COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Public Health

Overview

The Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) has 4 data sources available: LACHNA, HCT, HERR, and Casewatch (please see description below). For all data requests, please visit our website first at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/aids where you will find information on HIV/AIDS data, presentations, map references, and other resources. If you are unable to find the data you are looking for online, please complete the data request form on the next page.

The HIV Epidemiology Program publishes a semi-annual Surveillance report detailing a summary of local and national reported HIV/AIDS cases. To view the Surveillance report or request HIV Epi data, please visit their website at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/hiv.

Description of Data Sources:

1. **Los Angeles Coordinated HIV Needs Assessment (LACHNA)**
    A survey that examines both prevention and care related needs through a single needs assessment process. LACHNA data is currently available for years 2007 and 2008.
    Type of data that can be obtained from LACHNA:
    - Demographic Information
    - HIV care/testing
    - HIV knowledge
    - Drug and alcohol use

2. **HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT)**
    A summary of HIV tests performed in LA County and the type of counseling provided.
    Type of data that can be obtained from HCT:
    - Number of HIV tests
    - Type of HIV tests performed (e.g. rapid, standard)
    - Number of new positives with positivity rates
    - Demographic information
    - Meth use

3. **Health Education/Risk Reduction (HERR)**
    A summary of HERR prevention services provided in LA County that is designed to track the progress or success of the intervention.
    Type of data that can be obtained from HERR:
    - Number of outreach encounters
    - Number of clients enrolled in the intervention
    - Number of HIV tests
    - Demographic information
    - Aggregate intervention completion status

4. **Casewatch**
    A system that allows an organization to track and manage patients with HIV and AIDS.
    Type of data that can be obtained from Casewatch:
    - Client service delivery
    - Client intake
    - Client referrals

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Data Request Process
1. Please complete all fields in Sections 1 and 2 below, and submit to Felicia Lacy via email: flacy@ph.lacounty.gov.
2. If approved, your request will be assigned to a research team member who will contact you for more details as needed.
3. Requests will generally be completed in two weeks. However, your request may take longer due to complexity, staff availability and/or competing priorities.
4. For assistance with completing this form or if you have questions about the status of a submitted request, please contact Felicia Lacy at (213) 351-1181 or via email at flacy@ph.lacounty.gov.

SECTION I: CONTACT INFORMATION

_____   _____   _____   _____
               Name   Date Requested   Phone   Ext.

_____   _____
             Division/Unit   Email

SECTION II: DATA REQUEST

Request Needed by:_____

Purpose: *Why do you need data?*	**Check all that apply:** ☐ Grant/proposal ☐ Community Planning ☐ Program Evaluation ☐ Needs Assessment ☐ Other, specify:_____
What research question(s) do you want answered?	*E.g. What percent of men in SPA 4 are HIV positive and inconsistently use condoms?*
Specific Data Source: *What type of data are you looking for?*	**Select one:** ☐ LACHNA ☐ HCT ☐ HERR ☐ Casewatch ☐ Other, specify: _____
Time period of interest: *For what month/year(s) are you requesting data?*	*E.g. January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007*
Population(s) of interest:	**Check all that apply:** ☐ HIV Positive Individuals ☐ Women ☐ Men ☐ Transgender ☐ Youth ☐ People who Share Needles/Works ☐ Other , specify:_____
Variable(s) of interest:	*E.g. HIV risks, substance use*

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☐ Approved, Assigned to :_____ Date:_____ Data Request #:_____   ☐ Not Approved, specify:_____