

# North Carolina HIV/STD Quarterly Surveillance Report: Vol. 2007, No. 4

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers are cautioned that these data represent reports for short time periods and that changes noted from quarter to quarter may not be meaningful. Reporting delays and changes can substantially affect counts. Reports are counted by county of residence for the case. For persons diagnosed in long-term institutions such as prisons and some treatment facilities, the institution is considered the case's address. Disease counts for counties with such facilities may be higher than expected otherwise.

Readers will also note that HIV disease reports for 2006 are up significantly compared to the same period in earlier years. In recent years, laboratory reporting in North Carolina has been enhanced with the addition of required reporting of HIV viral load results and certain CD4 results. Follow-up surveillance activities for these laboratory reports are given a high priority. Thus, this increase in 2006 reports may be the result of enhanced surveillance activities as well as a general increase in the number of new HIV diagnoses.

If you have questions or comments, please contact us at the address or phone number above.

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North Carolina law requires that diagnoses of certain communicable diseases, including sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), be reported to local health departments that in turn report the information to the state. The Epidemiology and Special Studies Unit (ESSU) is the designated recipient for STD morbidity reports at the state level and is responsible for aggregating reports and providing statewide information about these diseases to others, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. The ESSU is part of the HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch within the North Carolina Division of Public Health.

### About the contents of this report

The *North Carolina HIV/STD Surveillance Report: Vol. 2007, No.4* presents statistics and trends of sexually transmitted diseases (including HIV and AIDS) in North Carolina from January 1 through December 31, 2007. All reports are presented by the date received by the ESSU. This report is intended as a reference document for local health departments, program managers, health planners, researchers and others who are concerned with the public health implications of these diseases. The information in this quarterly report is meant to be brief and provide limited data on these diseases throughout the year. More detailed and complete information will continue to be available in annual publications. This report and our annual publications are available on our website ([www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/hiv/surveillance.html](http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/hiv/surveillance.html)). The CDC maintains data about these diseases for the United States; national information is available from its website ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)).



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