

What AFRICANS need to KNOW.

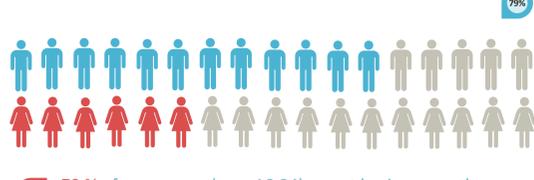
This research project estimated how many Black Africans there are in NZ, and how many are affected by HIV. It also includes a survey of 703 Black Africans and 131 focus group participants about their knowledge, attitude, behaviours and beliefs about HIV.



? Did you know?

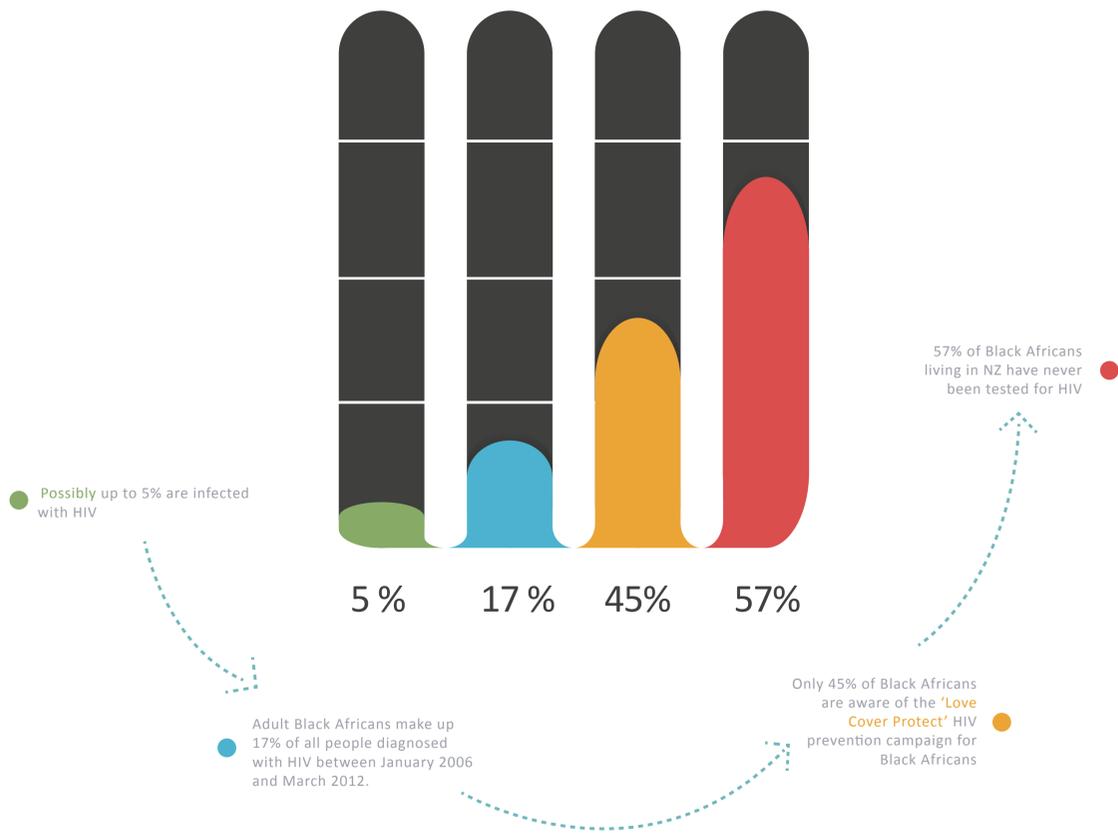


An estimated 12,500 Black Africans are living in NZ



79% of young men (ages 16-24) report having more than one sexual partner in the last 12 months

Only 39% of young women (16-24) use condoms with their sexual partners



Testing

Why do people avoid testing?

Some people avoid testing because of the stigma of being associated with some sexual behaviours.

Some people avoid testing because they still believe HIV is a 'death sentence'. With today's treatments this is no longer true.

69%

Not every Black African arrives through the immigration or refugee system. We estimate about 69% of Black Africans have been tested for HIV—just a little over two-thirds.

? How much is known?

Generally the older you are, the more you know. The more you know, the fewer negative attitudes you have about HIV.

Younger men (ages 16-24) know the least and have more negative attitudes about HIV than any other African group. Most people know that it is important to use condoms, but not everyone uses them every time.

Why don't we know more about this issue in NZ?

STIGMA

STIGMA plays a big role in talking about HIV in all communities. Many people still associate HIV with bad behaviour, but this is not correct. Some African community and religious leaders have a difficult time talking about HIV. Some parents are not used to talking about sex with their children.

Some people believe that since HIV is not in the news all the time in NZ (like it is in some African countries) that HIV is not a problem in NZ.

One person said...

“ IF SOMEONE IS IN A JUNGLE, THEY ARE VERY AWARE OF DANGER SO THEY ARE ON THEIR GUARD... But when people leave the environment they think they are safe... [In NZ] the person is out there more, and they are less cautious. And then it's unfortunate for Africans. Possibly someone was more careful back home. ”

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