

# PLWHA Needs Assessment Demographic Report

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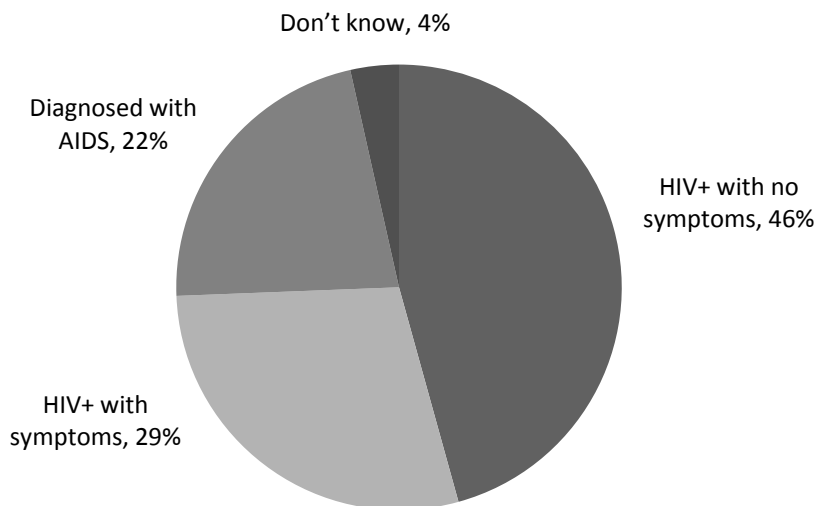
This demographic report represents a first glance at the data collected during the statewide needs assessment of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in the state of Louisiana. Data were collected from paper and web form surveys from September 22 through October 17, 2008. A total of 1,944 surveys were returned to The Policy & Research Group; 1,833 were at least 50% complete and therefore included in the analysis. Since some respondents did not answer every question on the survey, the sample size for each question varies. The sample size for each question is indicated with each accompanying figure and table. Table 1 presents the distribution of returned surveys that were complete enough to be considered in the analysis.

**Table 1:** Distribution of Returned Surveys by Regions of Louisiana (N=1831)

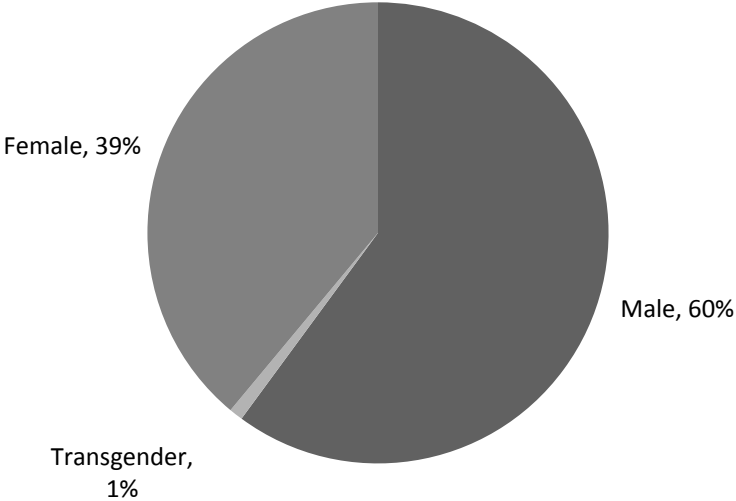
Region	Number of Surveys	Percent of Total	Percent of PLWHA from Surveillance Data
1	603	33%	36%
2	450	25%	24%
3	45	2%	4%
4	155	8%	7%
5	130	7%	5%
6	84	5%	4%
7	184	10%	8%
8	111	6%	5%
9	69	4%	5%
Total	1831*	100%	100%

\*Note: two incomplete surveys did not have a region identified

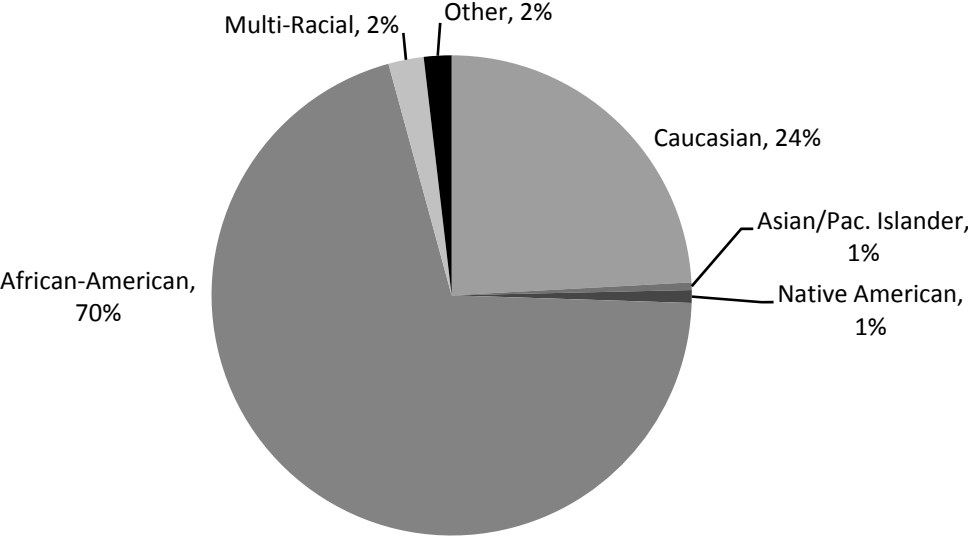
**Figure 1:** HIV/AIDS Status of Respondents (N=1764)



**Figure 2:** Gender of Respondents (N=1766)

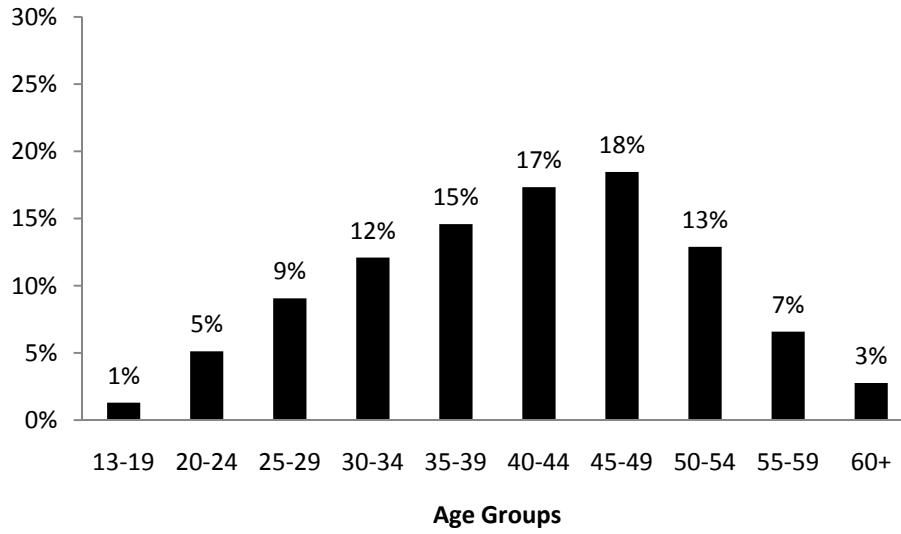


**Figure 3:** Race of Respondents (N=1765)



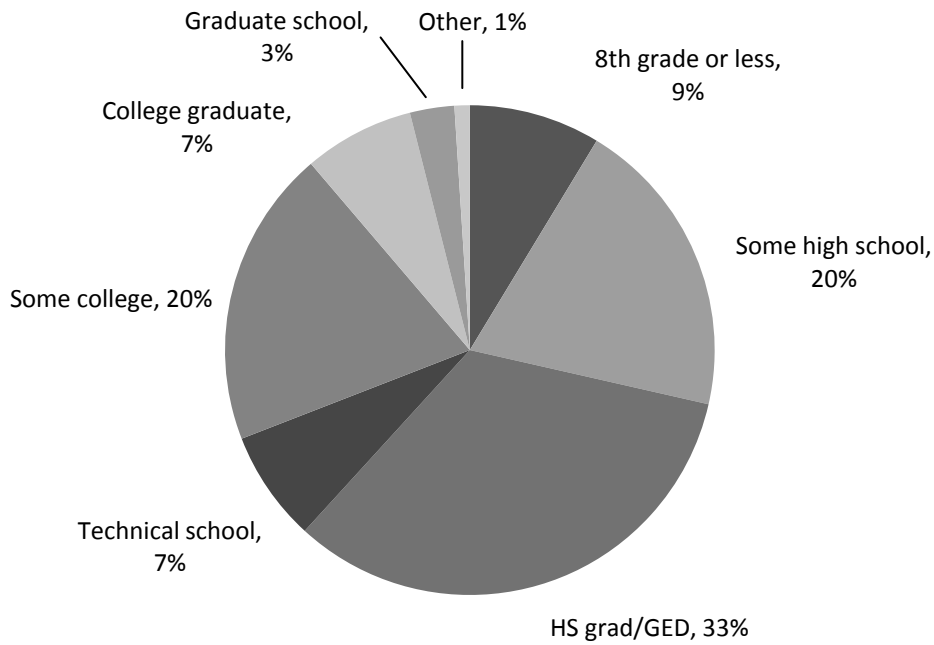
- 87 of 1621 respondents (5.4%) consider themselves to be Latino/Hispanic

**Figure 4:** Age of Respondents (N=1777)

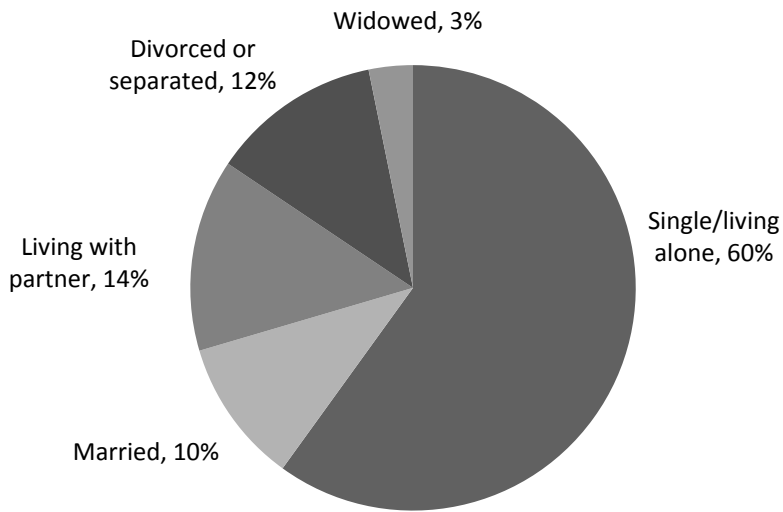


- Range in age 14-84
- Mean age = 41.2, standard deviation = 10.5

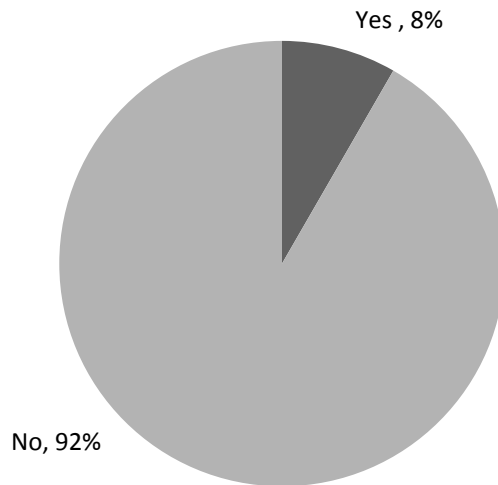
**Figure 5:** Highest Level of Education Completed by Respondents (N=1776)



**Figure 6:** Current Marital Status of Respondents (N=1783)

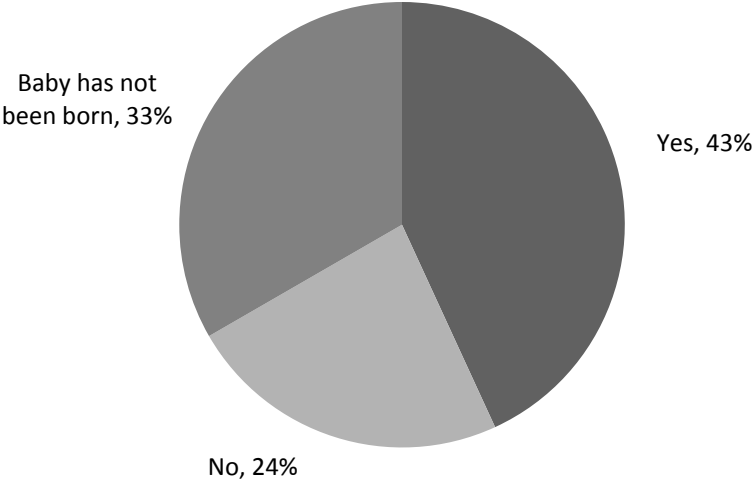


**Figure 7:** Female Respondents Who Are Pregnant or Have Been Pregnant in the Last 12 Months (N=660)

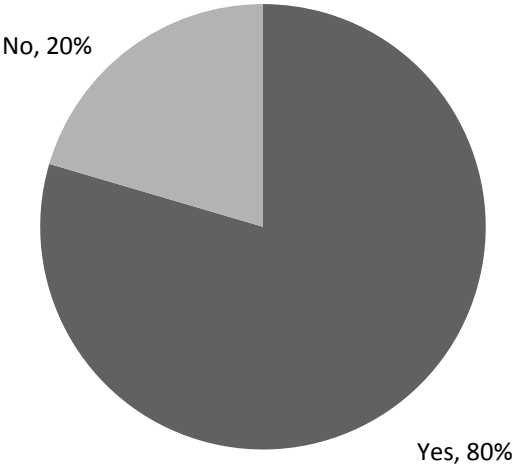


- 41 of 55 (74.5%) women who were pregnant in the last 12 months received medication to prevent transmission of HIV from mother to child.

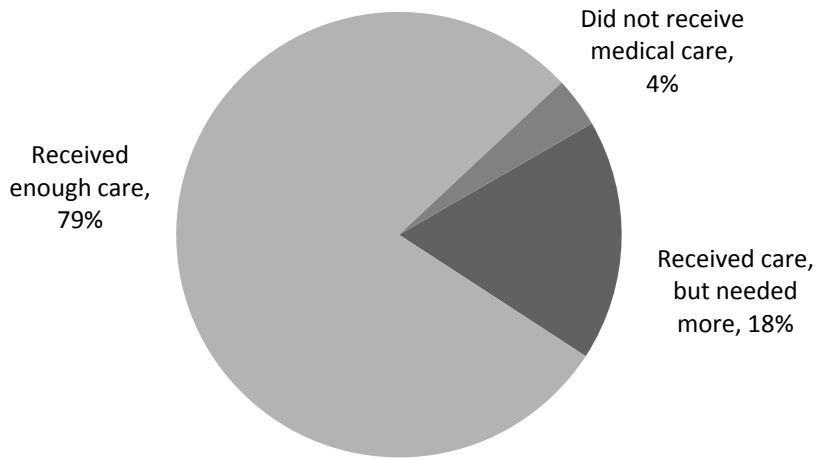
**Figure 8:** Medical Care for Child (N=51)



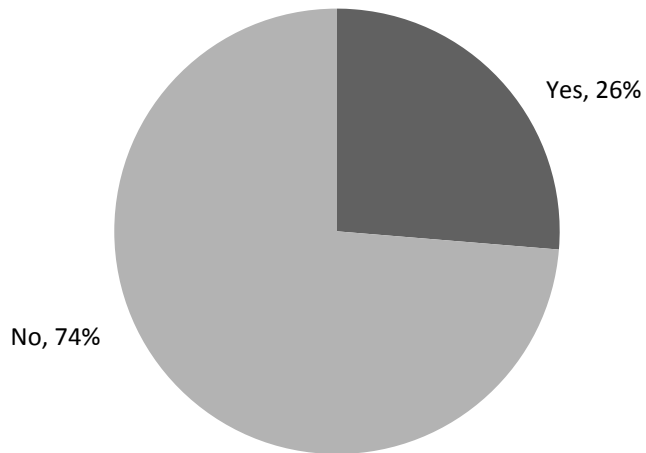
**Figure 9:** Respondents Seeking Medical Care in Last Six Months (N=1746)



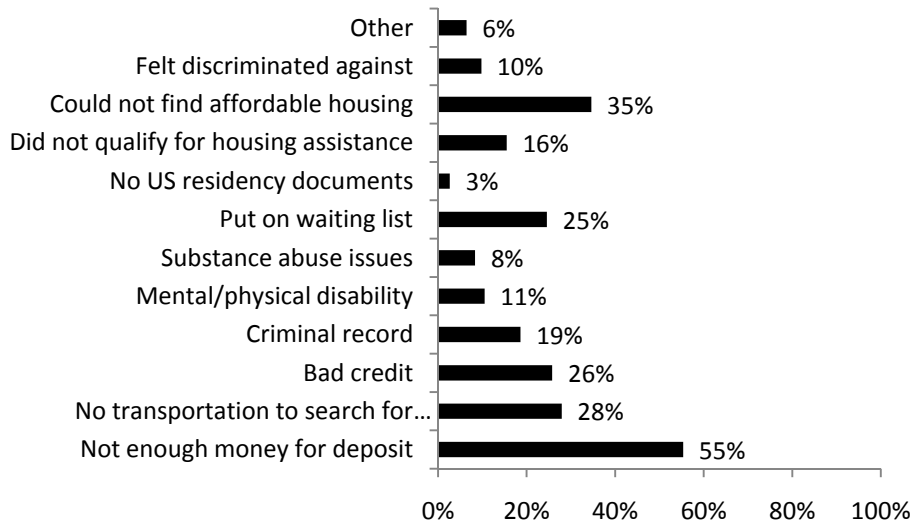
**Figure 10:** Level of Medical Care Received by Respondents (N=1319)



**Figure 11:** Respondents Reporting Problems Obtaining Housing in Last Six Months (N=1593)



**Figure 12: Reasons That Prevented Respondents From Obtaining Housing (N=414)**



Note: Respondents were permitted to select more than one category; therefore the sum of all categories may exceed 100 percent.