1 in 22 blacks will get HIV, CDC report says

October 14 2010

(AP) -- Health officials estimate that 1 in 22 black Americans will be diagnosed with the AIDS virus in their lifetime - more than twice the risk for Hispanics and eight times that of whites.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported the numbers Thursday. The report says the lifetime risk is 1 in 52 for Hispanics, and 1 in 170 for whites.

Asian-Americans had the lowest lifetime risk, at about 1 in 222.

The data is not considered surprising. Earlier research has shown blacks, especially, have a high risk of HIV infection.

The estimates are based on 2007 death certificates, population figures and HIV surveillance data from 37 states and Puerto Rico. They update similar calculations reported two years ago.

More information: CDC report: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr

©2010 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.

Citation: 1 in 22 blacks will get HIV, CDC report says (2010, October 14) retrieved 23 April 2024 from https://medicalxpress.com/news/2010-10-1-22-blacks-hiv-cdc.html

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private

study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.