

**2014 HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment  
Survey of People Living with HIV/AIDS  
Report: Total Survey Sample  
June 2014**

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- **7,500** paper questionnaires distributed
- **1,457** survey responses
  - includes 131 surveys completed on-line

**Percentage Comparison of 2014 Survey Response Demographics  
by Region of Residence, Gender and Ethnicity  
to AIDS Surveillance Information**

	<b>% 2014 survey respondents</b>	<b>% Recent AIDS Cases, SD County 1/12 - 12/13</b>	<b>% Cumulative AIDS Cases, SD County thru 12/13</b>
<b><i>Region:</i></b>			
<b>Central San Diego</b>	<b>44%</b>	48%	61%
<b>Southeast San Diego</b>	<b>6%</b>	8%	9%
<b>North County</b>	<b>21%</b>	14%	12%
<b>East County</b>	<b>7%</b>	10%	7%
<b>South Bay</b>	<b>9%</b>	18%	11%
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>13%</b>	2%	<1%
<b><i>Gender:</i></b>			
<b>Male</b>	<b>81%</b>	88%	92%
<b>Female</b>	<b>16%</b>	12%	8%
<b>Transgender</b>	<b>3%</b>	N/A	N/A
<b><i>Ethnicity:</i></b>			
<b>African American (Black)</b>	<b>17%</b>	14%	13%
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	<b>4%</b>	4%	2%
<b>Caucasian (White)</b>	<b>43%</b>	40%	58%
<b>Latino (Hispanic)</b>	<b>39%</b>	41%	26%
<b>Native American</b>	<b>3%</b>	1%	1%
<b>Other</b>	<b>2%</b>	N/A	N/A

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**1. Demographic Report**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Region</b></p> <p>Central San Diego..... 641 (44%)            North County ..... 310 (21%)            South Bay ..... 135 (9%)            East County ..... 95 (7%)            Southeast San Diego..... 87 (6%)            No response or “homeless”..... 189 (13%)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Age</b></p> <p>18 to 24 years.....59 (4%)            25 to 29 years.....67 (5%)            30 to 39 years.....211 (15%)            40 to 49 years.....455 (31%)            50 to 59 years.....457 (31%)            60 to 69 years.....153 (11%)            70 to 79 years.....30 (2%)            80+ years ..... 5 (&lt;1%)            No response .....20 (1%)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gender</b></p> <p>Male..... 1173 (81%)            Female ..... 229 (16%)            Transgender..... 35 (3%)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIV Health Status</b></p> <p>HIV positive, without symptoms .....616 (42%)            HIV positive, with symptoms .....277 (19%)            AIDS diagnosed.....564 (39%)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Race/Ethnicity</b></p> <p>adds up to more than 100% because some checked more than one</p> <p>African American or African (Black) ..... 242 (17%)            Asian or Pacific Islander ..... 57 (4%)            Caucasian (White) ..... 627 (43%)            Latino (Hispanic)..... 564 (39%)            Native American (American Indian) ..... 42 (3%)            Other racial/ethnic group ..... 36 (2%)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sexual Orientation</b></p> <p>Gay or lesbian (homosexual) .....830 (57%)            Bisexual ..... 146 (10%)            Heterosexual (straight).....384 (26%)            Other ..... 17 (1%)            No response .....80 (6%)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Substance Use/Abuse</b></p> <p>Active substance use..... 357 (25%)</p> <p>Think may have a drug problem..... 113 (8%)            Think may have an alcohol problem..... 74 (5%)            Think have had alcohol problem, but no longer use alcohol..... 166 (11%)            Think have had drug problem, but no longer use drugs..... 274 (19%)            In recovery..... 201 (14%)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Injection Drug Use</b></p> <p>Shot up (injected) drugs in past 12 months.....208 (14%)            Shot up drugs (IV drugs) in past, but have not shot up in past 12 months .....102 (7%)</p> <p><i>Injected Drugs: (n=208)</i></p> <p>Cocaine .....63 (30%)            Heroin .....59 (28%)            Hormones .....23 (11%)            Meth.....171 (82%)            Other ..... 13 (6%)</p> <p><i>(adds up to more than 100% because some checked more than one)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Did you share needles or works?</i></p> <p>Always .....5 (2%)            Sometimes .....46 (22%)</p>

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<b>Current/Previous Incarceration</b>	<b>Language Preference</b>
Currently incarcerated (in jail or prison) .....29 (2%) Ex-inmate (have done time in <i>any</i> jail or prison) .....167 (12%)	English..... 1136 (78%) Spanish ..... 311 (21%) Other..... 7 (<1%)
<b>Other Diseases</b>	<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases in past 12 months</b>
History of chronic mental illness .....682 (47%) History of hepatitis B.....187 (13%) History of hepatitis C.....194 (13%) History of tuberculosis.....74 (5%)	Chlamydia..... 93 (6%) Gonorrhea..... 84 (6%) Syphilis .....120 (8%) No STDs .....629 (43%) Not tested for STDs in past 12 months .....84 (6%)
<b>Other Demographics</b>	<b>Permanent Disabilities (<i>besides HIV/AIDS</i>)</b>
Currently or recently homeless ..... 272 (19%) Homebound (too sick to leave my home very often).....78 (5%) Too sick to prepare own meals .....84 (6%)	Blind/visually impaired..... 68 (5%) Deaf/hard of hearing (use sign language) ..... 12 (1%) Hard of hearing (do <b>not</b> use sign language)..... 68 (5%) Person with developmental disability ..... 38 (3%) Physically disabled .....242 (17%) Other..... 70 (5%)
<b>Other Demographics</b>	<b>How much is your average personal monthly income,                      including benefits payments?</b>
Active duty military .....16 (1%) Veteran or retired military .....149 (10%) Sex industry worker/prostitute.....32 (2%) Farm Worker .....16 (1%) Migrant worker.....77 (5%)	\$0 ..... 200 (14%) \$1 to \$500..... 74 (5%) \$501 to \$800..... 140 (10%) \$801 to \$1,000 ..... 350 (24%) \$1,001 to \$1,500.....254 (17%) Above \$1,500 .....252 (17%) No response ..... 187 (13%)

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**2. HIV Medical Care: Access and Barriers**

<p align="center"><b>Medical Care History</b></p> <p>Are you in HIV medical care now:</p> <p>Yes ..... 1,352 (93%)</p> <p>No ..... 90 (6%)</p> <p>No response ..... 15 (1%)</p> <p>Have you ever been in HIV medical care? (n=90)</p> <p>Yes ..... 48 (53%)</p> <p>No ..... 35 (39%)</p> <p>No response ..... 7 (8%)</p>	<p align="center"><b>Out of Care</b></p> <p><i>Ever</i> gone for more than a year without getting medical care for HIV..... 226 (16%)</p> <p>Currently out of care (no viral load, t-cell or HIV prescription in past 12 months)..... 25 (2%)</p>														
<p align="center"><b>Reason for NOT Getting HIV Medical Care for a Year or More</b> (n=234 respondents to this question)</p> <p>Felt healthy .....80 (34%)</p> <p>Using drugs or alcohol .....69 (29%)</p> <p>Homeless .....60 (26%)</p> <p>Not enough money .....51 (22%)</p> <p>Problems getting health coverage.....54 (23%)</p> <p>Problems keeping health coverage .....31 (13%)</p> <p>Transportation or service location barrier .....46 (20%)</p> <p>Not ready to deal with having HIV .....44 (19%)</p> <p>My mental health problems .....41 (18%)</p> <p>Side effects of medications .....35 (15%)</p> <p>Afraid people will find out I am HIV+.....32 (14%)</p> <p>Didn't know where to find the service.....33 (14%)</p> <p>Need someone to talk to who understands HIV .....27 (12%)</p> <p>Didn't think I'm eligible for services .....27 (12%)</p> <p>Didn't trust doctors or clinics.....31 (13%)</p> <p>Didn't think medical care will help me .....24 (10%)</p> <p>My physical disability .....12 (5%)</p> <p>Undocumented immigrant .....9 (4%)</p> <p>My children, family or childcare needs .....7 (3%)</p> <p>Other .....25 (11%)</p>	<p align="center"><b>If you are currently in HIV medical care, how long did it take for you to enter HIV care?</b></p> <p>Within 90 days ..... 815 (56%)</p> <p>Within one (1) year ..... 126 (9%)</p> <p>More than one (1) year ..... 280 (19%)</p> <p>No response..... 236 (16%)</p> <p align="center"><b>If you have gotten HIV medical care at some time, what made you decide to get it?</b> (n=1,261 respondents to this question)</p> <p>Got sick or started having symptoms of HIV .... 618 (49%)</p> <p>Accepted my test results..... 563 (45%)</p> <p>Got the information I needed..... 350 (28%)</p> <p>Got counseling or support ..... 335 (27%)</p> <p>Was afraid of getting sick..... 321 (25%)</p> <p>Got help from my HIV test counselor ..... 259 (21%)</p> <p>Got help with housing ..... 139 (11%)</p> <p>Got help for my alcohol or drug problem..... 117 (9%)</p> <p>Other..... 102 (8%)</p>														
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**3. Services Used and Needed (n=1,287)**

Service Category	Used this service in the last year	Need this service but can't get it
A. Alcohol/drug recovery services/treatment	181 (14%)	45 (3%)
B. Case management (ongoing help to get services or benefits, not just one-time)	641 (50%)	136 (11%)
C. Childcare (day care or babysitting)	36 (3%)	44 (3%)
D. Coordinated services center (drop in at one place for many services)	257 (20%)	94 (7%)
E. Counseling/therapy (individual or group by a professional)	367 (29%)	144 (11%)
F. Dental care	541 (42%)	311 (24%)
G. Emergency housing/shelter: one-time or short-term emergency hotel stay	143 (11%)	119 (9%)
H. Emergency utility payment (water, gas, electricity, phone)	92 (7%)	155 (12%)
I. Food: home-delivered meals	236 (18%)	114 (9%)
J. HIV/AIDS medications / medicines (as prescribed by a doctor)	904 (70%)	51 (4%)
K. HIV Primary care (doctor, clinic, nurse practitioner, etc.)	837 (65%)	46 (4%)
L. Home health care (nurse, attendant, hospice, physical therapy)	111 (9%)	71 (6%)
M. Help to pay rent	200 (16%)	251 (20%)
N. Information and referral to services and how to get them (in writing, by phone or Internet, through a peer advocate)	231 (18%)	143 (11%)
O. Legal services	188 (15%)	171 (13%)
P. Medical specialist other than HIV specialist (hep C/liver, eye, ear, etc.)	362 (28%)	145 (11%)
Q. Peer advocacy or client advocacy (referral, advice to get services)	227 (18%)	98 (8%)
R. Psychiatric medication (for bi-polar, clinical depression, etc.)	295 (23%)	123 (10%)
S. Representative payee (someone who manages my money)	56 (4%)	52 (4%)
T. Transportation (bus pass, van service)	304 (24%)	253 (20%)

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### TOP 5 PRIORITY SERVICES (n=1,157)

Of all the services (A to S) listed, which 5 services are most important to you?

Service Category	2014 Survey Results n= 1,157		2012 Survey Results n= 772	
	Rank #	Number (%) ranking among top 5	Rank #	Number (%) ranking among top 5
J. HIV/AIDS medications / medicines (as prescribed by a doctor)	1	749 (65%)	1	459 (60%)
K. HIV Primary care (doctor, clinic, nurse practitioner, etc.)	2	681 (59%)	2	420 (54%)
F. Dental care	3	557 (48%)	3	407 (53%)
B. Case management (ongoing help to get services or benefits, not just one-time)	4	535 (46%)	4	322 (42%)
T. Transportation (bus pass, van service)	5	351 (30%)	5	244 (32%)
M. Help to pay rent	6	321 (28%)	6	237 (31%)
P. Medical specialist other than HIV specialist (hep C/liver, eye, ear, etc.)	7	300 (26%)	7	212 (28%)
E. Counseling/therapy (individual or group by a professional)	8	235 (20%)	8	171 (22%)
R. Psychiatric medication (for bi-polar, clinical depression, etc.)	9	214 (18%)	9	145 (19%)
I. Food: home-delivered meals	10	191 (17%)	16	81 (11%)
O. Legal services	11	156 (13%)	12	105 (14%)
G. Emergency housing/shelter: one-time or short-term emergency hotel stay	12	141 (12%)	10	120 (16%)
A. Alcohol/drug recovery services/treatment	13	129 (11%)	13	99 (13%)
N. Information and referral to services and how to get them (in writing, by phone or Internet, through a peer advocate)	14	124 (11%)	14	83 (11%)
D. Coordinated services center (drop in at one place for many services)	15	121 (10%)	11	110 (14%)
Q. Peer advocacy or client advocacy (referral, advice to get services)	16	100 (9%)	17	59 (8%)
H. Emergency utility payment (water, gas, electricity, phone)	17	96 (8%)	14	83 (11%)
L. Home health care (nurse, attendant, hospice, physical therapy)	18	74 (6%)	18	41 (5%)
S. Representative payee (someone who manages my money)	19	25 (2%)	19	20 (3%)
C. Childcare (day care or babysitting)	20	16 (1%)	20	14 (2%)

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**Comparison Between 2014 and 2012 Surveys:  
 SERVICES NEEDED, BUT CAN'T GET**

Service Category	2014 Survey Results n=1,287		2012 Survey Results n=828	
	Rank #	Number (%) who need but can't get	Rank #	Number (%) who need but can't get
F. Dental care	1	311 (24%)	1	212 (26%)
T. Transportation (bus pass, van service)	2	253 (20%)	4	113 (14%)
M. Help to pay rent	3	251 (20%)	2	163 (20%)
O. Legal services	4	171 (13%)	6	107 (13%)
H. Emergency utility payment (water, gas, electricity, phone)	5	155 (12%)	3	116 (14%)
P. Medical specialist other than HIV specialist (hep C/liver, eye, ear, etc.)	6	145 (11%)	5	109 (13%)
E. Counseling/therapy (individual or group by a professional)	7	144 (11%)	8	88 (11%)
N. Information and referral to services and how to get them (in writing, by phone or Internet, through a peer advocate)	8	143 (11%)	7	91 (11%)
B. Case management (ongoing help to get services or benefits, not just one-time)	9	136 (11%)	9	83 (10%)
R. Psychiatric medication (for bi-polar, clinical depression, etc.)	10	123 (10%)	11	75 (9%)
G. Emergency housing/shelter: one-time or short-term emergency hotel stay	11	119 (9%)	10	81 (10%)
I. Food: home-delivered meals	12	114 (9%)	12	56 (7%)
Q. Peer advocacy or client advocacy (referral, advice to get services)	13	98 (8%)	14	53 (6%)
D. Coordinated services center (drop in at one place for many services)	14	94 (7%)	15	51 (6%)
L. Home health care (nurse, attendant, hospice, physical therapy)	15	71 (6%)	13	54 (7%)
S. Representative payee (someone who manages my money)	16	52 (4%)	16	41 (5%)
J. HIV/AIDS medications / medicines (as prescribed by a doctor)	17	51 (4%)	18	32 (4%)
K. HIV Primary care (doctor, clinic, nurse practitioner, etc.)	18	46 (4%)	19	29 (4%)
A. Alcohol/drug recovery services/treatment	19	45 (3%)	20	27 (3%)
C. Childcare (day care or babysitting)	20	44 (3%)	17	34 (4%)

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### 4. Housing Needs

How much do you spend each month on your rent or mortgage (your share only)?	Percentage of income spent on rent	
\$0..... 200 (14%)	0% .....202 (14%)	
\$1 to \$200..... 69 (5%)	1% to 10%.....13 (1%)	
\$201 to \$400..... 284 (19%)	11% to 25%.....131 (9%)	
\$401 to \$600..... 251 (17%)	26% to 50%.....430 (30%)	
\$601 to \$800..... 165 (11%)	51% to 75%.....214 (15%)	
\$801 to \$1000..... 103 (7%)	76% to 85%.....33 (2%)	
Above \$1000 ..... 89 (6%)	86% to 100%.....78 (5%)	
No response ..... 296 (20%)	More than 100%.....42 (3%)	
	No response on income and/or rent .....314 (22%)	

### 5. Family Needs

<b>Are you an adult taking care of a child or children under age 18?</b>  Yes..... 134 (9%)	<b>Are you caring for the child or children by yourself?</b> (n=136)  Yes..... 78 (57%)
<b>How often do you feel that taking care of your family or children keeps you from going to the doctor or taking your medications? (n=140)</b>	
Often.....15 (11%)	Rarely ..... 18 (13%)
Sometimes .....29 (21%)	Never..... 78 (56%)

### Family Services (n=85)

Services for Families	Used this service in the last year	Need this service but can't get it
Counseling services for my children / teens / family (emotional, mental health and grief counseling)	18 (21%)	35 (41%)
Emergency housing for people with HIV and their children	7 (8%)	30 (35%)
Permanent housing for people with HIV and their children	19 (22%)	39 (46%)
Support groups for children / teens	11 (13%)	30 (35%)
Support groups for parents	20 (24%)	31 (36%)



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**6. Partner Services**

<p><b>Are you aware there are services available to help disclose your HIV status to sex/needles sharing partners?</b></p> <p>Yes ..... 744 (51%)          No ..... 288 (20%)          No response ..... 425 (29%)</p>	<p><b>Do all of your current sex or needle-sharing partners know your HIV status?: (n=929)</b></p> <p>Yes ..... 585 (63%)          No..... 344 (37%)</p> <p><b>Do you have any past partners that may need to be informed?: (n=1,071)</b></p> <p>Yes ..... 73 (7%)          No..... 998 (93%)</p>	
<p><b>Which of these services have you used and/or need or want? (n=383)</b></p>		
	<b>Used this service</b>	<b>Need or Want</b>
Individual support to help you to inform your partner(s)	188 (49%)	143 (37%)
Support by a health advisor to tell partner(s)	167 (44%)	132 (34%)
Support by a health advisor to notify your partner(s) anonymously	155 (40%)	137 (36%)

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**7. Reported Risk Behaviors and HIV Prevention Needs**

This report is scheduled to be available in August 2014.