTION OF AIDS CASES SINCE 1983 BY GROUPS

Sexually active homosexual and bisexual men	66%
Both I.V. drug abuser and homosexual/bisexual	8%
Persons with hemophilia or other blood related incidents (better screening began in 1985 and there have been no known cases since)	17%
Heterosexual contacts of persons with AIDS	3%
All other cases combined	6%

**It is easy to stay away from AIDS exposure
by making good choices.**

Choose Smart!