In 2019, an estimated **38 million** people were living with HIV.

Since the start of the epidemic, an estimated **32.7 million** people have died from an AIDS-related illness.

An estimated **1.7 million** people were diagnosed with HIV in 2019, a **40% decrease** since diagnoses peaked in 1998.

There are over 1 million Americans living with HIV.

In 2018, nearly 38,000 people were diagnosed with HIV.

In 2018, over 17,000 people were diagnosed with AIDS.

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

- African American & Hispanic/Latinx People
- 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.

**Sources:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; UNAIDS
HIV and AIDS in Louisiana

In 2019 there were **884 new HIV diagnoses in Louisiana**. The lowest number of new diagnoses since the peak of the epidemic in 1992.

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

In 2019, there were **22,162 people living with HIV** in Louisiana. **Over half** of people living with HIV had a prior AIDS diagnosis.

Among persons living with HIV in 2019...

- 2 in 3 were African American
- 71% were male
- Half were over 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.**
- Use **condoms** correctly every time you have oral, anal, or vaginal sex.
- **Get tested and treated** for other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
- Know your status and your partner’s status. **Get tested for HIV.**
- **Avoid sharing needles** and other injecting equipment.

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