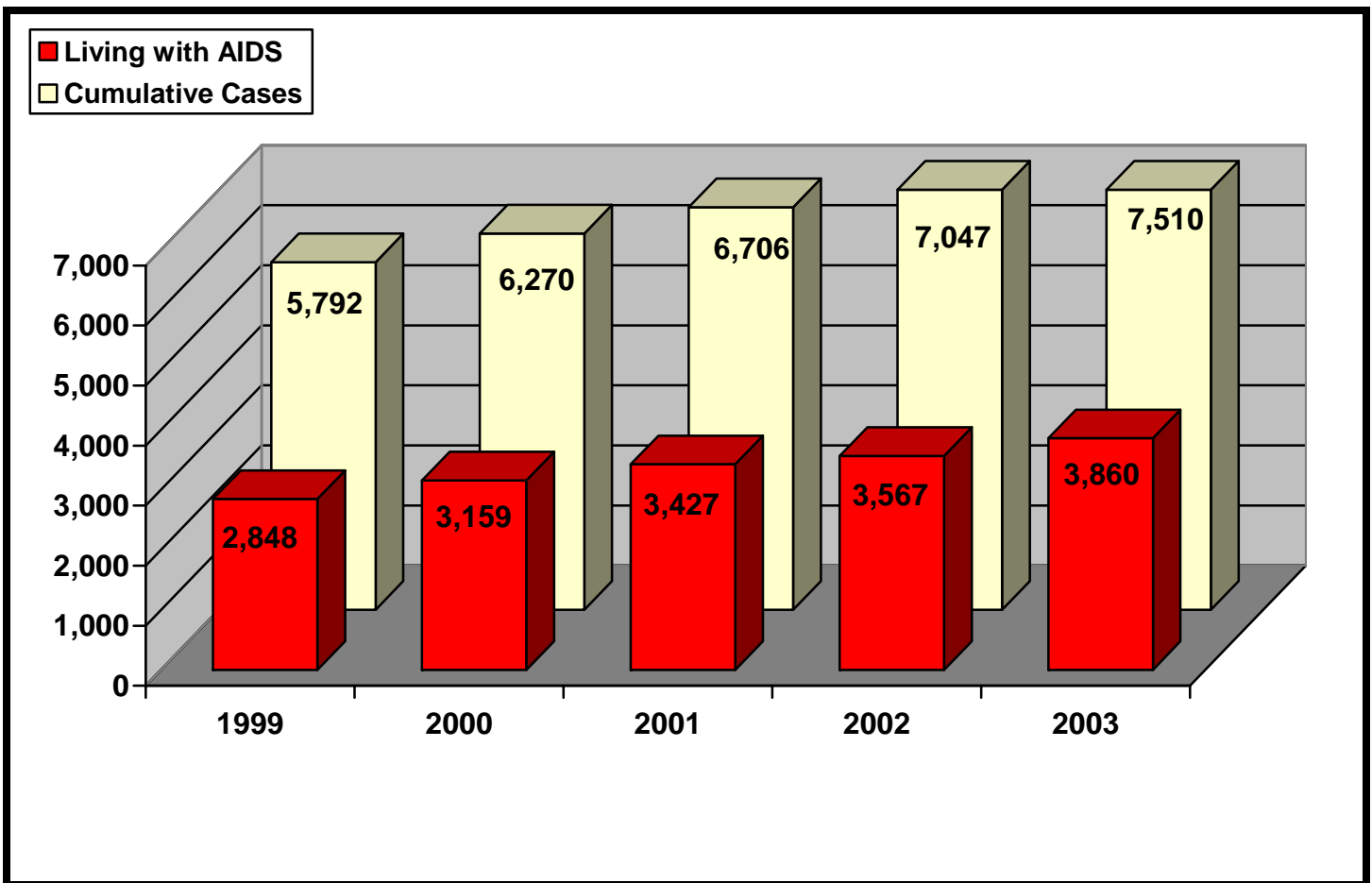


## HIV/AIDS IN ALABAMA

While the federal government's investment in treatment and research is helping people with HIV/AIDS live longer and more productive lives, HIV continues to spread at a staggering national rate of over 40,000 new infections per year. The following data represent the total reported AIDS cases in Alabama through year-end 2003:

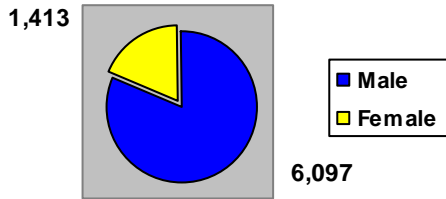
**Total Reported AIDS Cases**



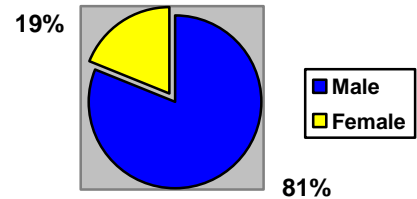
## Demographic Trends

It is the position of AIDS Action that the current HIV/AIDS statistics represent only a portion of the epidemic in the U.S. The data below only captures the HIV cases that were confirmed through testing and reporting; thus, it does not reflect the demography and size of the HIV positive population that has not yet been tested or reported.

### TOTAL REPORTED AIDS CASES BY GENDER, 2003



### PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL AIDS CASES REPORTED BY GENDER, 2003



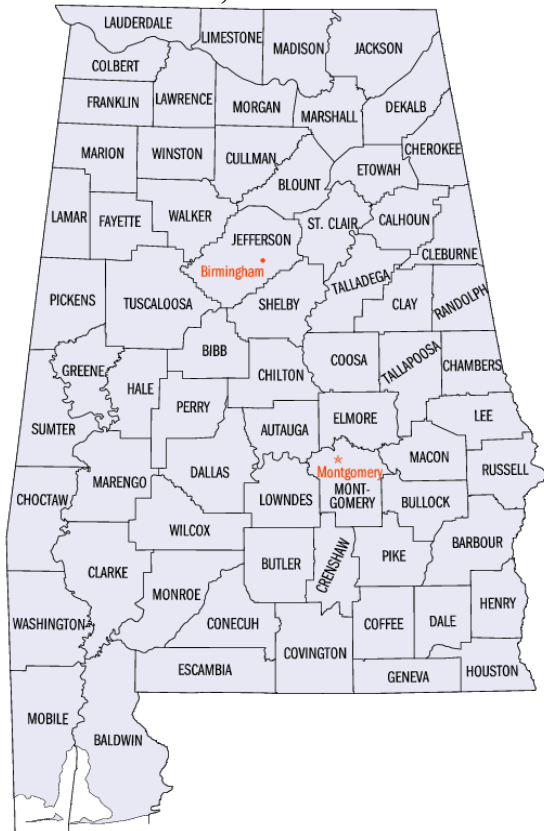
### TOTAL REPORTED AIDS CASES BY RACE / ETHNICITY, 2003

White, Not Hispanic	2,878
Black, Not Hispanic	4,537
Other/ Unknown	95

### PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL REPORTED CASES BY RACE / ETHNICITY, 2003<sup>ii</sup>

White, Not Hispanic	38.4%
Black, Not Hispanic	60.4%
Other/ Unknown	1.2%

### ALABAMA COUNTIES, 2003<sup>iii</sup>



### TOTAL REPORTED AIDS CASES BY MAJOR COUNTIES, 2003<sup>iv</sup>

County	Total Cases
Montgomery County	772
Madison County	345
Tuscaloosa County	193
Baldwin County	189
Houston County	183
Calhoun County	168
Lee County	116
Talladega County	100
Dallas County	94
Morgan County	97

## FISCAL YEAR 2003 FUNDING FOR HIV/AIDS IN ALABAMA

### At-A-Glance

	Department	Agency	Amount
HIV Prevention	Health & Human Services	Centers for Disease Control & Prev.	\$2,357,253
Ryan White - Title I	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin.	\$0
Ryan White - Title II	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin.	\$11,705,778
Ryan White - Title III	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin.	\$6,025,731
Ryan White - Title IV	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin.	\$1,186,065
Ryan White - AETC	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin.	\$2,050,000
Ryan White - Dental	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin.	\$33,074
Ryan White - SPNS	Health & Human Services	Health Resources & Services Admin.	\$300,000
HOPWA	Housing & Urban Dev.	Office of HIV/AIDS Housing	\$1,623,000

### Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provided Alabama with \$2,357,253 for HIV prevention programs. These funds were allocated to state and local health departments and community-based organizations to finance counseling and testing programs, public information and health education/risk reduction activities, and monitoring/surveillance programs.<sup>v</sup>

### Ryan White CARE Act

The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, enacted in 1990 and reauthorized in 2000, is the centerpiece of the federal government's efforts to improve the quality and availability of care for medically underserved individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. The CARE Act, administered by the HIV/AIDS Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration, provides funding to states, territories, and other public and private nonprofit entities to develop, organize, coordinate, and operate more effective and cost-efficient systems for the delivery of essential health care and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

- **Title I – Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs):** Title I provides funding to eligible metropolitan areas disproportionately affected by the HIV epidemic. Alabama qualified for \$0 in Title I funding.<sup>vi</sup>
  - EMAs: None
- **Title II – States:** Title II helps state health departments improve the quality, availability, and organization of HIV health care and support services. This title also contains the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides medications to individuals with low income and supplemental grants for emerging communities, which are defined as cities reporting between 500 and 1,999 AIDS cases in the past five years. Alabama received \$11,705,778 in CARE Act Title II funds, which includes \$6,565,936 for ADAP and \$160,607 for emerging communities (Birmingham), as well as \$78,532 to support educational and outreach services to help disproportionately impacted communities of color improve their participation in ADAP through the Minority AIDS Initiative.<sup>vii</sup>

As of October 6, 2004, Alabama ADAP had a **capped enrollment** and 393 persons on the waiting list<sup>viii</sup>

- **Title III – Early Intervention Services and Planning:** Title III supports competitive grants to provide medical treatment and medical support services for people living with HIV including HIV testing, early intervention services, risk reduction counseling, case management, outreach, oral health, nutrition, and

mental health services. Title III also supports Early Intervention Services (EIS) grants that provide services for HIV positive individuals with low income who are uninsured or underinsured as well as grants for planning and capacity building to help rural or underserved communities develop high-quality HIV primary care. Alabama received \$6,025,731 in Title III funds.<sup>ix</sup>

- **Title IV – Women, Infants, Children, and Youth:** Title IV focuses on the operation and development of primary care systems and social services for women and youth, two groups that represent a growing share of the epidemic. Alabama received \$1,186,065 in Title IV funds.<sup>x</sup>
- **Other CARE Act Funding Programs:**

**AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program**

AETCs provide training, consultation, and information to HIV health care providers through a network of 11 regional centers, each of which serves between two and ten states and/or territories; four national centers (the AETC National Resource Center, the National HIV/AIDS Clinicians’ Consultation Center, the National Evaluation AETC, and the National Minority AETC); and over 130 local performance sites across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.

Funding is allocated to each of the 15 national and regional centers, which then distribute resources to local performance sites in each state.

**Total AETC Funding:** \$2,050,000<sup>xi</sup>

**Regional Center**

Southeast AETC  
 Department of Family and Preventive Medicine  
 Emory University School of Medicine  
 735 Gatewood Road, N.E.  
 Atlanta, GA 30322-4950  
 Ira K. Schwartz, MD, Director and Associate Professor  
 Phone: 404-727-2929  
 Fax: 404-727-4562  
 Email: seatec@emory.edu  
 Website: <http://www.seatec.emory.edu><sup>xii</sup>

**Local Performance Site(s)**

Alabama AIDS Training Network  
 Birmingham, AL

*Located in: Georgia*

*Serves: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee*

**Dental Reimbursement Program**

The Ryan White Care Act Dental Reimbursement program provides reimbursement to dental schools, postdoctoral dental education programs, and dental hygiene programs for oral health care of individuals living with HIV.

**Total Dental Reimbursement Funding:** \$33,074<sup>xiii</sup>

University of Alabama School of Dentistry  
 Birmingham, AL

### Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS)

SPNS is the research and development aspect of the Ryan White CARE Act. SPNS is responsible for assessing the effectiveness of certain care models, providing support for innovative models of HIV/AIDS service delivery and for assisting the replication of effective models across the nation.

**Total SPNS Funding:** \$300,000<sup>xiv</sup>

University of Alabama at Birmingham
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### Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program (HOPWA) provides housing assistance and related supportive services for HIV positive persons with low income and their families. Ninety percent of funding is provided through “formula grants” to qualified states with the largest number of AIDS cases, and the remaining ten percent is provided on a competitive basis through three grant programs: Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS), projects that address permanent housing and service challenges for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and technical assistance projects.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided Alabama with \$1,623,000 in formula grants under the HOPWA program in 2003.<sup>xv</sup> Alabama also received \$0 in SPNS funding and \$0 in permanent housing renewal grants. Alabama received \$0 in technical assistance funding.<sup>xvi</sup>

HOPWA Grant Type	Funding Amount
Formula	\$1,623,000
Competitive- SPNS	\$0
Competitive- Permanent Housing	\$0
Competitive- Technical Assistance	\$0

### Serostatus Reporting

States require that cases of AIDS be reported to local and state health departments, and since 2004, all states require that cases of HIV infection be reported as well. The data below include the number of persons reported with HIV infection who do *not* have an AIDS diagnosis. Each state can use one of three forms of HIV reporting: name-based, code-based, or name-to-code-based. In name-based reporting, the individual who tests positive is identified by name. In code-based reporting, unique identifier codes are used in place of names. In name-to-code-based reporting, HIV cases are initially identified by name and are later switched to code. The CDC only accepts data for its surveillance reports from states that use name-based reporting for HIV.

- Alabama uses **name-based** reporting of HIV infections<sup>xvii</sup>
- Total number of adults living with HIV infection through December 2003: 5,913
- Total number of children < 13 years old living with HIV infection through December 2003: 42<sup>xviii</sup>

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