

# National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

October 15th



In 2016, there were

**214,839**

Hispanics/Latinx living with diagnosed HIV in the U.S.

Not all people who have HIV are aware of their status.



In 2016, it was estimated that



**1 in 6** Hispanics/Latinx living with HIV in the United States were unaware of their status.

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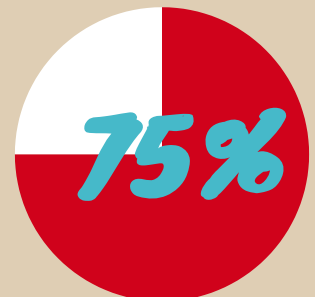
**WE'RE FIGHTING THIS TOGETHER**



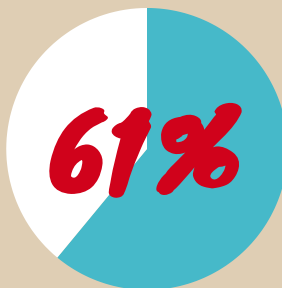
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75% of HIV diagnoses among Hispanics/Latinx in 2017 were gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men.



Viral suppression is when a person has very low levels of HIV in their blood. Achieving viral suppression helps people living with HIV stay healthy and they cannot pass HIV on to sex partners.



**61%** of Hispanics/Latinx living with HIV in the United States in 2016 were virally suppressed.

There are many factors that contribute to a person's risk for HIV and their overall health. Some factors that affect Hispanic/Latinx people's health include:



Language barriers



Unfamiliar with U.S. healthcare system



Discrimination & stigma



Poverty



Lack health insurance

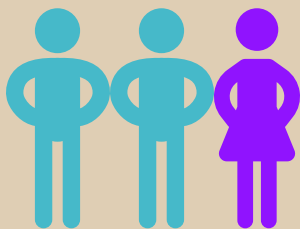
Finding ways to address these barriers to accessing quality health services is important for the health of Hispanic/Latinx people and the health of all people living in the U.S.



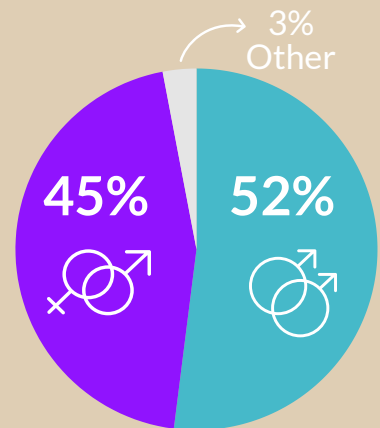
# HIV Among Hispanics/Latinx in Louisiana

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Among all Hispanics/Latinx diagnosed with HIV in 2018 in Louisiana,



**2 in 3 were men.**



In 2018, **52%** of Hispanics/Latinx diagnosed with HIV in Louisiana were **gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men.**

**Over Half** of the Hispanics/Latinx HIV diagnoses in 2018 were living in the **New Orleans Public Health Region.**








In 2018, there were

**1,033**

Hispanic/Latinx people living with HIV in Louisiana.

## Ways to Reduce Your Risk for HIV

-  If you are living with HIV, take your medications as prescribed to stay healthy and greatly reduce the risk of passing HIV to a partner.
-  If you are HIV-negative, ask your doctor about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a daily pill to prevent HIV.
-  Use a condom every time you have sex. Condoms reduce the risk of getting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.
-  Know your status. Get tested for HIV. For information on testing locations near you visit:

[www.lahhub.org](http://www.lahhub.org)  [@lahealthhub](https://www.instagram.com/lahealthhub)

**Half** of Hispanic/Latinx people living with HIV in 2018 in Louisiana were **virally suppressed.** A person who is virally suppressed cannot pass HIV on to a sex partner.