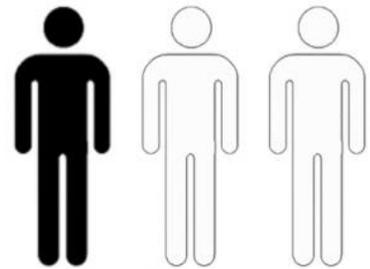


DRUG and ALCOHOL USE— a significant risk factor for HIV

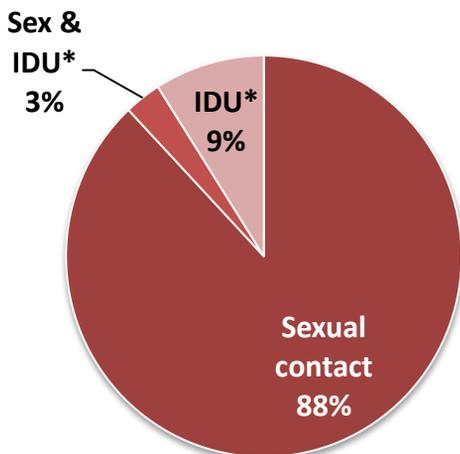
A third of the 1.2 million Americans with HIV currently use drugs or binge on alcohol. Contrary to popular belief, it is not the sharing of contaminated injection equipment that primarily links drug use to the HIV epidemic. Rather, drug as well as alcohol use can impair judgment and lead to risky sexual behavior and HIV transmission. This is why substance abuse treatment can play an important role in preventing the spread of HIV.

1.2 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV¹

From 2005 to 2009, 1 in 3 persons
with HIV was a current drug user or
binged on alcohol.²



HIV incidence by
transmission, 2009¹



DRUG and ALCOHOL
use are associated
with **LESS** frequent
CONDOM use.

24%
of all persons with HIV are in
need of substance abuse
treatment²

(1) [CDC](#); (2) [NSDUH](#); (*) Injection drug use.