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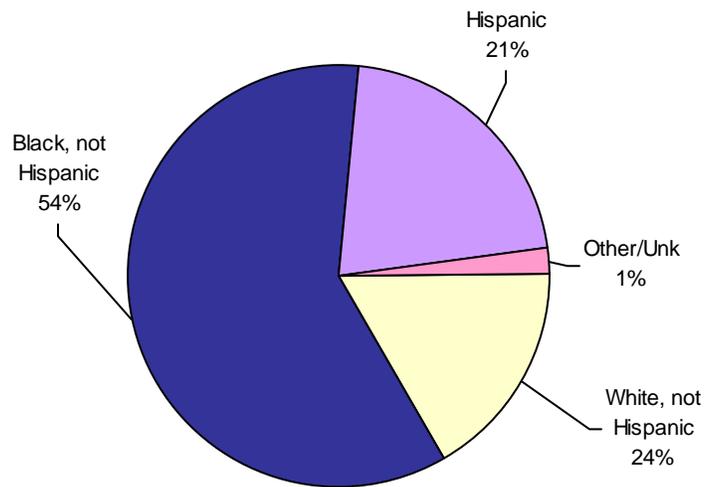
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# SYPHILIS in Houston/Harris County

## HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY STATISTICS SYPHILIS IN 2008

- According to the 2000 census, blacks make up approximately 17% of the Harris County population. However, currently, blacks account for 60% of primary and secondary syphilis cases in Harris County.
- Currently in 2008, primary and secondary syphilis cases are highest among the 15-24 and 25-34 age groups.
- For 2008, MSM's in the age group of 25-34 year olds account for the highest proportion of cases.
- Early Latent syphilis rates are highest among 15-24 year olds at 39%.
- Blacks represent the highest proportion of Early Latent syphilis cases and rates at 60%.
- 75 (65%) of the 118 adolescent males ages 15-24 newly diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in 2006 through male-to-male sexual contact are black.

Race/ethnicity of Syphilis cases from January 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008 (N = 197)



MSM Syphilis cases by age from January 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008 (N=92)

