

In April, 2006, a change in California law required health care providers, laboratories, and local health departments to begin reporting cases of HIV infection by name. Previously, cases of HIV infection in California were reported using a non-name code. Because of various technical complexities associated with implementation of the new law, there were statewide delays in the submission of HIV/AIDS data by counties to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) (formerly known as, the California Department of Health Services). Due to this reporting delay, no HIV or AIDS data were available for the month of April 2006. All AIDS and HIV cases reported to CDPH for April, 2006 were included in the May, 2006 statistics. Please contact Juan Ruiz, Chief, HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Branch, at (916) 449-5832 if you have any questions.