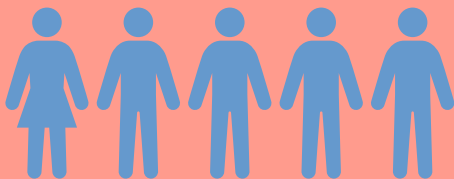




HIV Among Women in Illinois



1 of 5 people living with HIV in Illinois are women



3 of 4 women living with HIV in Illinois acquired HIV through **sexual contact** with a male partner



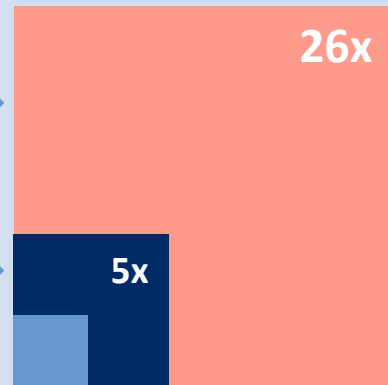
and **1 of 4** acquired HIV through **injection drug use**

Women living with HIV are able to give birth to healthy, HIV-negative babies if the mother takes HIV medicine throughout her pregnancy



In 2016, **4 of 5** women diagnosed with HIV in Illinois were Black or Hispanic

Compared to White women, the rate of HIV was **5 times higher** among Hispanic women, and **26 times higher** among Black women.



Risk factors for HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) are similar. In Illinois in 2016:

Gonorrhea
4 of 10 cases were among females

Compared to White women the rate was:
1.4 times higher among Hispanic women and
15 times higher among Black women

Chlamydia
7 of 10 cases were among females

Compared to White women the rate was:
2 times higher among Hispanic women and
7 times higher among Black women

Syphilis
1 of 10 cases were among females

Compared to White women the rate was:
2 times higher among Hispanic women and
16 times higher among Black women

HIV and STIs among women of color are not influenced by behavioral factors alone.

Social factors such as:

Racism

Provider Bias

Stigma

Limited Access to Medical Services

Classism

can impact the way that **HIV** and **STIs** affect a community