

# HIV Basics for Health Educators and other Non-Clinical Providers

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# HIV Webinar Series for Health Educators



April 28, 2021 11:00am-12:00pm

- Part I: HIV Basics for Non-Clinical Providers with Dr. Daniela DiMarco

May 5, 2021 11:00am-12:00pm

- Part II: HIV Prevention Strategies for Young People with Dr. Erica Bostick

# Part I Objectives

1. Define HIV and AIDS
2. Describe ways in which HIV can be transmitted
3. Describe the epidemiology and risk factors for HIV in young people
4. List testing options for HIV
5. Understand the principle behind U=U



# Note on Data Limitations

HIV/STI data and reporting has historically been based on sex assigned at birth

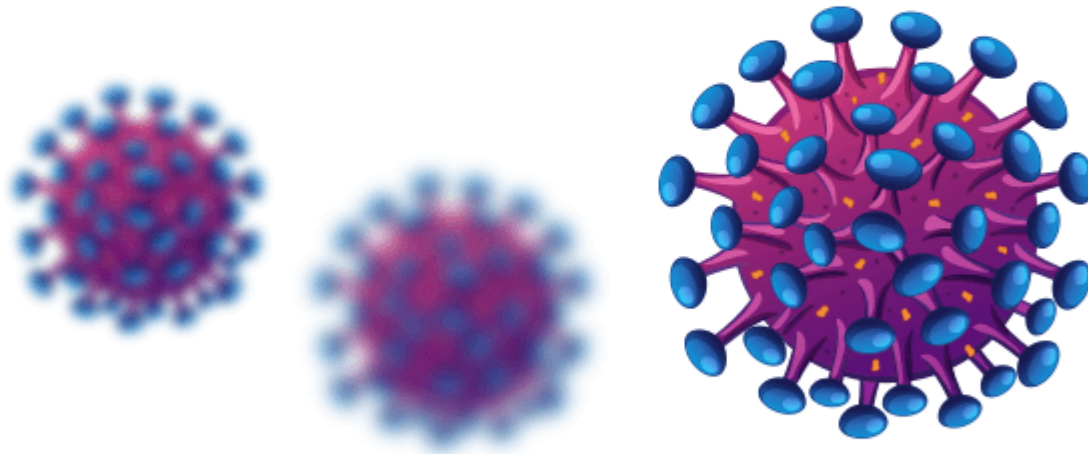
- In NYS, data is now being collected/reported with attention to gender with regard to HIV and STIs

Release of 2019 surveillance data from CDC and NYS has been delayed due to the pandemic

# WHAT IS HIV?

## Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

is a virus that attacks cells that help the body fight infection.

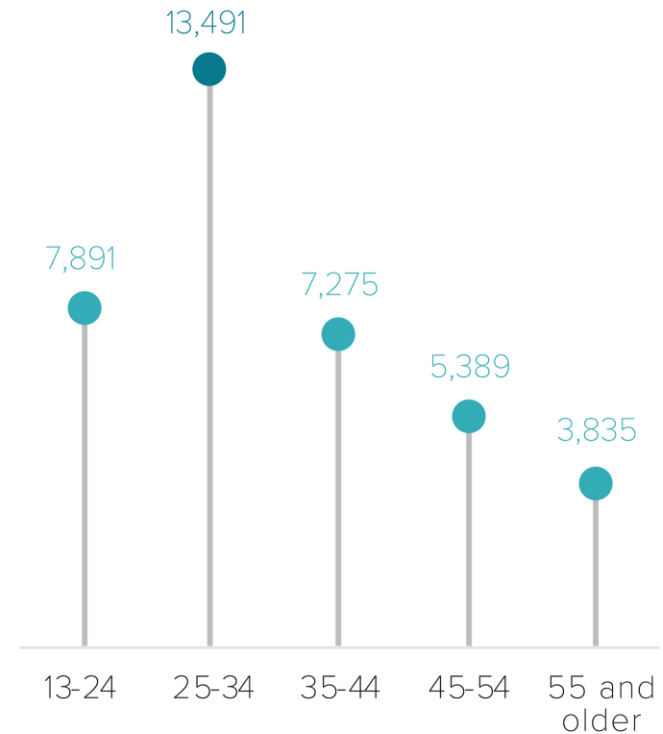


There's no cure, but it is **treatable** with medicine.



# New HIV Diagnoses in the US and Dependent Areas by Age, 2018

**The number of new HIV diagnoses was highest among people aged 25 to 34.**



Source: CDC. Diagnoses of HIV infection in the United States and dependent areas, 2018 (updated). *HIV Surveillance Report* 2020;31.

# Definitions



HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

AIDS – Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

OI – Opportunistic infection

Viral load – Number of copies of a virus detectable in the blood stream

CD4 T-Cell – A subtype of white blood cell impacted by HIV infection

DNA – Deoxyribonucleic acid; Double strand of genetic code that makes up the body's chromosomes or "genes"

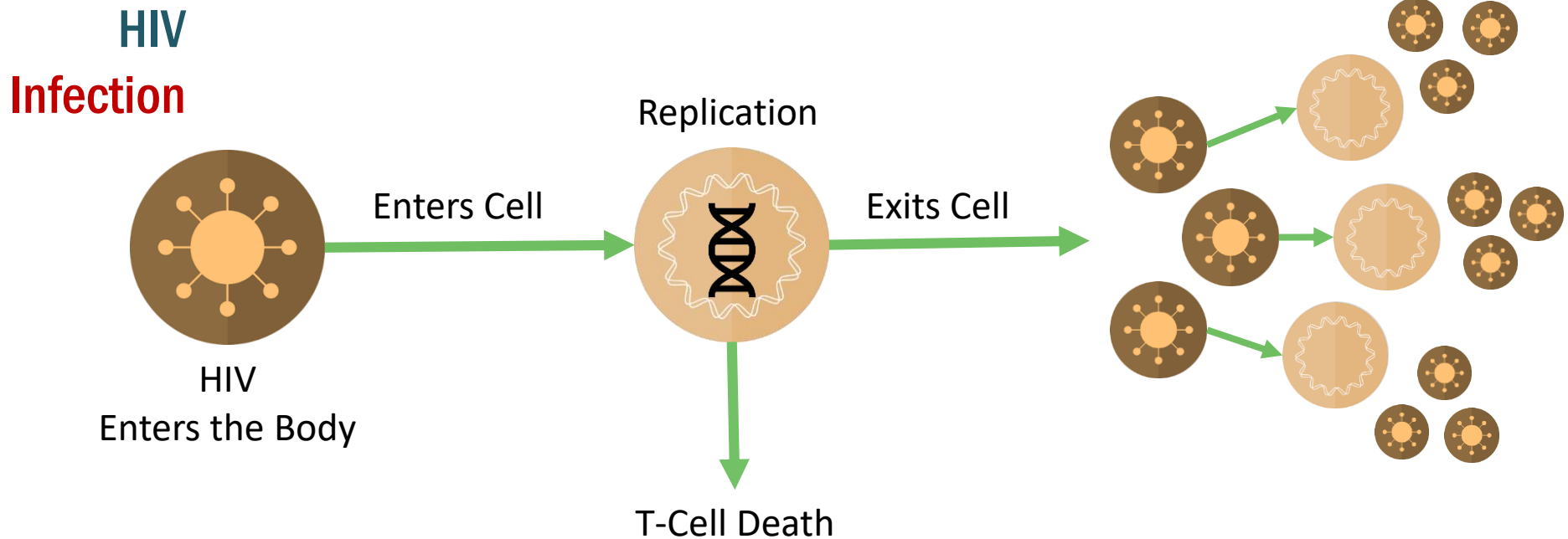
RNA – Ribonucleic acid; Single strand of genetic code made by DNA

PrEP – Medication used to prevent HIV before and during potential exposure

PEP – Medication used to prevent HIV after a potential exposure

# What exactly is HIV?

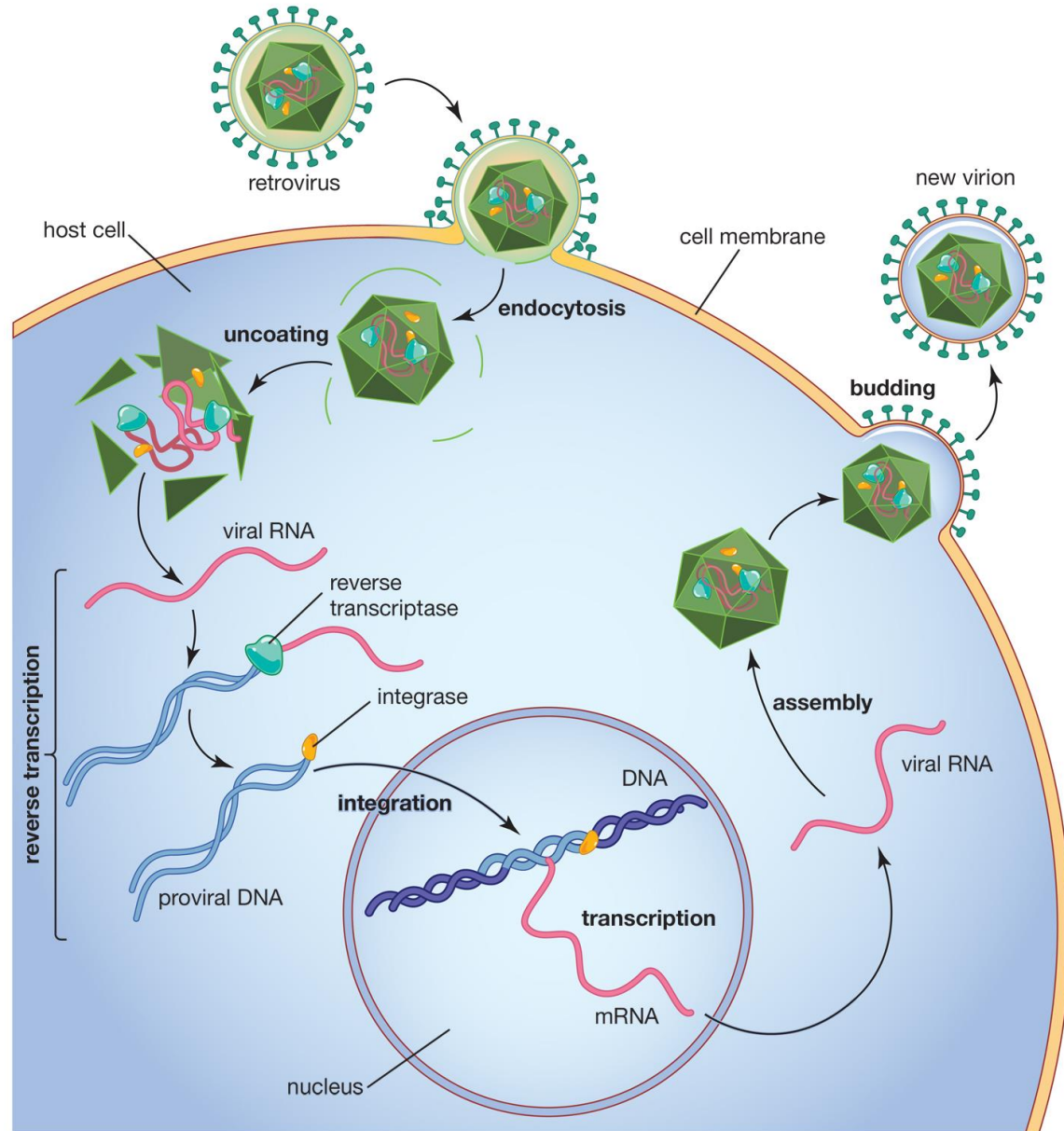
- Single stranded RNA retrovirus (copies itself)
- Attacks the immune system lowering CD4 T-cells that are important for fighting off infections





# How does this all work?

## Retrovirus infection and reverse transcription



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<https://www.britannica.com/science/reverse-transcriptase#/media/1/500460/124682>

# Where did HIV come from?

## HIV Origins

- Central African chimpanzees with SIV
- Chimps were hunted for food by humans, who came in contact with their blood and tissues
- Likely present in humans in Africa dating back to the late 1800s
- Since that time, HIV spread across Africa and the rest of the world
- Present in the US since at least the 1970s



Image Source: CDC.gov

# HIV vs. AIDS

HIV refers to the infection itself

AIDS refers to advanced HIV infection when the CD4 count  $<200$ ; this usually takes several years

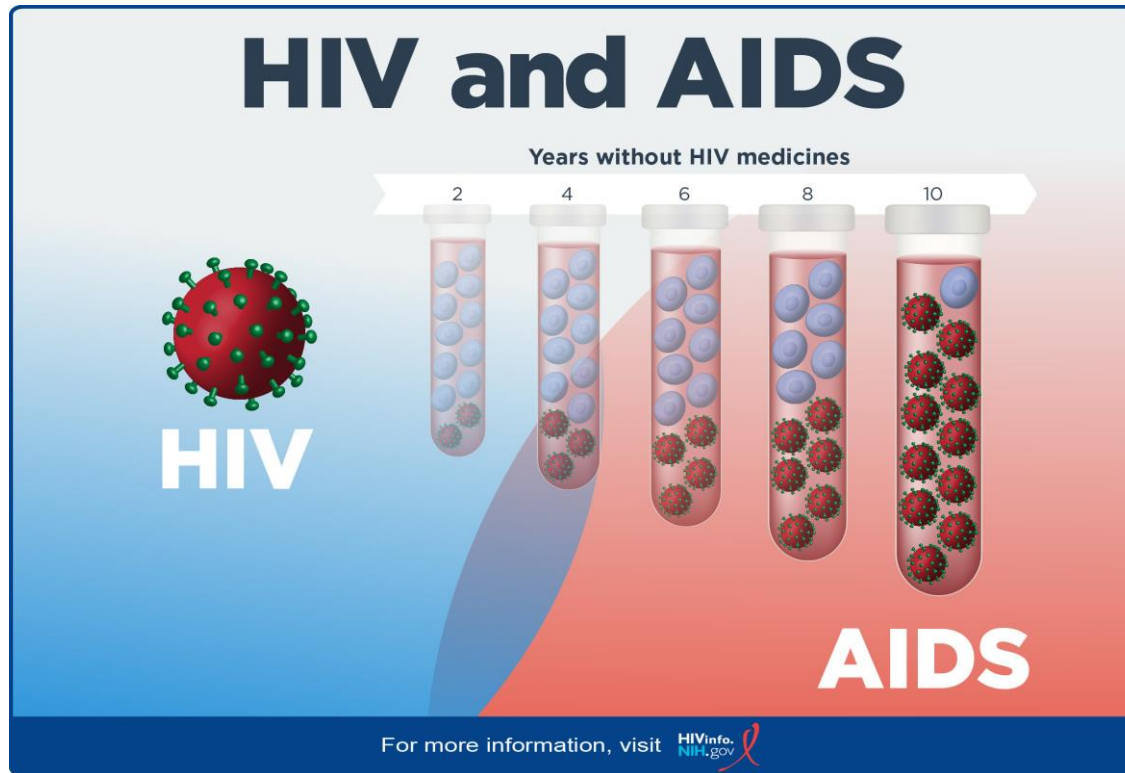
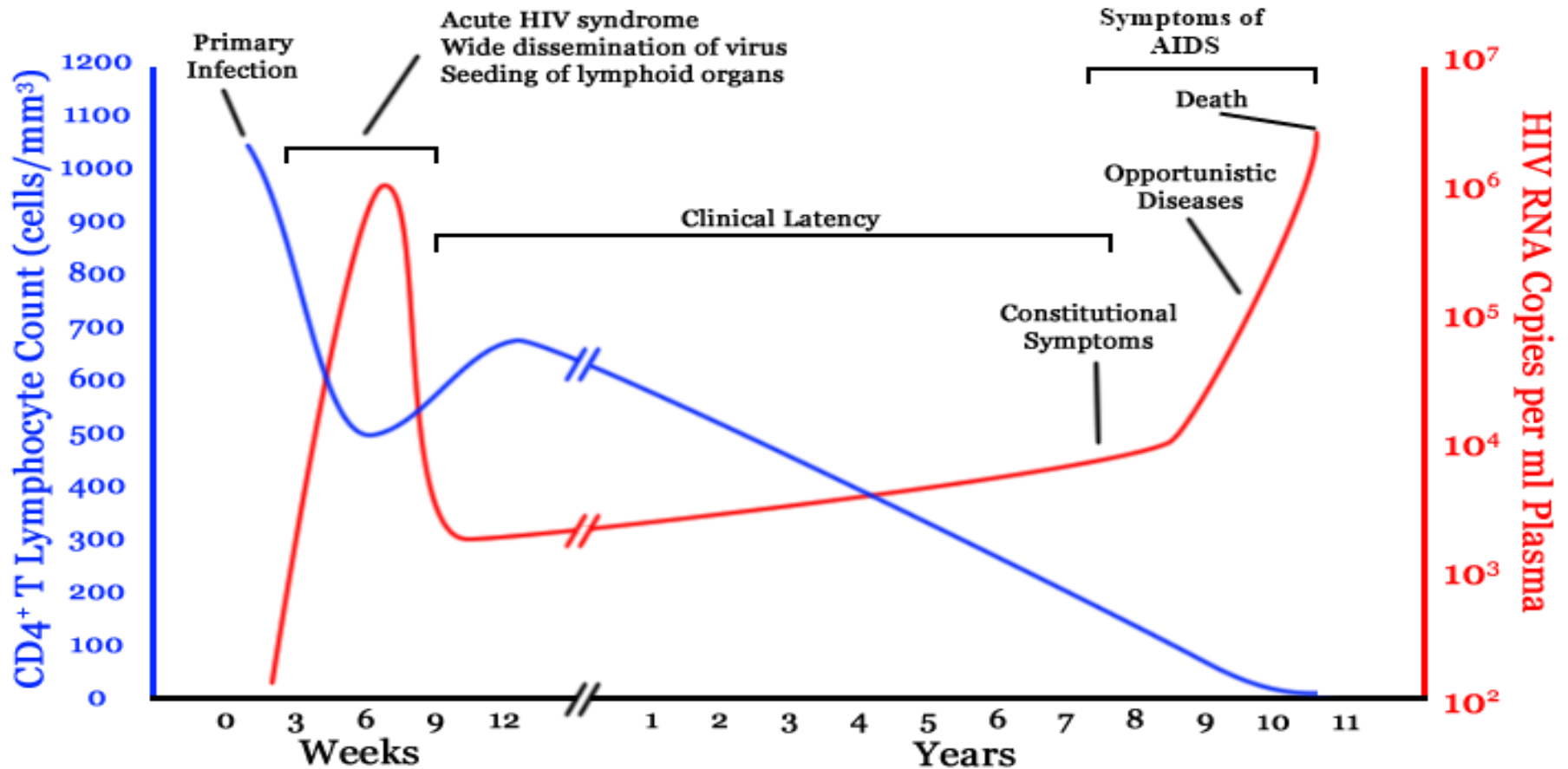


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[hivinfo.nih.gov](http://hivinfo.nih.gov)

# HIV Time Course



Based on Figure 1 in Pantaleo, G *et al.* (February 1993). "New concepts in the immunopathogenesis of human immunodeficiency virus infection". *New England Journal of Medicine* **328** (5): 327-335. [PMID 8093551](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/8093551/).

# HIV vs. AIDS



Why the distinction?

- People living with AIDS are at risk for opportunistic infections (OIs) due to the destruction of CD4 white blood cells that fight off infections
  - Fungal, bacterial, parasitic
  - OIs are considered an “AIDS-defining illness”
  - Some OIs can be prevented with medications when the CD4 count is low
  - Often, the CD4 count improves with effective treatment of HIV
- Risk of other infections that are not OIs also increased

# Symptoms of Acute HIV

Fever

Rash

Muscle aches

Oral ulcers

Sore throat

Swollen lymph nodes

Drenching sweats

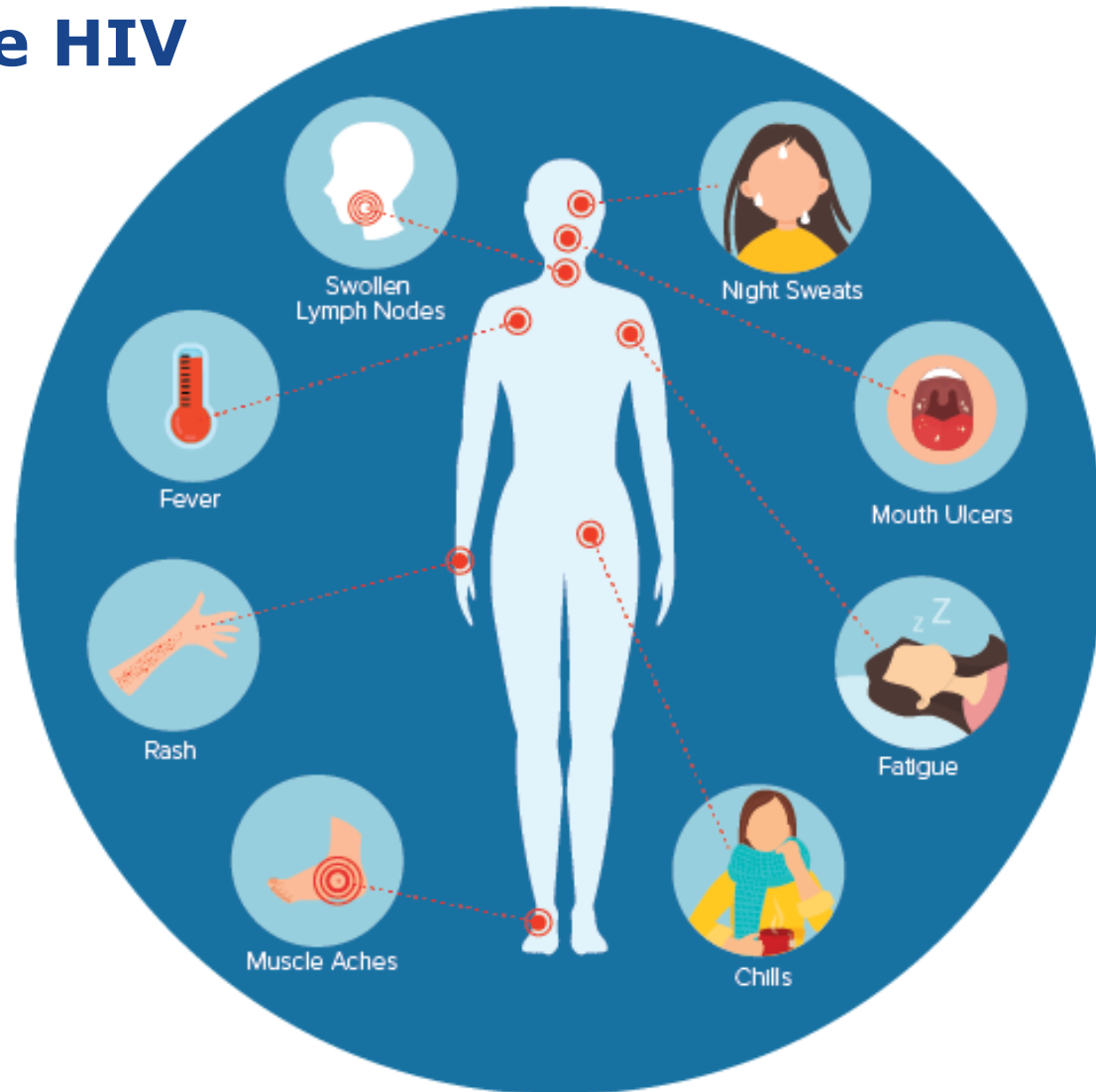


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# Chronic HIV Infection (without AIDS)

No symptoms, though HIV is still active

- Can be transmitted if viral load not suppressed
- Can lower CD4 count over time to cause AIDS

Chronic health issues can develop later in life similar to individuals without HIV

- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes
- COPD
- Osteoporosis
- Kidney disease

# Progression to AIDS

Weight loss

Rash, wounds

Encephalopathy

Frequent or bacterial  
infections

Invasive viral infections  
(CMV, HSV)

Oral thrush

Some other AIDS Defining  
Illnesses:

- Certain cancers (lymphoma, cervical, Kaposi sarcoma)
- PML
- CNS Toxoplasmosis
- Pneumocystis pneumonia
- Disseminated Mycobacterium avium complex
- CMV retinitis or colitis
- Disseminated histoplasmosis



# HIV CAN BE TRANSMITTED BY



**Sexual Contact**



**Sharing Needles  
to Inject Drugs**



**Mother to Baby During  
Pregnancy, Birth, or  
Breastfeeding**

# HIV IS NOT TRANSMITTED BY



**Air or Water**



**Saliva, Sweat, Tears, or  
Closed-Mouth Kissing**



**Insects or Pets**



**Sharing Toilets,  
Food, or Drinks**



# Body Fluids and HIV Transmission



## Associated:

- Blood
- Semen, vaginal/cervical secretions
- Breast milk
- Internal body fluids/tissues:
  - Spinal fluid
  - Heart, Lungs, abdominal organs
  - Joints
  - Amniotic fluid

## No Association:

- Tears
- Nasal secretions
- Saliva
- Sputum
- Sweat
- Urine
- Vomit

# Estimated Per-Act Probability of HIV Transmission by Exposure

Exposure/Activity		Risk of Transmission (per 10,000 Exposures)
<b>Sex</b>	Receptive Anal	138
	Insertive Anal	11
	Receptive Vaginal	8
	Insertive Vaginal	4
	Receptive Oral	Low
	Insertive Oral	Low
<b>Parenteral</b>	Blood Transfusion	9250
	Needle Sharing	63
	Needle Stick	23
<b>Other</b>	Biting	Negligible
	Spitting	Negligible
	Sharing Sex Toys	Negligible

Table Adapted from CDC.gov

Patel P, Borkowf CB, Brooks JT. Et al. Estimating per-act HIV transmission risk: a systematic review. AIDS. 2014. doi: 10.1097/QAD.0000000000000298.

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# Additional Factors that Increase HIV Transmission Risk

## Activities:

- Condomless sex
- Multiple partners
- Anonymous partners
- Having sex while under the influence of drugs or alcohol

## Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including:

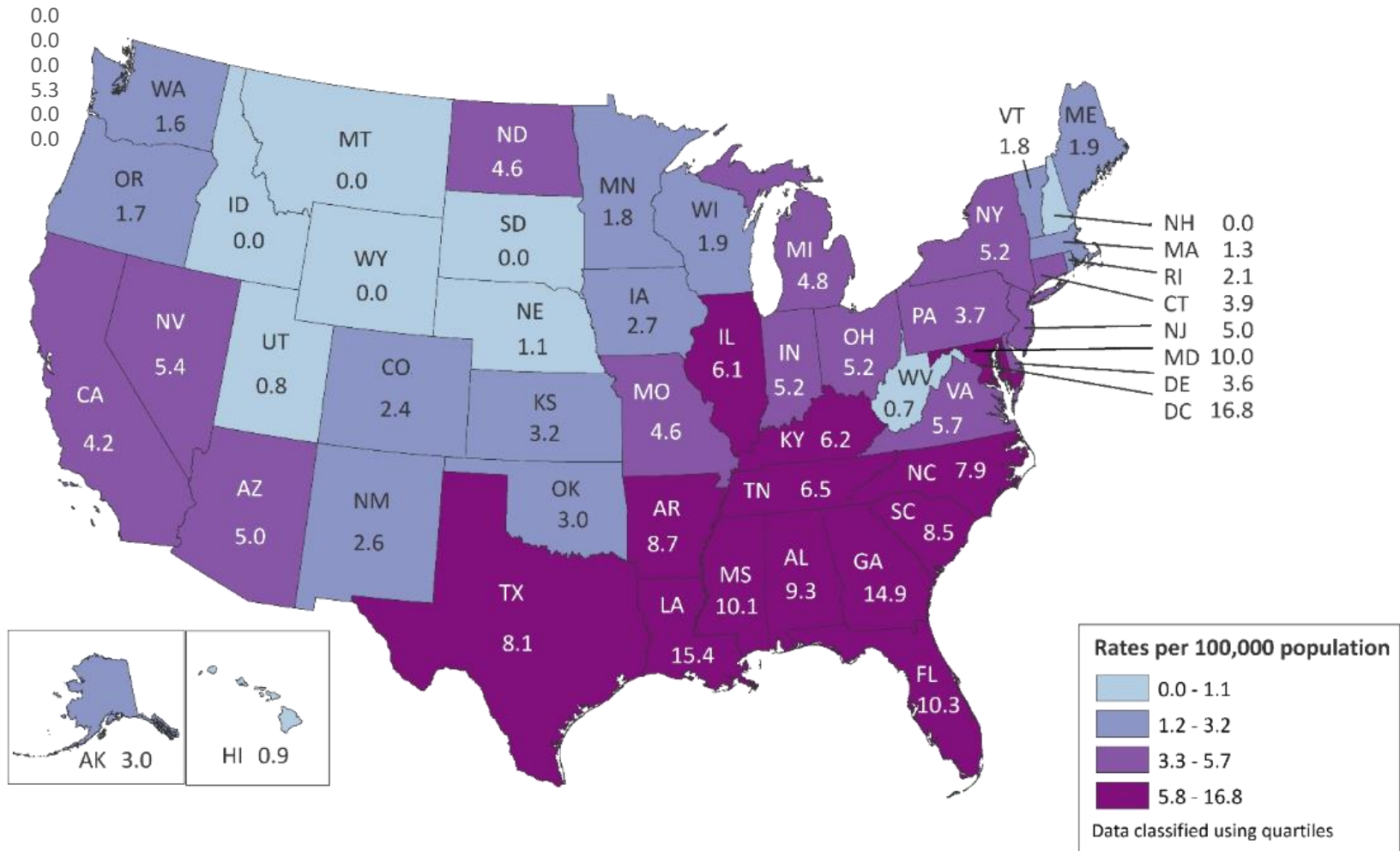
- Syphilis
- Gonorrhea
- Chlamydia
- Herpes
- Many others...

# Rates of Diagnoses of HIV Infection among Adolescents Aged 13–19 Years 2018—United States and 6 Dependent Areas

N = 1,722

Total Rate = 5.8

American Samoa 0.0  
Guam 0.0  
Northern Mariana Islands 0.0  
Puerto Rico 5.3  
Republic of Palau 0.0  
U.S. Virgin Islands 0.0



Note. Data for the year 2018 are considered preliminary and based on 6 months reporting delay.

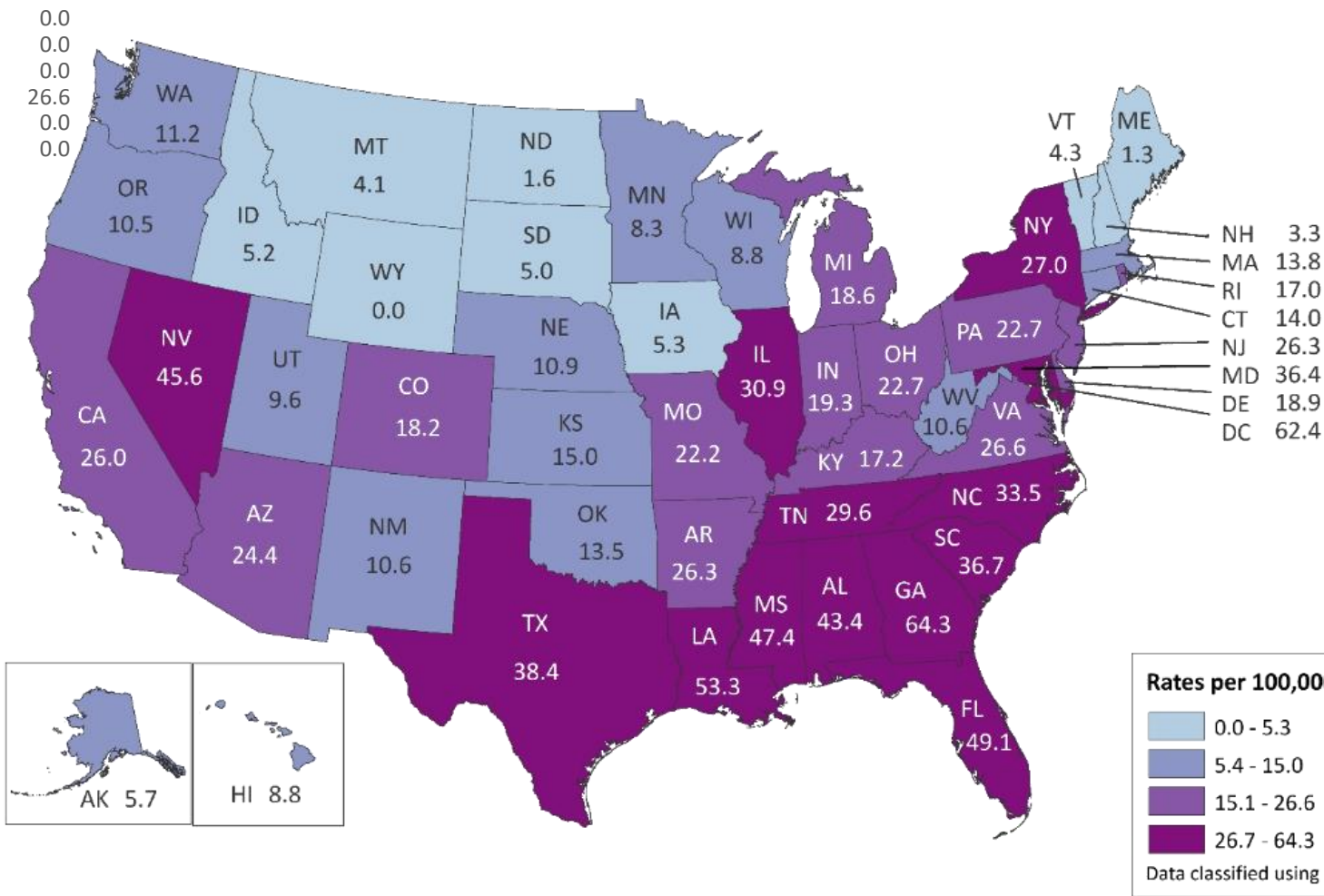


# Rates of Diagnoses of HIV Infection among Young Adults Aged 20–24 Years 2018—United States and 6 Dependent Areas

N = 6,085

Total Rate = 27.5

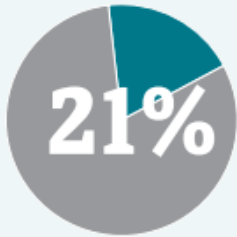
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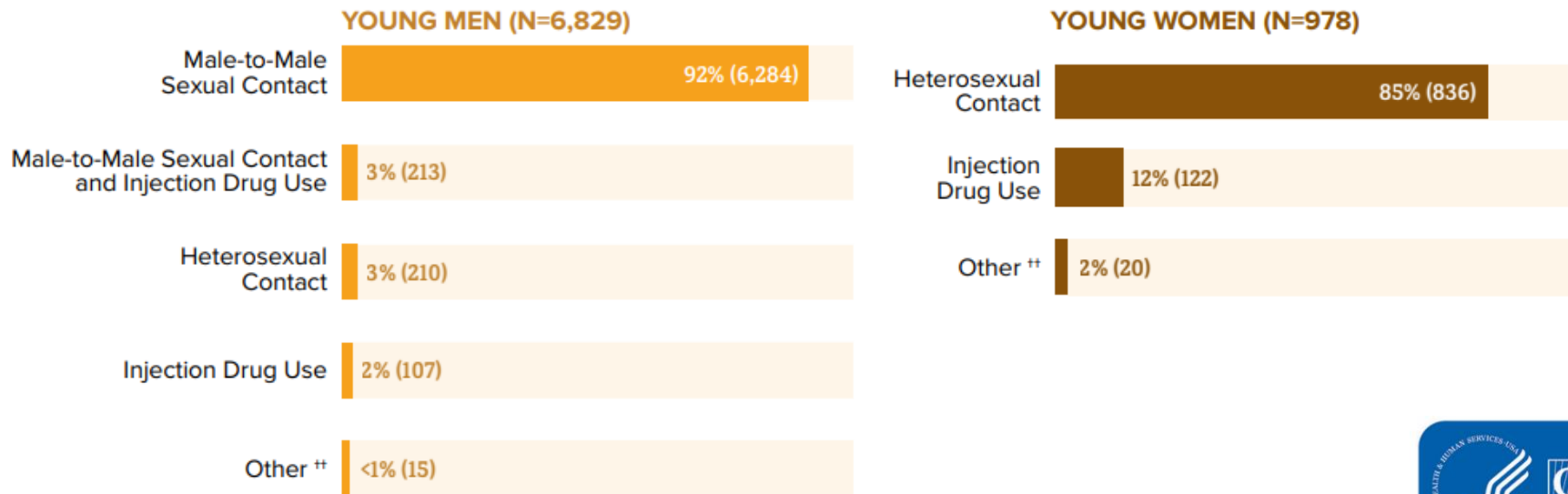


# HIV and Youth



Of the **37,832 NEW HIV DIAGNOSES** in the US and dependent areas\* in 2018, 21% were among youth. †

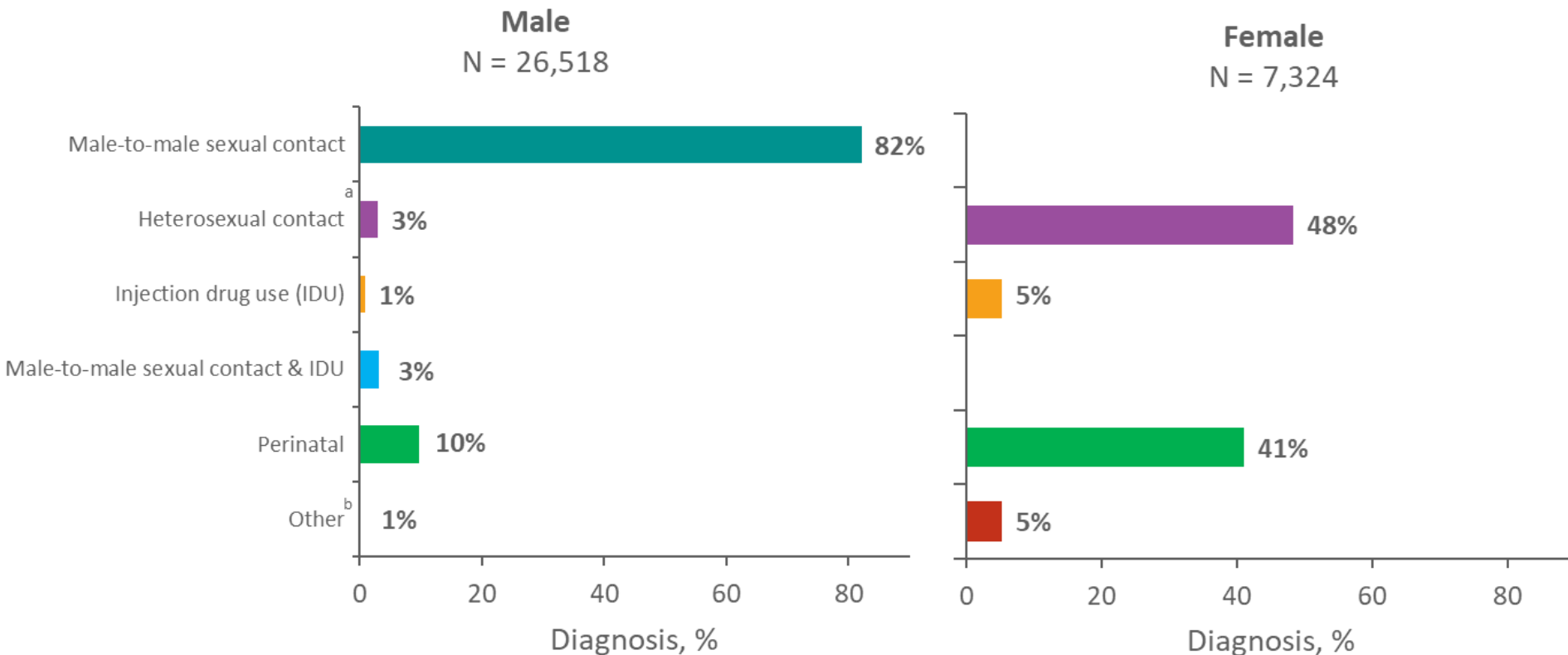
Most new HIV diagnoses among youth were among young gay and bisexual men. † \*\*



Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.



# Adolescents and Young Adults Aged 13–24 Years Living with Diagnosed HIV Infection by Sex and Transmission Category, Year-end 2017—United States and 6 Dependent Areas



*Note.* Data have been statistically adjusted to account for missing transmission category. “Other” transmission category not displayed as it comprises 1% or less of cases.

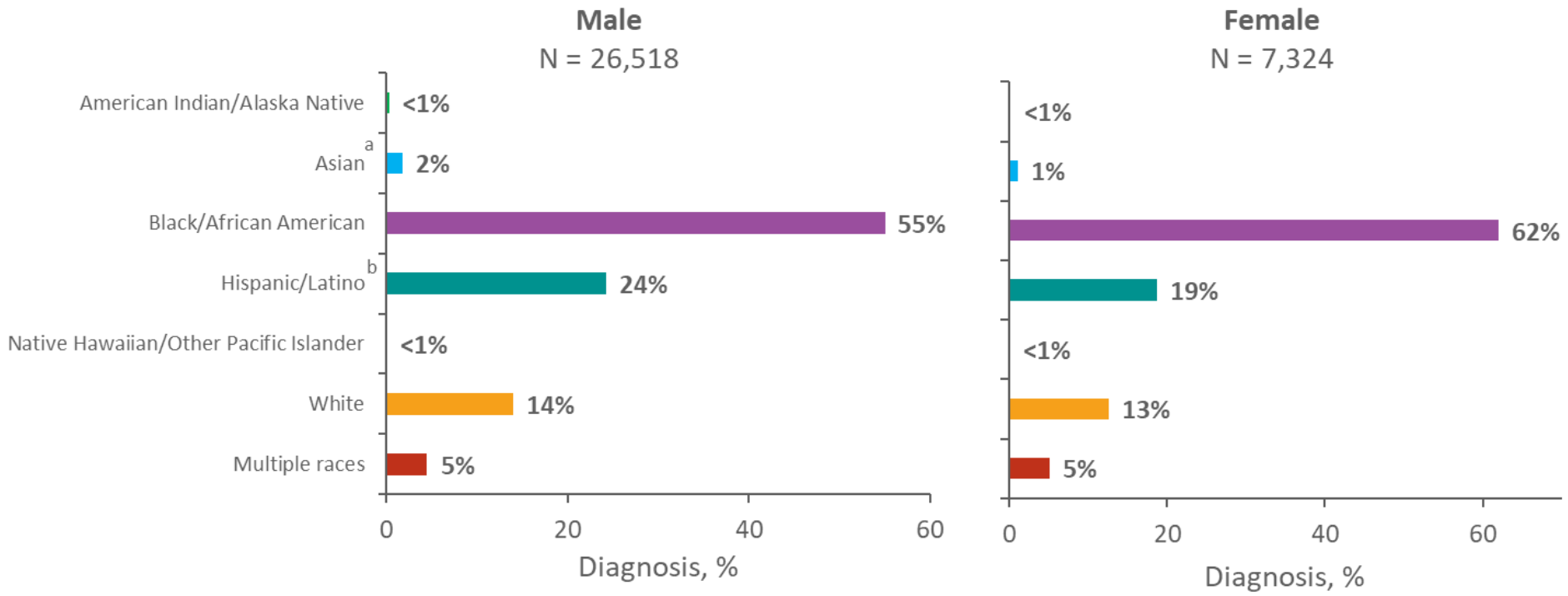
<sup>a</sup> Heterosexual contact with a person known to have, or to be at high risk for, HIV infection.

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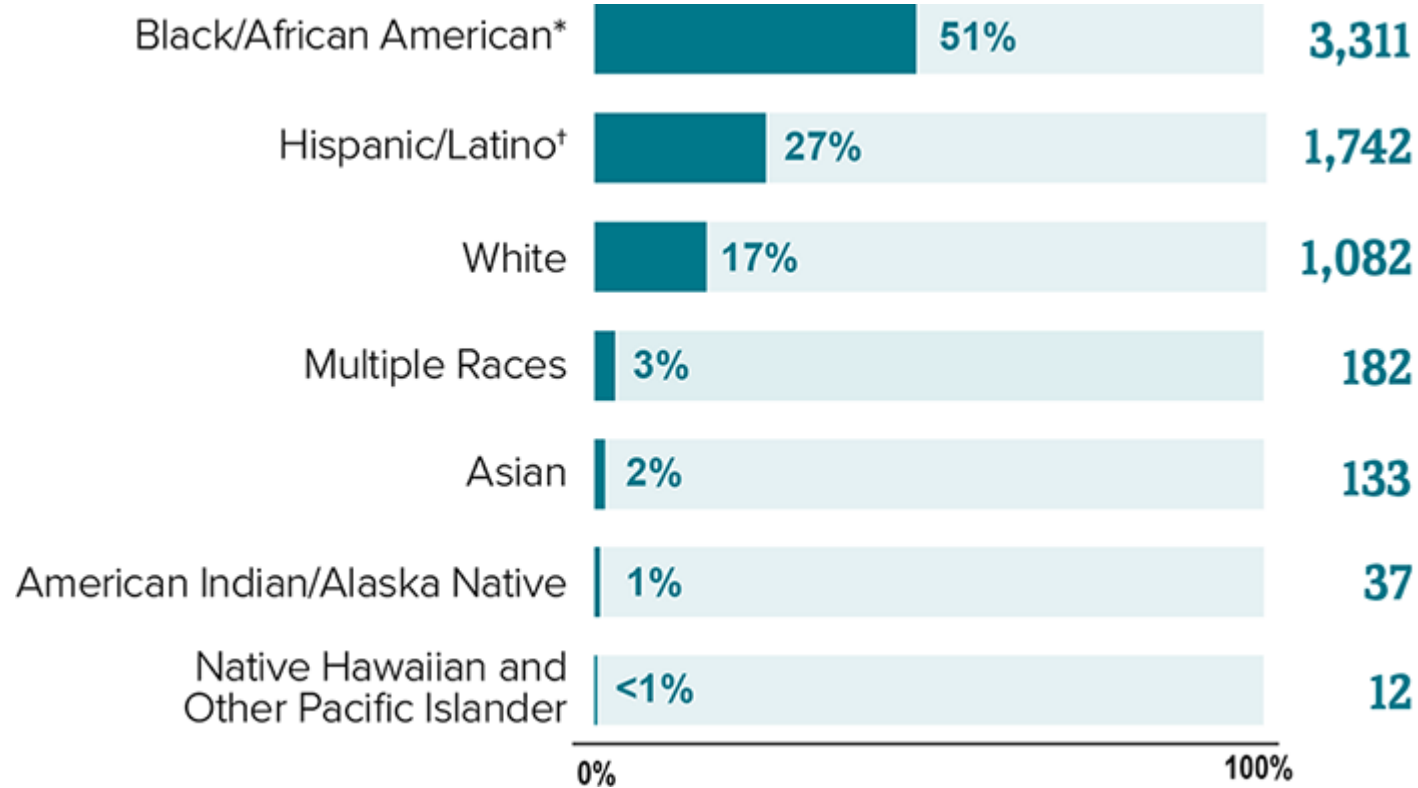
# Adolescents and Young Adults Aged 13–24 Years Living with Diagnosed HIV Infection, by Sex and Race/Ethnicity, Year-end 2017—United States and 6 Dependent Areas



<sup>a</sup> Includes Asian/Pacific Islander legacy cases.  
<sup>b</sup> Hispanics/Latinos can be of any race.



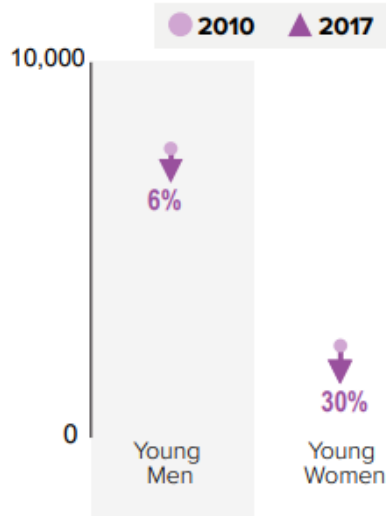
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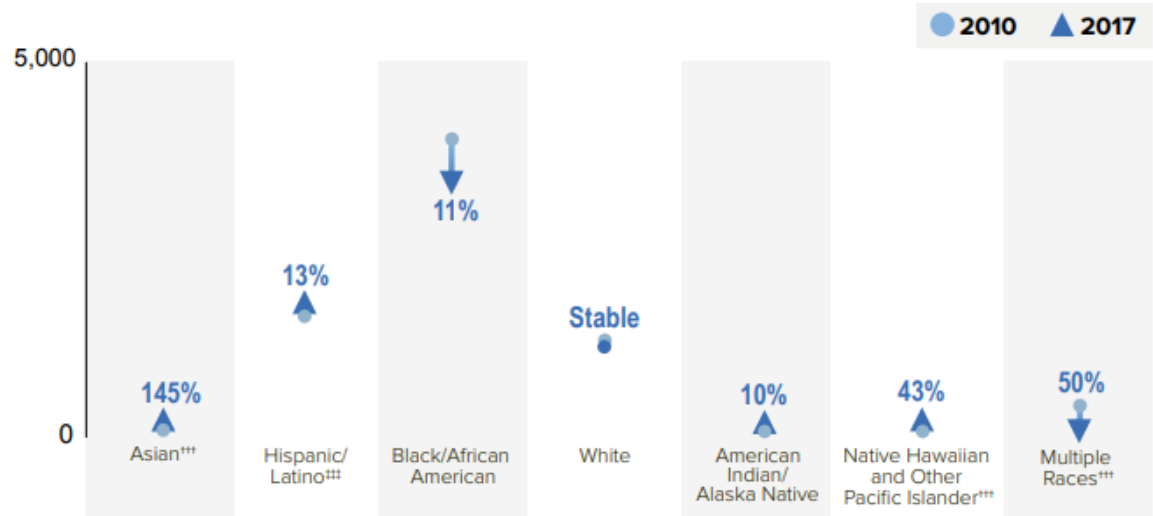
HIV diagnoses declined 10% among youth overall from 2010 to 2017.<sup>††</sup> Although trends varied for different groups of youth, HIV diagnoses declined for groups most affected by HIV, including young black/African American gay and bisexual men.<sup>\*\*\*</sup>



## Trends by Sex



## Trends for Young Gay and Bisexual Men by Race and Ethnicity



\* American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Republic of Palau, and the US Virgin Islands.

† Persons aged 13 to 24 are referred to as *youth* or *young* in this fact sheet.

†† This fact sheet uses the term *gay and bisexual men* to represent gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men.

††† Includes infections attributed to male-to-male sexual contact *and* injection drug use (men who reported both risk factors).

†††† Includes hemophilia, blood transfusion, perinatal exposure, and risk factors not reported or not identified.

††††† In 50 states and the District of Columbia.

\*\*\* *Black* refers to people having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. *African American* is a term often used for Americans of African descent with ancestry in North America.

†††††† Changes in subpopulations with fewer HIV diagnoses can lead to a large percentage increase or decrease.

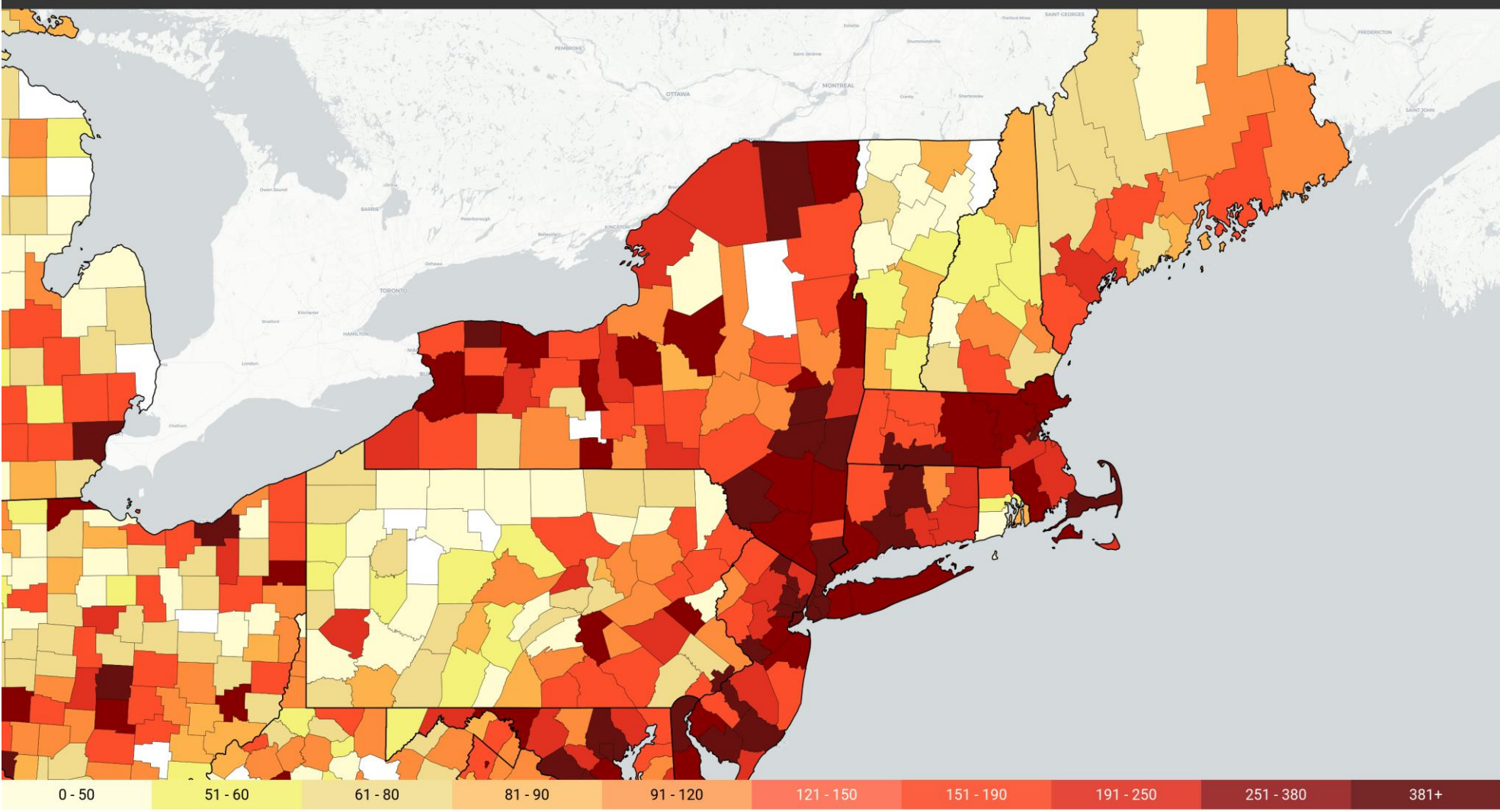
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Rates of Persons Living with HIV, 2018



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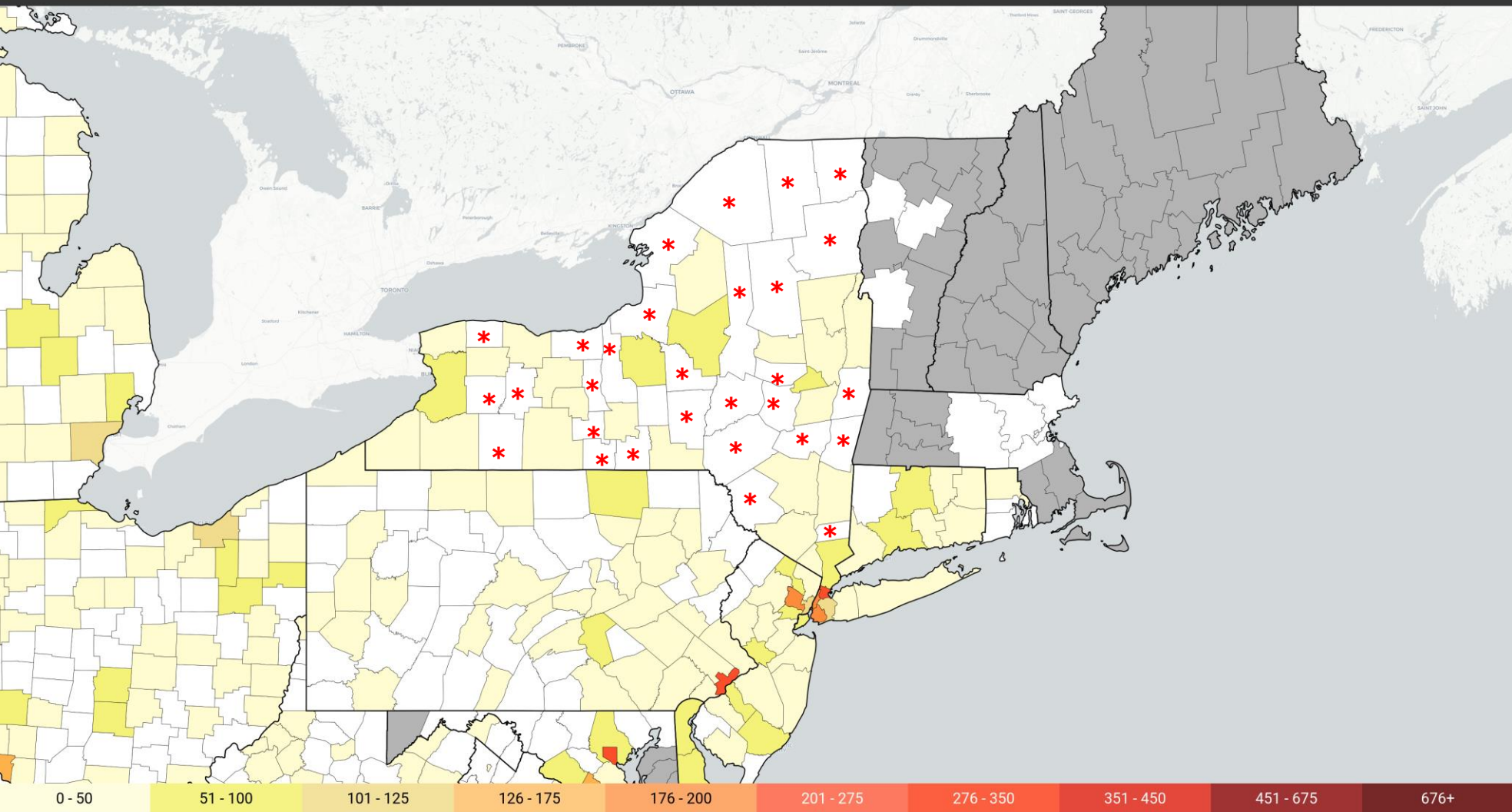
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# Let's Focus on New Diagnoses NYS

## New HIV Diagnoses

Number of new HIV diagnoses, 2018

**2,456**

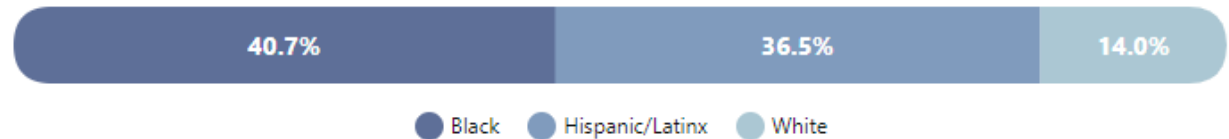
Rate of new HIV diagnoses per 100,000 population, 2018

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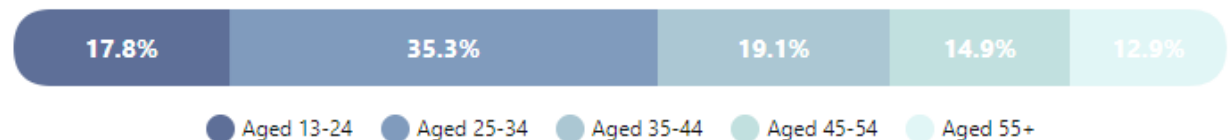
Percent of people newly diagnosed with HIV, by Sex, 2018



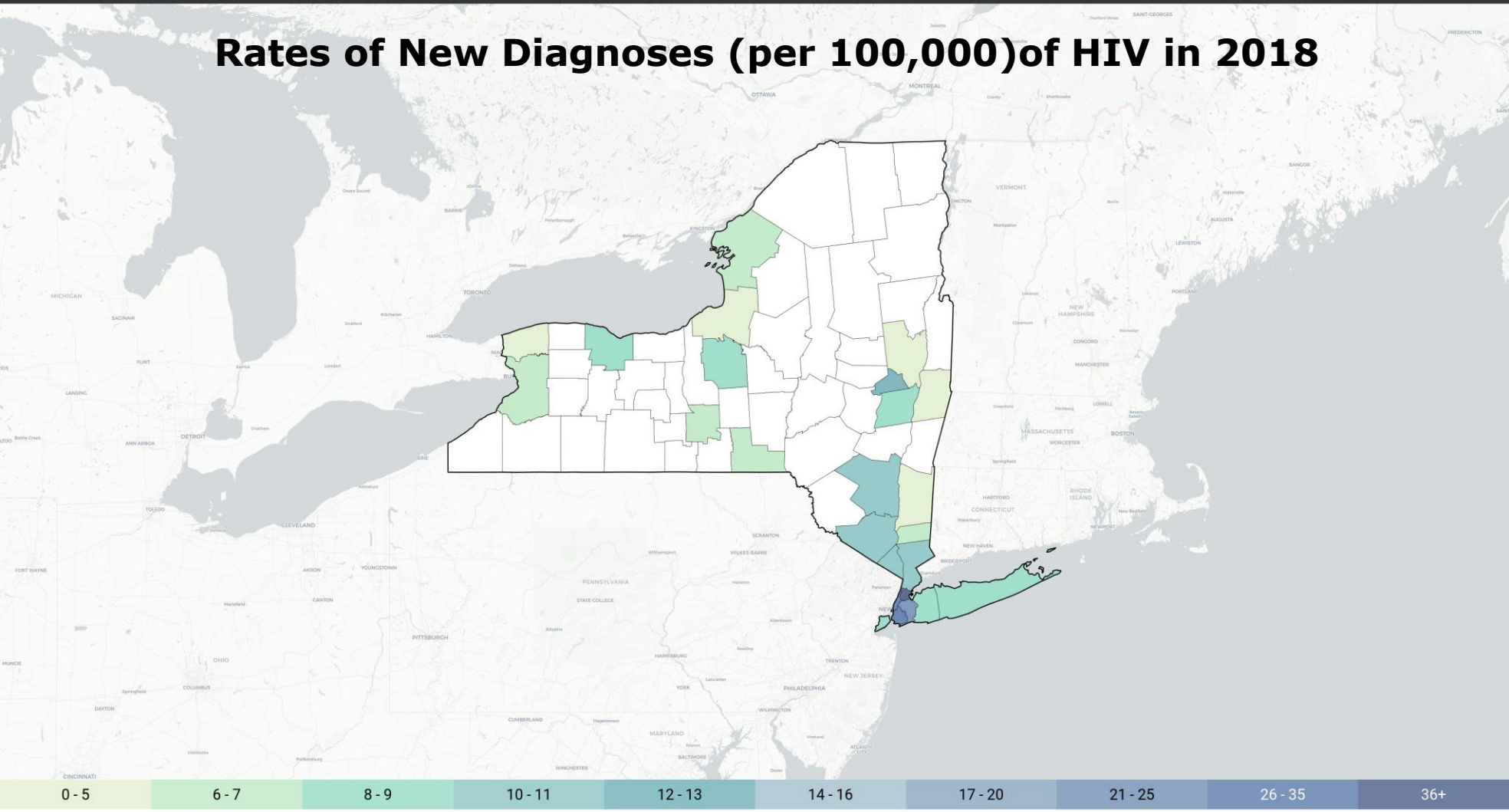
Percent of people newly diagnosed with HIV, by Race/Ethnicity, 2018



Percent of people newly diagnosed with HIV, by Age, 2018



# Rates of New Diagnoses (per 100,000) of HIV in 2018



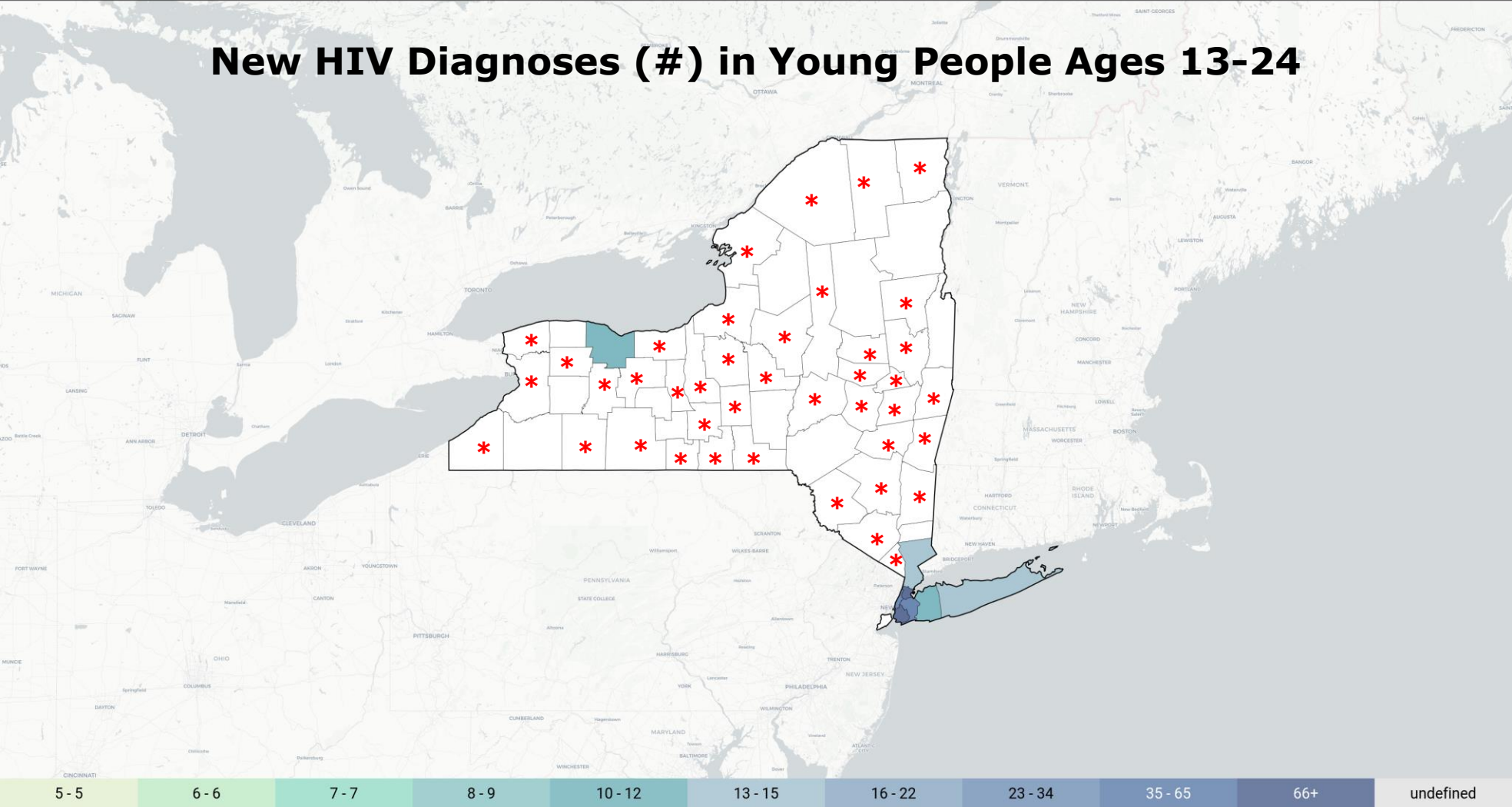
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# New HIV Diagnoses (#) in Young People Ages 13-24



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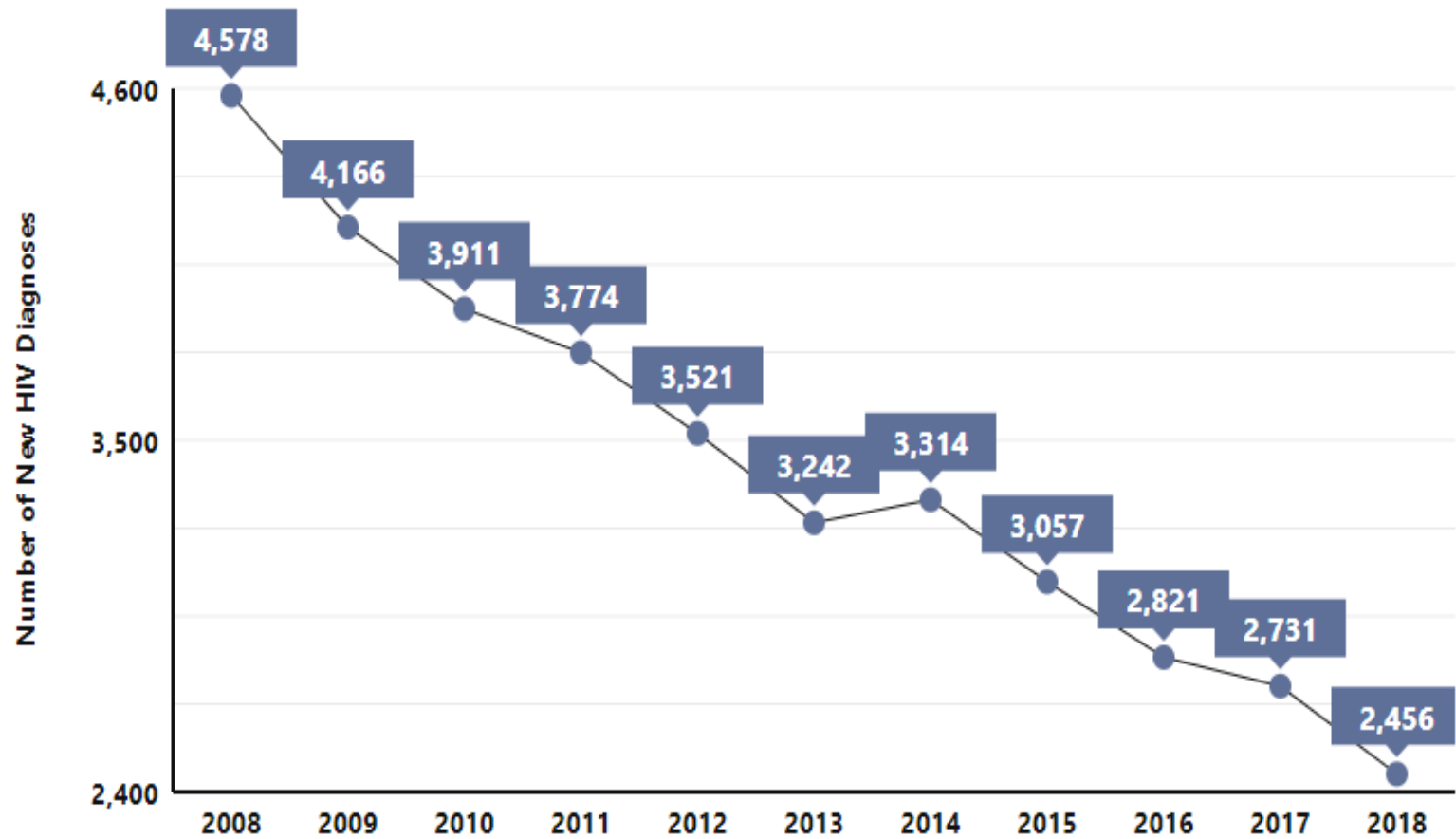
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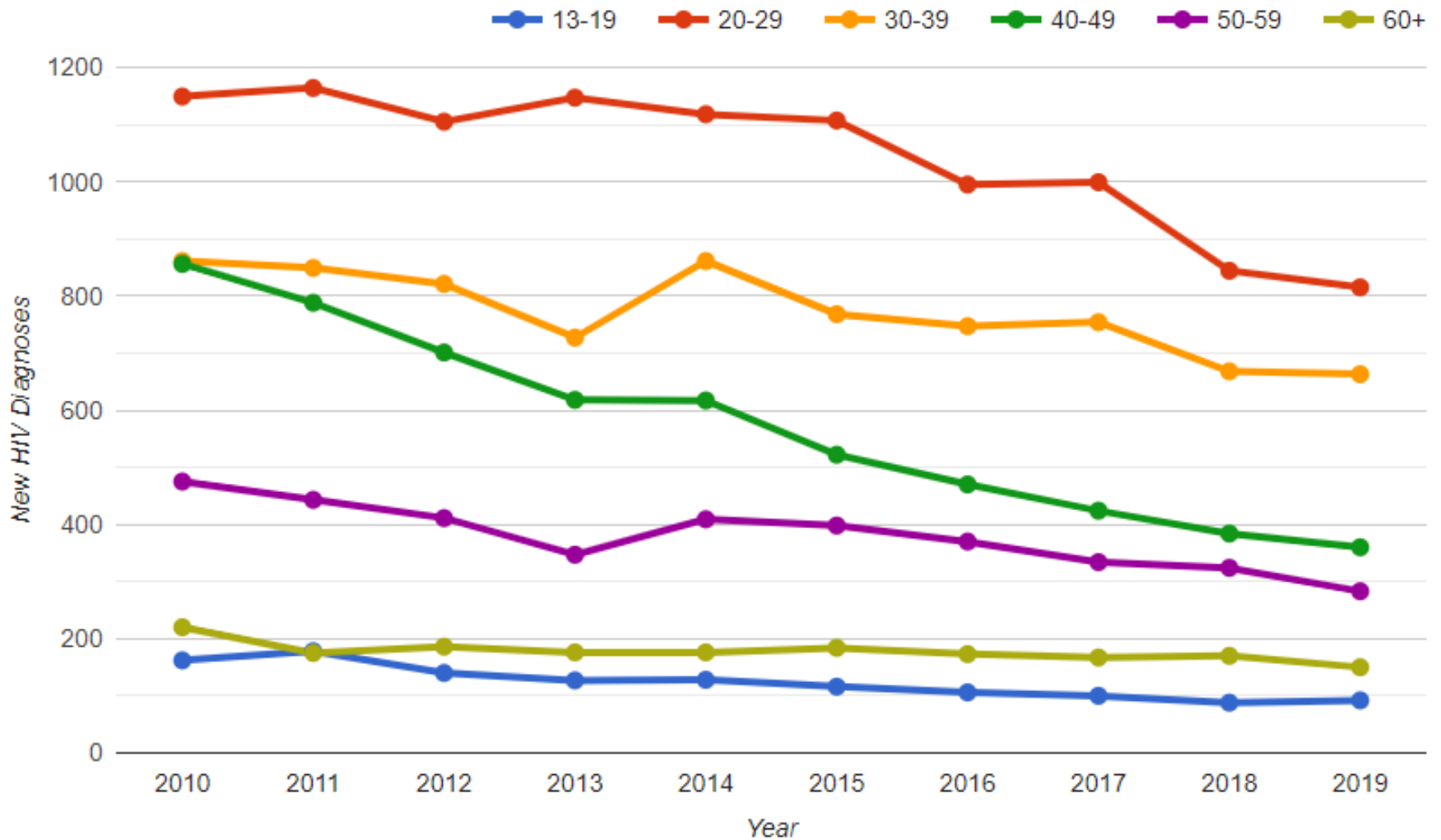
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Number of New HIV Diagnoses, 2008-2018



## New HIV diagnoses By Age New York State, 2009-2019



Source: NYS ETE Metrics. <https://etedashboardny.org>

# New Diagnoses of HIV NYS including NYC, 2019 Highlights

## Sex at Birth

- 80% male

## Gender

- Trans women 2.6%
- Trans men and non-conforming/non-binary each <1%

## Transmission

- 54% MSM

## Race/Ethnicity

- 42% non-Hispanic Black and 36% Hispanic

## Age

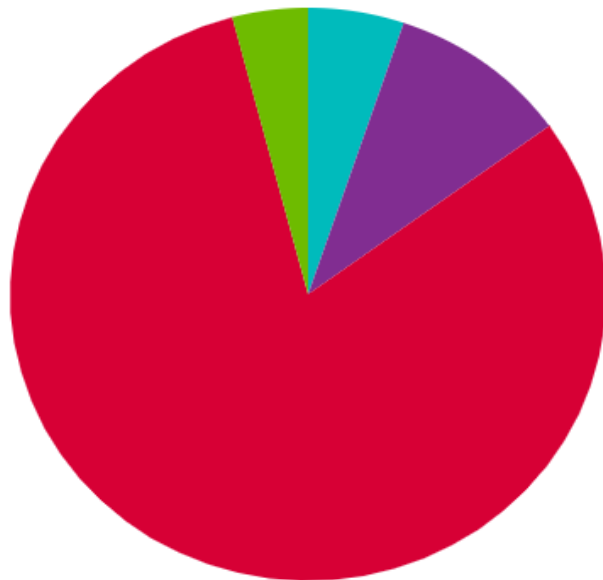
- 13-19: 92 cases (3.9% of all new dx)
- 20-24: 357 cases (15% of all new dx)

Source: NYS HIV/AIDS Surveillance Annual Report 2019.  
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# People Newly Diagnosed with HIV, by Transmission Category, 2018

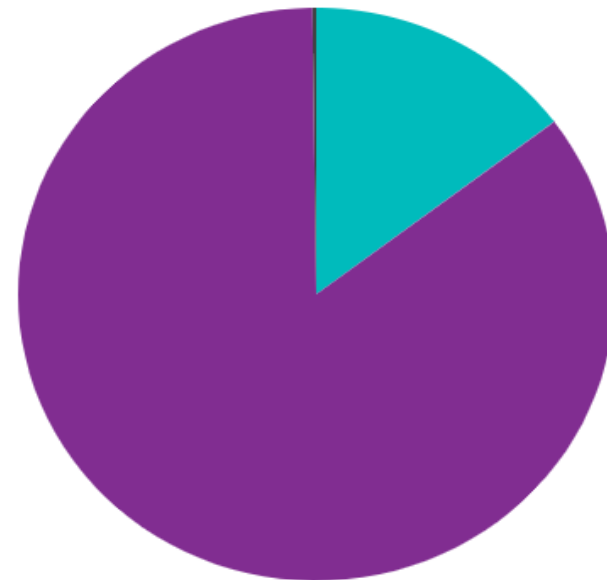
## Percent of People Newly Diagnosed with HIV, by Transmission Category, 2018

### Male Transmission Categories



- Injection Drug Use (5.2%)
- Heterosexual Contact (9.8%)
- Male-to-Male Sexual Contact (80.9%)
- Male-to-Male Sexual Contact & Injection Drug Use (4.1%)

### Female Transmission Categories



- Injection Drug Use (14.7%)
- Heterosexual Contact (85.1%)
- Other\* (0.2%)



\*Includes risk factor not reported or identified, along with hemophilia, blood transfusion, perinatal exposure, or missing/suppressed data.

# Transgender Individuals: among the groups at highest risk for HIV infection

Lack of familial support

Violence

Stigma and discrimination

Limited health care access

Negative health care encounters

Higher rates of drug and alcohol abuse

Sex work

Incarceration

Homelessness

Untreated Mental Health Needs

Unemployment

## HIV Prevalence Rate Ratios, by Race/Ethnicity, 2018



The rate of **Black males** living with an HIV diagnosis is 6.3 times that of **White males**.



The rate of **Hispanic/Latino males** living with an HIV diagnosis is 5.3 times that of **White males**.



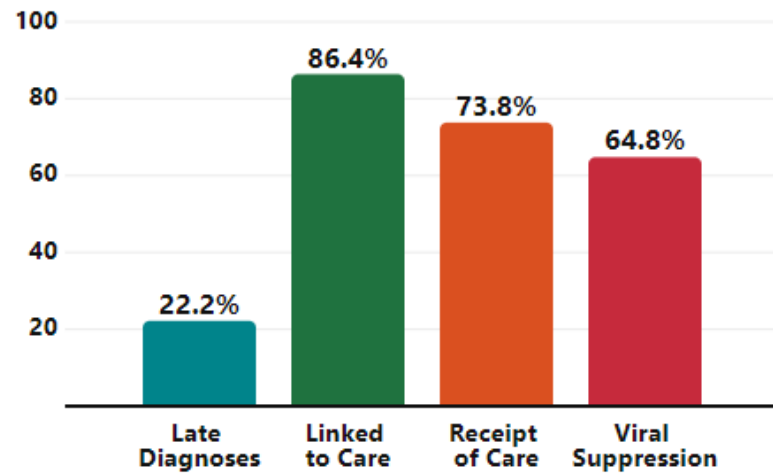
The rate of **Black females** living with an HIV diagnosis is 21.7 times that of **White females**.



The rate of **Hispanic/Latina females** living with an HIV diagnosis is 12.7 times that of **White females**.

## HIV Continuum of Care, 2018

*Late Diagnoses and Linked to Care are among people newly diagnosed with HIV and Receipt of Care and Viral Suppression are among all people living with HIV.*



Diagnoses-based HIV Continuum Care, 2018

# Youth who don't know they have HIV cannot get the care and treatment they need to stay healthy.



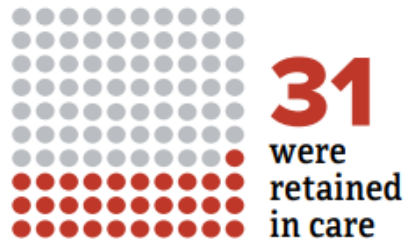
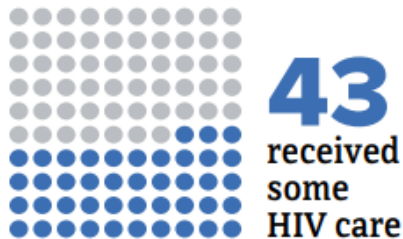
At the end of 2016, an estimated **1.1 MILLION PEOPLE** had HIV.# Of those, 50,900 were young people.

**Nearly 4 in 7**  
youth knew they had the virus.



Youth were the least likely to be aware of their infection compared to any other age group. It is important for youth to know their HIV status so they can take medicine to treat HIV if they have the virus. Taking HIV medicine every day can make the viral load undetectable. Youth who get and keep an undetectable viral load (or stay virally suppressed) have effectively no risk of transmitting HIV to HIV-negative sex partners.

Compared to all people with HIV, youth have the lowest rates of viral suppression. **For every 100 youth with HIV: ††**



For comparison, for every **100 people overall** with HIV, **64 received some HIV care**, **49 were retained in care**, and **53 were virally suppressed**.





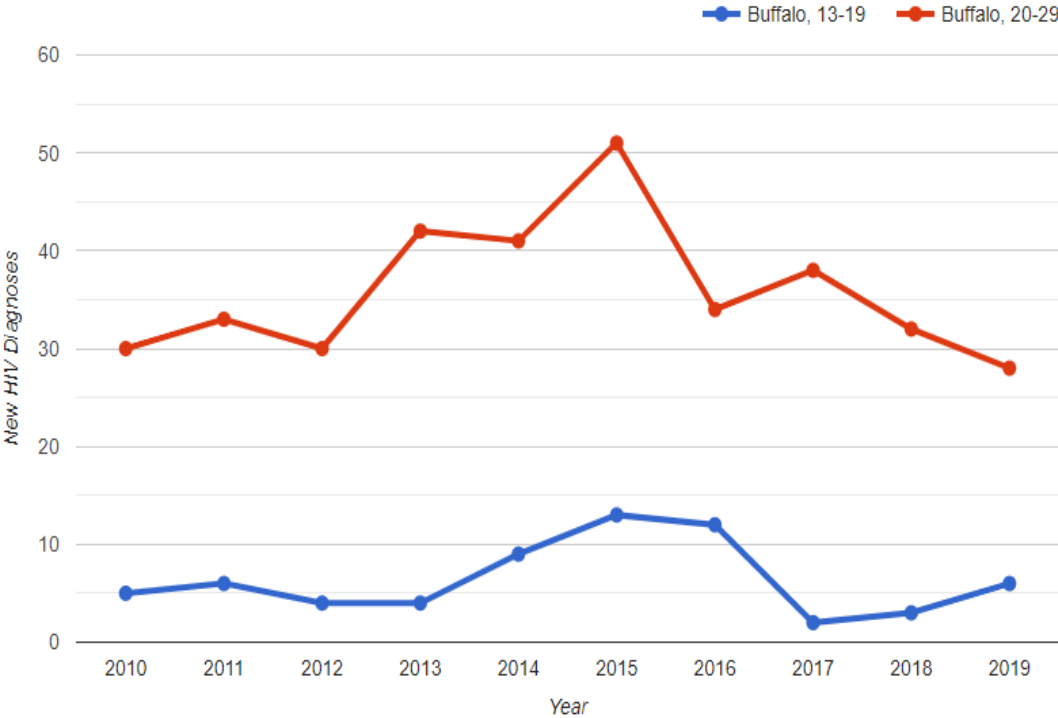
# PEOPLE NEWLY DIAGNOSED WITH HIV

## New York State (2010-2019)

The number of annual new HIV diagnoses in New York State declined 37% between 2010-2019 (from 3,723 to 2,363) i

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New HIV diagnoses By Age  
Buffalo, 2009-2019



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<https://etedashboardny.org/data/new-diagnoses-and-linkage/new-diagnoses-trends-nys>

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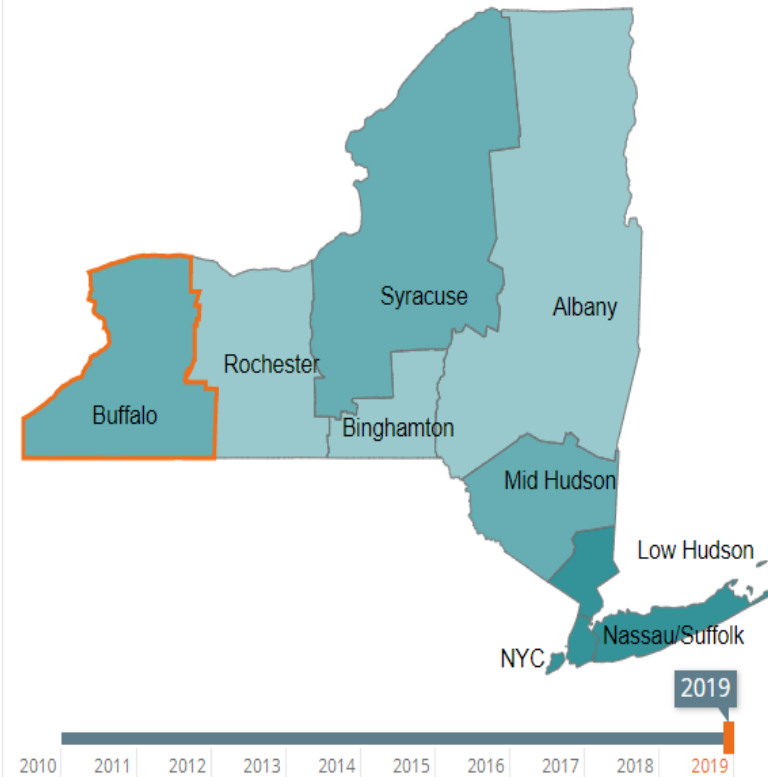
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By Ryan White Region By County

New HIV diagnoses

New York State, 2019

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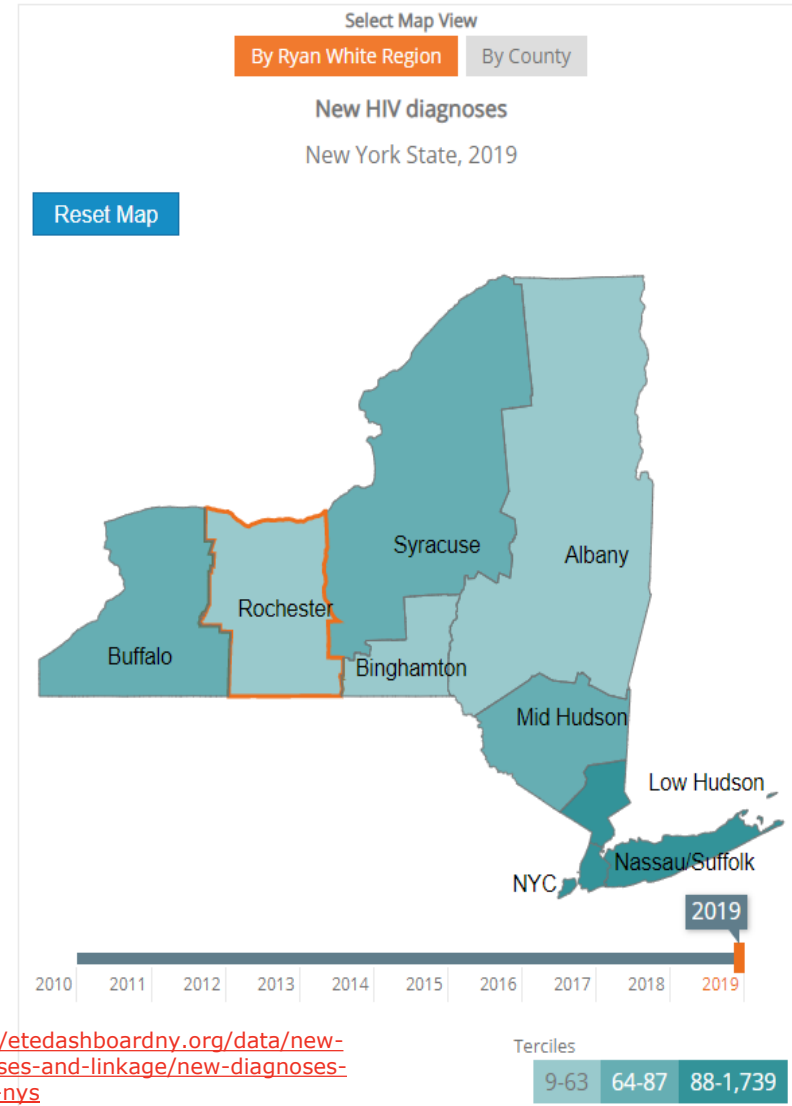
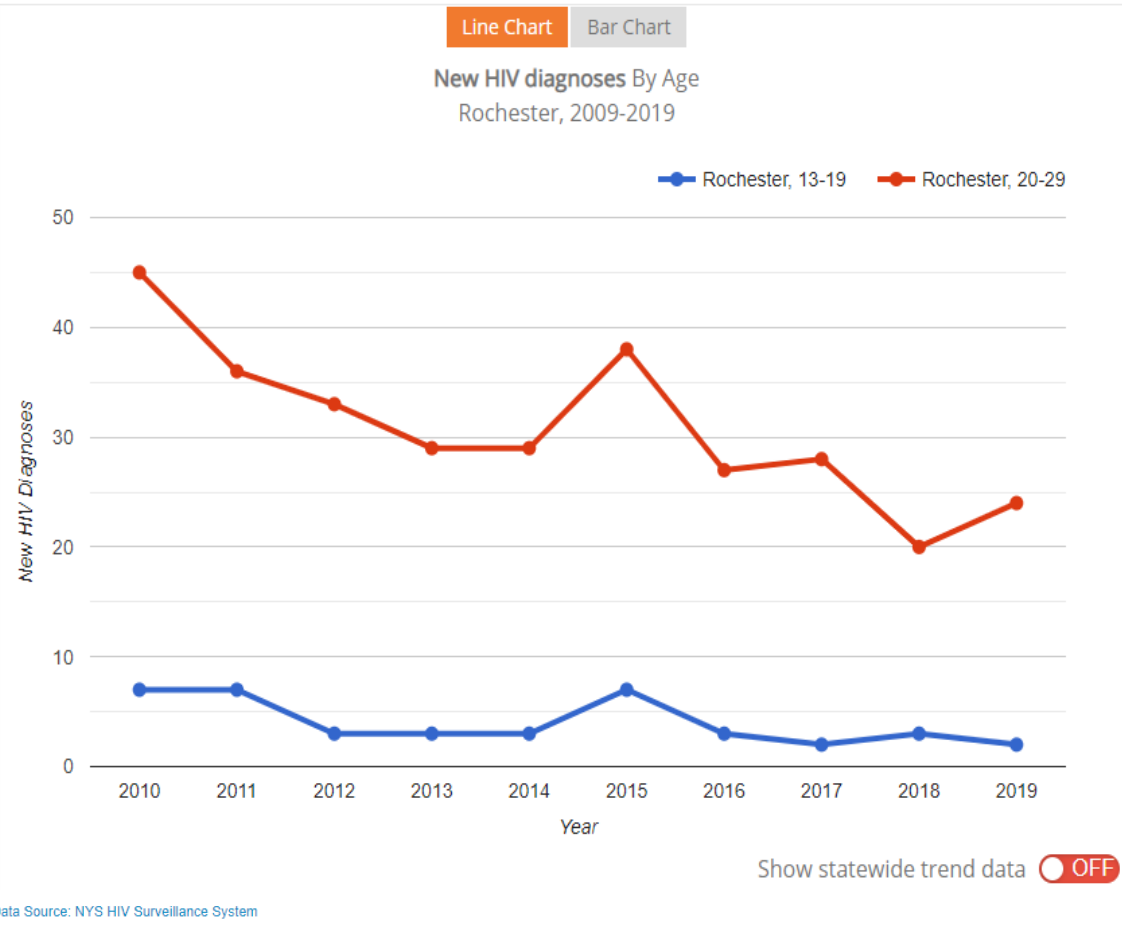
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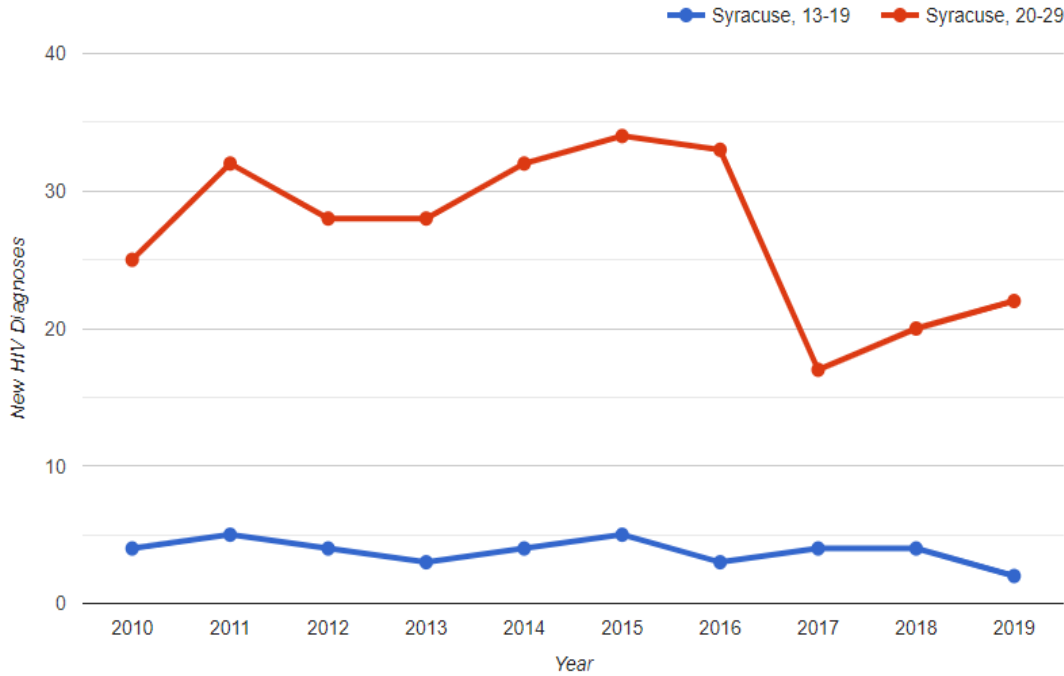
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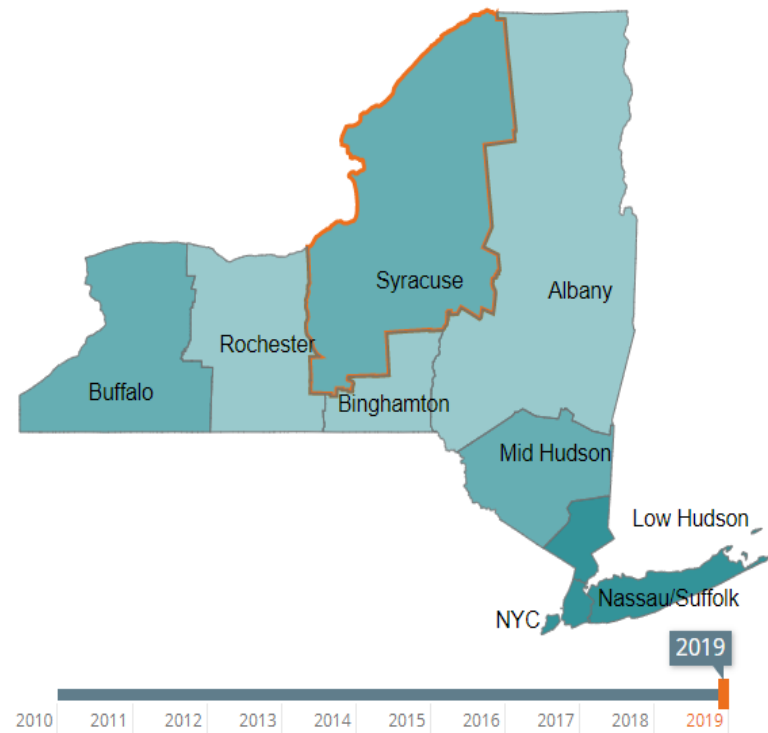
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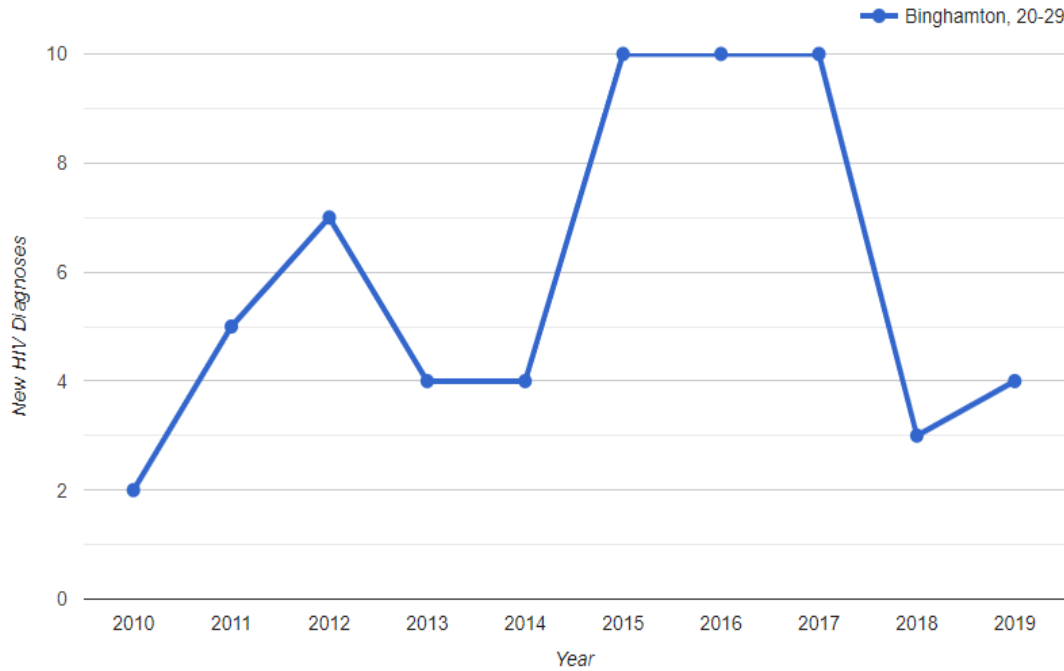
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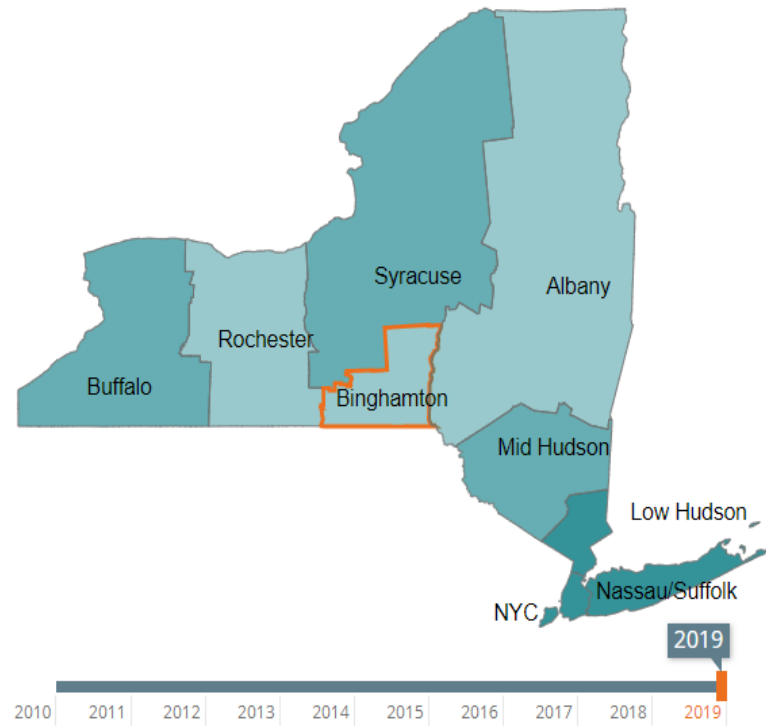
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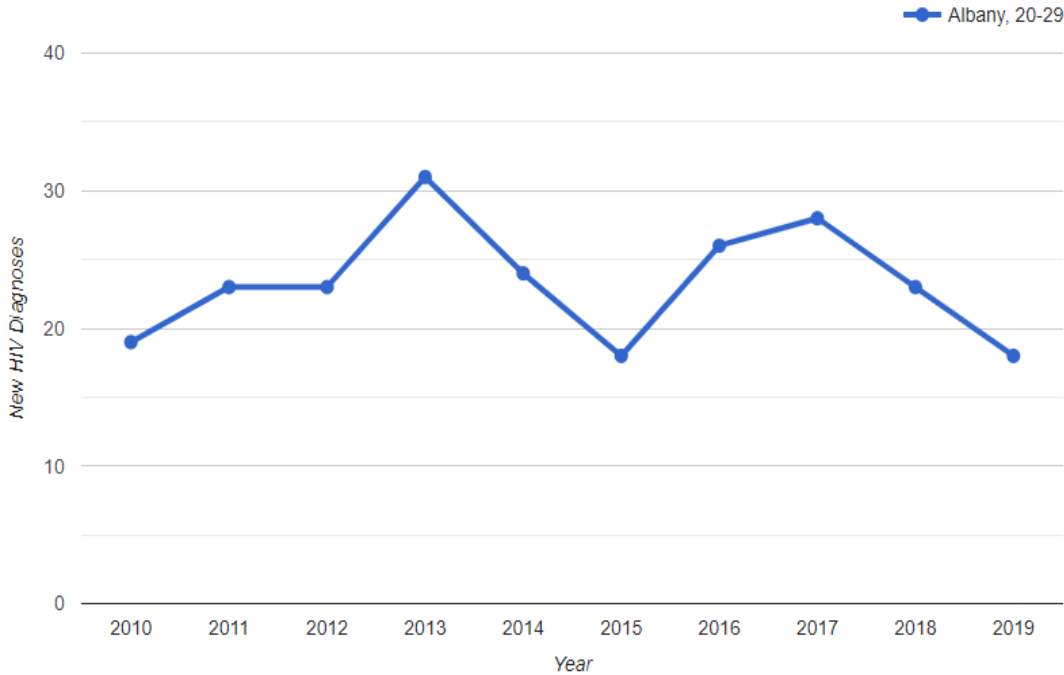
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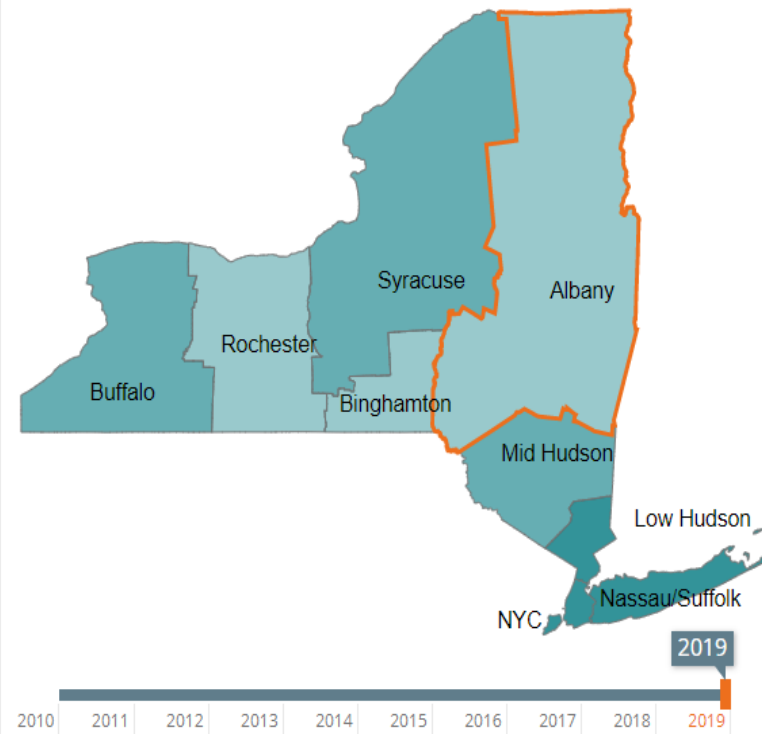
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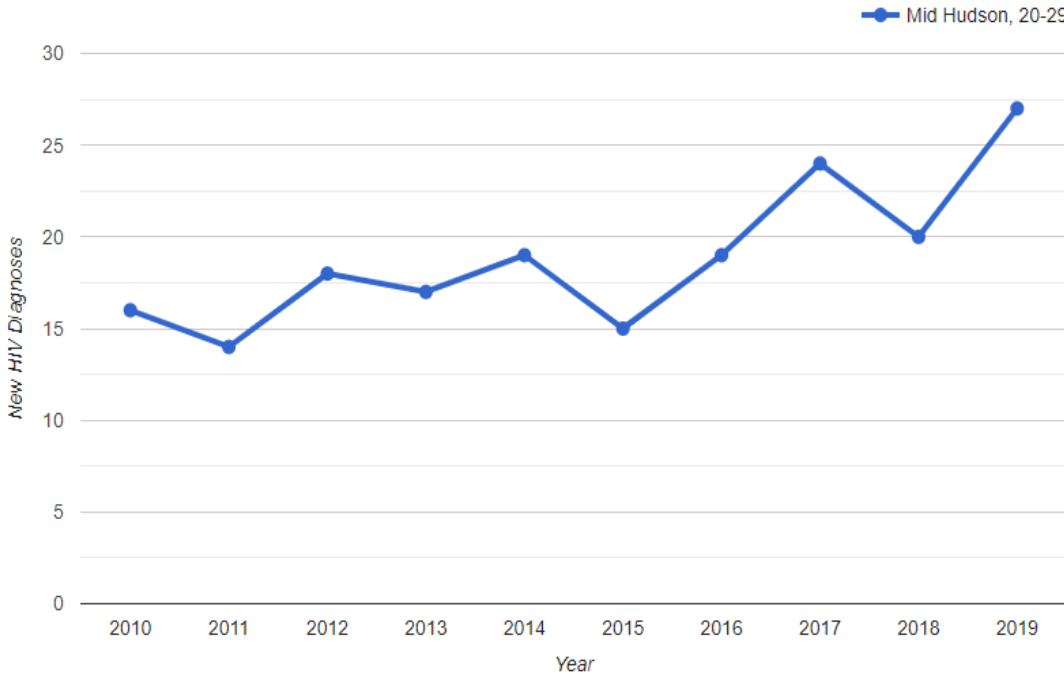
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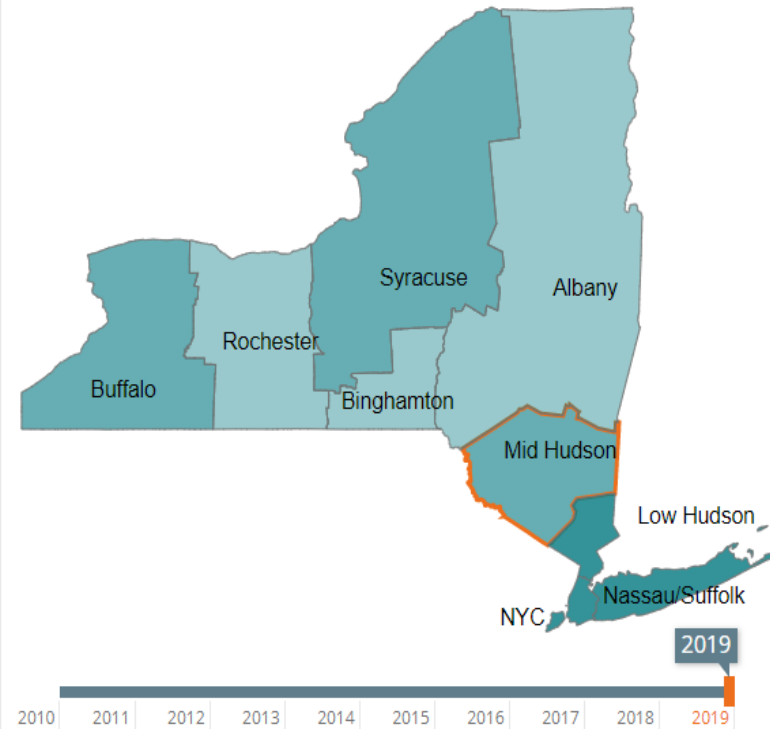
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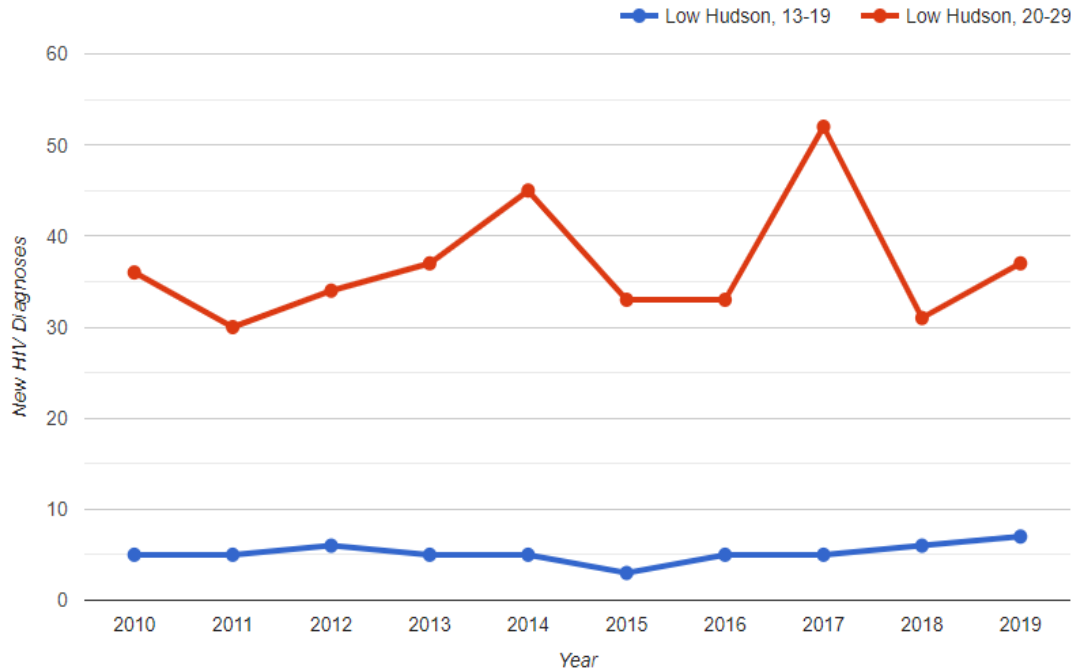
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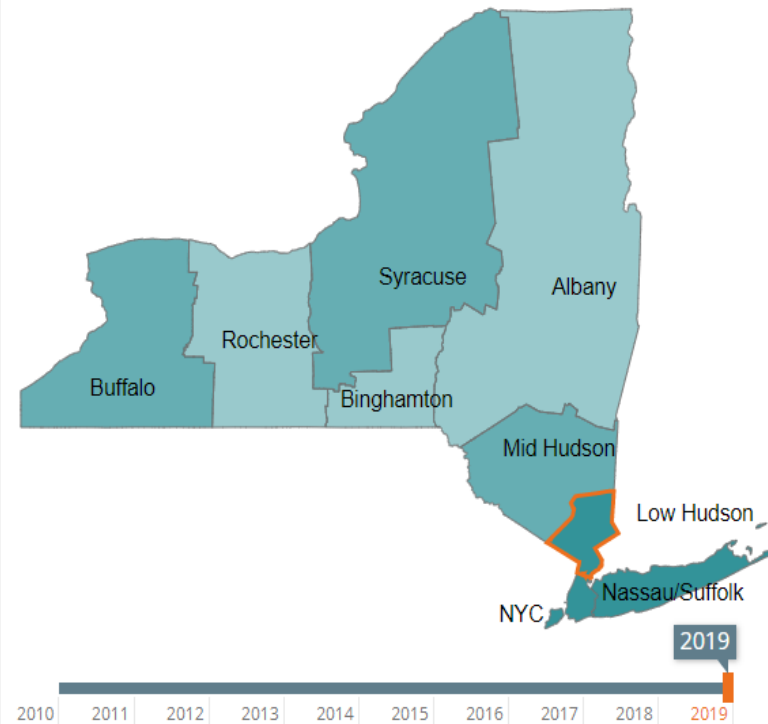
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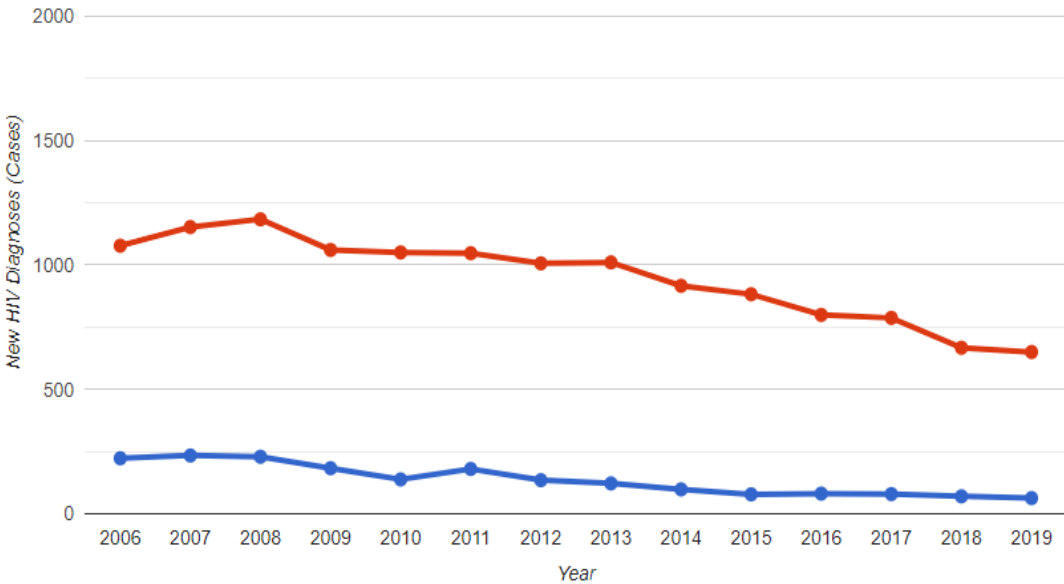
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The number of annual new HIV diagnoses in New York City declined **57%** between 2006-2019 (from 4,144 to 1,771)

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New HIV Diagnoses (Cases) By Age  
New York City, 2006-2019

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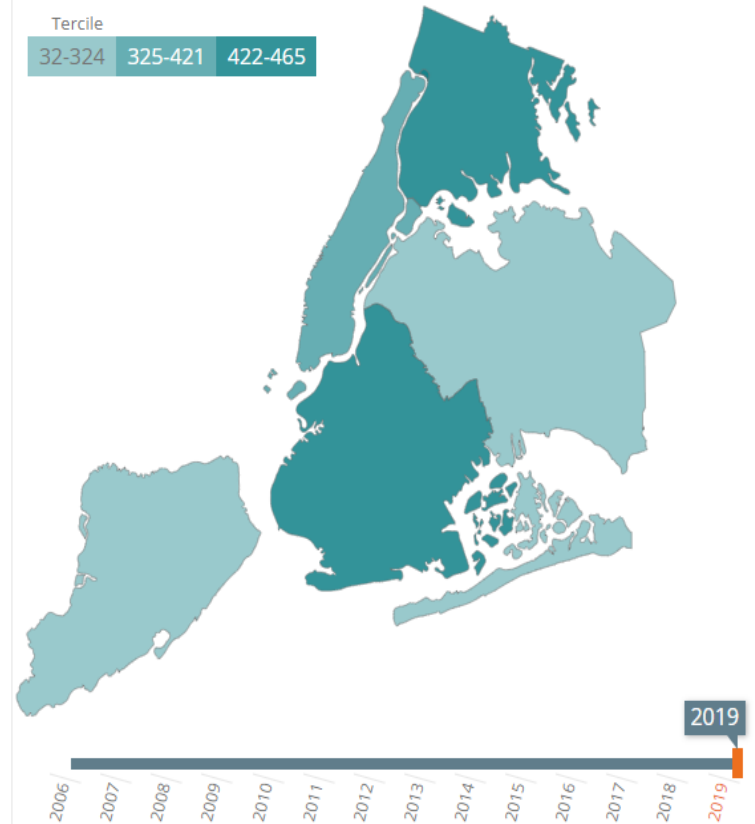


By Borough By UHF Neighborhood

New HIV Diagnoses (Cases)  
New York City, 2019

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Data Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry, HIV Epidemiology and Field Services Program – NYC DOHMH

- Data reported as of March 31, 2019. Data reflect 12-month periods from January 1 – December 31.
- Geographic residence refers to residence at HIV diagnosis.
- Borough-wide and citywide totals may include cases assigned to a borough with unknown UHF or assigned to NYC with an unknown borough, respectively. Therefore, UHF totals may not sum to borough totals and borough totals may not sum to citywide totals.
- Rates expressed per 100,000, from Census 2010 population.
- All data shown are for people ages 13 and older. "Age" refers to age at HIV diagnosis.
- Data collection regarding current gender identity for PLWH is conducted on an ongoing basis. Surveillance may have collected new information regarding a person's current gender identity between the time of their HIV diagnosis and publication of these data; those identified as transgender at any time are included as transgender.
- The Other race/ethnicity category includes Native American and multiracial people.



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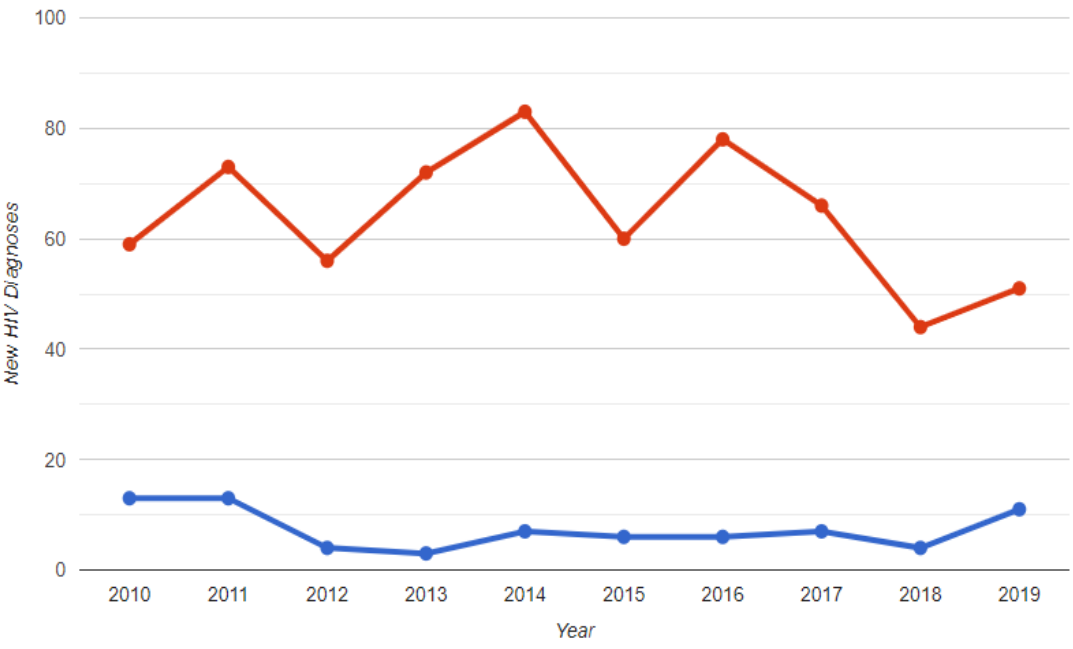
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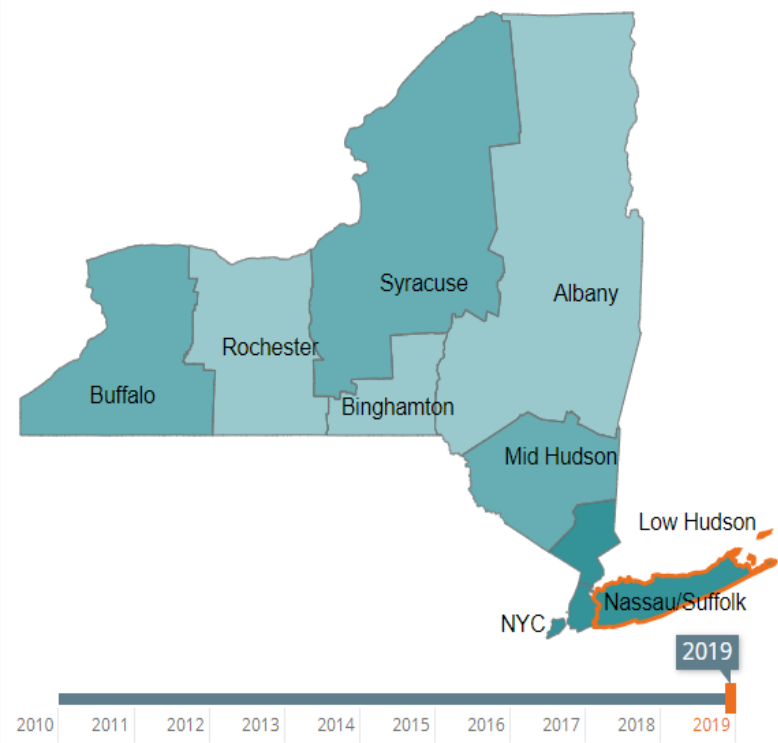
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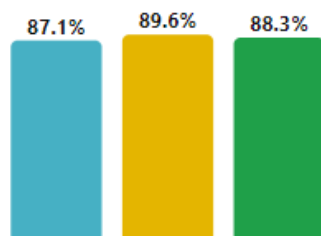
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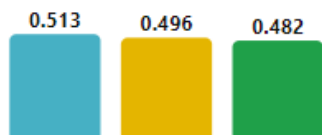
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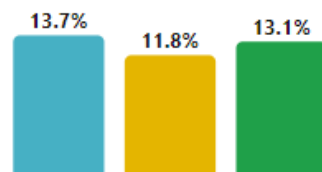
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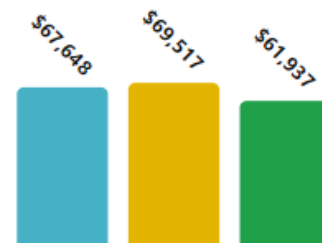
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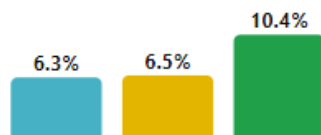
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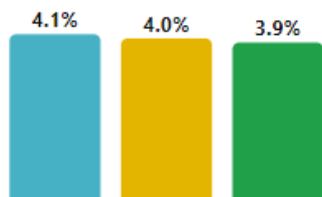
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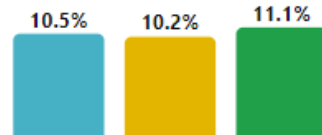
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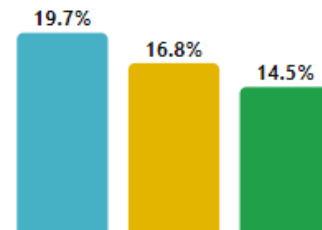
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**Percent of Population Unemployed, 2018**



**Percent of Population Living with Food Insecurity, 2016-2018**



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# STI Risk Factors in Adolescents

## Unique factors place youth at risk



### Insufficient Screening

Many young women don't receive the chlamydia screening CDC recommends



### Confidentiality Concerns

Many are reluctant to disclose risk behaviors to doctors



### Biology

Young women's bodies are biologically more susceptible to STIs



### Lack of Access to Healthcare

Youth often lack insurance or transportation needed to access prevention services



### Multiple Sex Partners

Many young people have multiple partners, which increases STI risk

- Early sexarche
- Incarceration or detention
- IDU
- Visiting STI clinic
- MSM
- Living with HIV
- Exchanging sex for food, drugs, money, or housing



THE  
**STATE OF STDs**  
IN THE  
**UNITED STATES,**  
2019

**STDs increased for the  
6th year, reaching a  
new all-time high**



**1.8 million**  
CASES OF CHLAMYDIA  
19% increase since 2015



**616,392**  
CASES OF GONORRHEA  
56% increase since 2015



**129,813**  
CASES OF SYPHILIS  
74% increase since 2015



**1,870**  
CASES OF SYPHILIS  
AMONG NEWBORNS  
279% increase since 2015

LEARN MORE AT: [www.cdc.gov/std/](http://www.cdc.gov/std/)

ANYONE WHO HAS SEX COULD  
GET AN STD, BUT SOME GROUPS  
ARE MORE AFFECTED

- YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15-24
- GAY & BISEXUAL MEN
- PREGNANT PEOPLE
- RACIAL & ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS

# STDs are common, but not everyone is equally affected

Racial & ethnic minority groups, gay & bisexual men, and youth remain hard hit

[CDC.gov/std/statistics/2019/](https://www.cdc.gov/std/statistics/2019/)



**#STDreport**



## 15-24 year olds account for half of all new STD Infections



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USPSTF: All pregnant persons and adolescents and adults 15-65, and those who may be outside this age range with risk factors.

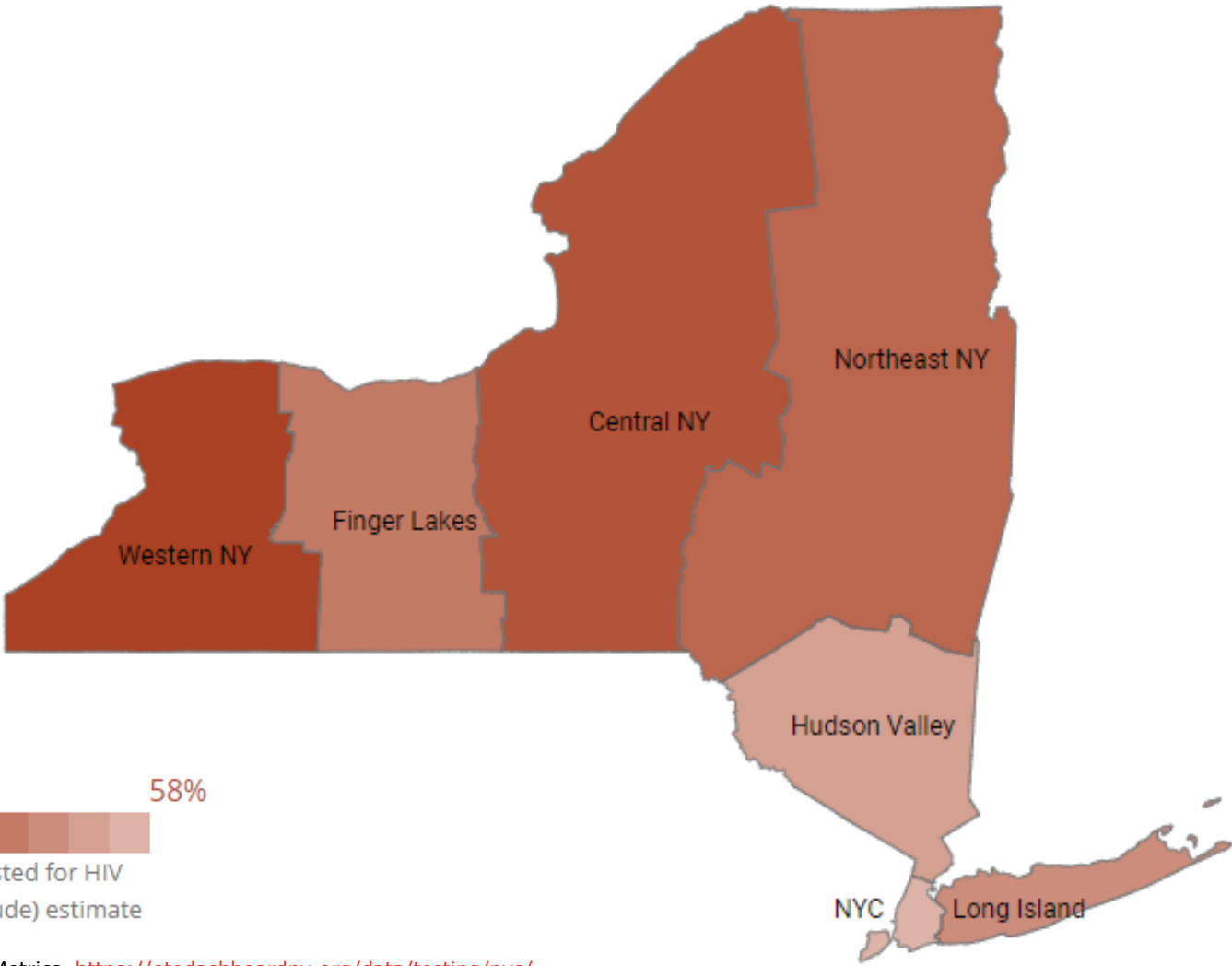
Risk factors/other indications for testing:

- Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Injection drug use (IDU)
- Condomless anal sex
- Multiple partners or anonymous partners
- Transactional sex
- Partner with HIV
- STI (self or partner)
- Partner with any of these risk factors
- Any person seeking testing



Offer HIV and STI testing every 3 months for those at high risk

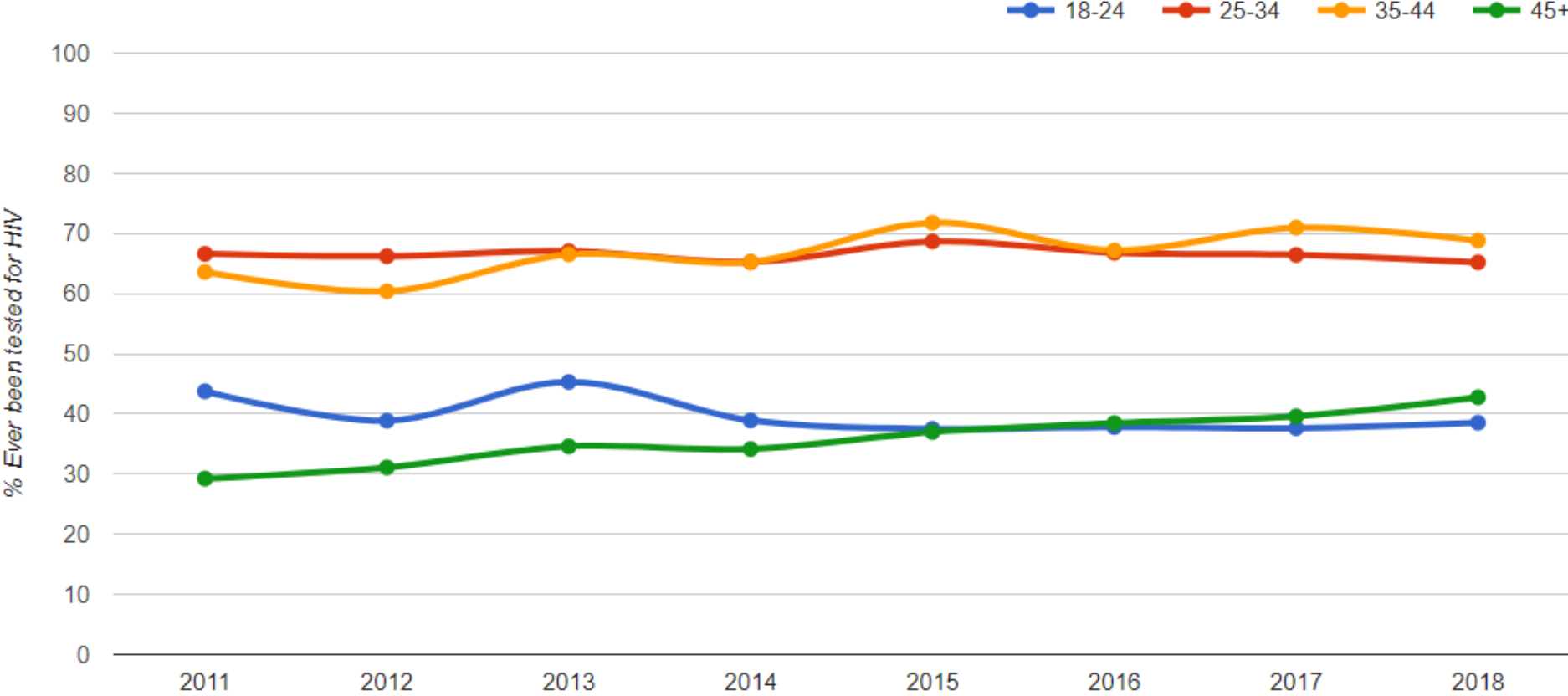
# Percentage who have ever been tested for HIV by Ryan White Region Total, 2018



43.4% 58%  
% Ever been tested for HIV  
Unadjusted (crude) estimate

Source: NYS ETE Metrics. <https://etedashboardny.org/data/testing/nys/>

Ever been tested for HIV, New York State, by Age, 2011-2018



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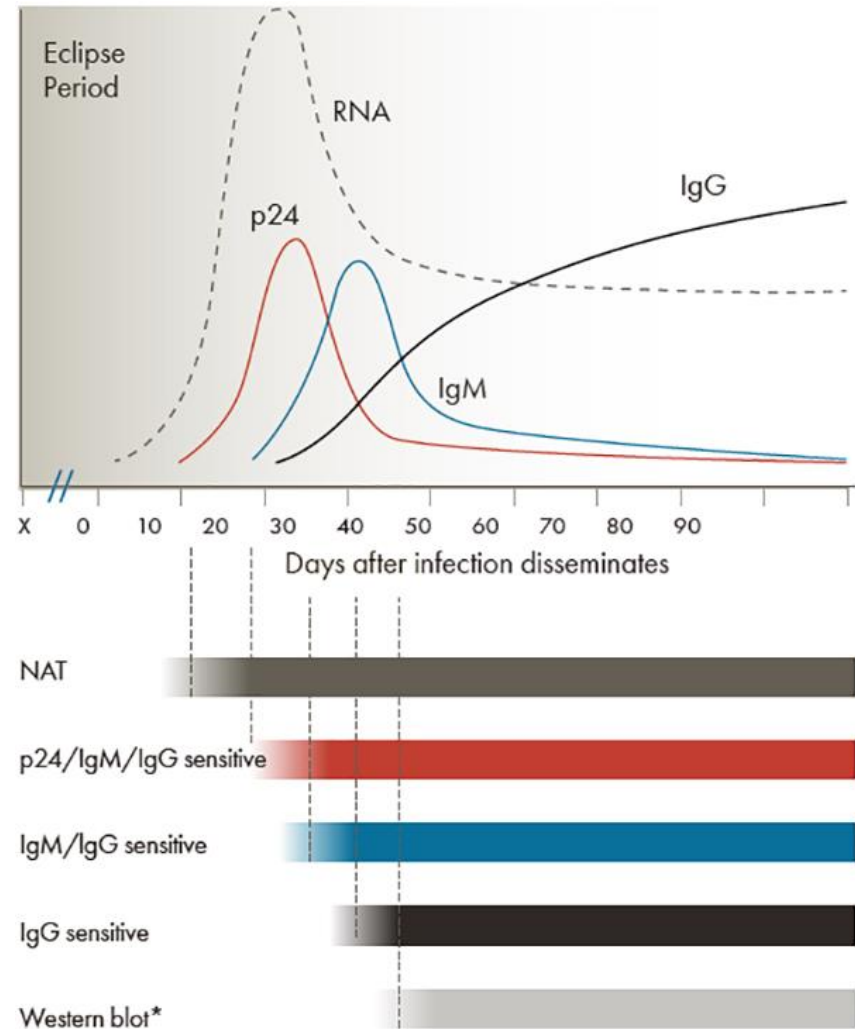
# Types of HIV Tests

NAAT - RNA

Antigen/Antibody - p24 Ag, IgG, IgM

Antibody Only - IgG, IgM, or both

Rapid Tests – Antigen/antibody or antibody only



\* Western blot is no longer used for HIV.

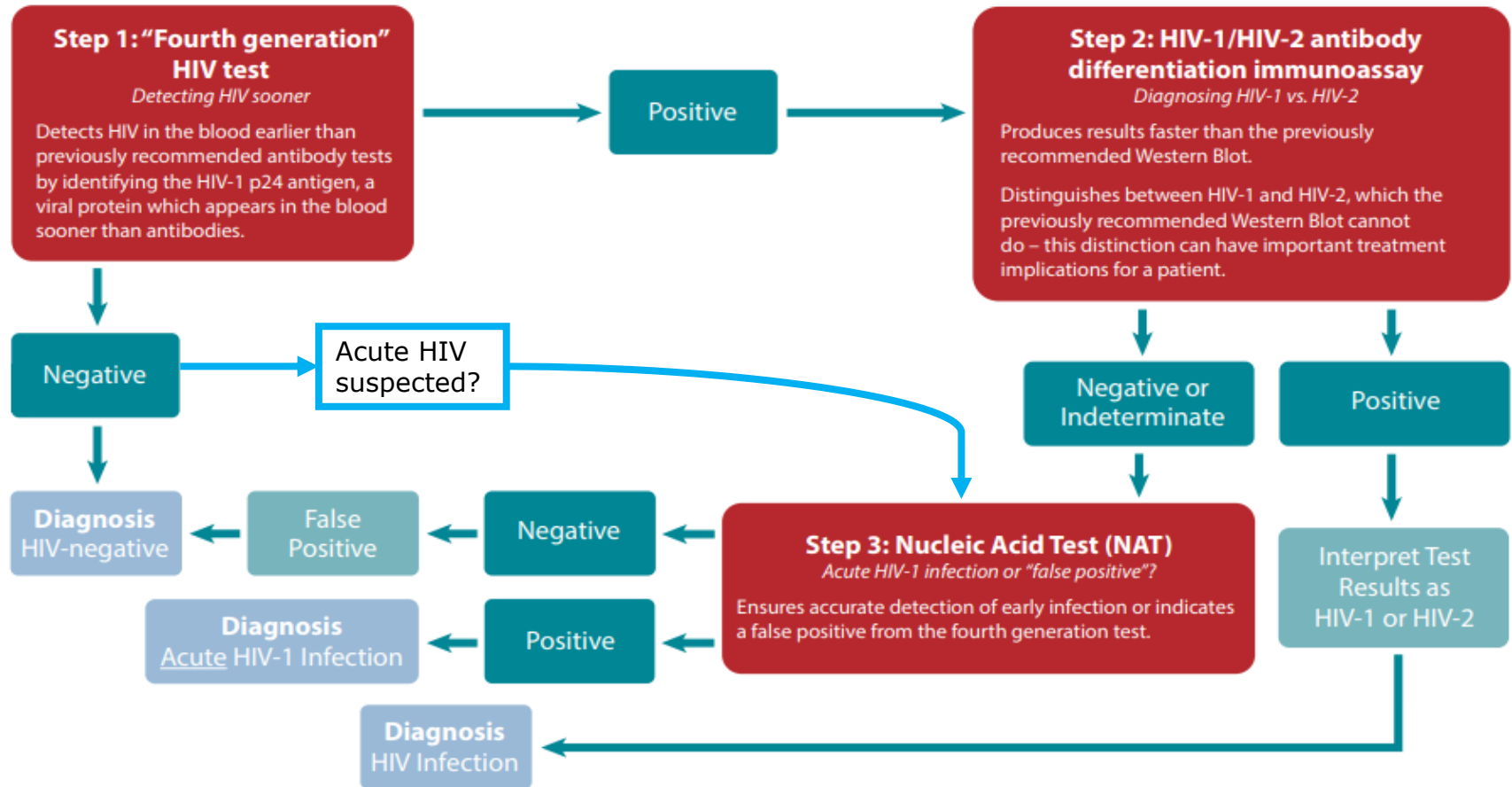
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# New CDC Recommendations for HIV Testing in Laboratories

*A step-by-step account of the approach*

CDC's new recommendations for HIV testing in laboratories capitalize on the latest available technologies to help diagnose HIV infections earlier – as much as 3-4 weeks sooner than the previous testing approach. Early diagnosis is critical since many new infections are transmitted by people in the earliest (“acute”) stage of infection.

By putting the latest testing technology to work in laboratories across the United States, we can help address a critical gap in the nation's HIV prevention efforts.



This graphic is designed to illustrate key concepts of the new testing approach in laboratories. For more detail, please see the full guidelines here: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/HIVtestingAlgorithmRecommendation-Final.pdf>.



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# Informed Consent in NYS

In NY State, a minor's ability to give informed consent is based on capacity for consent, not age, and there is no minimum age requirement for giving informed consent.

A minor who has capacity to consent, may consent to reproductive health care:

- Family Planning (contraceptive management)
- Elective termination
- Prenatal Care
- Labor/Delivery
- STIs

YES! According to NYS Public Health Law, minors can consent to HIV testing, prevention and treatment!

# Key Points on Who to Test for HIV

1. Are a man who has had sex with another man
2. Have had sex—anal or vaginal—with an HIV-positive partner
3. Have had more than one sex partner since last HIV test
4. Have injected drugs and shared needles with others
5. Have exchanged sex for drugs or money
6. Have been diagnosed with or sought treatment for another STI
7. Have been diagnosed with or treated for hepatitis or tuberculosis (TB)
8. Have had sex with someone who could answer yes to any of the above questions or someone whose sexual history they don't know

# HIV Testing Resources

## General Locators:

- <https://gettested.cdc.gov>
- <https://HIV.gov/locator>

## Health Clinics:

- Brick and mortar - Primary care, Family planning, OB/GYN, public STD clinics, etc.
- Telemedicine – e.g. PlushCare

## Trillium test@home:

- <https://www.trilliumhealth.org/services/trillium-at-home>

## Self-testing - including rapid self-performed or mail-in lab performed:

- CBOs
- Pharmacies
- Commercial web-based organizations (can include STI testing):
  - STDcheck, myLAB Box, Healthlabs.com and more!



# Antiretroviral Therapy... What does it do?

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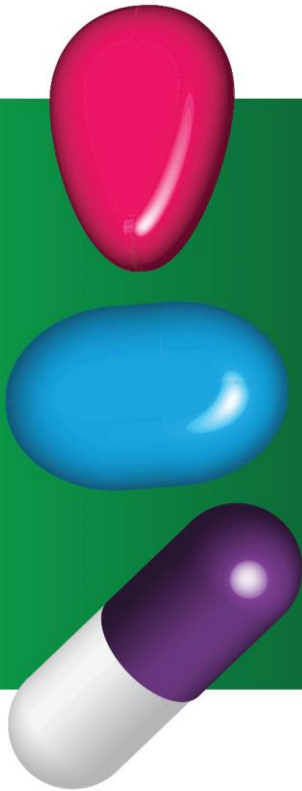
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Antiretroviral therapy (ART) is the daily use of a combination of HIV medicines to treat HIV. ART saves lives, but does not cure HIV.

Reduces the amount of HIV in the body

Reduces the risk of HIV transmission

Prevents HIV from advancing to AIDS

Protects the immune system

For more information, visit



Drug Class Abbreviations:

CA: CCR5 Antagonist; FDC: Fixed-Dose Combination; FI: Fusion Inhibitor; INSTI: Integrase Inhibitor; NNRTI: Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor; NRTI: Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor; PE: Pharmacokinetic Enhancer; PI: Protease Inhibitor; PAI: Post-Attachment Inhibitor

\*Note: Drugs with an asterisk are no longer available and/or are no longer recommended for use in the United States by the HHS HIV/AIDS medical practice guidelines. These drugs may still be used in fixed-dose combination formulations.

# Treatment in 2021



Simple and well tolerated regimens

- Can be single daily pill for many; several possible alternatives and combinations when not single pill option
- Started immediately with diagnosis

Essential to take medication daily without missed doses

# TIPS FOR TAKING YOUR HIV MEDS, ON TIME, ALL THE TIME

**ONE DAY, TWO FRIENDS MET IN A COFFEE SHOP...**

HEY MARC, MY DOCTOR SAYS I NEED TO BE BETTER ABOUT STICKING TO MY HIV REGIMEN. HOW DO YOU DO IT?

DO YOU USE A PILL BOX?

IT HELPS ME KEEP TRACK OF THE MEDICINE I NEED TO TAKE THAT DAY.

YEAH, I USE A PILL BOX, BUT I *STILL* HAVE TROUBLE REMEMBERING TO TAKE MY MEDS.

WELL, THERE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS YOU COULD TRY!

**KEEP YOUR HIV MEDICINES WHERE YOU'LL NOTICE THEM, BUT OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.**

**MAKE TAKING YOUR MEDICINES PART OF YOUR DAILY ROUTINE. FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE YOUR MEDICINES AFTER YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH EVERY MORNING.**

**DON'T RUN OUT OF YOUR MEDICINES. REFILL YOUR PRESCRIPTION WHEN YOUR SUPPLY GETS LOW.**

**SET AN ALARM ON YOUR PHONE. I USE THE *HIVINFO* DRUG APP.**

**ASK A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER TO REMIND YOU.**

HEY, DID YOU TAKE YOUR MEDS TODAY?

THAT'S FINE WHEN I'M AT HOME – BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I HAVE TO WORK LATE OR MY SCHEDULE CHANGES?

**KEEP A BACK-UP SUPPLY OF YOUR MEDICINE IN YOUR BAG OR AT WORK, SO YOU CAN TAKE YOUR PILLS WHEREVER YOU ARE.**

AND WHEN YOU TRAVEL, BRING MORE MEDICINE THAN YOU THINK YOU'LL NEED IN CASE YOUR PLANS CHANGE.

**REMEMBER TO KEEP ALL YOUR APPOINTMENTS WITH YOUR DOCTOR.**

**IF YOU'RE REALLY STRUGGLING, YOUR DOCTOR CAN GIVE YOU SOME MORE TIPS ON HOW TO STICK TO YOUR HIV REGIMEN. JUST ASK!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ADHERENCE, GO TO [HIVinfo.NIH.gov](http://HIVinfo.NIH.gov)

# HIV Medication Chart

## Combination Antiretrovirals

**Atripla**  
(EFV/TDF/FTC)



**Descovy**  
(TAF/FTC)



**Odefsey**  
(RPV/TAF/FTC)



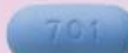
**Delstrigo**  
(DOR/TDF/3TC)



**Juluca**  
(DTG/RPV)



**Truvada**  
(TDF/FTC)



## Nucleoside/Nucleotide Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTI)

**Emtriva\***  
(emtricitabine, FTC)



**Epivir\*†**  
(lamivudine, 3TC)



**Retrovir\*†**  
(zidovudine, ZDV)



**Viread\*†**  
(tenofovir DF, TDF)



**Ziagen\*†**  
(abacavir, ABC)

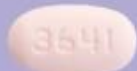


**Vemlidy**  
(tenofovir alafenamide, TAF)  
FDA approved for HBV only



## Protease Inhibitors (PI)

**Evotaz**  
(ATV/COBI)



**Kaletra\***  
(lopinavir/ritonavir, LPV/RTV)



**Lexiva\***  
(fosamprenavir, FPV)



**Prezcobix**  
(DRV/COBI)



**Prezista\***  
(darunavir, DRV)



**Reyataz\*†**  
(atazanavir, ATV)



**Viracept\***  
(nelfinavir, NFV)



## Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NNRTI)

**Edurant**  
(rilpivirine, RPV)



**Intence**  
(etravirine, ETR)



**Pifeltro**  
(doravirine, DOR)



**Sustiva\*†**  
(efavirenz, EFV)



**Viramune\*†**  
(nevirapine, NVP)



## Entry Inhibitors

**Fuzeon**  
(enfuvirtide, T-20)  
Fusion Inhibitor



**Selzentry**  
(maraviroc, MVC)  
CCR5 Antagonist



**Trogarzo**  
(ibalizumab, IBA)  
Post-Attachment Inhibitor



## Integrase Inhibitors (INSTI)

**Isentress\*▲**  
(raltegravir, RAL)



**Isentress HD**  
(raltegravir, RAL)



**Tivicay**  
(dolutegravir, DTG)



## Boosting Agents

**Norvir\*†**  
(ritonavir, RTV)



**Tyboost**  
(cobicistat, COBI)



All pills shown in relative size/scale. Medication brand names appear in bold. Generic names and commonly used abbreviations appear in parentheses.

\*Also available in liquid or powder form. †Generic formulation available. ▲Chewable form available.

# What Researchers are Working On

Longer acting antiretrovirals

Vaccines

Broadly neutralizing antibodies (bNAbs)

Cure



# With timely and effective treatment, young people living with HIV can expect:

Immune system recovery

Long and healthy lives

Sex without fear of transmission

Healthy pregnancies

Routine doctor visits and lab tests around twice a year

Services to assist with housing and food insecurity, interpersonal violence, health insurance, medication coverage, nutrition, and mental health needs



Image Source: UNAIDS

Showing support helps people with HIV stay healthy.

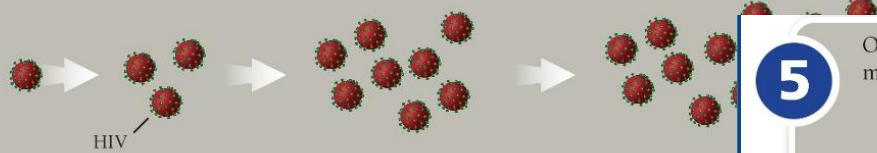
#TalkUndetectable and #StopHIVStigma



# HIV Drug Resistance

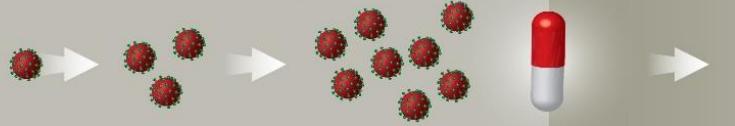
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Once a person has HIV, the virus begins to multiply.



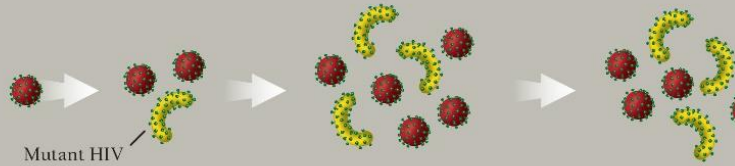
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HIV medicines block HIV from multiplying. Taking HIV medicine daily reduces the amount of HIV in the body.



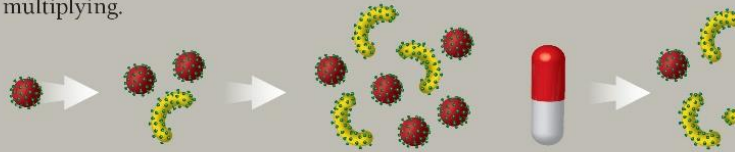
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If a person stops taking their HIV medicines, the virus begins to multiply again. Sometimes, the virus changes form (mutates).



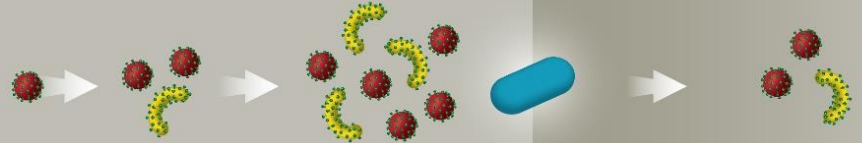
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Some HIV mutations can cause **HIV drug resistance**. Once drug resistance develops, more of the HIV medicines that previously controlled the person's HIV are no longer effective. In other words, the HIV medicine(s) can't stop the new mutant HIV from multiplying.



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Once drug-resistant HIV develops, a person must change HIV medicines. Different HIV medicines are needed to block the drug-resistant HIV from multiplying.



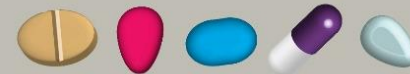
Drug-resistant HIV can be transmitted from person to person or develop after a person starts taking HIV medicines. Drug-resistance testing can detect drug-resistant HIV and identify any HIV medicines that won't be effective against a person's HIV.

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Taking HIV medicines every day and exactly as prescribed helps prevent drug resistance. HIV medicines block HIV from multiplying. Having less HIV in the body reduces the chances that the virus will mutate and produce drug-resistant HIV.



**Prevent drug resistance. Take your HIV medicines daily.**



For more information, visit



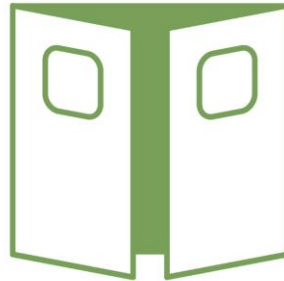
# Protecting Baby from HIV:

## Steps to Prevent Transmission of HIV from Mother to Baby



Women with HIV take HIV medicines during pregnancy and childbirth. Their babies are given HIV medicine for 4 to 6 weeks after birth.

### DELIVERY



Women with a high or unknown level of HIV in their blood may have a C-section to reduce the risk of HIV transmission during delivery.



HIV can spread through breast milk. Women with HIV give their babies formula instead of breastfeeding.

For more information, visit





# HIV-Discordant Couples



## What is an HIV-Discordant Couple?

A couple is discordant if one partner has HIV and the other does not.

An HIV-discordant couple is also called a mixed-status couple.

## Ways to prevent HIV transmission within a discordant couple



I'm HIV Positive



Take HIV medicines every day



Keep all medical appointments



I'm HIV Negative



Ask a health care provider about PrEP, an HIV prevention method



Get tested for HIV often



We're Discordant



Don't have sex with other people



Use condoms during sex

# Living with HIV

## Steps to Better Health



## You can safely share

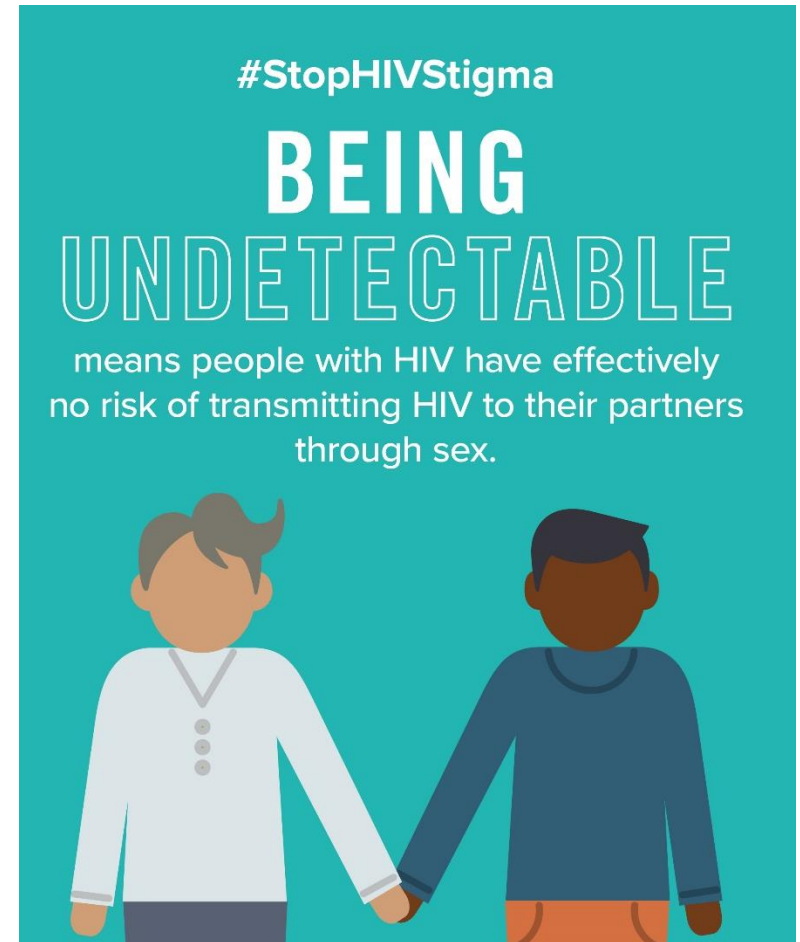
a desk	 a hug	a toilet
dishes		a handshake

with someone who has HIV.

# Undetectable = Untransmittable

People living with HIV who have continually suppressed their viral load for at least six months, and continue their treatment as prescribed, ***do not transmit HIV to their sex partners***

The science spans many years and clinical trials involving thousands of people living with HIV; with tens of thousands of instances of condomless sex. No transmission has occurred among participants who are undetectable.



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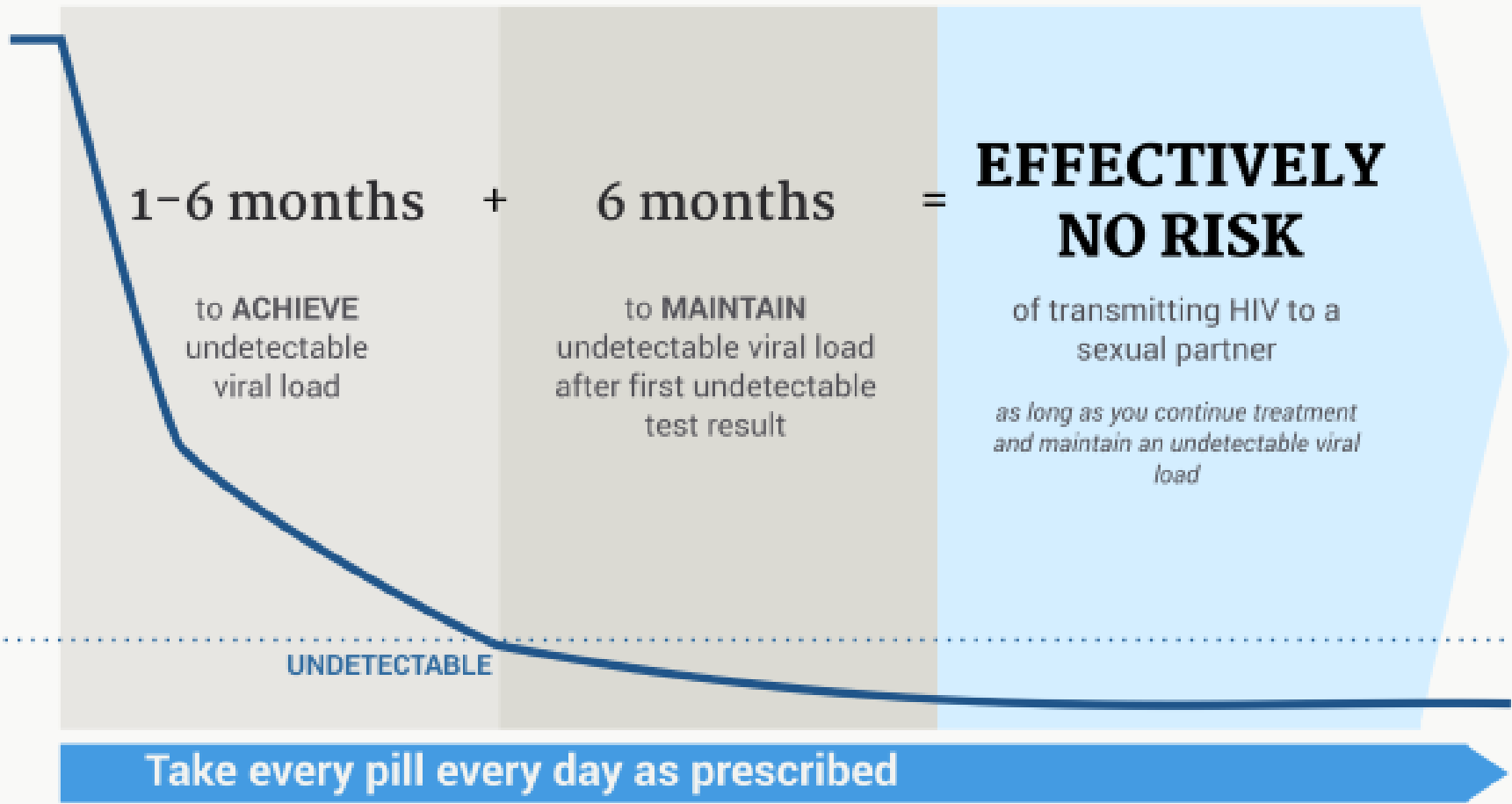


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# YOUR ROADMAP TO UNDETECTABLE

You've been diagnosed with HIV.  
Where do you go from here? Follow our  
roadmap to help you live well with HIV.



## GET IN CARE

Once you receive a diagnosis of HIV, the most important next step is to start taking HIV medicine to treat it as soon as possible.

- Find health care providers who make you feel comfortable and supported.
- They will help you stay informed about your HIV care and connect you to other services.



## GET ON TREATMENT

Getting on HIV treatment is the best thing you can do for your overall health and the first step to getting an undetectable viral load.

- HIV care and treatment is most effective when you actively take part.
- That means taking your medications as prescribed, going to your medical appointments, and communicating honestly with your health care provider.



## STAY IN CARE

Once you are on a treatment plan, work with your health care provider toward getting and keeping an undetectable viral load.

- This means the amount of HIV in your blood (viral load) is so low that a test can't detect it.
- Having an undetectable viral load is the best thing you can do to stay healthy.



## STAY UNDETECTABLE

People with HIV who take HIV medicine daily, as prescribed, and get and keep an undetectable viral load have effectively no risk of transmitting HIV to their HIV negative partners during sex.

- Most people can get an undetectable viral load within 6 months of starting HIV treatment.
- Many will become undetectable very quickly, but it could take more time for some.
- The only way to know if you are undetectable is by visiting your provider and getting tested regularly.



Learn more at: [cdc.gov/stophivtogether](https://cdc.gov/stophivtogether)

[cdc.gov/HIVTreatmentWorks](https://cdc.gov/HIVTreatmentWorks)  
[#HIVTreatmentWorks](https://twitter.com/HIVTreatmentWorks)

# Prevention



Treatment as prevention

PEP and PrEP

Condoms/Dental dams

Routine STI screening that includes HIV and syphilis testing

For high-risk patients, the focus should be on continued education, behavioral counseling, and harm reduction

Risk-reduction counseling: education about safer sex practices, condom use, safer injection practices, referral to syringe exchange programs

**Prevention strategies for young people next week in Part II!**

**THANK YOU!**