



63-91% of HIV/AIDS infections transmitted by “male-to-male sexual contact”

Approximately 1.1 million persons in the United States are living with HIV infection [1]. In 2010, the estimated number of new HIV infections was 47,500: of those, 63% were attributed to male-to-male sexual contact, 25% to heterosexual contact, 8% to injection drug use, and 3% to male-to-male sexual contact and injection drug use [2] [Note: In this CDC report, "All the participants had at least 1 male sex partner," including those males who "self-identified as heterosexual"]

Source: CDC, HIV Surveillance Special Report: Men Who Have Sex with Men, 20 U.S. Cities, 2011
https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/HSSR_8_NHBS_MSM_PDF-03.pdf

The HIV transmission rate for transgender women is triple that of gay men (2.7% vs. 0.9%):

"Transgender people, particularly transgender women, are vulnerable to HIV infection. Available evidence suggests that, in relation to their population size, transgender women are among the most heavily affected populations in the United States ... Meta-analyses and literature reviews of available studies provide evidence of the effects HIV has taken on the transgender community. In a recent analysis of CDC-funded HIV testing conducted nationwide, transgender women had the highest rates of HIV diagnoses (2.7%), followed by men (0.9%), transgender men (0.5%), and women (0.2%)."

Source: CDC Issue Brief, September 2016: HIV and Transgender Communities
<https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies/cdc-hiv-transgender-brief.pdf>