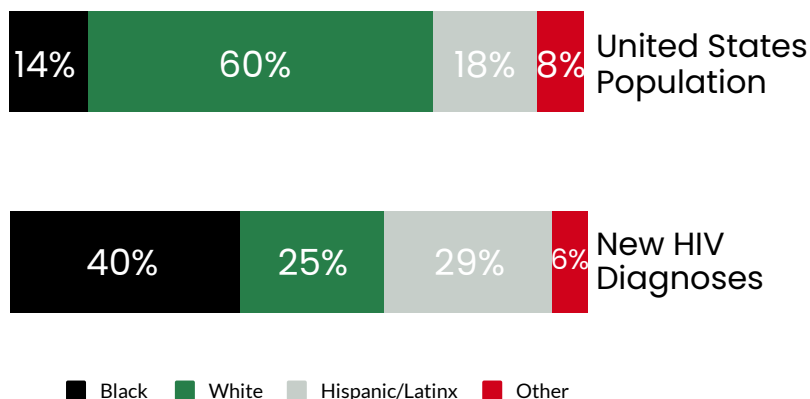


National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

February 7

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is observed each year to raise awareness of HIV within Black communities and show support for people living with HIV in these communities.

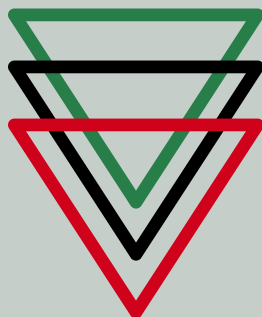
Only **14%** of the U.S. population is Black, but **40%** of new HIV diagnoses are Black.



In 2021, **14,424** Black people were diagnosed with HIV in the United States.

Black gay and bisexual men are more affected by HIV than any other group.
In 2021, 26% of people newly diagnosed with HIV were Black gay and bisexual men.

In recent years, the number of Black women newly diagnosed with HIV in the U.S. has steadily **decreased each year.**



60% of Black people living with HIV in the U.S. were **virally suppressed** in 2020.

Viral suppression is when a person has very low levels of HIV in their blood. People who are virally suppressed cannot pass HIV on to sex partners.

How you can prevent HIV transmission



If you are living with HIV, taking your medication and maintaining an undetectable viral load means that you cannot pass HIV on to your sexual partners. The science is there: U=U (Undetectable = Untransmittable).



If you are HIV-negative, ask your doctor about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a medication to prevent HIV.



Regardless of your status, use a condom when you have sex. Condoms reduce the risk of getting HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.



Know your status. Get tested for HIV. For information on testing locations near you visit:



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HIV Among Black People in Louisiana

In 2021, **584** Black people were diagnosed with HIV in Louisiana.



1 in **4** Black people newly diagnosed with HIV in Louisiana were **Black women**.



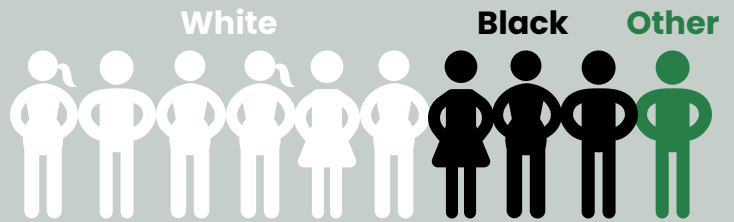
OVER HALF

of people newly diagnosed with HIV were among Black people are **gay, bisexual & other men who have sex with men**.

Black people are affected by HIV more than other groups.

Only 33% of Louisiana's population is Black but 65% of people newly diagnosed with HIV in 2021 were Black.

Louisiana Population



New HIV Diagnoses



We want everyone to start talking more about HIV, STIs, Hepatitis C, and sexual health. We want to break down the stigma and misconceptions that surround HIV, Hepatitis C and sexually transmitted infections. We want to lift up the voices of those who are living with HIV and those who are impacted – and make sure they are the ones leading the way forward.

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