For the fourth consecutive year, new HIV diagnoses have declined in Louisiana. In 2020, there were 728 HIV diagnoses in Louisiana, a 17% decrease from the 881 diagnoses in 2019. The steep decline in new diagnoses from 2019 to 2020 has largely been defined by the sweeping institutional impact of COVID-19 on HIV testing and engagement in routine medical care. The effects of which are yet to be fully understood. The majority of new diagnoses in 2020 were male (73%), Black (70%), and 25-44 years-old (56%). Almost half of new diagnoses were from the New Orleans (26%) and Baton Rouge (20%) public health regions.

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|   | **No.** | **%** |
| ***Total***  | ***728*** | ***100%*** |
| **Gender** |   |   |
| Female | 172 | 24% |
| Male | 535 | 73% |
| Transgender women | 19 | 3% |
| Transgender men | 2 | <1% |
| **Race/Ethnicity** |  |  |
| Black | 508 | 70% |
| Hispanic/Latinx | 62 | 9% |
| White | 146 | 20% |
| Other | 12 | 2% |
| **Age at Diagnosis** |  |  |
|  0-12 | 1 | <1% |
|  13-19 | 54 | 7% |
|  20-24 | 131 | 18% |
|  25-34 | 240 | 33% |
|  35-44 | 166 | 23% |
|  45-54 | 83 | 11% |
|  55-64 | 41 | 6% |
|  65+ | 12 | 2% |
| **Region of Diagnosis** |  |  |
| Region 1 - New Orleans | 188 | 26% |
| Region 2 - Baton Rouge | 148 | 20% |
| Region 3 - Houma | 35 | 5% |
| Region 4 - Lafayette | 86 | 12% |
| Region 5 - Lake Charles | 31 | 4% |
| Region 6 - Alexandria | 44 | 6% |
| Region 7 - Shreveport  | 78 | 11% |
| Region 8 - Monroe | 52 | 7% |
| Region 9 - Hammond/Slidell | 66 | 9% |