

State of the Epidemic

Community in Crisis: African-Americans and HIV

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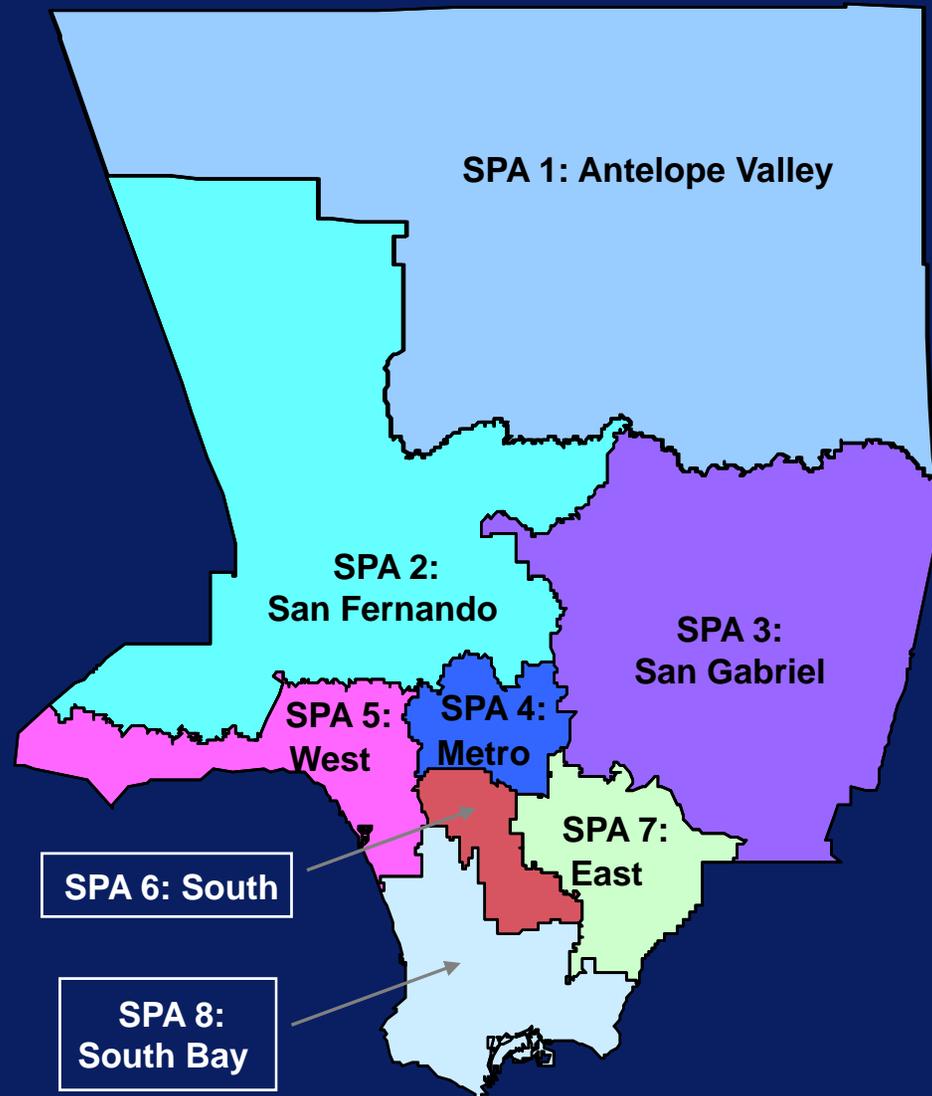


Los Angeles County and Its Office of AIDS Programs and Policy Exerts a Tremendous Public Health Effort to Curb the HIV Epidemic among African-Americans

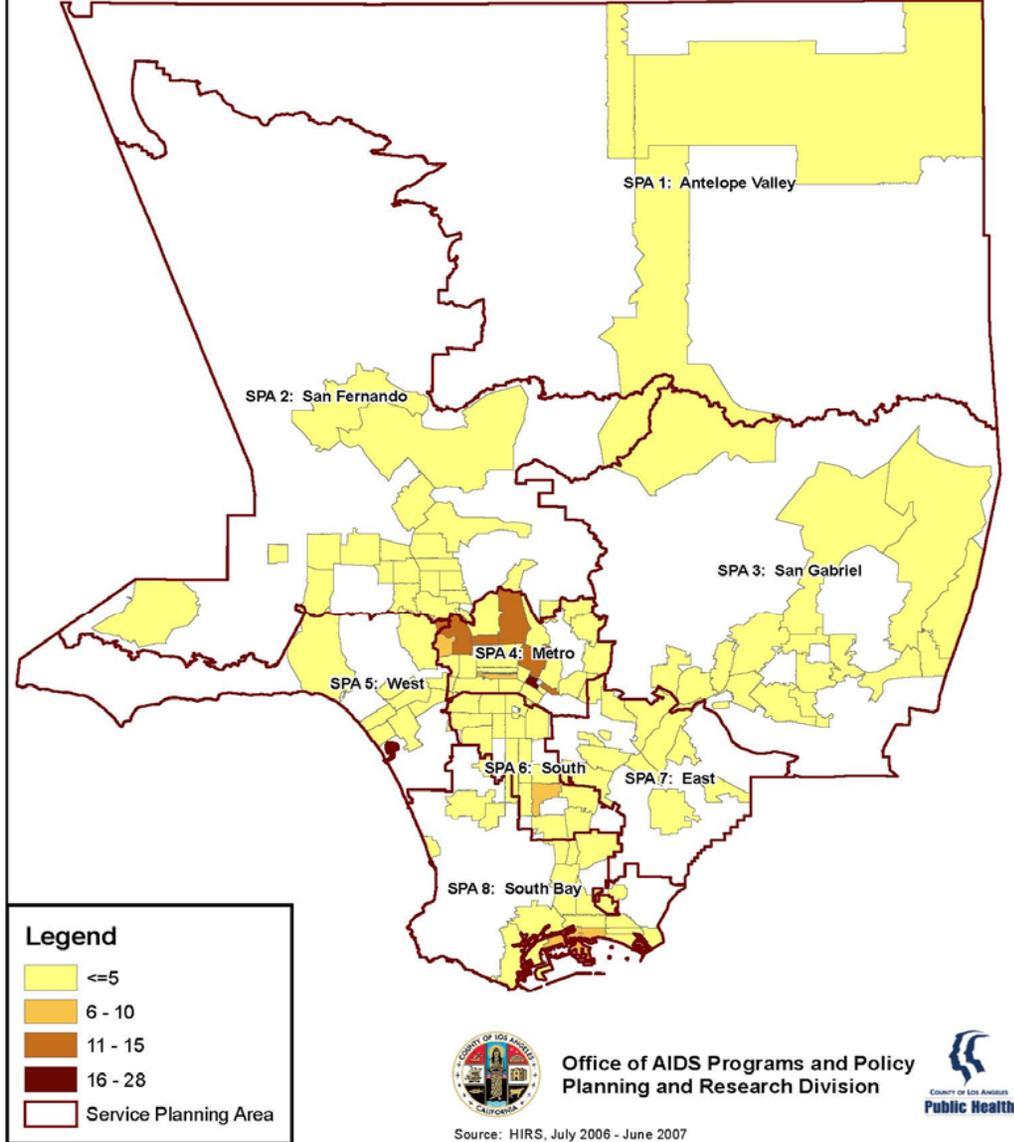


Los Angeles County

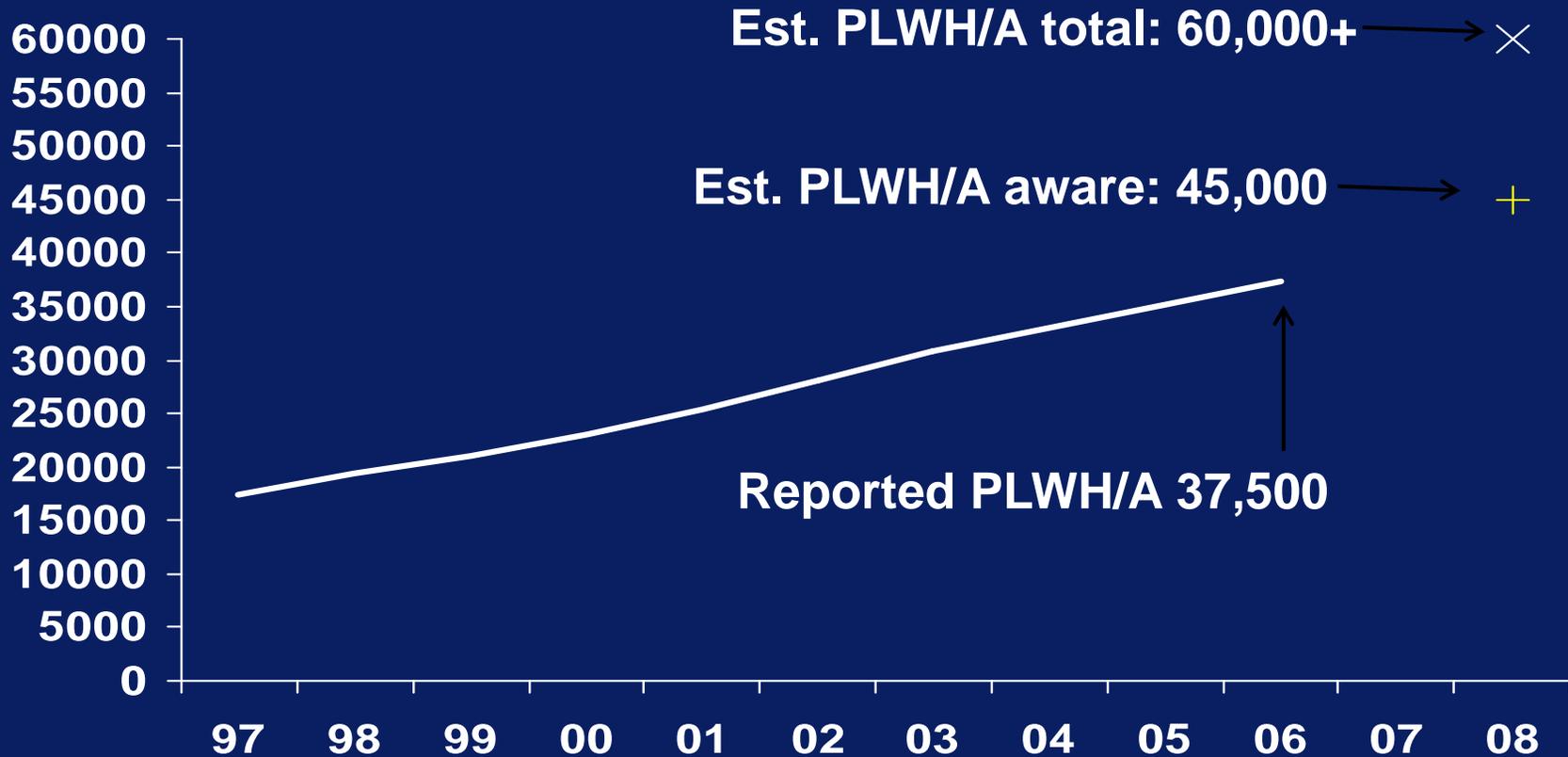
- Square Miles: 4,086
- Population: 10.2 Million
- - Latino/a 46.5%
 - White 29.9%
 - Asian/PI 13.2%
 - African-American 9.8%
 - Native American 1.1%
- Proportion of California Population: 29%
- Proportion of California AIDS Cases: 35%
- Living with HIV/AIDS:
 - ~56,500 – 62,200 (Estimated)



New Positive HIV Tests by Zip Code (FY2006-07) Los Angeles County



Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Reported by Calendar Year - LAC, 1997 - 2006

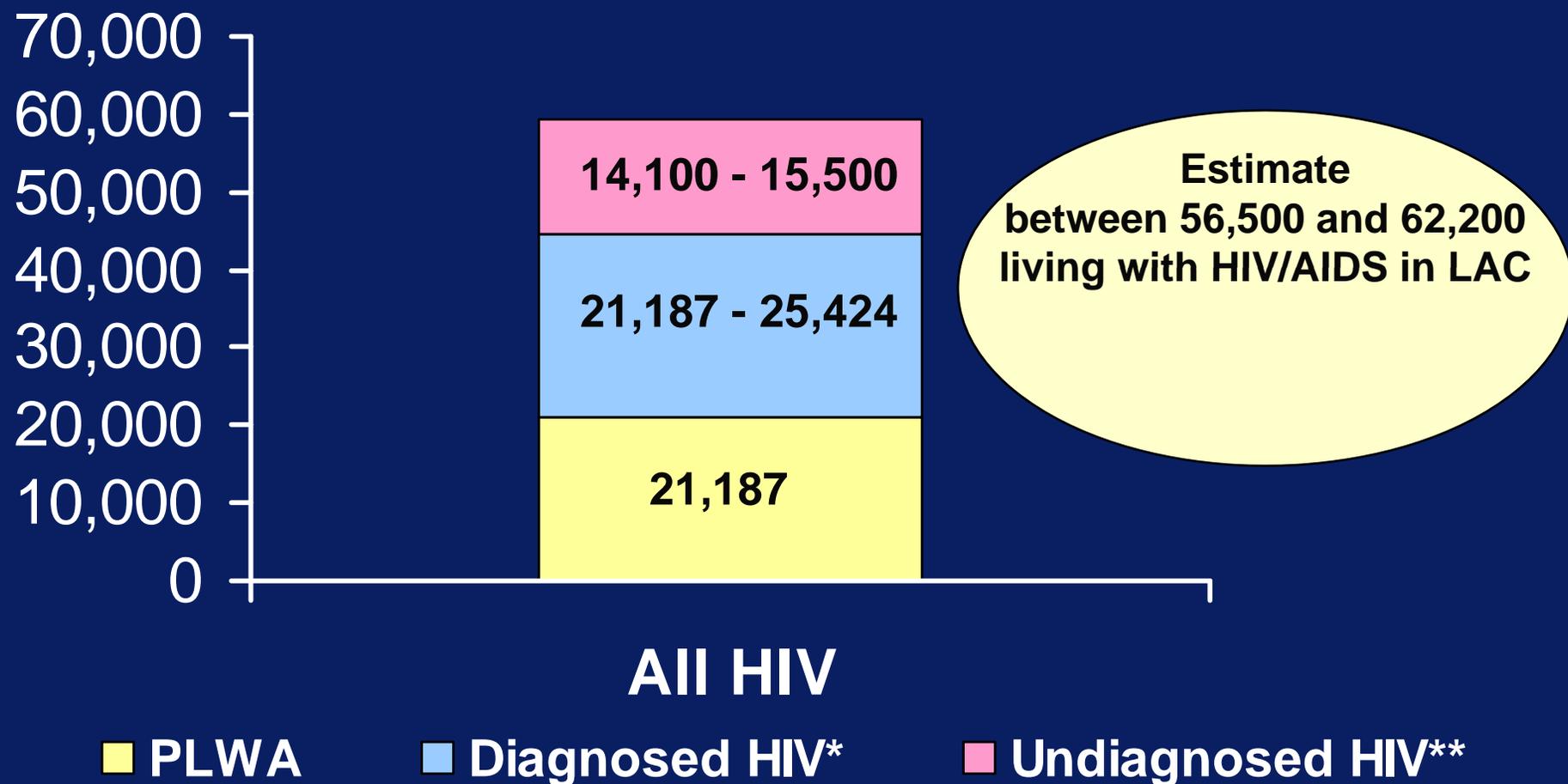


Source: *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Summary*, data as of March 31, 2008.



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Estimated Number Living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County as of April 2007



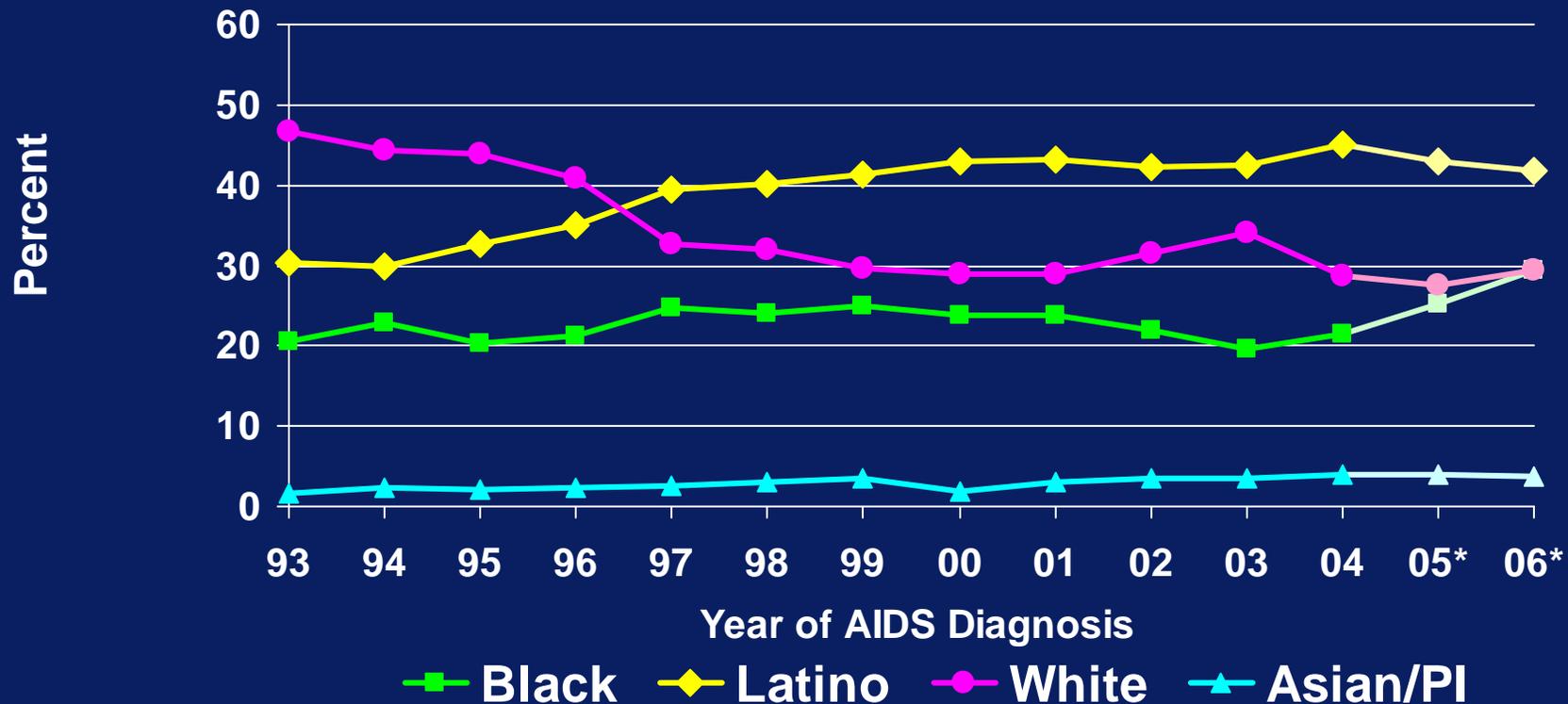
Source: HIV Epidemiology Program, LAC/DPH

* Estimates based on a range of 1:1 to 1.2:1 ratio of HIV (non-AIDS) to AIDS cases

** Estimates based on CDC's estimate that 25% are unaware of HIV infection (Glynn, 2005)



AIDS Cases by Race/Ethnicity and Year of Diagnosis LAC, 1993 – 2006

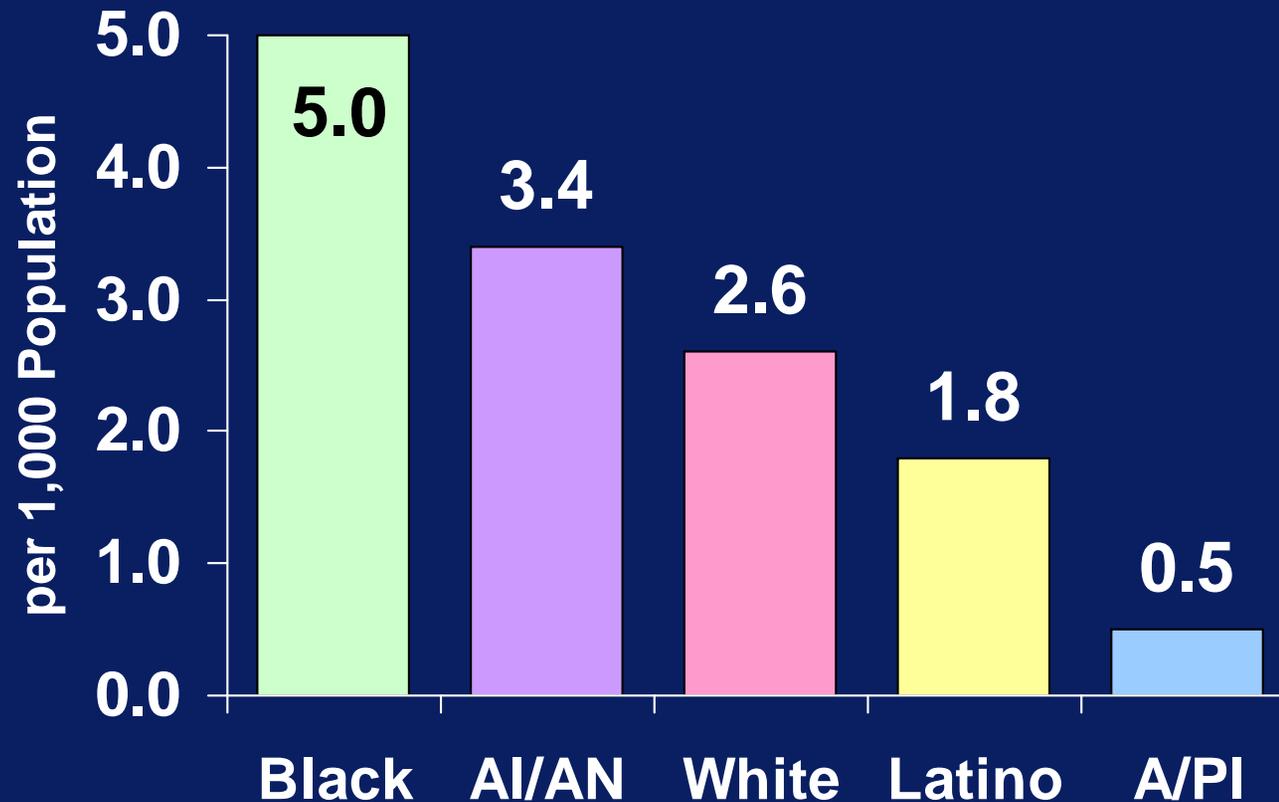


Source: *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Summary*, data as of December 2007.

* Data are provisional due to reporting delay.



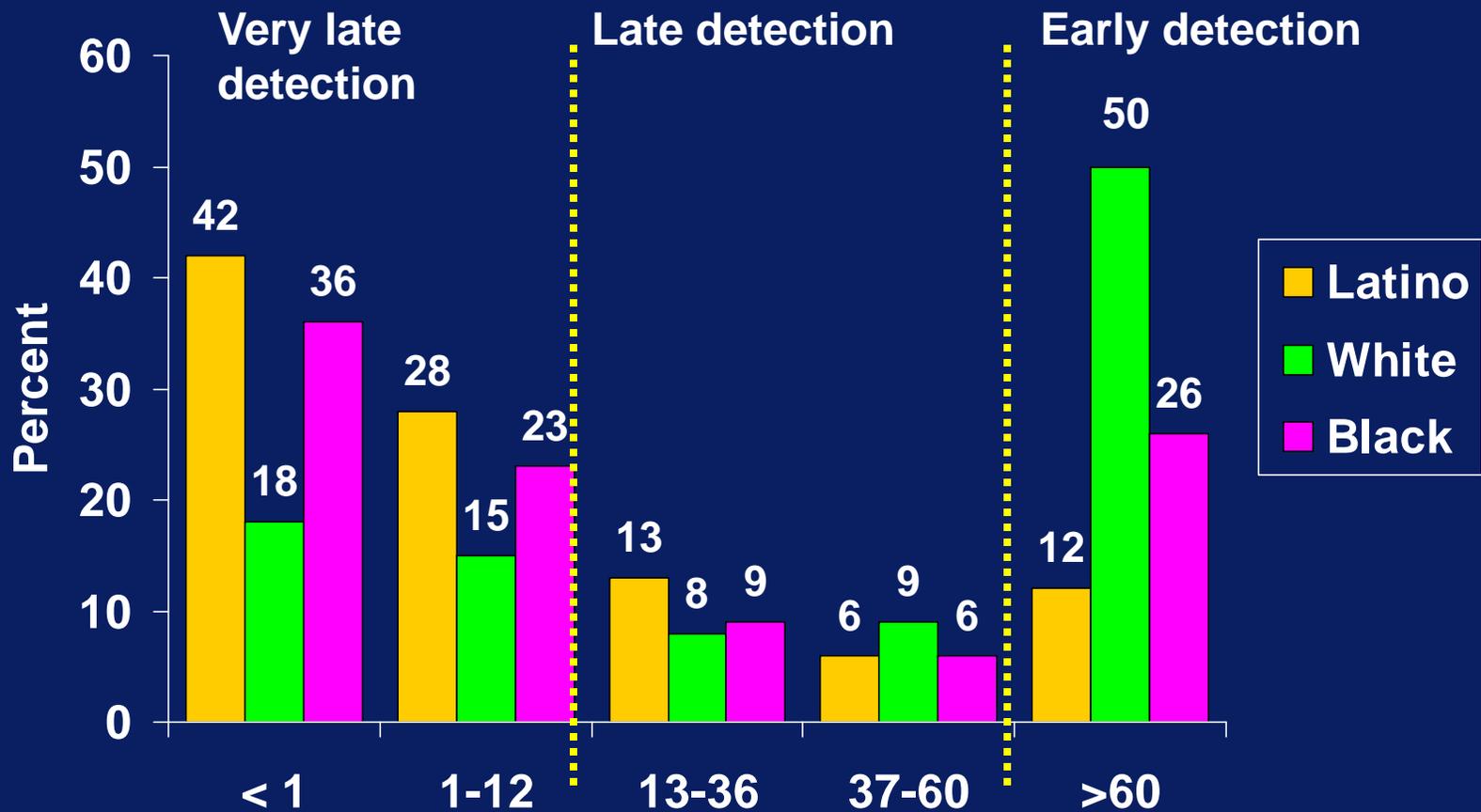
Persons Living with AIDS in LAC per 1,000 population by Race/Ethnicity



Source: *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Summary*, data as of December 2007.



Months between first learned of HIV+ status and AIDS Diagnosis, by Race/Ethnicity



SHAS, HIV Epidemiology Program. LAC, 2000 - 2004 (N = 672)



Current Issues

- Epidemic Increasingly Among Communities of Color
 - Populations Who Infrequently and Inconsistently Access Health Care Systems
 - Harder to Engage Populations
- Number of Uninsured
- Growing Caseload
- Unstable and Declining Funding
- Limited Service Delivery Capacity



OAPP Strategic Response

– Addressing the Needs of African-American Communities

- Are all stakeholders doing everything that they can?
- How can stakeholders better coordinate, communicate, and respond?
- What are the limitations to addressing unmet need?



Community Planning

- Prevention Planning Committee
 - African-American MSM Taskforce
 - HIV Counseling and Testing Workgroup

- Commission on HIV
 - Minority AIDS Initiative Workgroup
 - Standards of Care Committee

- California HIV Planning Group



Community Partnerships

- Black Los Angeles HIV/AIDS Coalition
- National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- HIV Counseling and Testing Week
- California African-American HIV/AIDS Coalition
- National Minority AIDS Council



OAPP Principles

- Aggressive HIV Casefinding
- Improve Anti-retroviral Access
- Maximize Treatment Outcomes
- *Prevent, prevent, prevent...*



Prevention Interventions

- Health Education and Risk Reduction
- HIV Counseling and Testing
- Partner Counseling and Referral
- Jails Initiative
- Targeted Social Marketing

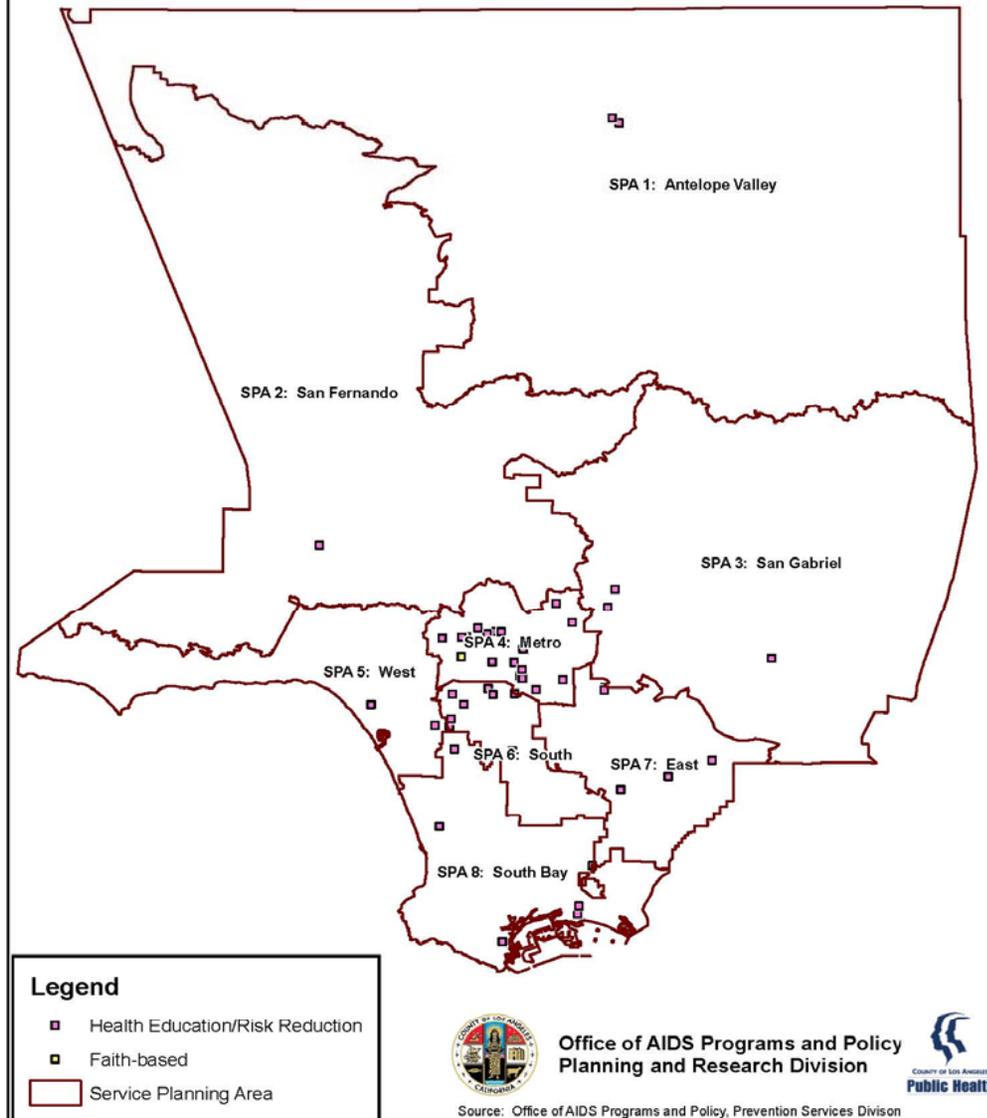


Prevention Interventions (cont'd.)

- Community Development Initiative
- Faith-Based Initiative
- CDC Satellite Broadcasts
- Men's Wellness Center
- Social networking grant
- NPEP



Health Education/Risk Reduction Sites (2006) Los Angeles County



HIV Counseling and Testing Summary

Among African-Americans:

– 2005

- 29% of all HIV Tests
- 30% of all New Positive Results

– 2006

- Decrease in New Positive Results

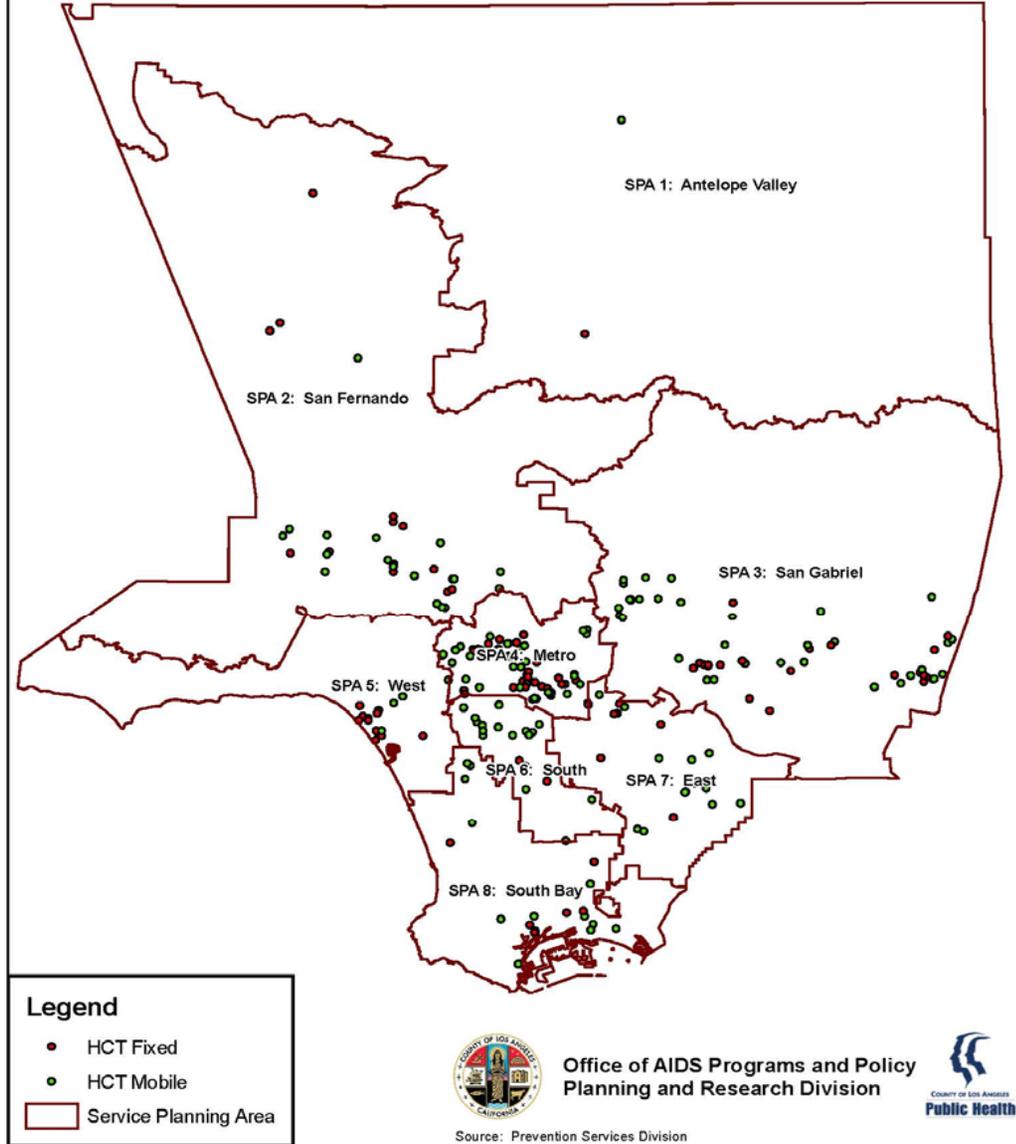


2006 HCT Volume and Yield Data

Modality	Testing Volume	Positivity Rate
Storefront/Combo	16,710	1.78%
MTU	6,569	1.29%
Multiple Morbidity	2,591	1.78%
Routine Testing in Med. Clinics	5,649	1.31%
PCRS with Testing	244	1%
Jails	2,416	0.33%
DREX	1,511	0.40%
Court	1,505	2.19%
PCRS-STD Program	249	13.65%
Comm. Sex Venues	1,648	3.58%
STD Clinics	20,201	0.72%
Total	59,293	1.34% (n=794)



HIV Counseling and Testing Sites (2006) Los Angeles County



Prevention Service Needs Among African-American Respondents (LACHNA, 2007 n=469)

- 67% in Los Angeles County reported using any substances. *
 - 7% of substances users reported using meth. *
- 18% reported living in transitional facilities and 11% reported being homeless.
- 38% did not test for HIV * and 9% had never tested before.
- 8% had received treatment for STDs. *
- 84% accessed HIV prevention services. *



Care and Treatment Interventions

- Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical
- Case Management
- Transportation Services
- Food Bank
- Substance Abuse

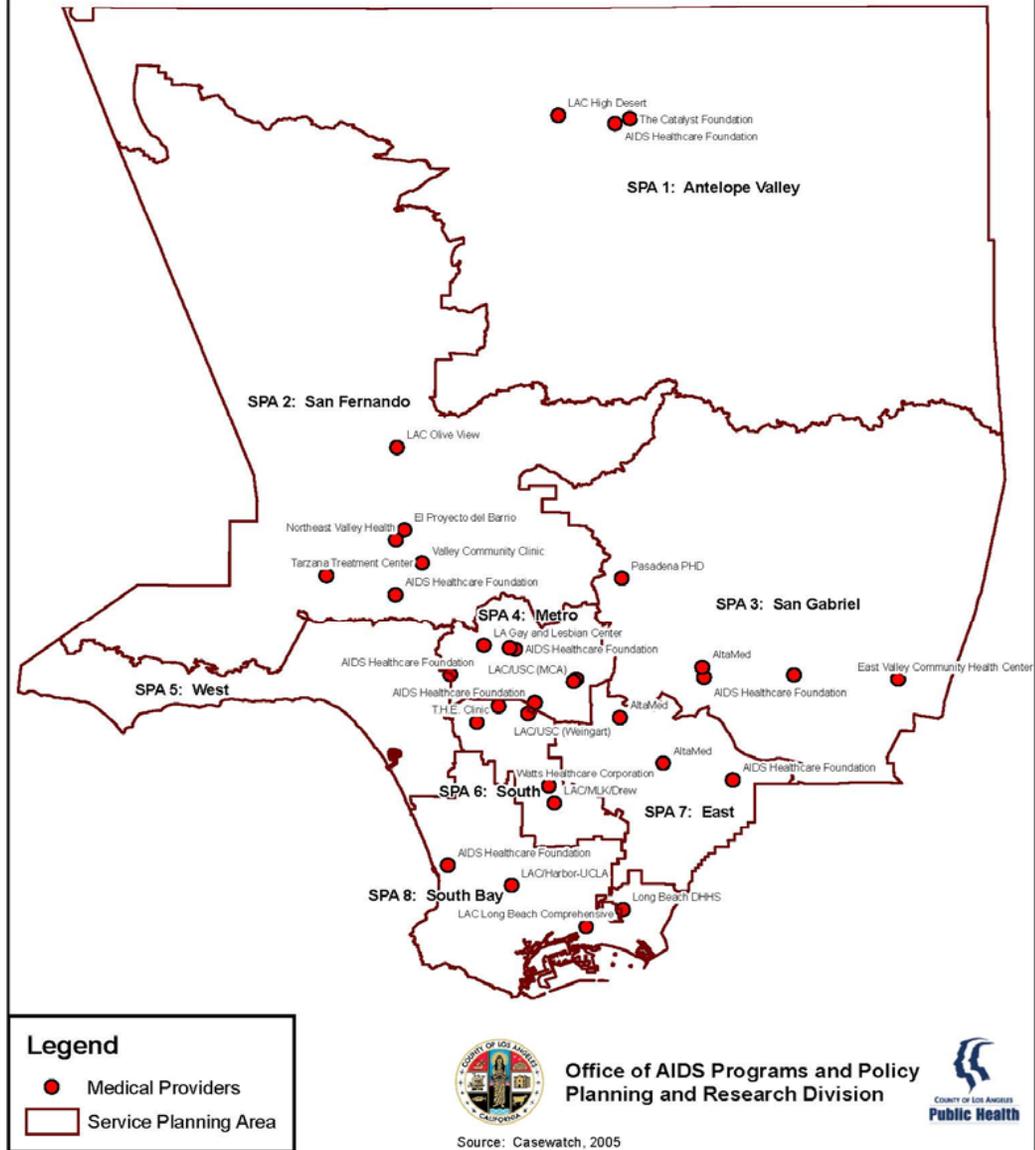


Care and Treatment Interventions (cont'd.)

- Mental Health Services
- Nutritional Counseling
- Housing Assistance
- Oral Health Care
- Medical Specialty



Ryan White Care Act Medical Provider Sites (2005) Los Angeles County



Care and Treatment Service Utilization

– 2005

- African-American Living AIDS Cases
 - 4,384 (21%)
- African-American Care Clients
 - 4,967 (21%)



Care Service Needs among African-American Respondents (LACHNA, 2007), *n*=469

- 37% are HIV-Positive
 - 46% of positives are currently symptomatic
 - 55% of positives received an AIDS diagnosis
 - 48% have lived >10 yrs. w/ AIDS
 - 95% of positives have accessed HIV/AIDS care ever
 - 4% did not have a medical care visit within the last year
 - 22% took longer than 6 mo. to seek out medical care
 - 99% are currently receiving HIV/AIDS care
 - 72% are receiving their care at a community clinic
 - 13% from a private doctor
 - 10% from a hospital/emergency room
 - 43% of those currently in care started seeing a doctor for HIV/AIDS care after not seeing one for over 1 yr



Capacity Building Interventions

- Minority AIDS Initiative
 - Medical Case Management
 - Early Intervention Program
 - Oral Health
- Infrastructure Development
- Men's Wellness Center
- Social Network Affiliate Testing



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