



# The Changing Face of HIV/AIDS in Canada

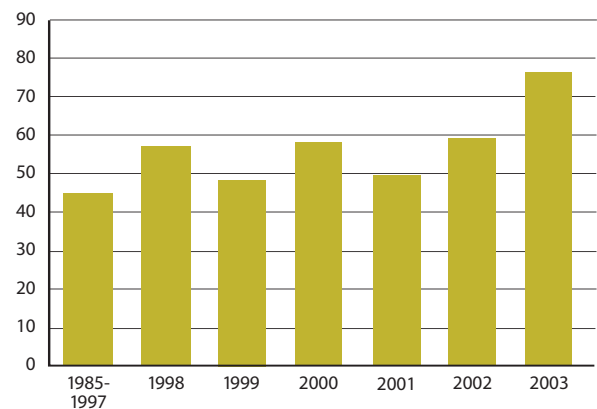
## The Rising Risk for Women

HIV infection through heterosexual transmission is increasing for Canadian women.

- Over 56,000 people in Canada are living with HIV/AIDS.
- 25% of new infections in Canada are in women.
- Women represent an increasing number and percentage of Canadians who are HIV positive.
- Aboriginal, Black, and White women are at higher risk than their male counterparts.
- Aboriginal peoples are infected, on average, with HIV at a younger age than non-Aboriginal peoples.
- 4.4% of Canadians are Aboriginal; 14.4 % of infected Canadians are Aboriginal.
- 2.1% of Canadians are Black; 20.7% of infected Canadians are Black.

(Health Canada and UNAIDS)

Percentage of new infections in women arising from heterosexual transmission



## MYTH BUSTERS Facts on HIV/AIDS in Canada

### So you've heard...

*"AIDS is a gay man's disease."*

*"AIDS is less of a problem in Canada now."*

*"All Canadians are at the same risk."*

### In fact...

HIV infection is on the rise for heterosexual women; 25% of new infections are in women between 15 and 49 years old.

In the last ten years, HIV infection in Canadians has almost doubled.

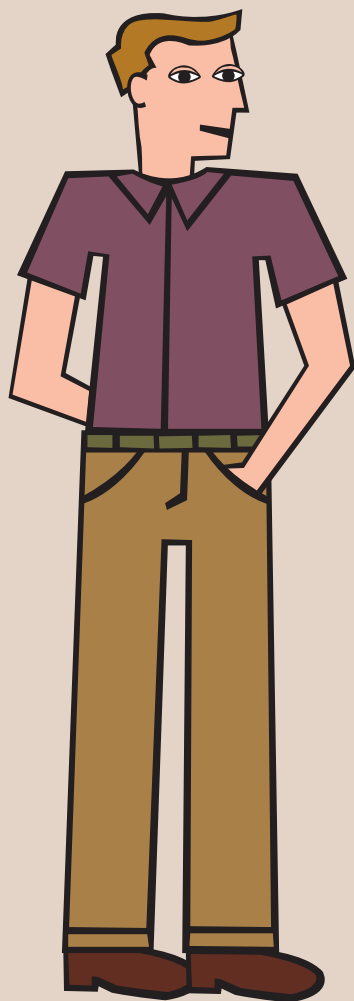
Women are at a higher risk of infection due to gender inequalities, particularly women from Aboriginal and Black communities.

# HIV/AIDS is on the rise for heterosexual teens.

A national study showed that approximately 50 to 60% of grade 9 and 11 students think there is a vaccine available to prevent HIV/AIDS. The same survey found that 36% of grade 11 students think that there is a cure for HIV/AIDS. (Health Canada)

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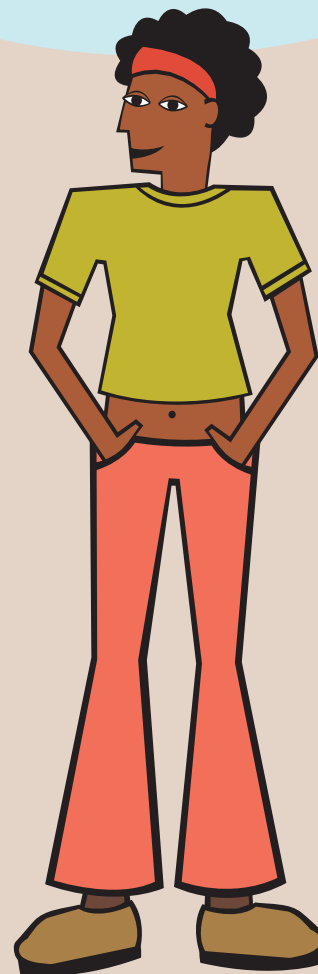
## Voices from the youth of Canada today...

*"I don't really worry about AIDS that much... it doesn't seem like a threat to me at all."*

*"Only half the time you use condoms... and you know it's stupid when you're doing it, but...sometimes you don't give a crap... it's the same thing (when) you jay walk and the bus is going to hit me... you just are not necessarily always thinking about it in those terms."*

*"The information is out there, but for some reason I take the 'it will not be me' attitude type deal. It just doesn't hit me."*

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