



National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

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United States

The theme of this year's National Latino Awareness Day is "*We'll Defeat AIDS con Ganas!*"

- ⌘ Hispanic/Latinos make up 17% of the US population, but account for 24% of new HIV diagnoses and 20% of new AIDS diagnoses across the nation.
- ⌘ In 2013, one in five people living with HIV infection in the US were Hispanic/Latino. The rate of Hispanic/Latinos living with HIV was over twice the rate for whites living with HIV in the US.
- ⌘ In 2014, the rate of new HIV diagnoses for Hispanic/Latinos was 18.4 per 100,000 which was over 3 times that of whites (6.1 per 100,000).

Louisiana

- ⌘ In Louisiana, the new HIV diagnosis rate for Hispanic/Latinos is over 3 times higher than the HIV diagnosis rate for whites. In 2015, there were 64 new HIV diagnoses among Hispanic/Latinos.
- ⌘ As of December 2015, 855 Hispanic/Latinos were living with HIV; 19% were female and 81% were male.
- ⌘ Among the Hispanic/Latinos living with HIV infection, 55% were men who have sex with men (MSM), 13% were injection drug users (IDU), 6% were MSM/IDU, 24% had high-risk heterosexual sex, and 1% were pediatric/perinatal infections.
- ⌘ Of the new HIV diagnoses among Hispanics/Latinos, 16% were female and 84% were male; 22% of the diagnoses were among people under 25 years of age, 39% between people 25-34 years, 25% between 35-44 years, and 14% were 45 and older.
- ⌘ Over 50% of all new diagnoses among Hispanic/Latinos occur in the New Orleans Region.
- ⌘ In 2014, 28% of Hispanic/Latino persons newly diagnosed with HIV had AIDS at the time of their diagnosis, and an additional 3% of persons developed AIDS within 6 months of their diagnosis. People who have an AIDS diagnosis within 6 months of their HIV diagnosis are considered to be "late testers" since they were diagnosed late in their disease progression.
- ⌘ In 2014, 47% of Hispanic/Latino persons living with HIV infection did not have at least one CD4 or VL test within a 12-month period. These persons are considered to have been "out of care" during that year, thus deemed having an "unmet need" for care and treatment.

