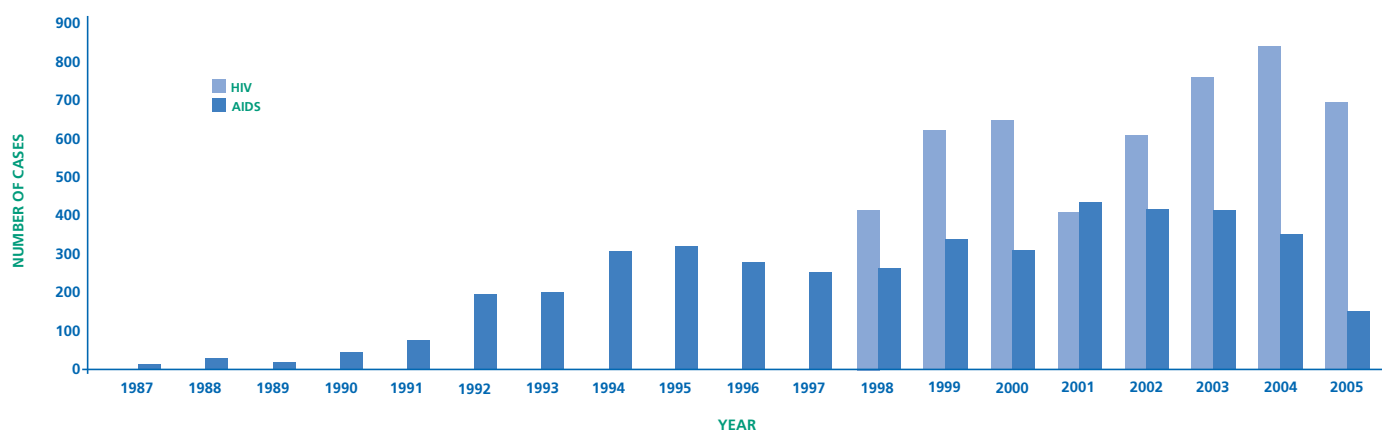


FACTS AND FIGURES

- ▶ The first AIDS case was reported in 1987.¹
- ▶ In 2004, UNAIDS reported an adult HIV prevalence of 2.5 percent (range 0.8% - 7.7%).²
- ▶ The total number of reported HIV cases from 1998 to the first quarter of 2006 is 5,194.
- ▶ The total number of reported AIDS cases from 1987 to the first quarter of 2006 is 4,433.
- ▶ HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death for the age group 15-44 years.³
- ▶ In 2005, for the age group 16-24 years, 2.9 times more cases of HIV were reported for females than males.
- ▶ Of the total number of AIDS cases reported, 73 percent were reported in the last decade (1996-2005).
- ▶ The primary mode of transmission of HIV is through heterosexual exposure due to unsafe sexual practices.

REPORTED CASES OF HIV AND AIDS IN GUYANA



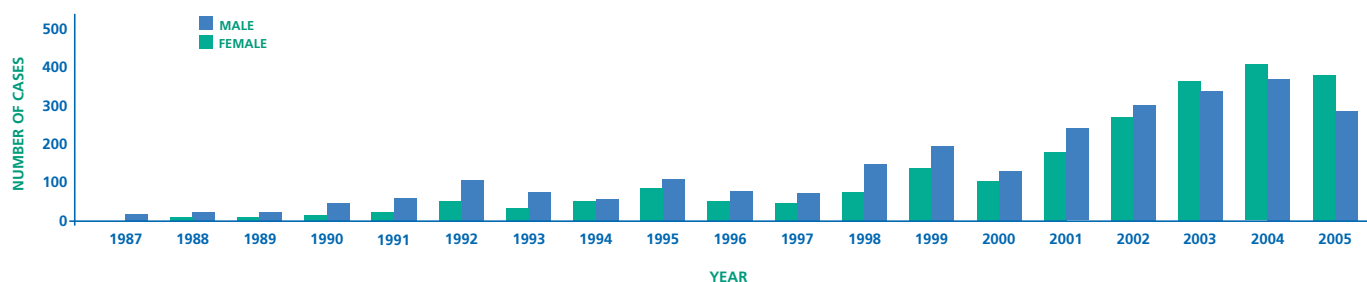
¹ Statistical Department, Guyana Ministry of Health (all data reported on this sheet is from this unit unless indicated otherwise)

² UNAIDS. AIDS world epidemic report. 2004

³ Government of Guyana, National HIV/AIDS Programme- HIV/AIDS in Guyana: www.hiv.gov.gy/gp_hiv_gy.php



NUMBER OF HIV CASES BY GENDER BY YEAR



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- ▶ *The National Policy Document on HIV/AIDS* in Guyana was completed in March 2006 and can be downloaded at <http://www.hiv.gov.gy/doc.php?id=69>. Based on this document, legislation is being prepared on stigma and discrimination to be presented to parliament.
- ▶ The National Hotline Services (592-223-7138 and 592-223-7139) provides information on STI/HIV/AIDS.
- ▶ In 2005, the Government of Guyana National AIDS Programme launched a website <http://www.hiv.gov.gy/>
- ▶ In 2005, more than 20,000 persons received Voluntary Counselling and Testing services. As of March 2006, a total of 33 fixed sites and one mobile team have been set up. Testing of CD4 counts is centrally located at Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation.
- ▶ Guyana's antiretroviral (ARV) treatment programme started in April 2002. There are now nine fixed treatment sites across the country and one mobile team that conducts clinic on a regular basis to the hinterland regions. As of March 2003, there are 1,103 persons on antiretroviral therapy.

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