

AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) are in a state of emergency. In recent months we have witnessed an exponential growth in ADAP waiting lists. According to the National Alliance for State and Territorial AIDS Directors, wait lists have increased over five fold since the beginning of 2009. The \$167 million in state budget cuts to AIDS programs has truly shaken ADAPs nation wide. In 2000, Congress appropriated 69% of the federal ADAP earmark; a portion which has decreased to 49% in 2009. This severe drop in the federal commitment to ADAP, in addition to state budget crises, has largely been the catalyst for the most recent spike in HIV patients placed on wait lists.

Individuals on ADAP Waiting List as officially reported since January 1, 2009 to October 8, 2009

