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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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**SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
BRIEFING**

Wednesday, July 29, 1998, Indian Treaty Room, 12:00pm

**AGENDA**

**INTRODUCTION**

Ben Johnson  
Deputy Assistant to the President and  
Deputy Director, Office of Public Liaison

**WELCOME**

Minyon Moore  
Assistant to the President and  
Director, Office of Public Liaison

**REMARKS**

Christopher Edley, Jr.  
Professor, Harvard Law School and  
Consultant and Senior Advisor to the President for the Race Initiative

Sandra Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

Jcshua Gotbaum  
Executive Associate Director  
Office of Management and Budget

Karen Tramontano  
Deputy Assistant to the President and  
Counsel to the Office of the Chief of Staff

**CLOSING**

Ben Johnson

## TALKING POINTS FOR SANDRA THURMAN

Presentation to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

July 29, 1998

- Welcome - happy to be with you today, and ~~pleased that you are interested in hearing more about how AIDS is affecting your communities~~

(is worth a thousand words)

- Let me start by giving you a picture of just how significant this epidemic is for African-Americans in this country.
- In your packets should be a series of charts and graphs. I want to just focus on a few to give you a better sense of where we are  - not a pretty picture

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### FIRST CHART - PAGE 2

- Let me start with the first chart, on page 2.

There are four columns showing

- HIV infections reported this year
- cumulative HIV infections
- AIDS cases reported this year
- cumulative AIDS cases

- What we see is an epidemic that is already disproportionately

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<sup>AA</sup>  
~~Black~~ and is becoming even more so.

- We also see that <sup>AA</sup>~~Black~~ women are at the center of this nation's

AIDS epidemic.

- ~~57% of all new infections are people of color~~
- Two statistics not on this chart: 63% of new infections among those 13-24 are Black;
- 70% of new HIV infections reported in women of this same age group were among Blacks

- Do away with old myth that this is a gay white man's disease

### NEXT CHART - PAGE 3 - "New AIDS Cases by Race"

- You can see here a few things of interest.
- Note that in 199~~3~~<sup>2</sup> and 199~~4~~<sup>3</sup>, all races show a decline. This is the result of the new treatments -- the drug "cocktails"

<sup>New therapies</sup> • Resulted in a dramatic decline in AIDS cases and deaths from AIDS, but <sup>these</sup>~~these~~ decline were not even across race and gender lines.

- You will also note that AIDS cases for Whites declined far faster than for minorities --- I believe this is largely due to disparities in access to these new drugs that are reflective of overall health disparities, which we are trying to address in the race and health initiative currently underway at the Department of Health and human services

## NEXT SERIES - Pages 10 - 13 - International Picture

- I am not going to go through this in detail
- I just feel it's so important for us to put the epidemic in this country in context with the global epidemic.
- These statistics are staggering:
  - <sup>16</sup>5.8 million new infections per year--16,000 per day-- and 90% of them are occurring in the poorest nations of the world
  - By the year 2010, there will be over 40 million AIDS orphans <sup>Baby Joseph</sup>
  - There were less than 500 new pediatric infections in the United States last year--but there over 530,000 in sub-Saharan Africa alone
- The new treatments that have been so effective in this country in reducing AIDS cases and AIDS deaths are little more than a dream in most countries where the epidemic is raging
- Underscores the importance of a vaccine

① HIV has done to our health care system what it does to the human body -- and that is to attack at its weakest points

✱ It's no secret that there have been great health

### OTHER POINTS - SO WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- ✱ - Moving fastest in communities of color - women - ~~particular~~ (particularly) women of color - and young people
- ✱ ~~Funding~~ Leading cause of death in AA 25

- I want to give you a little information on some of our AIDS funding efforts. While we certainly could use more money, we have done a very good job of increasing funding for AIDS ~~50+%~~
- nearly 60% of our targeted HIV prevention funding serves communities of color

we can expand our services rather than just shifting funds from one needy group to another - This is not the moment to Rob Peter to pay Paul

- We are also looking at ways to build capacity in organizations that are at the community level so that they can better meet the needs of people of color

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We need your help!

- You know best that churches and families are cornerstones of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> community
- We need your help - we need advice on what we can do better, how we can reach those who are not being reached, how we can work through <sup>addressing</sup> the tough issues, like ~~homosexuality~~ <sup>sexuality</sup>, ~~and drug use~~, ~~homosexuality, and addiction~~
- I know how difficult this can be ~~for many of you~~.. Mercer - ~~start rebuild our families, we need to~~
- We need to ~~base our programs on~~ abstinence, but we must ~~also protect our children with knowledge~~ <sup>also need to understand</sup> ~~that if our children don't~~ <sup>get the information they</sup> ~~need from us -~~ <sup>they'll get it from</sup> ~~Someplace else!~~

End

- over 50% of Ryan White CARE Act dollars serve people of color (Ryan White provide medical care and supportive services to those who are living with HIV and AIDS)
  - funding for care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS has more than tripled and funding for research has increased by 50%
  - drug assistance programs that provide promising new therapies to people with HIV/AIDS have increased by more than 450%
  - a new vaccine research center is being built at the National Institutes of Health to focus on the President's goal of finding an AIDS vaccine within 10 years
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### **State of Emergency**

- As you know, the Congressional Black Caucus has been leading an effort to have us take a fresh look at what we are doing on HIV prevention and care
- Dr. Satcher, ~~who spoke with you yesterday~~, has been a real leader in this effort
- We are going through all of the programs to determine how we can improve our efforts to target funding to minorities, and how

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### **NEXT CHART - PAGE 4 - "Rate of New AIDS Cases by Race"**

- This chart is based on the same data as the previous one, but instead shows the rate of AIDS cases per 100,000 people broken out by race.
- You will see that <sup>AA</sup>~~Black~~ and Hispanics are now at the top of the chart

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### **NEXT CHARTS - Pages 5 and 6 - "~~Death Rates from~~ Leading Causes of Death for Women (and Men) Ages 25-44"**

- We can clearly see that HIV and AIDS-related deaths have skyrocketed among young Black women and men, and remains the leading cause of death for this age group.

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- You should also note that these are deaths related to AIDS. We know that HIV infection occurs years before the onset of AIDS, so it is reasonable to assume that many of these young people were infected in their teens or early 20's.

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### **NEXT CHART - Page 7 - Pie Chart**

- Shows AIDS cases reported in 1996 by race, and compares those percentages to the general population.

- For <sup>AA</sup>~~Black~~s, they represented 42% of AIDS cases but only 12% of the general population
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## NEXT CHART - Page 8 - Death Rates for young people by race

- This graph shows in another way how disproportionately impacted Black men and women are in this epidemic.
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## NEXT CHART - Page 9 - Kaiser Family Foundation study

*tells us what we already know*

- Kaiser did a poll in 1996 to determine who African-Americans
- rely on for help in the fight against AIDS
- *They think we care a lot but that we aren't doing a lot*
- I think this study underscores how absolutely critical community organizations and faith communities are in this fight, and how much they are being relied on.
- It also shows that governments, local, state and Federal, are not high on the list -- *NO SURPRISE!* so we need to be very thoughtful in how messages about prevention and care are delivered, *and most importantly* and by whom

whom  
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## **HEALTH AND RACIAL DISPARITY BRIEFING**

ROOSEVELT ROOM, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1998, 10:00 AM

### **AGENDA**

### **WELCOME**

#### **BEN JOHNSON**

Deputy Assistant to the President  
Deputy Director, Office of Public Liaison

### **REMARKS**

#### **DR. DAVID SATCHER**

Assistant Secretary for Health and Human Services and  
U.S. Surgeon General

#### **DR. MARGARET HAMBURG**

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation for Health and Human Services

#### **SANDRA THURMAN**

Director, Office on National AIDS Policy

#### **DANIEL MENDELSON**

Associate Director for Health, Office of Budget and Management

#### **CHRISTOPHER JENNINGS**

Deputy Assistant to the President for Health Policy  
Office of Domestic Policy Council

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

### **CLOSING**

BEN JOHNSON

**OPL RACIAL DISPARITY BRIEFING LISTING = 45****AFRICAN AMERICAN CONSTITUENCY = 14**

Hilary Shelton, Deputy Director  
**NAACP Washington Bureau**

Barbara Akins, Treasurer/ Program Manager  
**National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW)**

Samuel Simmons, President & CEO  
**National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. (NCBA)**

Maria Lopes, Executive Director  
**National Association of Black County Officials**

Patricia Carter, Projects Director  
**National Organization of Black County Officials**

Sullivan Robinson, Executive Director  
**The Congress of National Black Churches, Inc.**

Debra Fraser-Howze, President and CEO  
**National Black Leadership Commission On AIDS, Inc.**

Monsanto Als, Assistant to the President and CEO  
**National Black Leadership Commission On AIDS, Inc.**

Jane Smith, President and CEO  
**National Council of Negro Women, Inc.**

B. Wayne Kong, Chief Executive Officer  
**Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.**

Dr. Yvonne Scruggs, Executive Director/COO  
**Leftwich Black Leadership Forum, Inc.**

Caya B. Lewis, National Health Coordinator  
**NAACP National Office**

Shawnta Watson Walcott, Political Liaison  
**National Rainbow Coalition**

Alvina Bey Bennett, Project Director  
**National Medical Association**

**HEALTH CONSTITUENCY = 10**

Dr. Mohammad Akhter, Executive Director  
**American Public Health Association**

Michael Fraser  
**National Association of County and City Health Officials**

Ben Klein  
American Heart Association

Michael Mawby  
American Diabetes Association

Leticia Diaz  
National Association of Social Workers

Jessica Porras  
American Cancer Society

Christa - Marie Singleton  
ASHTHO

Marjorie Tharp  
American Association of Pediatrics

Margaret D. Garikes  
American Medical Association

Marina L. Weiss  
March of Dimes

**GAY/LESBIAN CONSTITUENCY = 3**

Antonio Cornelius Baker, Executive Director  
National Association of People With AIDS

Daniel Zingali, Executive Director  
AIDS Action Council

Paul Kawata, Executive Director  
National Minority AIDS Council

**INDIAN AMERICAN CONSTITUENCY = 3**

Carol Ann Heart, Senior Advisor to the Director  
Indian Health Services

Laura Harris  
Senior Advisor to the President's Initiative on Race

Buford L. Rolin, Chairman  
National Indian Health Board

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS = 1**

Jean Harris, Mayor  
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

**ASIAN AMERICAN CONSTITUENCY = 5**

Emile Gaborne Dearing  
**National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse**  
Daphne Kwok  
**Organization of Chinese Americans**  
Dong Suh  
**Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum**

Neil Parekh  
**American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin**

Margruetta B. Hall  
**Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation**

**HISPANIC AMERICAN CONSTITUENCY = 4**

Elena Rios  
**Hispanic Physicians**

Adolf Falcon  
**COSSMHO**

Suleika Cabrera  
**Hispanic Elderly**

Rose Gonzalez  
**Hispanic Nurses**

**WOMEN'S CONSTITUENCY = 5**

Roberta Biegle, Government Relations Director  
**Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research**

Joanne Howes, Partner  
**Bass and Howes**

Mimi Mager  
**Foreman, Heidepriem and Mager**

Sheila Coates  
**Black Women United For Action**

Jennifer Jones  
**Black Women United For Action**

**HHS STAFF = 6**

**Dr. David Satcher**

**Dr. Margaret Hamburg**

**Dr. Allan Noonan**

**Mrs. Kaye Hayes - Waller**

**Ms. Allison Orris**

**Mr. Damon Thompson**

# **HIV/AIDS in the African-American Community**



## **Southern Christian Leadership Conference**

**July 29, 1998**

**Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy**

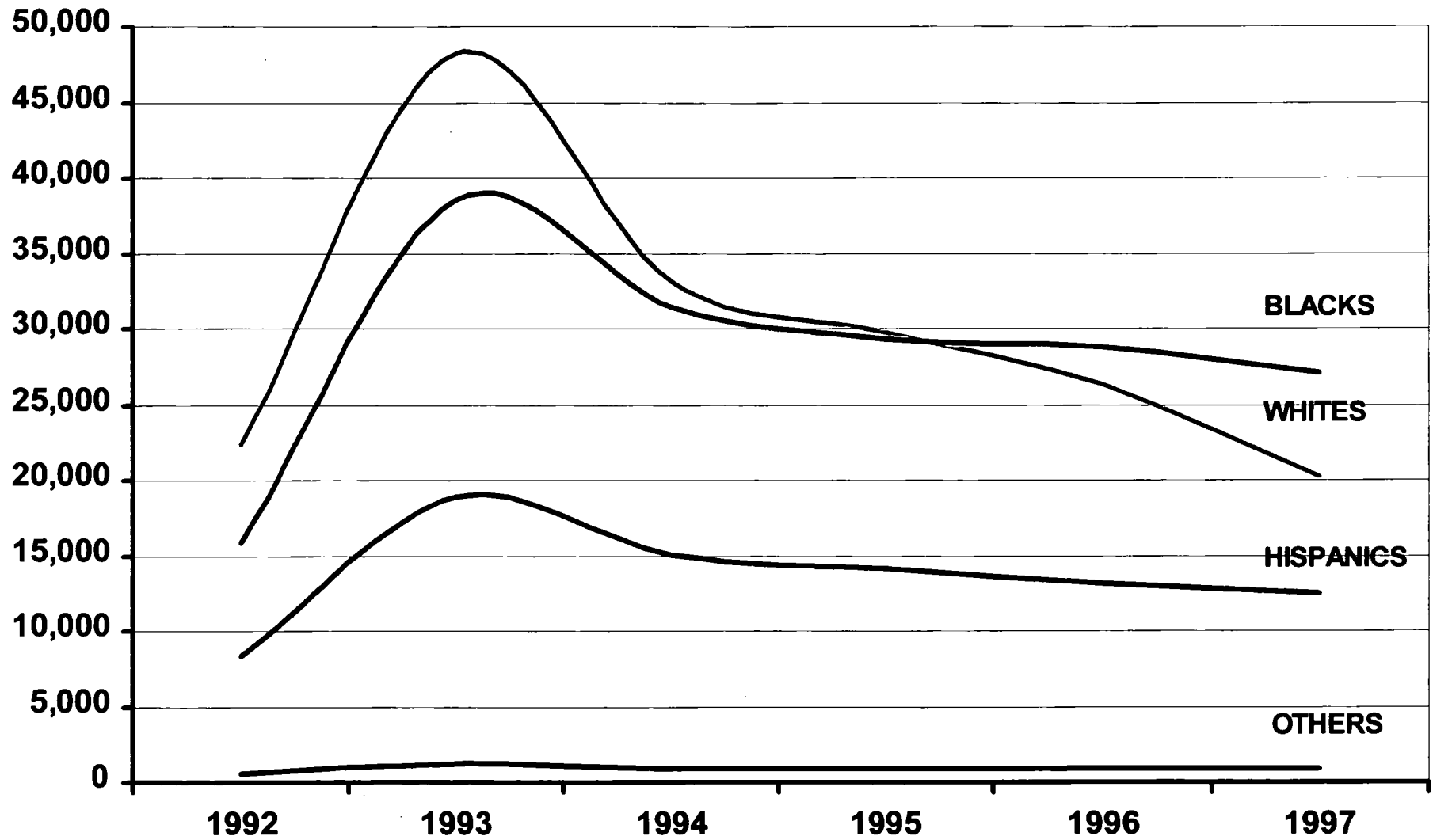
# HIV/AIDS in the African-American Community

|                                | <b>AIDS Cases<br/>Reported<br/>(1997)</b> | <b>Cumulative<br/>AIDS Cases<br/>(thru 1997)</b> | <b>HIV Infections<br/>Reported<br/>(1997)*</b> | <b>Cumulative<br/>HIV Infections<br/>(thru 1997)*</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Adults/<br/>Adolescents</b> | <b><u>45%</u></b>                         | <b><u>36%</u></b>                                | <b><u>56%</u></b>                              | <b><u>52%</u></b>                                     |
| <b>Men</b>                     | <b>40%</b>                                | <b>32%</b>                                       | <b>50%</b>                                     | <b>47%</b>                                            |
| <b>Women</b>                   | <b>60%</b>                                | <b>56%</b>                                       | <b>69%</b>                                     | <b>67%</b>                                            |
| <b>Pediatric</b>               | <b>62%</b>                                | <b>58%</b>                                       | <b>69%</b>                                     | <b>63%</b>                                            |

\*Includes only those 27 states that provide confidential HIV infection reporting to the CDC (30 for pediatric cases). In addition, states implemented HIV reporting at different times; cumulative numbers do not include infections that occurred prior to the implementation of confidential HIV reporting.

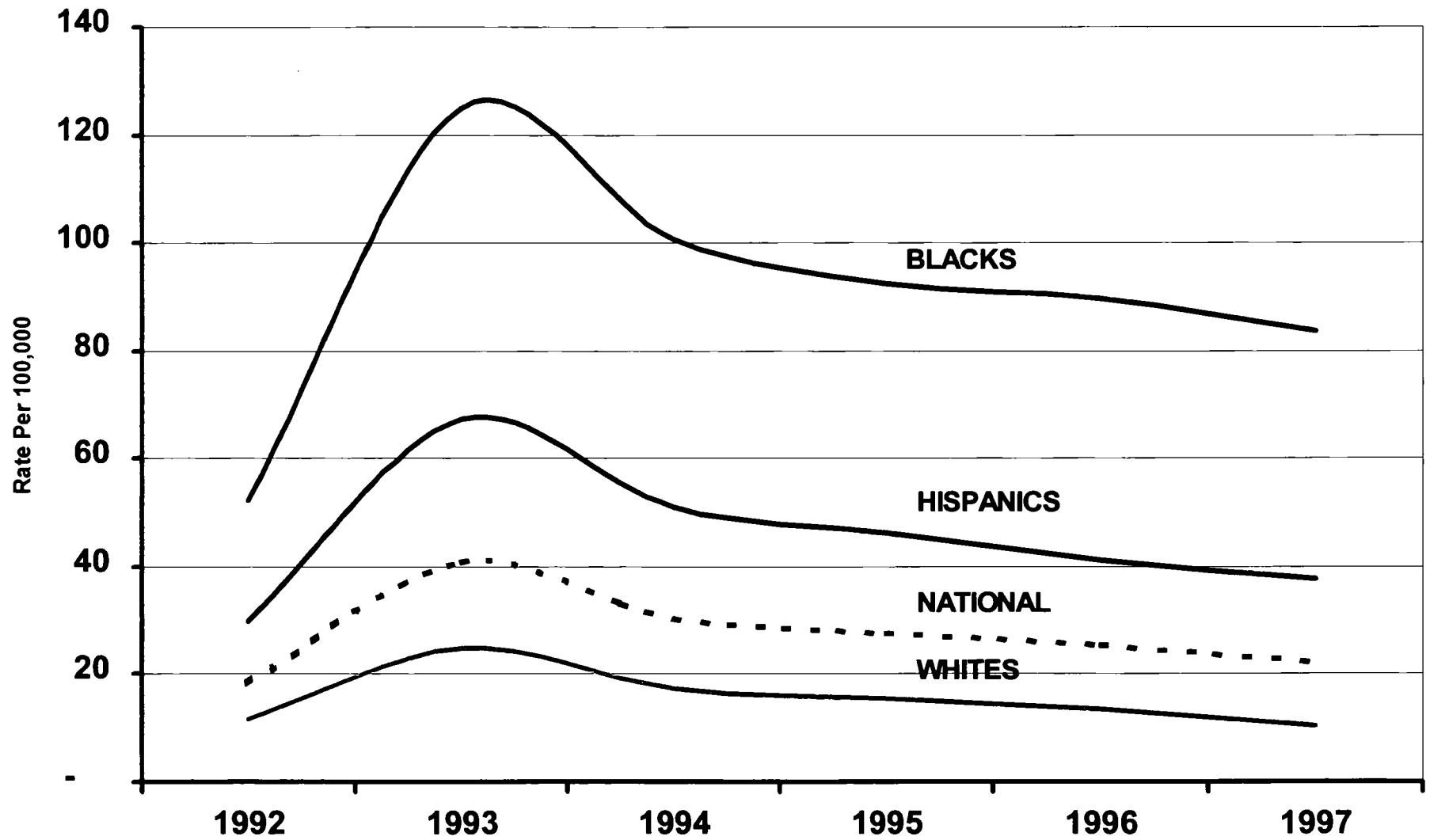
## New AIDS Cases by Race

Source: CDC

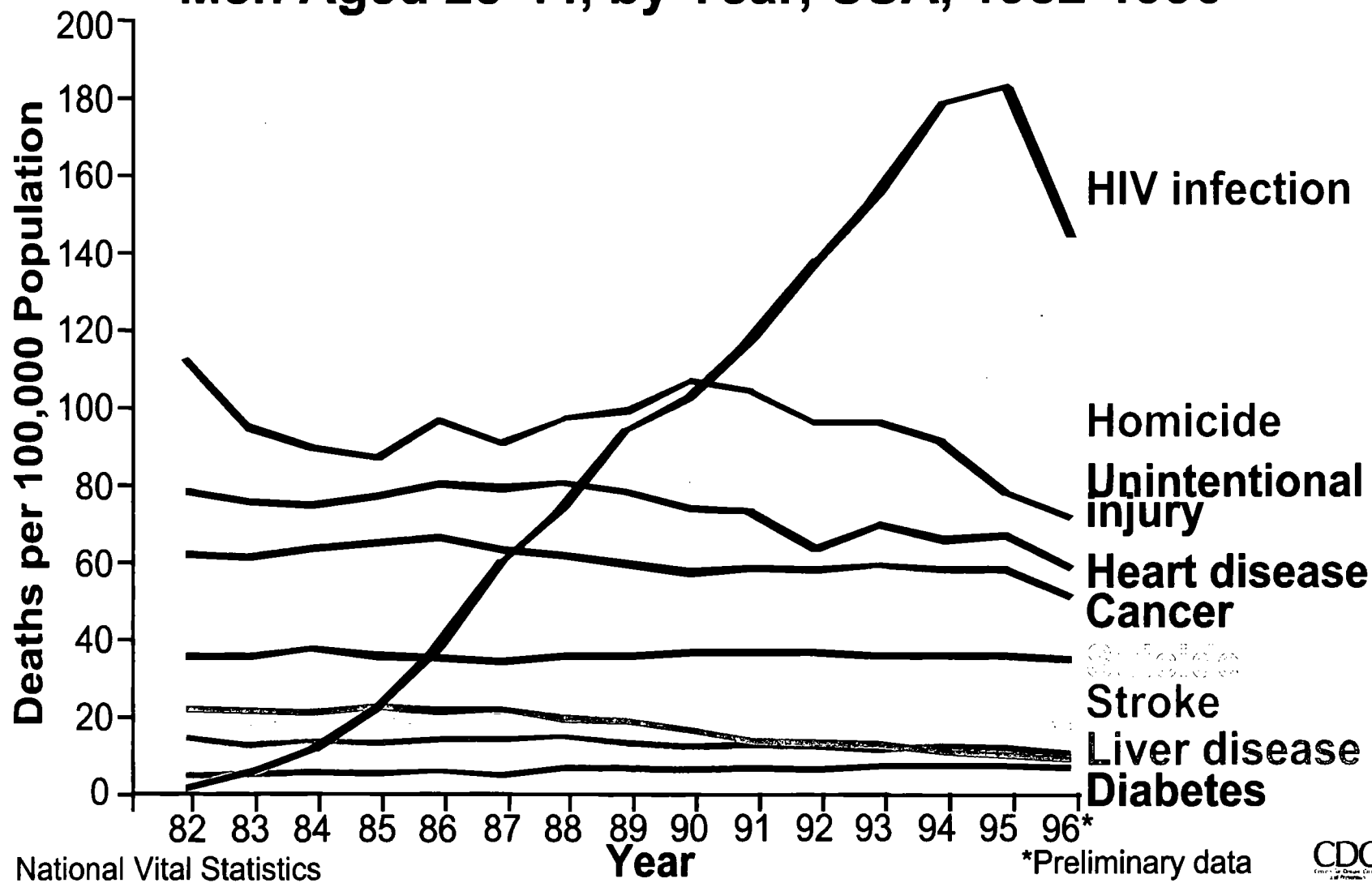


## Rate of New AIDS Cases by Race

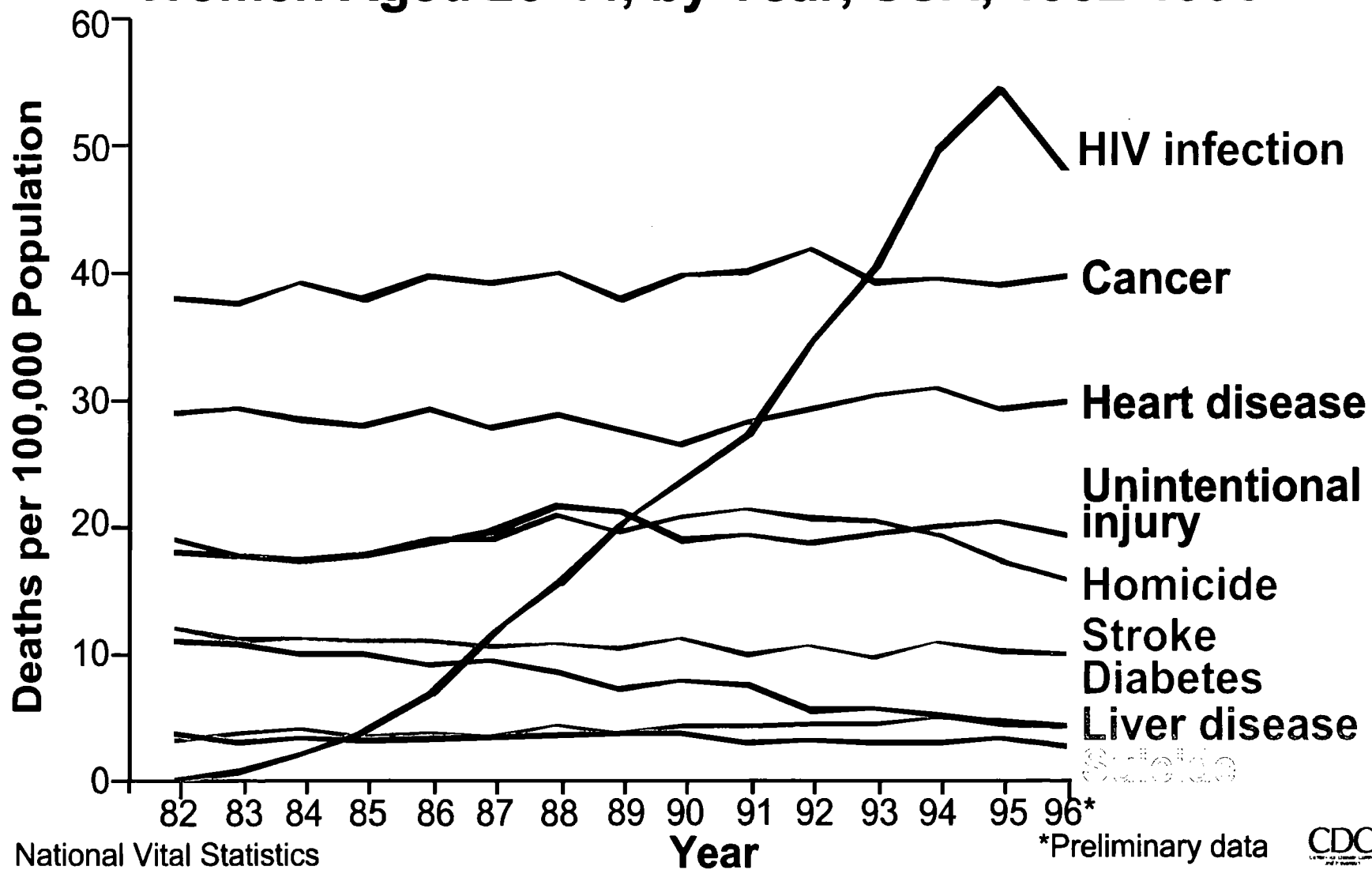
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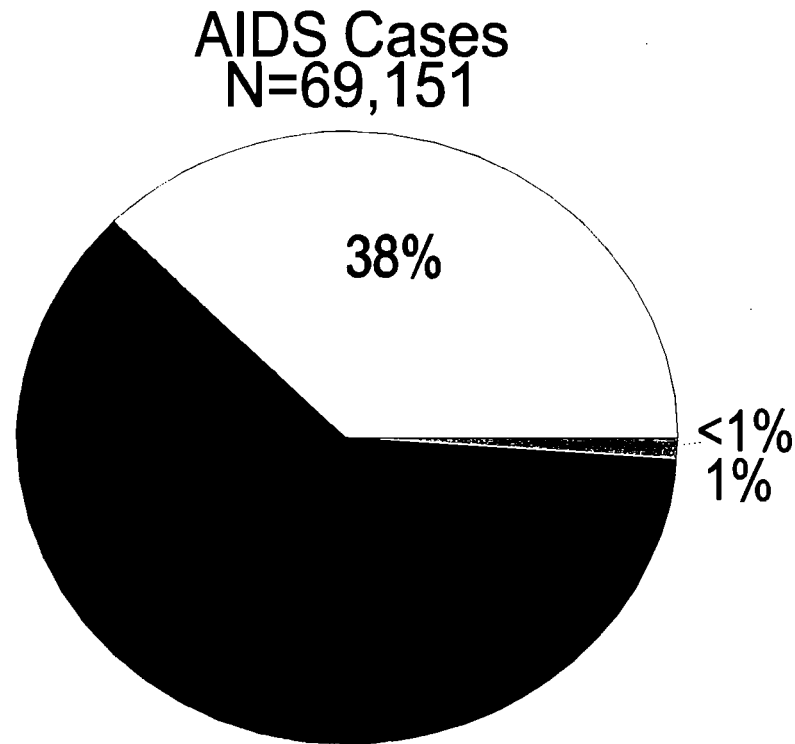
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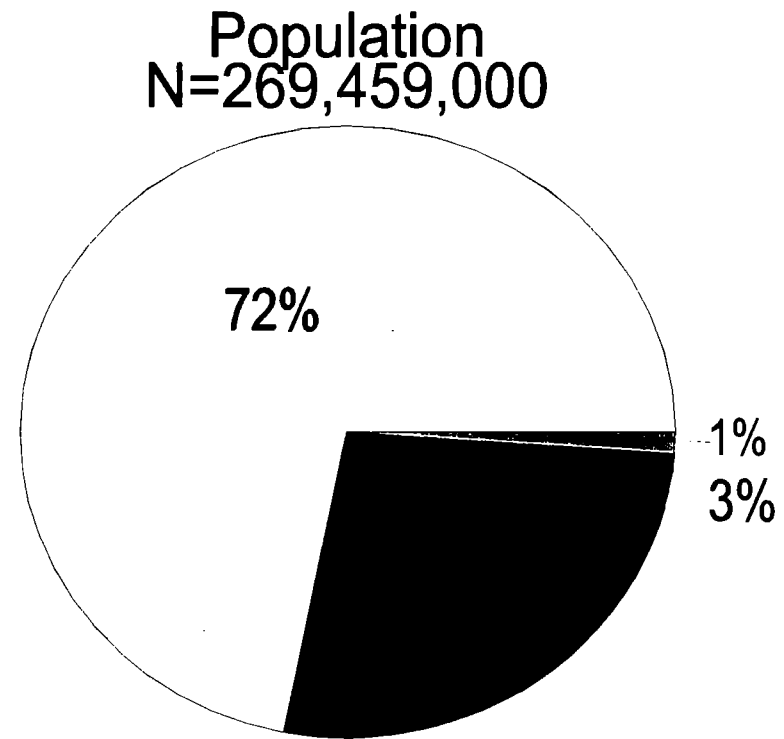
# Death Rates from Leading Causes of Death in Black Women Aged 25-44, by Year, USA, 1982-1996



# AIDS Cases Reported in 1996 and Estimated 1996 Population by Race/Ethnicity, United States



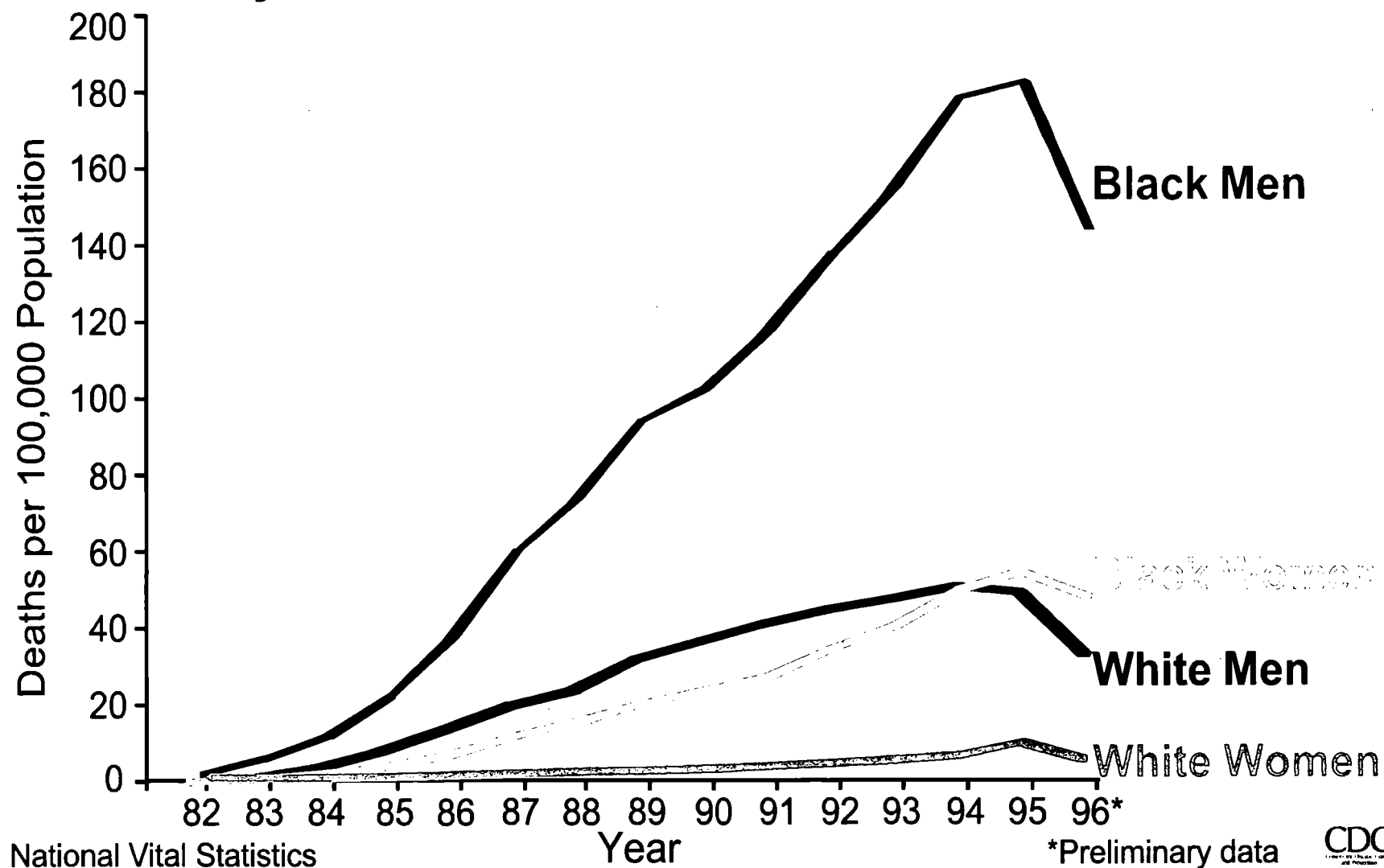
White, non-Hispanic  
Black, non-Hispanic  
Hispanic



Asian/Pacific Islander  
American Indian/  
Alaska Native

CDC  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

# Death Rates from HIV Infection in Persons Aged 25-44 Years, By Sex, Race, and Year, 1982-1996 United States



# Kaiser Family Foundation Survey - 1996

## ***How do African Americans rate local or community groups in the fight against AIDS?***

Local health care providers  
(doctors, health clinics, hospitals)

Rated as caring  
“a lot” about the  
fight against  
AIDS

**61%**

Rated as doing  
“a lot” about the  
fight against  
AIDS

**40%**

Local public schools

**49%**

**28%**

Local church or religious leaders

**54%**

**23%**

## ***And governments?***

Local government and  
political leaders

**17%**

**14%**

State government

**20%**

**17%**

Federal government

**22%**

**18%**