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AIDS alarm

MORE than one in 10 young gay men, especially blacks, in major US cities were infected with the AIDS virus, researchers said yesterday.

Tests and interviews of more than 2400 young men in Baltimore, Dallas, New York, Los Angeles, Miami and Seattle showed an average of 12 per cent were HIV-positive. An "alarming" 46 per cent reported unprotected sex in the previous six months.

Researchers said it was clear the message was not getting through to those at most risk of HIV.