

Indicator 46. AIDS Knowledge and Attitudes

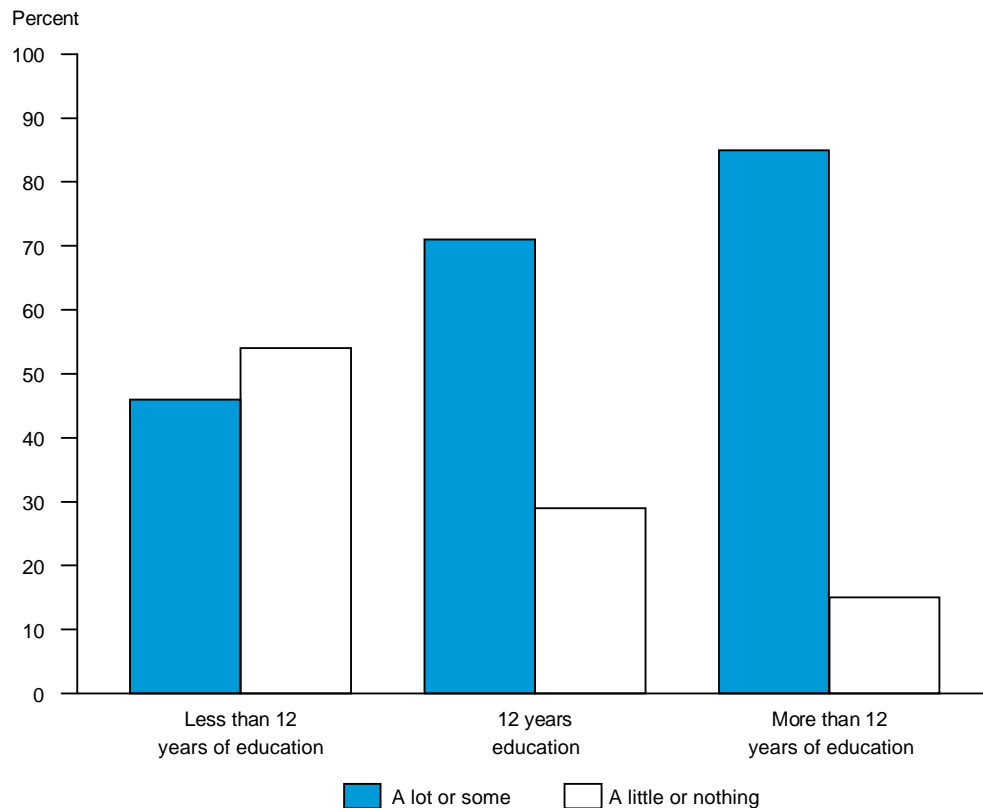
Percent of persons 18 years old and over with selected AIDS knowledge and attitudes, by selected characteristics: 1992

AIDS knowledge and attitude	Total	Age		Sex		Years of school completed		
		18–29 years	30–49 years	Male	Female	Less than 12 years	12 years	More than 12 years
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
How much would you say you know about AIDS?								
A lot	26	31	31	26	27	14	23	36
Some	45	50	50	45	45	32	48	49
A little	21	17	17	22	20	32	24	13
Nothing	7	2	3	7	7	22	5	2
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AIDS is an infectious disease caused by a virus.								
True	85	92	90	87	83	75	85	91
False	4	3	4	4	5	4	5	4
Don't know	10	5	6	9	12	21	10	5
AIDS can reduce the body's natural protection against disease.								
True	87	90	92	88	86	68	87	96
False	3	3	3	3	4	6	4	2
Don't know	10	7	6	9	10	26	9	3
Have you ever discussed AIDS with any of your children 10–17 years of age?								
Yes	75	55	76	64	84	64	74	79
No	25	43	23	35	16	36	25	20
Have any or all of your children 10–17 years of age had instruction at school about AIDS?								
Yes	76	64	77	72	80	72	77	78
No	8	20	8	7	10	9	8	8
Don't know	15	15	15	20	10	19	15	14
What are your chances of getting the AIDS virus?								
High	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Medium	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3
Low	29	38	33	31	27	17	26	37
None	64	53	60	62	67	72	68	57
Don't know	3	2	3	3	3	6	3	2
N/A-High chance of already having the AIDS virus	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, *Advance Data*, no. 225 and no. 243.

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Self-reported knowledge of persons 18 years old and over about AIDS, by level of education: 1992



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More educated persons believe they know more about AIDS than those with less education. Fifty-four percent of those with less than 12 years of education reported that they knew little or nothing about AIDS, yet 72 percent reported they had no chance of getting the disease. However, only 15 percent of those with more than 12 years of education reported knowing little or nothing and 57 percent reported no chance of getting AIDS. More women than men, 84 percent as compared with 64 percent, reported discussing AIDS with their children 10 to 17 years of age.