

# HIV & American Indian and Alaska Native Men that Have Sex with Men



Men who have sex with men still comprise the largest group within the AI/AN community acquiring new HIV infections annually  
AI/AN men acquire HIV at a higher rate than the national average

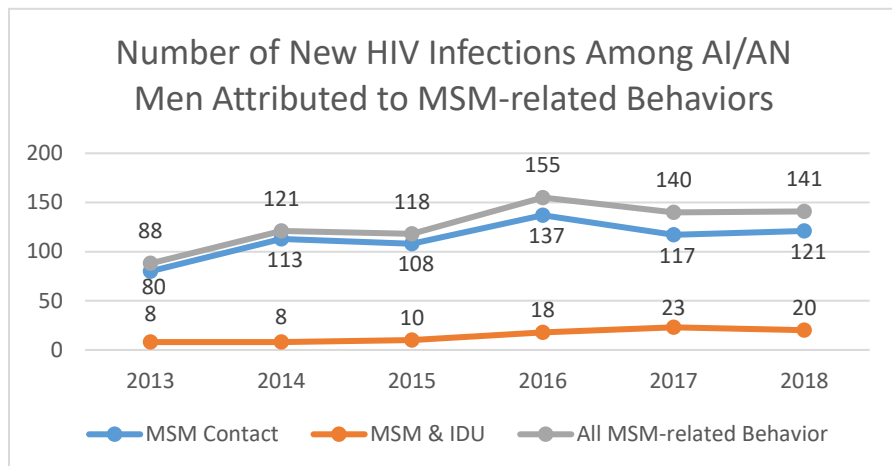
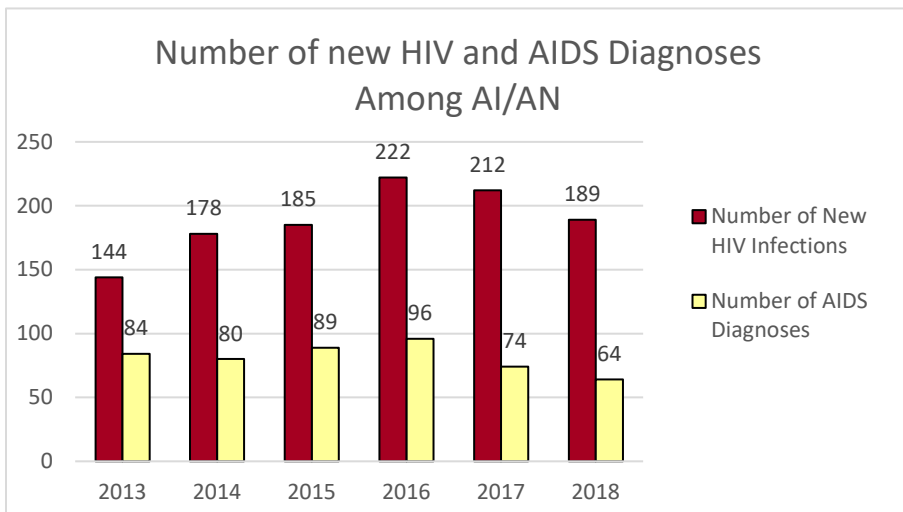
## WHAT IS THE STATE OF HIV AMONG AI/AN MEN THAT HAVE SEX WITH MEN

### NEW HIV INFECTIONS

The number of new HIV infections among all AI/AN in 2016 were more than 200 for the first time in years.

In 2017, there were a total of 3,034 AI/AN people living with HIV (1,475 of those are living with an AIDS diagnoses).

The number of AI/AN people with HIV that are dying is declining (from 64 in 2013 to 39 in 2017). In 2017, 33 of the 39 people (85%) that passed away had an AIDS diagnosis.



### MSM DATA

In 2017, 21 out of the 39 deaths of AI/AN people with HIV were among those who acquired the virus through MSM or MSM/IDU behavior.

From MSM contact alone, the number of new HIV infections jumped from to

Out of the 3,034 AI/AN people living with HIV in 2017, 2,235 were men (74%) were men, and 1830 had acquired the virus through an MSM-related behavior (60%).

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The data is important, however it does not tell the whole story. There are other points that should be considered when talking about HIV and AI/AN MSM and Two Spirit men.

- Are men receiving culturally competency care?
- Are AI/AN MSM that exhibit risk being screened for HIV, substance use, and behavioral health, even if that is the not the primary reason for a visit?
- How easy is it for AI/AN MSM and Two Spirit men to access treatment and medicines?
- What is community stigma like, and how is a supportive community environment being promoted?
- How is the confidentiality of people seeking services being protected?

Based upon data from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. HIV Surveillance Report, 2018 (Preliminary); vol. 30. <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/reports/hiv-surveillance.html>. Published November 2019.

