

National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

October 15th



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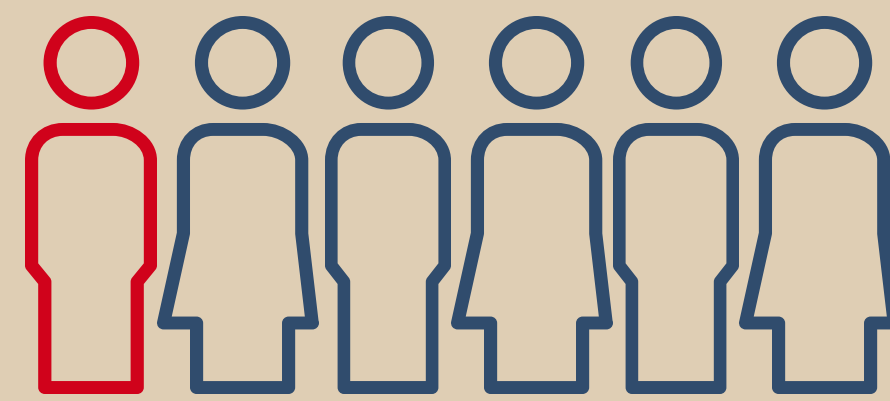
213,736

Hispanics/Latinx living with HIV in the United States.

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



In 2015, 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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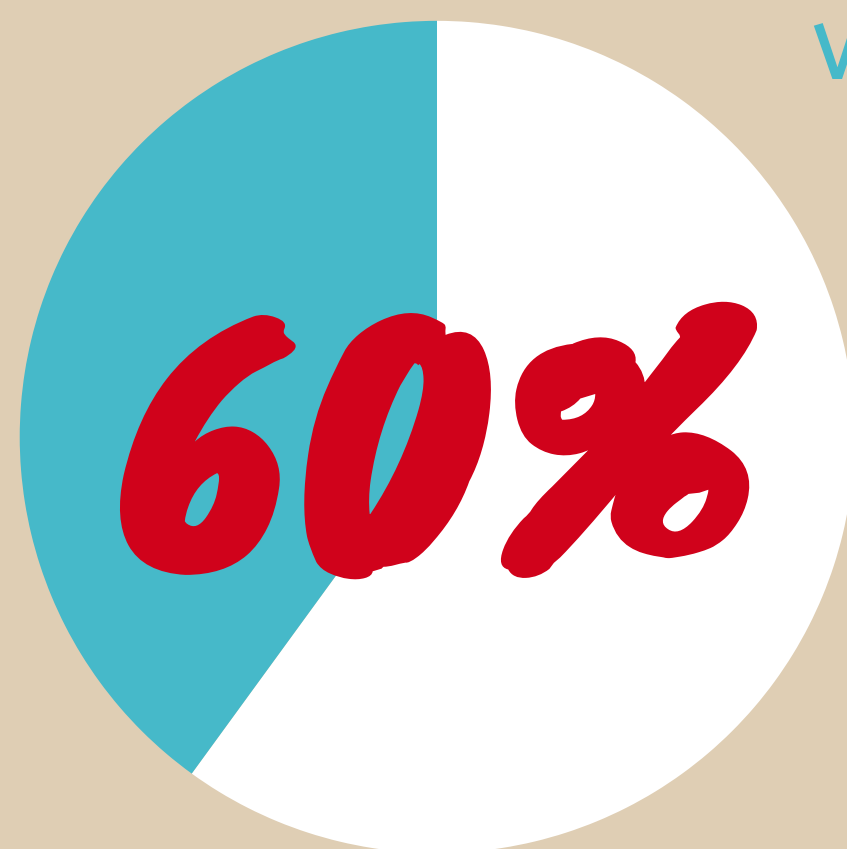


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Hispanics/Latinx are much more likely to have a delayed HIV diagnosis than non-Hispanic whites.

In 2016, **22%** of Hispanics/Latinx were diagnosed with AIDS at the same time as their initial HIV diagnosis.

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.

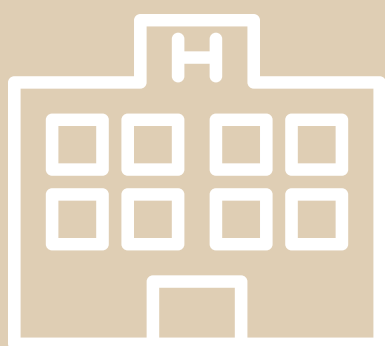


60% of Hispanics/Latinx living with HIV in the United States in 2015 were virally suppressed.

Many Hispanics/Latinx face significant barriers to accessing quality healthcare :



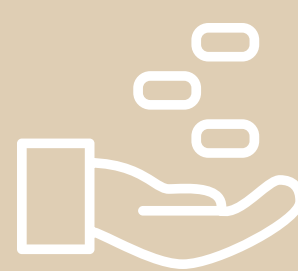
Language barriers



Unfamiliar with U.S. healthcare system



Discrimination & stigma



Poverty



Lack health insurance

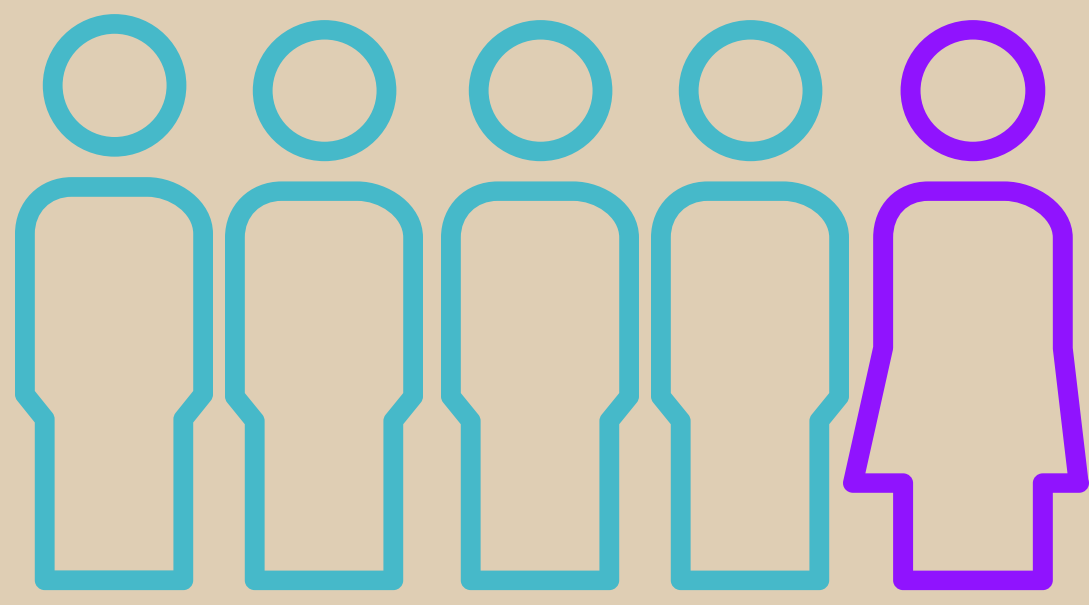
Clinics dedicated to finding solutions to these barriers are important for the public health of the Hispanic/Latinx community as well as the health of all people living in the U.S.



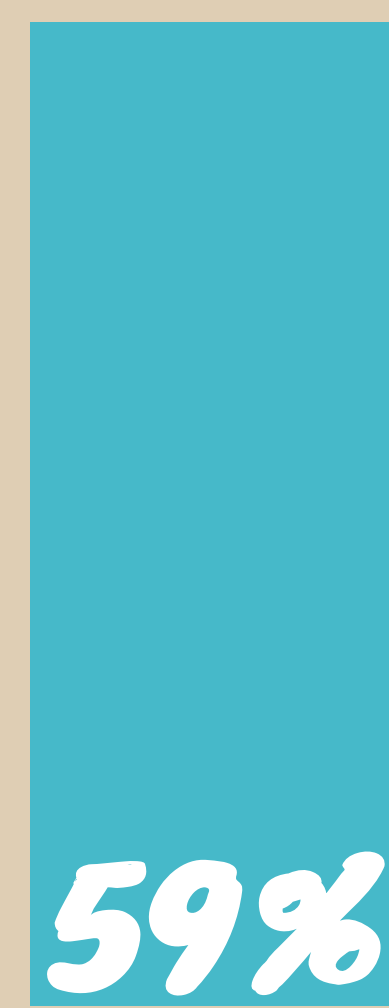
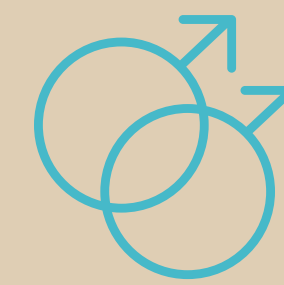
HIV Among Hispanics/Latinx in Louisiana

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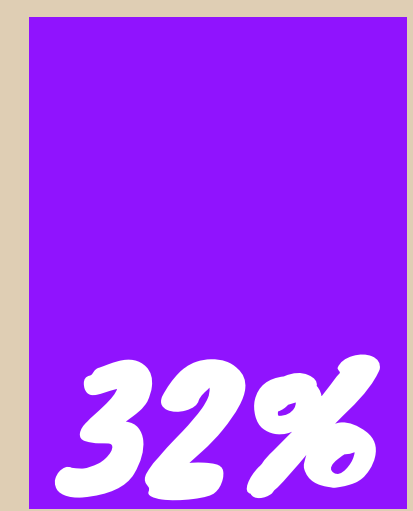
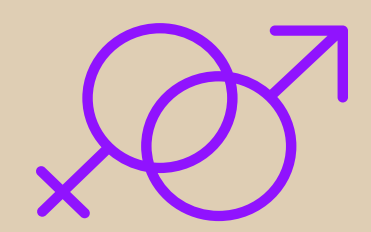
Among all Hispanics/Latinx diagnosed with HIV in 2017 in Louisiana,



4 in 5 were men.



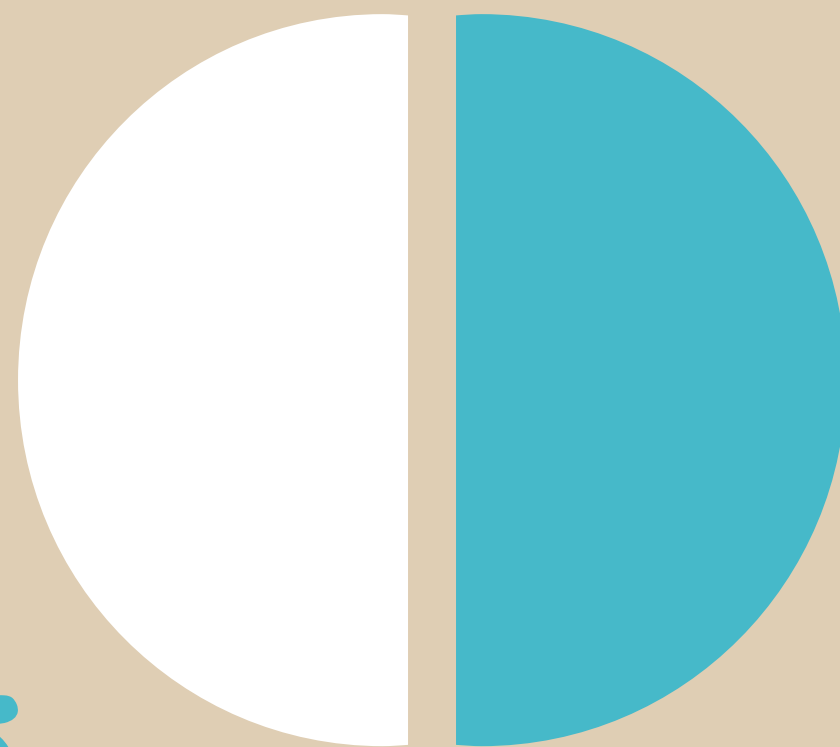
59%



32%





In 2017, 59% of Hispanics/Latinx diagnosed with HIV in Louisiana were gay, bisexual or other men who have sex with men.

Half of all new HIV diagnoses among Hispanics/Latinx were in the **New Orleans Public Health Region.**



16% of Hispanics/Latinx in 2017 in Louisiana were diagnosed with **AIDS at their HIV diagnosis.**

What YOU can do to prevent the spread of 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.
-  Regardless of your status, 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: lahhub.org.

Half of Hispanics/Latinx living with HIV in 2017 in Louisiana were virally suppressed. A person who is virally suppressed cannot pass HIV on to a sex partner.