

because respondents could select more than one drug. None of the IDU juvenile arrestees had injected drugs during the last six months, whereas one-third of the adult arrestees who had ever injected drugs had done so in the last six months.

Of those adult arrestees who had ever injected drugs (n=175), 37% admitted to having shared needles, while only 20% of the juvenile arrestees admitted such sharing. Of the juveniles who admitted to sharing, all said they used to share in the past but refrain now. Of the adults who had shared needles, 75% said they used to share but now refrain; 20% said they share some of the time; and 5% said they share most of the time. Further, almost half of the adult arrestees who had ever shared needles said that 1) AIDS had affected their sharing (27%) and 2) that they had stopped injecting drugs because of the threat of AIDS (22%). Almost 52% of the adult needle sharers said AIDS had not affected their sharing and, in fact, 47% had shared since they heard about AIDS. Finally, of the 109 adult arrestees who had never shared needles, 57% said they had never shared because of AIDS. While the numbers for the juveniles are small, of the eight who said they had never shared needles, seven said they had never shared because of AIDS.