

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
FOR PEOPLE LIVING
WITH HIV

World **AIDS** Day
December 1

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Around the World



In 2018, an estimated **37.9 million** people were **living with HIV**.



Since the start of the epidemic, an estimated **32.0 million** people have **died from an AIDS-related illness**.



An estimated **1.7 million** people were **diagnosed with HIV** in 2018, a **40% decrease** since diagnoses peaked in 1997.

HIV & AIDS in the United States

- There are over 1.1 million Americans living with HIV.
- In 2017, nearly 40,000 people were diagnosed with HIV.
- In 2017, over 17,000 people were diagnosed with AIDS.

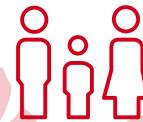
The HIV epidemic affects some groups of people more than others, including:



African Americans & Hispanics/Latinx



Gay & Bisexual Men



Persons Living in the Southern United States

There are many factors that contribute to a person's risk for HIV and their overall health. Some of these factors include:



Education



Access to Healthcare



Stigma & Discrimination



Employment



Supportive Family & Community



Safe & Stable Housing

Finding ways to make sure people can access quality health services is important for the health of all people.



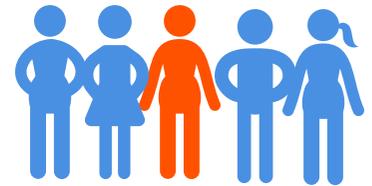
HIV and AIDS in Louisiana



In 2018, there were **21,770 people living with HIV** in Louisiana.

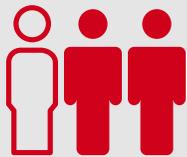
Over half of people living with HIV had a prior **AIDS diagnosis**.

It is estimated that **1 in 5** people living with HIV in Louisiana are **undiagnosed** and **do not know their HIV status**.



In 2018 there were **983 new HIV diagnoses in Louisiana**. The lowest number of new diagnoses since the peak of the epidemic in 1992.

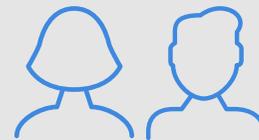
Among persons living with HIV in 2018...



2 in 3 were African American



71% were male



Half were under 45-years-old

How YOU can prevent HIV transmission:

If you are living with HIV, **take your HIV medicine** to stay healthy & reduce the risk of passing HIV on to a partner.



If you are HIV-negative, ask your doctor about **PrEP**. **The daily pill to prevent HIV.**



Know your status and your partner's status. **Get tested for HIV.**



Use **condoms** correctly every time you have oral, anal, or vaginal sex.

Avoid sharing needles and other injecting equipment.



Get tested and treated for other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

For more information on HIV and testing locations near you visit: lahhub.org