



State of Montana

AIDS Drug Assistance Program Fact Sheet

ADAP Provides Life-saving Drugs for Low Income HIV+ Americans With No Health Insurance

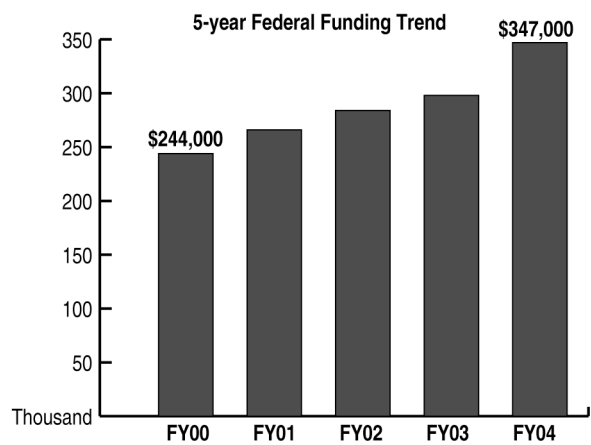
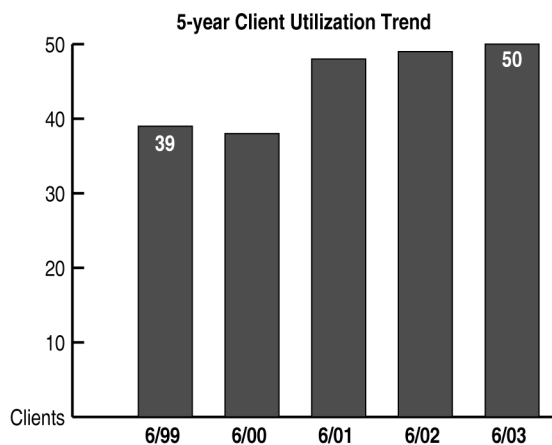
As of 6/03, there were **60** Montanans enrolled in ADAP, approximately 33% of the people living with AIDS in the state. Individuals have to make less than 330% of the Federal Poverty Level to qualify for assistance. 86% of Montana ADAP clients have incomes less than \$20,000/year, 8% are members of racial minorities, and 16% are female.

ADAP is Funded Under the Ryan White CARE Act

In Fiscal Year 2004, Montana received \$347,000 in Federal funding, a 16% increase over FY03. For FY05, the state needs an increase of **\$100,000** to keep pace with program growth. Federal Ryan White dollars account for 100% of the total funding for Montana ADAP.

Montana ADAP is in Crisis

Due to the funding shortfall, there were **8 people waiting to enroll into the program** as of 6/2004 (3 months into FY04).



Source: ADAP Monitoring Project

The HIV Epidemic is Still Growing in Montana

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Living AIDS Cases	149	158	165	172	181

Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

With the availability of effective treatment, people infected with HIV are living longer and healthier lives. In addition, the CDC estimates that there are 40,000 new HIV infections annually in the U.S. With the recent Rapid Testing Initiative to identify people who don't know their HIV status, the demand for treatment provided by ADAP is expected to grow even more. Nationally, ADAP needs an **increase of \$217 million** for Fiscal Year 2005 to prevent the collapse of this vital program.

The Save ADAP Committee is a Working Group of the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition (ATAC), a national coalition of AIDS treatment activists and policy advocates. Working in conjunction with ADAP clients and service providers on the grassroots level, Save ADAP aims to ensure adequate funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. For more information go to: www.atac-usa.org/adap.html.