



# World AIDS Day

## December 1, 2016

World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1<sup>st</sup> to increase awareness, improve education, fight prejudice, and raise financial resources for HIV treatment and prevention activities.

This year's theme is "Leadership. Commitment. Impact."

### Worldwide Statistics

Ⓜ Across the world there are an estimated **36.7 million** people living with HIV infection.

- Includes 1.8 million children
- Only 17 million are on treatment
- 1.1 million people die of an AIDS-related illness each year
- 40% of people living with HIV do not know they have the virus

Ⓜ In 2015, there were **2.1 million** new cases of HIV, 150,000 of which were among children.

### United States Statistics

Ⓜ The CDC estimates that more than **1.2 million** people in the United States are living with HIV infection, but just 955,000 have been diagnosed.

Ⓜ In 2015, 39,513 people were diagnosed with HIV infection in the US and 18,303 people received an AIDS diagnosis.

Ⓜ Almost 52% of all HIV diagnoses occurred in the Southern Region of the US which encompasses a total of 17 states.

### Louisiana Statistics

Ⓜ As of September 30, 2016, **21,303** persons were living with HIV infection in Louisiana; of these individuals, **11,087** persons (52%) have an AIDS diagnosis.

Ⓜ Nationally, Louisiana ranked **2<sup>nd</sup>** for HIV diagnosis rates and **11<sup>th</sup>** in the number of diagnoses of HIV infection in 2015, according to the *CDC 2015 HIV Surveillance Report*. Baton Rouge ranked **2<sup>nd</sup>** and New Orleans ranked **3<sup>rd</sup>** for HIV diagnosis rates among the largest metropolitan areas in the United States in 2015.

Ⓜ In 2015, **1,125** persons were diagnosed with HIV in Louisiana.

- **36%** (408 persons) were diagnosed in the New Orleans Metro Area
- **23%** (265 persons) were diagnosed in the Baton Rouge Metro Area

Ⓜ In 2015, **75%** of new HIV diagnoses were among men, **25%** among women, and there were six new diagnoses among transgender women.

Ⓜ In 2015, **27%** of all new diagnoses were in persons under the age of 25, **33%** were between 25-34 years, **19%** were between 35-44 years, and **23%** were 45 and older.

Ⓜ African Americans continue to experience significant health disparities in Louisiana. In 2015, **72%** of persons newly diagnosed with HIV and **74%** of persons newly diagnosed with AIDS were African Americans. The HIV diagnosis rate for blacks is over 6 times higher than that of whites and almost 2 times higher than Hispanics.

Ⓜ In 2015, of all new diagnoses in Louisiana who reported risk, **65%** were among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (MSM) and **25%** were among high risk heterosexuals; **7%** injection drug user (IDU) and **3%** MSM/IDU.

Ⓜ In 2015, **28%** of persons living with HIV infection were not in HIV-related medical care. Of those in care, **79%** were virally suppressed.

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