HIV Cases Continue to Rise Among Women in Wisconsin

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The rate of new HIV infections among women in Wisconsin continues to grow although the state's overall number of new cases has remained stabile the past 10 years, The Associated Press reports.

According to the article, 391 people in Wisconsin became newly infected in 2008, down slightly from the annual average of 400 cases during the past decade. Currently, women make up 21 percent of the state's new infections compared with 16 percent in the 1990s. In the 1980s, women accounted for just 6 percent of Wisconsin's HIV cases.

Christina Colon, an executive at the Aids Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), said that the group is using health fairs to educate women on prevention.

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