



HIV and AIDS REGISTRY

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Monthly Update

National HIV Sentinel Surveillance System (NHSSS)

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HIV Ab Seropositive Cases for the Month of July

For the month of July 2006, there were 34 new HIV Ab seropositive cases reported. All were Filipinos. Twenty five (74%) were male and nine (26%) were female. The median age was 31 years (range 22-60 years). Majority (71%) were in the 25-39 year age group. Of the 34 HIV Ab seropositive cases, 13 were from the National Capital Region (NCR). Reported modes of transmission were sexual contact (34) [*heterosexual (23), homosexual (10) and bisexual (1)*].

AIDS Cases for the Month of July

One AIDS case was reported dead in the month of July. She was 36 years old, married, housewife. She acquired the infection through heterosexual contact.

Cumulative No. of HIV Ab Seropositive and AIDS Cases

From January 1984 to July 2006, there were 2,600 HIV Ab seropositive cases reported (Figure 1), of which 1,868 (72%) were asymptomatic and 732 (28%) were AIDS cases. Majority (63%) of the cases was in the 25-39 years age group (Figure 2). Sixty-four percent (1,661) were males. Sexual intercourse (87%) was still the leading mode of transmission (Table 1). Of the AIDS cases, 288 (39%) were already dead at the time of the report due to AIDS related complications.

Figure 1. HIV Ab Seropositive Cases by Year
 HIV/AIDS Registry, January 1984-July 2006 (N=2,600)

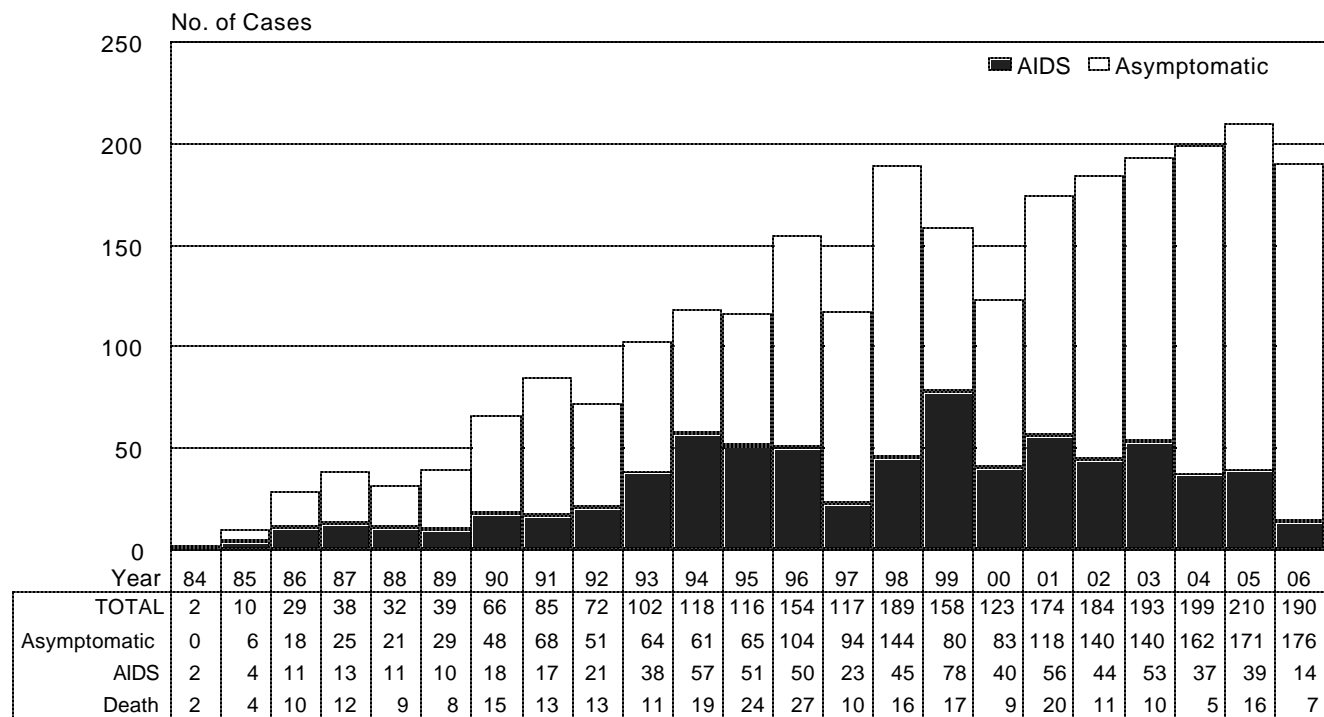
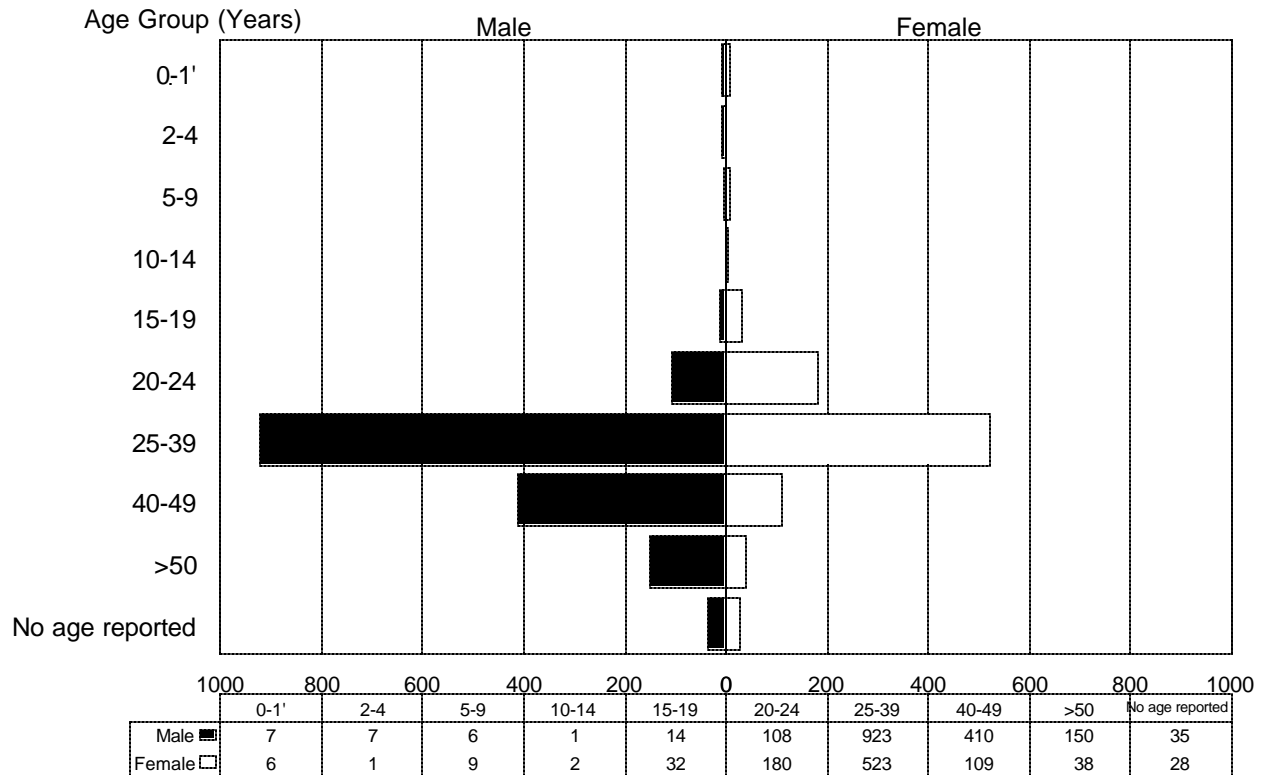


Figure 2. HIV Ab Seropositive Cases by Gender and Age Group
 HIV/AIDS Registry, January 1984-July 2006 (N=2,600)



Note: 10 cases had no reported age and gender. (1 in 1991, 3 in 1993, 3 in 1994 and 3 in 2000)
 1 case had no reported gender (2003)

Table 1. Reported Modes of Transmission
 HIV/AIDS Registry, January 1984-July 2006 (N= 2,600)

Reported Modes of Transmission	Jan.1984-July 2006 N= 2,600	July 2006 n= 34
Sexual Transmission:		
<i>Heterosexual contact</i>	1,629	23
<i>Homosexual contact</i>	483	10
<i>Bisexual contact</i>	141	1
Blood/blood products	19	0
Injecting Drug Use	7	0
Needle prick injuries	3	0
Perinatal	37	0
No exposure reported	281	0

The Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs)

For the month of July 2006, 5,931 OFWs tested for HIV and 16 were confirmed HIV Ab seropositive cases. Eleven (69%) were males and five (31%) were females. The median age was 34 years (range 26-57 years). Seventy five percent acquired infection through heterosexual contact. Majority (75%) were in the 25-39 year age group. Of the 16 OFWs who were HIV positive, six were from Region IV. Occupations vary from seafarers, domestic helper, entertainer and welder. Among the countries traveled were from Japan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and all were work-related.

Cumulative No. of HIV Ab Seropositive and AIDS Cases

Of the 2,600 HIV seropositive cases, 906 (35%) were Overseas Filipino Workers or OFWs (Figure 3), of which 307 (34%) were seafarers, 158 (17%) were domestic helpers, 80 (9%) were employees, 69 (8%) were entertainers and 57 (6%) were health workers (nurses, caregivers, health educator, medical technologist, midwife, pharmacist, physical therapist, dentist and physician). Seventy three percent (664) of OFWs were males. Majority (38%) was in the 25-39 year age group (Figure 4). Sexual intercourse (93%) remains to be the predominant mode of transmission (Table 2).

Figure 3. HIV Ab Seropositive Cases among OFWs
HIV/AIDS Registry, January 1984-July 2006 (N= 906)

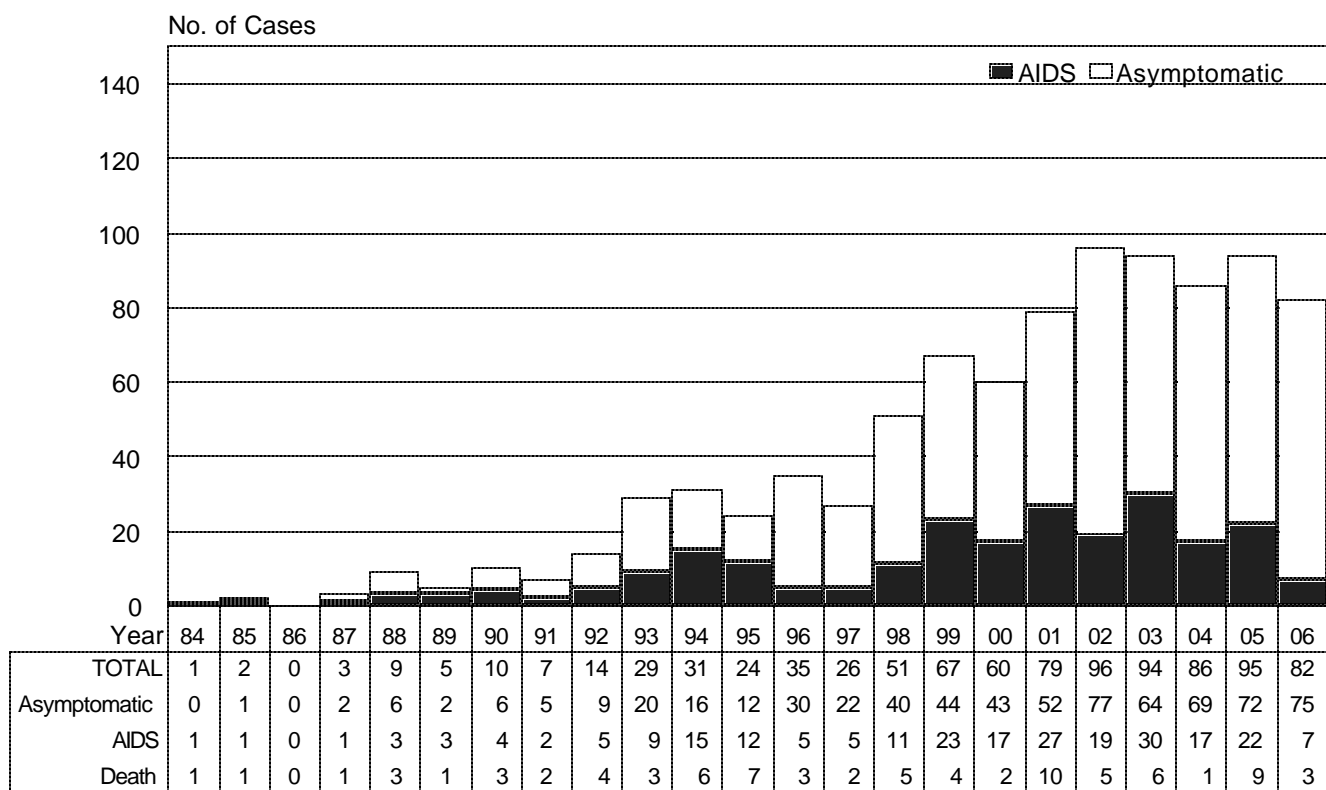


Figure 4. HIV Ab Seropositive Cases by Gender and Age Group among OFWs
 HIV/AIDS Registry, January 1984-July 2006 (N=906)

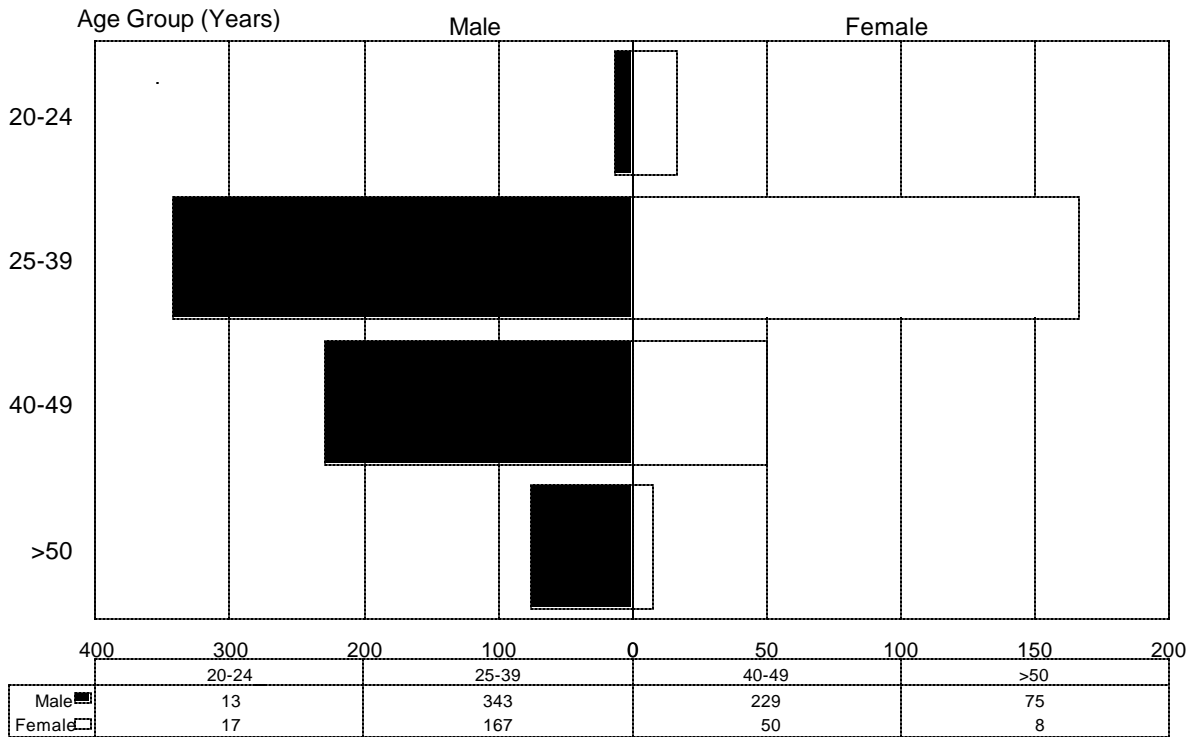


Table 2. Reported Modes of Transmission among OFWs
 HIV/AIDS Registry, January 1984-July 2006 (N= 906)

Reported Modes of Transmission	Jan. 1984-July 2006 N= 907	July 2006 n= 16
Sexual Transmission:		
<i>Heterosexual contact</i>	655	12
<i>Homosexual contact</i>	143	4
<i>Bisexual contact</i>	46	0
Blood/blood products	10	0
Injecting Drug Use	1	0
Needle prick injuries	3	0
No exposure reported	48	0

Program-Related Information

Of the 34 HIV Ab seropositive cases for the month of July, one is classified as stage II and started on Anti-retroviral (ARV) this year. One is classified as stage III, currently with opportunistic infection and is being treated with anti-TB drugs. Twenty-five of the 34 HIV Ab seropositive cases received information on HIV prevention, services available for HIV cases, implications of an HIV positive result from screening and confirmation from the laboratory where they were tested. Other sources of information were the pre-departure orientation seminar (PDOS), one-on-one counseling and through pamphlets.

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