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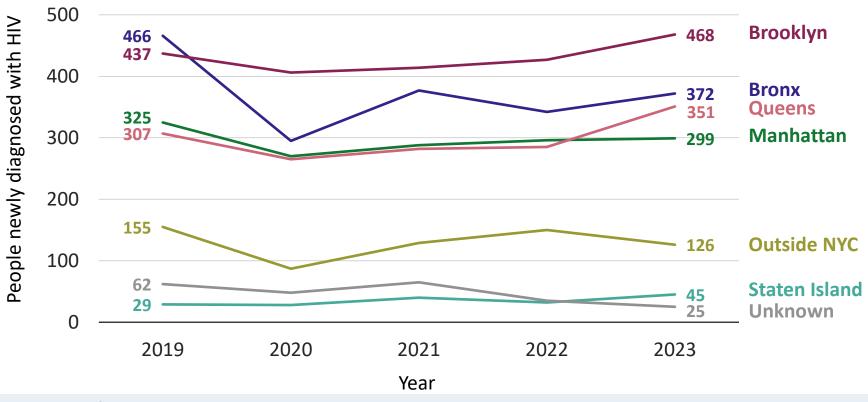


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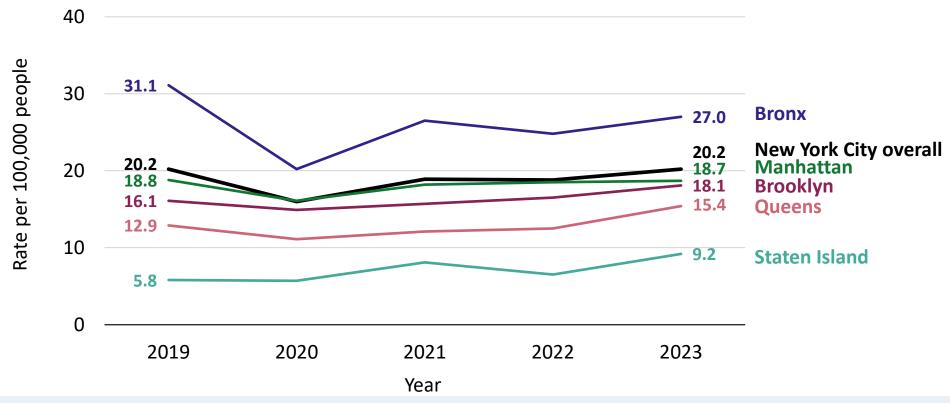
Number of New HIV Diagnoses in New York City by Borough of Residence, 2019-2023



Since 2019, the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV increase among people residing in Staten Island by 55%, among people residing in Queens by 14%, and among people residing in Brooklyn by 7%. The number of people newly diagnosed with HIV decreased or remained relatively stable in all other borough of residence groups. People residing in the Bronx experienced a steep decline from 2019 to 2020 and then an increase from 2020 to 2023. Brooklyn and the Bronx consistently experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses, accounting for a combined 50% of new diagnoses in 2023.



Rate of New HIV Diagnoses¹ per 100,000 People in New York City by Borough of Residence and New York City Overall, 2019-2023



Since 2019, the rate of new HIV diagnoses increased among people residing in Brooklyn by 12%, in Queens by 19%, and in Staten Island by 59%; the number of Staten Island residents newly diagnosed with HIV remains low, the rate should be interpreted with caution. The rate of new HIV diagnoses decreased or remained relatively stable in all other boroughs of residence. People residing in the Bronx experienced a steep decline from 2019 to 2020 and then an increase from 2020 to 2023. The Bronx consistently had the highest rate of new HIV diagnoses in New York City.

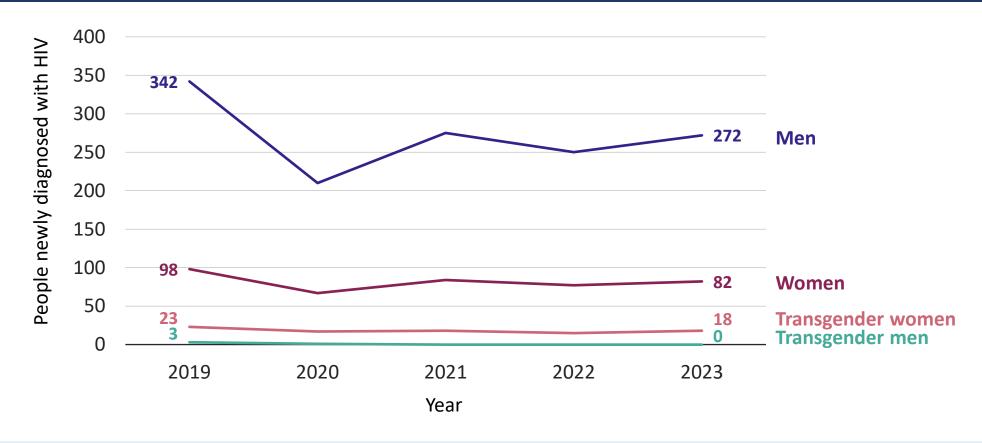


Basic Statistics of HIV in the Bronx, 2023

- 372 people newly diagnosed with HIV
 - Including 70 people concurrently diagnosed with AIDS (18.8% of diagnoses)
- 315 people newly diagnosed with AIDS¹
- There are an estimated 24,700 people with HIV²
- 570 deaths among people with HIV
 - 10.4 deaths per 1,000 people with HIV³



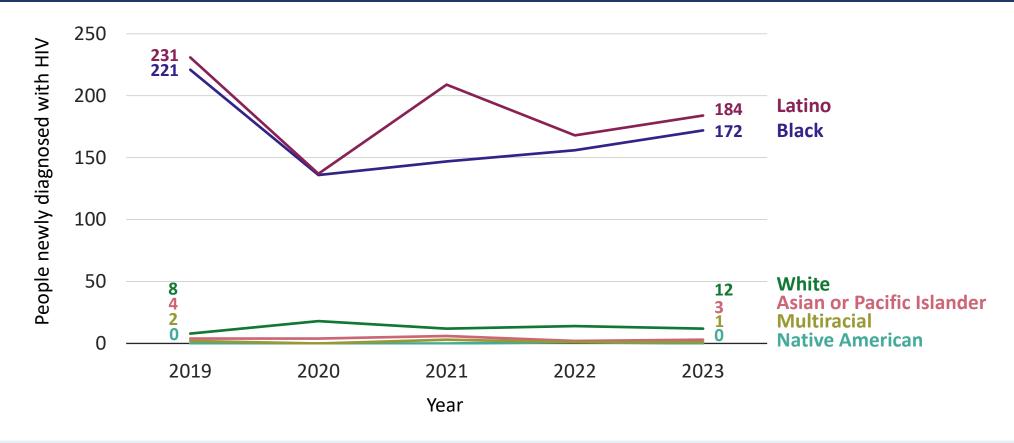
Number of New HIV Diagnoses in the Bronx by Gender, 2019-2023



In 2023, the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV decreased or returned to levels similar to those in 2019 in all race or ethnicity groups. Men experienced a decline from 2019 to 2020 and then an increase from 2020 to 2023. Men consistently experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses in the Bronx, representing 73% of new diagnoses in 2023, lower than the citywide proportion of 79%.



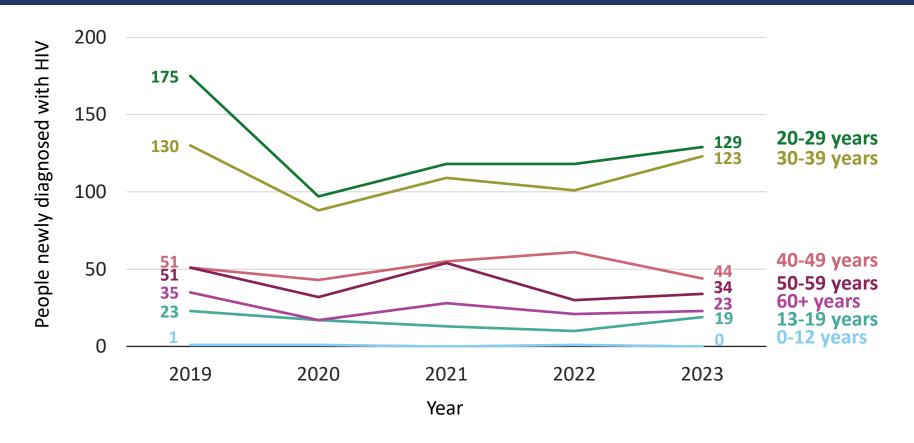
Number of New HIV Diagnoses in the Bronx by Race or Ethnicity, 2019-2023



In 2023, the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV decreased or returned to levels similar to those in 2019 in all race or ethnicity groups. Black and Latino people experienced a steep decline from 2019 to 2020 and then an increase from 2020 to 2023. Black and Latino people consistently experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses in the Bronx, representing 96% of new diagnoses in 2023, higher than the citywide proportion of 84%.



Number of New HIV Diagnoses in the Bronx by Age Group, 2019-2023



In 2023, the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV decreased or returned to levels similar to those in 2019 in all age groups. People aged 20 to 39 years experienced a steep decline from 2019 to 2020 and then an increase from 2020 to 2023. People aged 20 to 39 years consistently experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses in the Bronx, representing a combined 68% of new diagnoses in 2023, slightly higher than the citywide proportion of 67%.



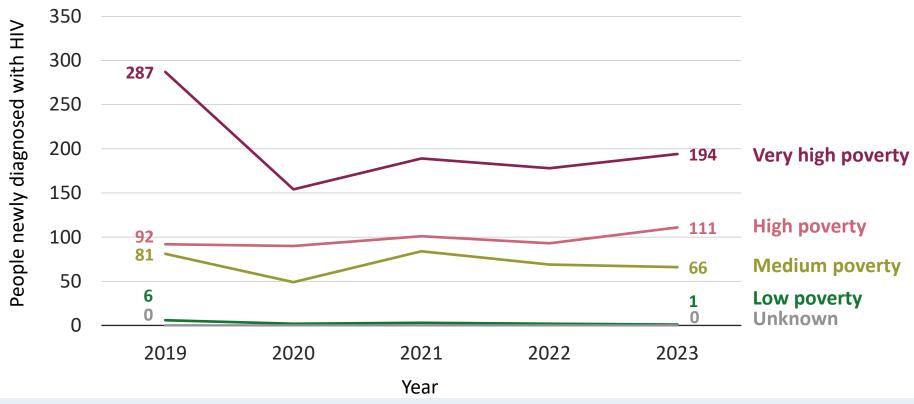
Number of New HIV Diagnoses in the Bronx by Race or Ethnicity and Age Group, 2023

E	Black	Latino '		Asian or Pacific Islander	Native American	Multiracial
0-12	0	0	0	0	0	0
13-19	9	10	0	0	0	0
20-29	55	70	4	0	0	0
30-39	57	62	4	0	0	0
40-49	18	23	1	2	0	0
50-59	20	12	1	1	0	0
60+	13	7	2	0	0	1

Black and Latino people aged 20 to 39 years in the Bronx experienced the highest number of people newly diagnosed with HIV in 2023, representing a combined 66% of new diagnoses in 2023, higher than the citywide proportion of 57%.



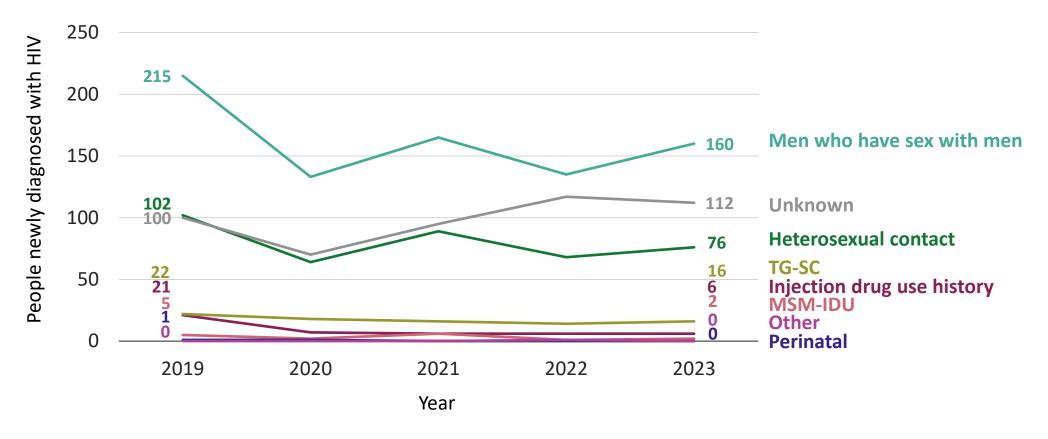
Number of New HIV Diagnoses in the Bronx by Neighborhood Poverty Level, 2019-2023



Since 2019, the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV increased among people residing in neighborhoods with high poverty by 21%. The number of people newly diagnosed with HIV decreased or remained relatively stable in all other neighborhood poverty levelgroups. People residing in neighborhoods with very high poverty experienced a steep decline from 2019 to 2020 and then an increase from 2020 to 2023. Neighborhoods with very high poverty consistently experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses in the Bronx, representing a combined 52% of new diagnoses in 2023, higher than the citywide proportion of 17%.



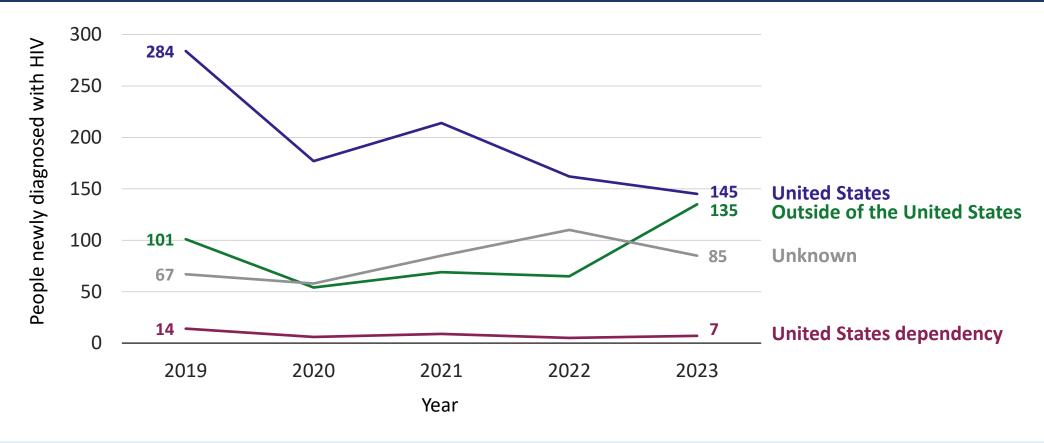
Number of New HIV Diagnoses in the Bronx by Transmission Category, 2019-2023



Since 2019, the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV increased among people with an unknown transmission category¹ by 12%. The number of people newly diagnosed with HIV decreased or remained relatively stable for all other transmission categories. Men who have sex with men consistently experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses in the Bronx, representing 62% of new diagnoses among people for whom data on transmission category were available in 2023, lower than the citywide proportion of 69%.



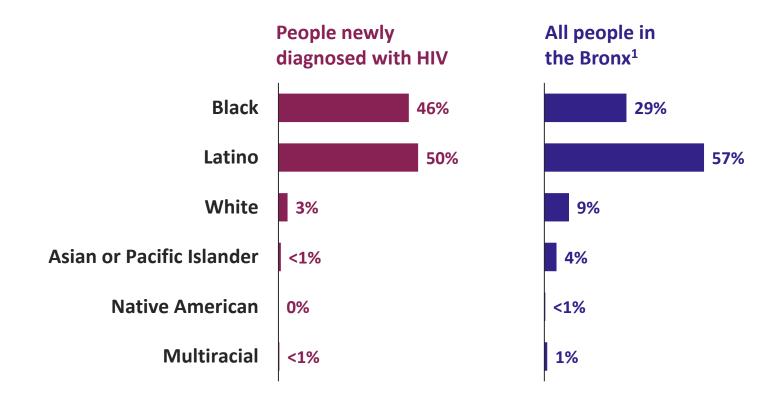
Number of New HIV Diagnoses in the Bronx by Place of Birth, 2019-2023



Since 2019, the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV increased among people with an unknown place of birth¹ by 27% and among people born outside of the United States by 34%. The number of people newly diagnosed with HIV decreased or remained relatively stable for all other places of birth. People born in the United States consistently experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses in the Bronx, representing 39% of new diagnoses in 2023, slightly higher than the citywide proportion of 38%.



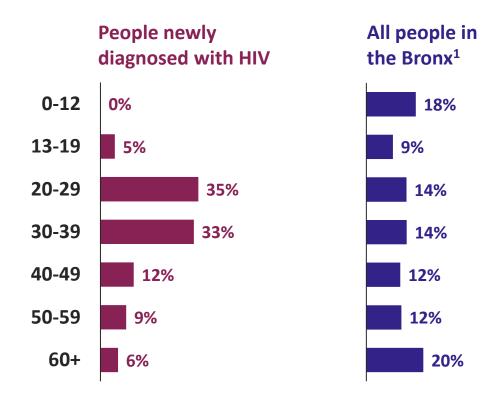
Proportion of People Newly Diagnosed With HIV and All People¹ in the Bronx by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



The proportions of new HIV diagnoses among Black and Latino people are higher than their respective proportions among all people in the Bronx.



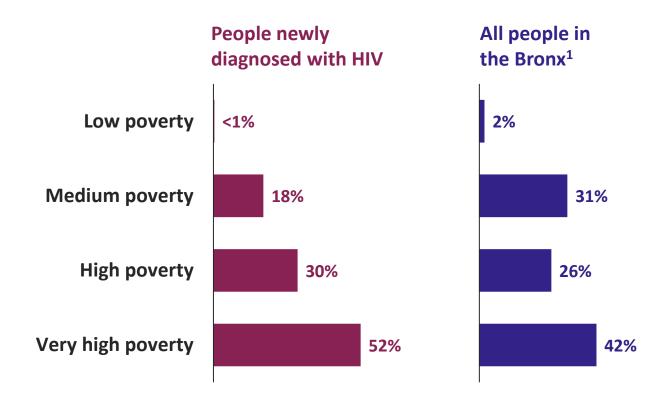
Proportion of People Newly Diagnosed With HIV and All People¹ in the Bronx by Age Group, 2023



The proportions of new HIV diagnoses among people aged 20 to 39 years are more than double their respective proportions among all people in the Bronx.



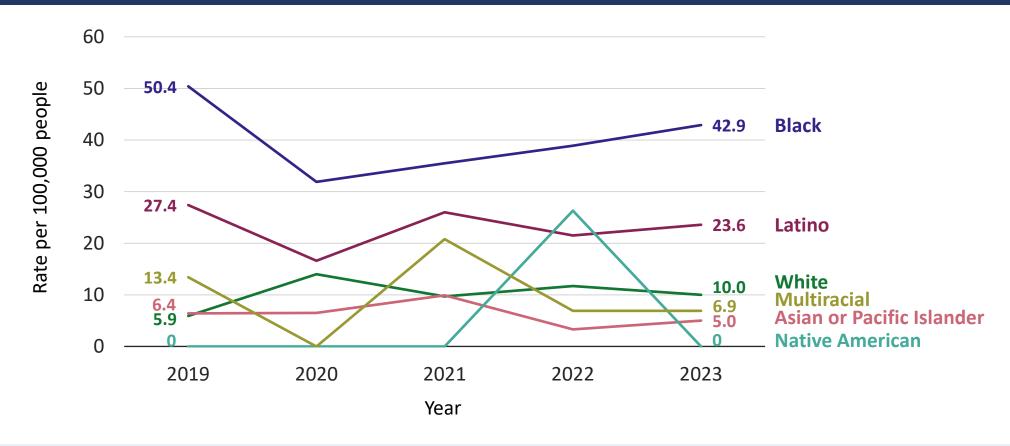
Proportion of People Newly Diagnosed With HIV and All People¹ in the Bronx by Neighborhood Poverty Level,^{2,3} 2023



The proportions of new HIV diagnoses among people living in neighborhoods with high or very high poverty are higher than their respective proportions among all people in the Bronx.



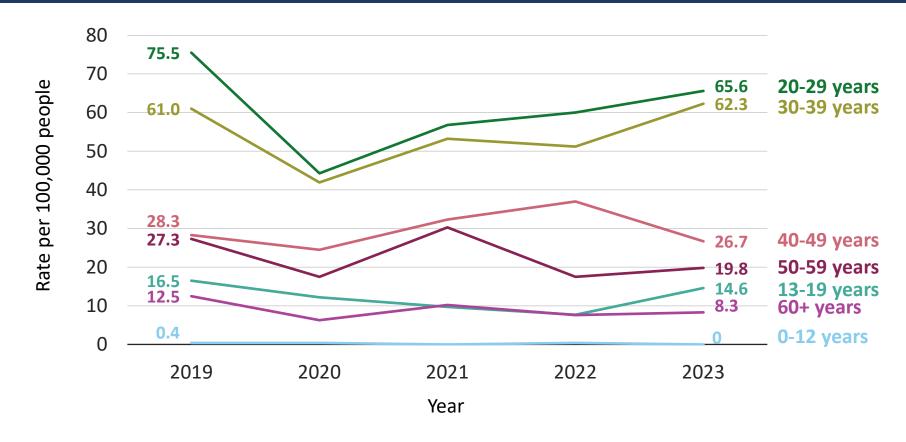
Rate of New HIV Diagnoses¹ per 100,000 People in the Bronx by Race or Ethnicity, 2019-2023



In 2023, the rate of new HIV diagnoses decreased or returned to levels similar to those in 2019 in all race or ethnicity groups. Black and Latino people experienced a steep decline from 2019 to 2020 and then an increase from 2020 to 2023. Black and Latino people consistently experienced the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses in the Bronx.



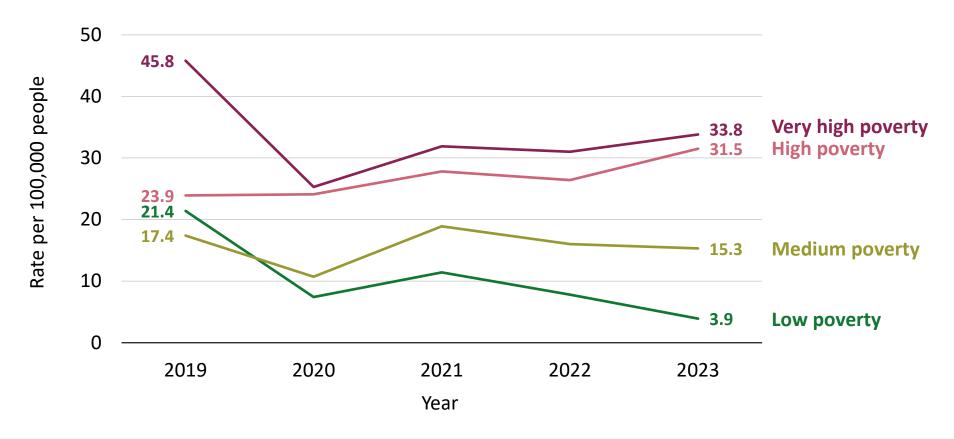
Rate of New HIV Diagnoses¹ per 100,000 People in the Bronx by Age Group, 2019-2023



In 2023, the rate of new HIV diagnoses decreased or returned to levels similar to those in 2019 in all race or ethnicity groups. People aged 20 to 39 years experienced a steep decline from 2019 to 2020 and then an increase from 2020 to 2023. People aged 20 to 39 years consistently experienced the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses in the Bronx.



Rate of New HIV Diagnoses¹ per 100,000 People in the Bronx by Neighborhood Poverty Level,² 2019-2023



Since 2019, the rate of new HIV diagnoses increased among people residing in neighborhoods with high poverty by 32%. The rate of new HIV diagnoses decreased or remained relatively stable in all neighborhood poverty level groups. People residing in neighborhoods with very high poverty experienced a steep decline from 2019 to 2020 and then an increase from 2020 to 2023. People residing in neighborhoods with high or very high poverty consistently experienced the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses in the Bronx.

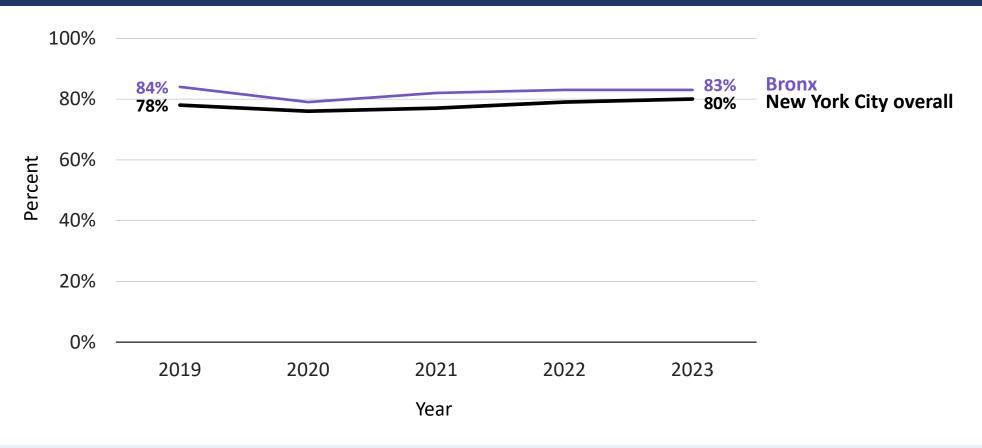


Care Outcomes Among People Newly Diagnosed With HIV

The Bronx



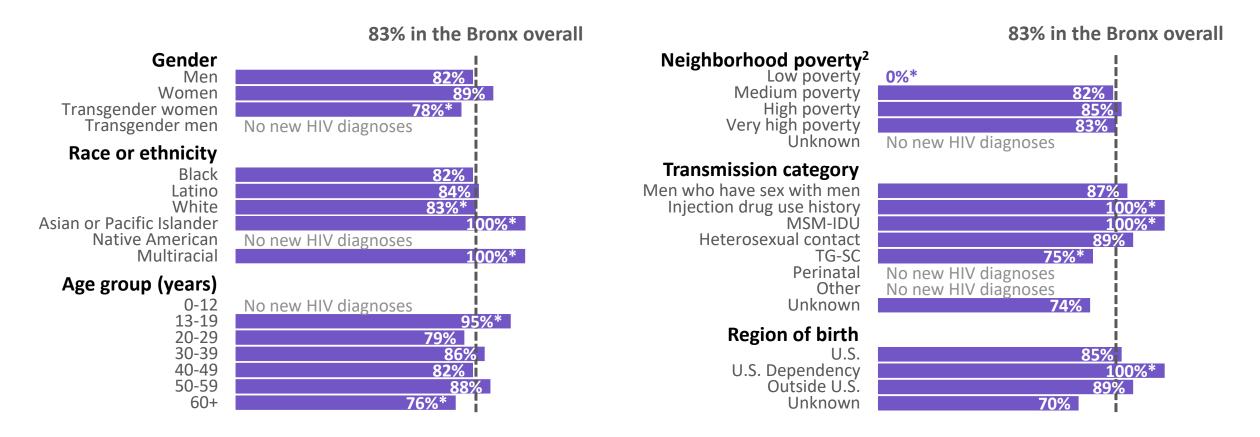
Timely Initiation of Care¹ After Diagnosis in the Bronx and New York City Overall, 2019-2023



Timely initiation of care remained relatively flat in the Bronx, and was slightly higher than New York City overall, from 2019 to 2023.



Timely Initiation of Care¹ After Diagnosis in the Bronx by Demographic Group, 2023



Differences in timely initiation of care exist across demographic groups in the Bronx.



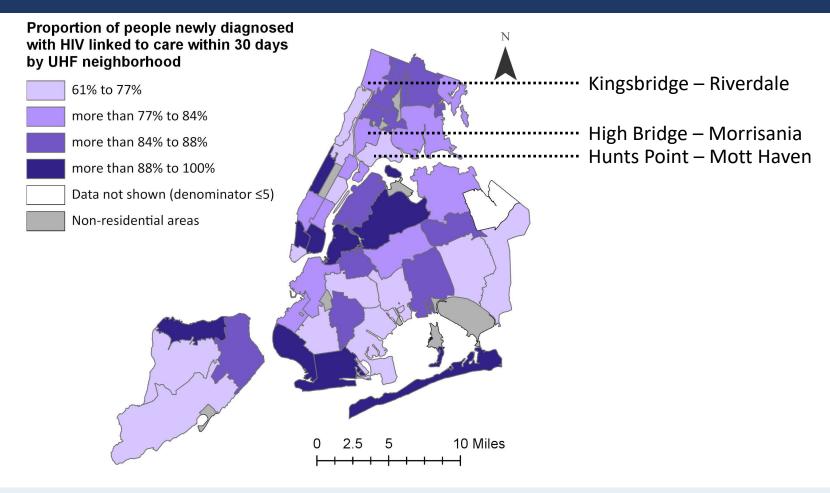
^{*}Data should be interpreted with caution because of small population size.

MSM-IDU=Men who have sex with men and inject drugs; TG-SC=Transgender people with sexual contact.

¹Timely initiation of care is defined as first CD4, viral load, or genotype drawn within 30 days of HIV diagnosis. People diagnosed at death have been excluded.

²Neighborhood poverty level is determined by the proportion of residents living below the federal poverty level (FPL) in the NYC ZIP code of residence at diagnosis. Low poverty=<10% below FPL; Medium poverty=10 to <20% below FPL; High poverty=20 to <30% below FPL; Very high poverty=≥30% below FPL. As reported to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by March 31, 2024.

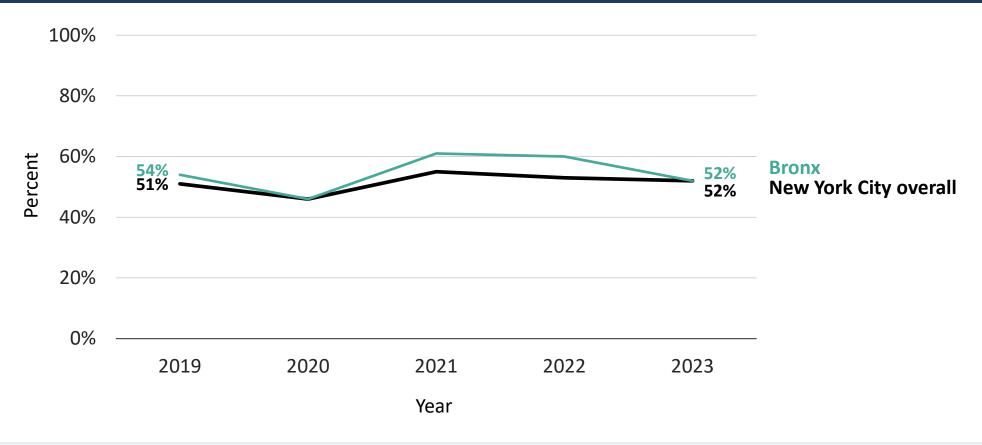
Timely Initiation of Care¹ After Diagnosis in the Bronx by United Hospital Fund Neighborhood, 2023



The neighborhoods in the Bronx with the lowest proportions of people linked to care within 30 days were Hunts Point – Mott Haven (75%), High Bridge – Morrisania (78%), and Kingsbridge – Riverdale (82%).



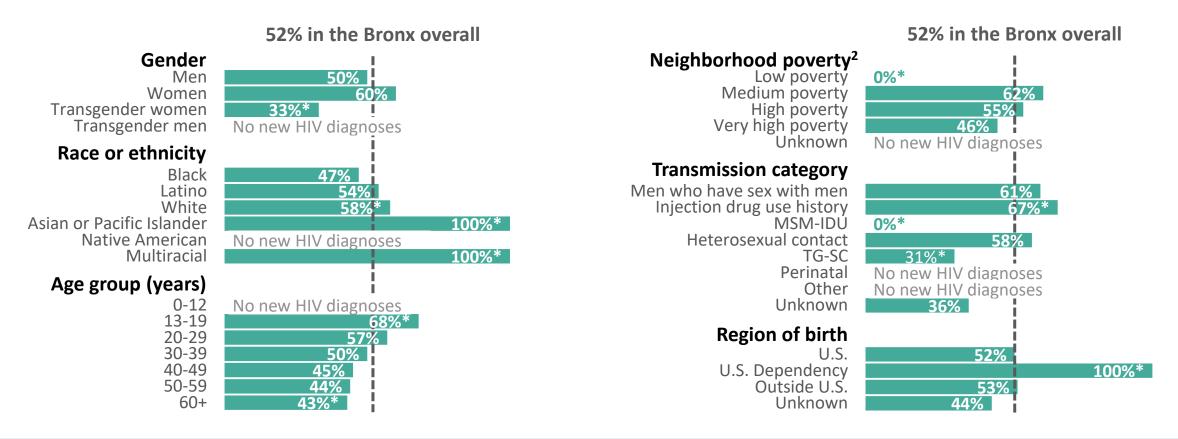
Viral Suppression¹ Within Three Months of Diagnosis in the Bronx and New York City Overall, 2019-2023



Viral suppression within three months of an HIV diagnosis fluctuated in the Bronx, and tended to be slightly higher than New York City overall, from 2019 to 2023.



Viral Suppression¹ Within Three Months of Diagnosis in the Bronx by Demographic Group, 2023



Differences in viral suppression within three months of an HIV diagnosis exist across demographic groups in the Bronx.

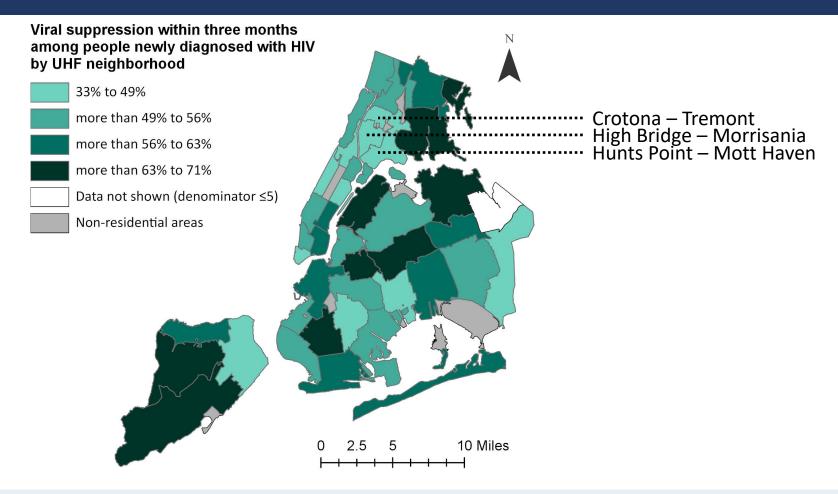


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MSM-IDU=Men who have sex with men and inject drugs; TG-SC=Transgender people with sexual contact.

¹Viral suppression is defined as an HIV viral load in the calendar year <200 copies/mL within three months of diagnosis. People diagnosed at death have been excluded.
²Neighborhood poverty level is determined by the proportion of residents living below the federal poverty level (FPL) in the NYC ZIP code of residence at diagnosis.
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Viral Suppression¹ Within Three Months of Diagnosis in the Bronx by United Hospital Fund Neighborhood, 2023



The neighborhoods in the Bronx with the lowest proportions of people virally suppressed within three months of an HIV diagnosis were Crotona – Tremont (44%), High Bridge – Morrisania (45%), and Hunts Point – Mott Haven (46%).

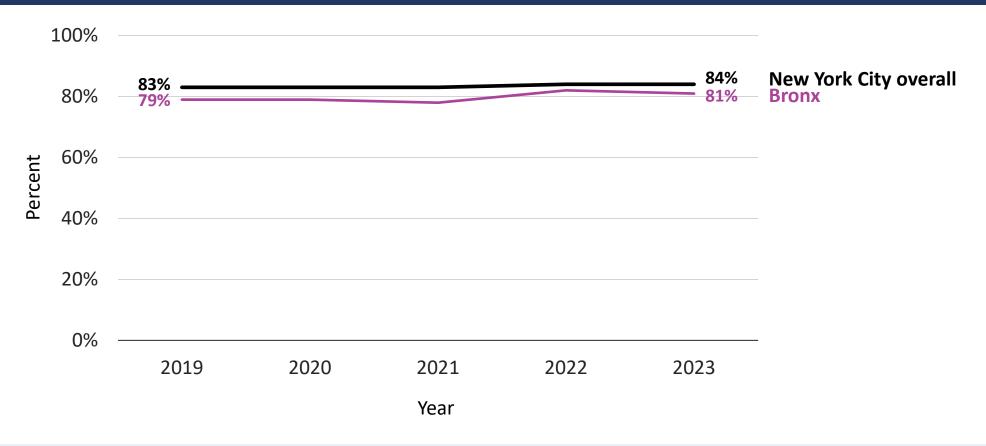


Care Outcomes Among People With HIV

The Bronx



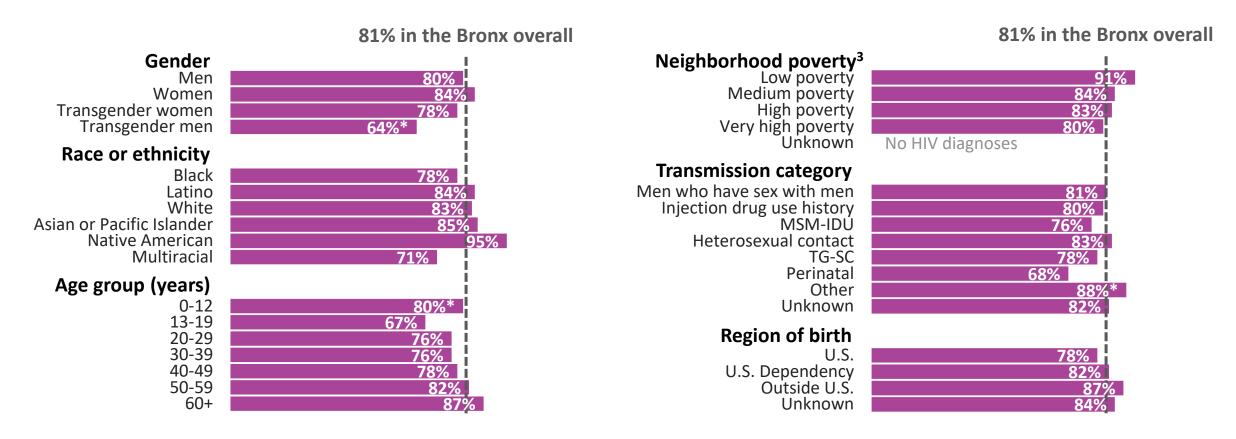
Viral Suppression¹ Among People Diagnosed With HIV² in the Bronx and New York City Overall, 2019-2023



Viral suppression increased by two percentage points in the Bronx, and was slightly lower than New York City overall, from 2019 to 2023.



Viral Suppression¹ Among People Diagnosed With HIV² in the Bronx by Demographic Group, 2023







MSM-IDU=Men who have sex with men and inject drugs; TG-SC=Transgender people with sexual contact.

¹Viral suppression is defined as the last HIV viral load in the calendar year <200 copies/mL. People diagnosed at death have been excluded.

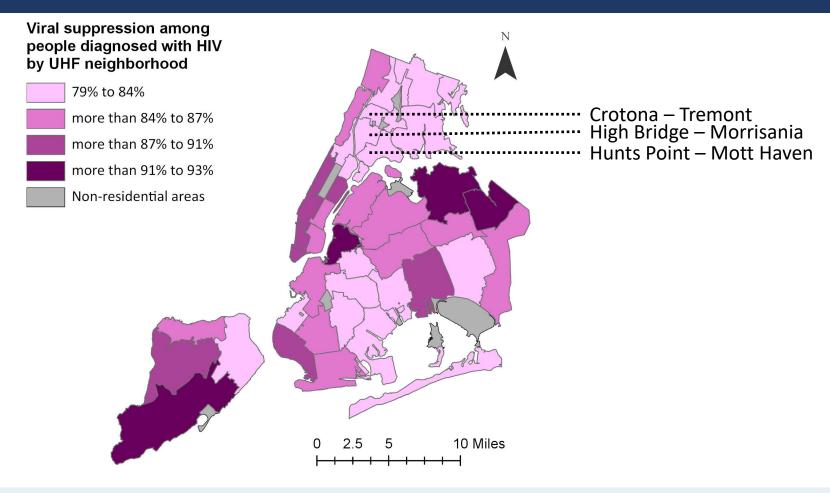
²People diagnosed with HIV and viral suppression were calculated using the statistical weighting method. For more details and references, see Technical Notes.

³Neighborhood poverty level is determined by the proportion of residents living below the federal poverty level (FPL) in the NYC ZIP code of residence at diagnosis.

Low poverty=<10% below FPL; Medium poverty=10 to <20% below FPL; High poverty=20 to <30% below FPL; Very high poverty=≥30% below FPL.

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Viral Suppression¹ Among People Diagnosed With HIV² in the Bronx by United Hospital Fund Neighborhood, 2023



The neighborhoods in the Bronx with the lowest proportions of people virally suppressed were Crotona – Tremont (79%), Hunts Point – Mott Haven (79%), and High Bridge – Morrisania (80%).



Proportion of People With HIV in Stages of the HIV Care Continuum^{1,2} in the Bronx Overall and by Race or Ethnicity,³ 2023



Of approximately 24,700 people with HIV in the Bronx in 2023, 77% had a suppressed viral load, slightly lower than the citywide proportion of 80%. There were inequities in the HIV care continuum by race or ethnicity in 2023 in the Bronx.



¹The HIV care continuum is a series of key stages for people with HIV. The denominator for each displayed proportion is the estimated number of people with HIV within a given group.

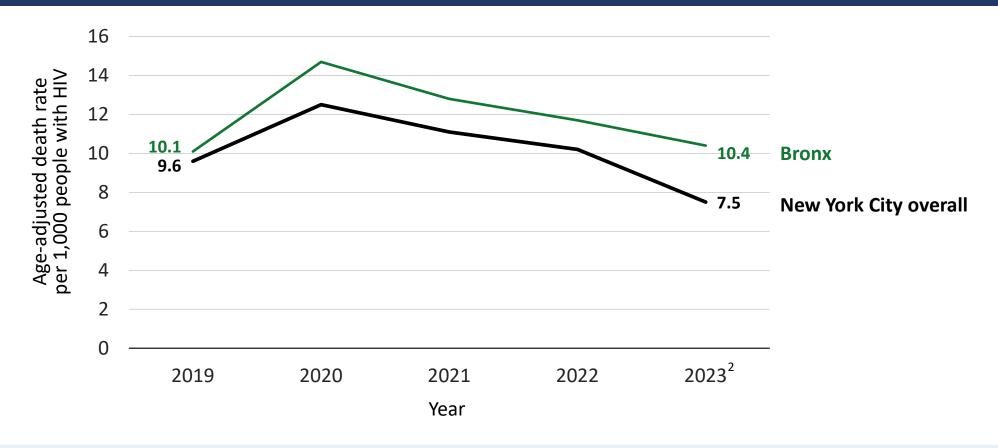
²Proportions in the care continuum may not align between stages due to the use of multiple data sources in calculations (e.g., proportion prescribed ART may be lower than the proportion virally suppressed)

³The estimated number of people with HIV by race or ethnicity may not sum to the overall value due to rounding and the use of specific estimated proportions of people with HIV who have been diagnosed within each race or ethnicity group.

For definitions of the stages of the continuum of care, see Technical Notes.

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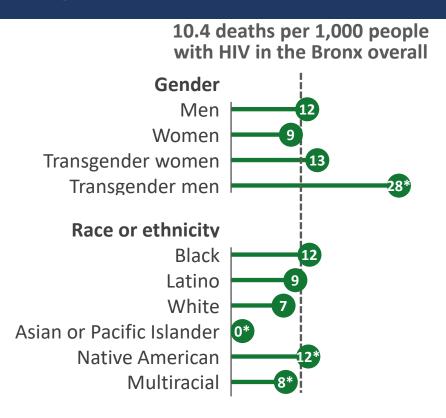
Age-Adjusted¹ Death Rate per 1,000 People With HIV in the Bronx and New York City Overall, 2019-2023



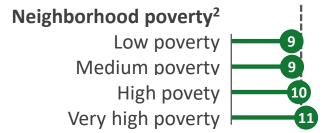
The age-adjusted death rate declined 41% since the peak in 2020 and has now returned to a level similar to 2019. The Bronx consistently experienced a higher age-adjusted death rate than the citywide rate.



Age-Adjusted¹ Death Rate per 1,000 People With HIV in the Bronx by Demographic Group, 2023



10.4 deaths per 1,000 people with HIV in the Bronx overall



Disparities in the age-adjusted death rate exist across demographic groups in the Bronx.



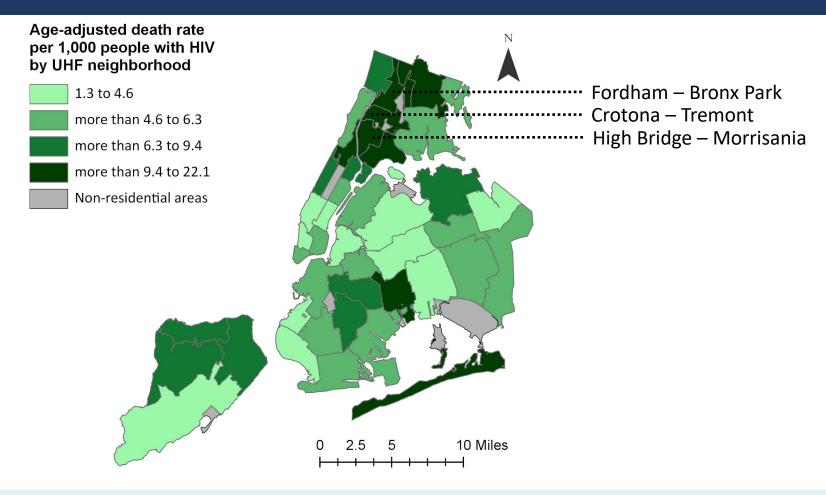
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¹Age-adjusted to the standard 2000 U.S. population. People newly diagnosed with HIV at death were excluded from the numerator.

²Neighborhood poverty level is determined by the proportion of residents living below the federal poverty level (FPL) in the NYC ZIP code of residence at diagnosis. Low poverty=<10% below FPL; Medium poverty=10 to <20% below FPL; High poverty=20 to <30% below FPL; Very high poverty=≥30% below FPL. As reported to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by March 31, 2024.

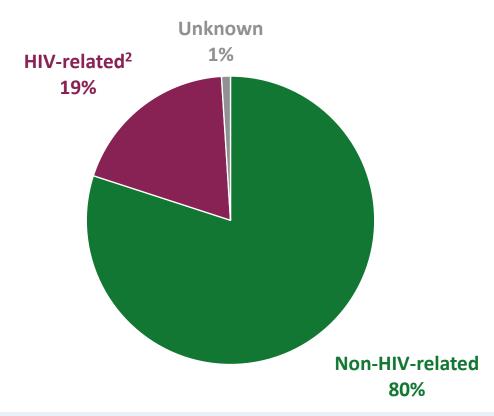
Age-Adjusted¹ Death Rate per 1,000 People With HIV in the Bronx by United Hospital Fund Neighborhood, 2023



The neighborhoods in the Bronx with the highest age-adjusted death rates were High Bridge – Morrisania (12.9 per 1,000), Crotona – Tremont (12.2 per 1,000), and Fordham – Bronx Park (10.7 per 1,000).



Proportion of Deaths Among People With HIV in the Bronx by Cause of Death, 2022¹



In 2022, 80% of deaths among people with HIV in the Bronx were due to non-HIV-related causes. Among these, the top causes were cardiovascular disease (19%), non-HIV-related cancers (14%), and COVID-19 (9%).



Appendix: How to Find Our Data

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC Health Department) issues the various publications related to our HIV surveillance data, including:



- Annual HIV surveillance reports, surveillance slide sets, and statistics tables, available at:
 https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/data/data-sets/hiv-aids-surveillance-and-epidemiology-reports.page
- HIV Care Status Reports, available at: https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/aids-hiv-care-status-reports-system.page
- HIV Care Continuum Dashboards, available at: https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/care-continuum-dashboard.page

For HIV surveillance data requests, email <u>HIVReport@health.nyc.gov</u>. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for requests to be completed.



Appendix: Definitions and Methodology Notes

Definitions

- HIV diagnoses include diagnoses of HIV and HIV concurrent with AIDS (AIDS diagnosed within 31 days of HIV), unless otherwise specified.
- New HIV diagnoses include individuals diagnosed in NYC during the reporting period and reported in NYC.
- Death rates refer to deaths from all causes, unless otherwise specified.
- People with HIV (PWH) refers to people with HIV during the reporting period.
- HIV surveillance collects information about individuals' current **gender identity**, when available. This report displays the following gender categories: men, women, transgender women, and transgender men. People whose current gender identity differs from their sex assigned at birth are considered transgender. Classifying transgender people in surveillance requires accurate collection of both sex assigned at birth and current gender identity. Sex and gender information are collected from people's self-reports, their diagnosing providers or medical chart reviews. This information may or may not reflect self-identification. Transgender identity has been collected routinely since 2005 for newly reported cases. Reported numbers of HIV diagnoses among transgender people and transgender people with HIV are likely to be underestimates. For more information, see the "HIV Among People Identified as Transgender in New York City" surveillance slide set available at nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/dires/hiv-in-transgender-persons.pdf. NYC HIV surveillance collects information on other gender identity categories, including "Non-binary/Gender non-conforming." In this report, data for these individuals at the time of publication are displayed by sex assigned at birth.
- Transmission category includes people with known or identified transmission category, except when an unknown category is presented. Transmission category information is collected from people's self-report, their diagnosing provider, or medical chart review. "Heterosexual contact" includes people who had heterosexual sex with a person they know to have HIV, a person who has injected drugs or a person who has received blood products. For women only, it also includes history of sex work, multiple sex partners, sexually transmitted infection, crack/cocaine use, sex with a bisexual man, probable heterosexual transmission as noted in a medical chart, or sex with a man and negative history of injection drug use. "Transgender people with sexual contact" includes people identified as transgender who have reported sexual contact and have a negative history of injection drug use. "Other" includes people who received treatment for hemophilia, people who received a transfusion or transplant, people with other health care-associated transmission and children with non-perinatal transmission category.

Methodology notes

• United Hospital Fund (UHF) boundaries in maps were updated for data released in 2010 and onward. Non-residential zones are indicated, and Rikers Island is classified with West Queens.



Appendix: Technical Notes on the HIV Care Continuum

- **People with HIV** is calculated as the number of people diagnosed with HIV divided by the estimated proportion of people with HIV who had been diagnosed, based on a CD4 depletion model.
 - Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry. Method: Song R, et al. Using CD4 Data to Estimate HIV Incidence, Prevalence, and Percent of Undiagnosed Infections in the United States. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2017 Jan 1;74(1):3-9.
- **HIV-diagnosed** is calculated as the number of people with HIV retained in care plus the estimated number of people with HIV who were out of care, based on a statistical weighting method. This estimated number aims to account for migration out of NYC, and therefore is different from the total number of people diagnosed and reported with HIV in NYC.
 - Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry. Method: Xia Q, et al. Proportions of Patients With HIV Retained in Care and Virally Suppressed in New York City and the United States. JAIDS 2015;68(3):351-358.
- Received care is defined as people with HIV with ≥1 viral load or CD4 count or CD4 percent drawn in the calendar year and reported to NYC HIV surveillance.
 Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry.
- **Prescribed ART** is calculated as the number of people with HIV retained in care multiplied by the estimated proportion of people with HIV prescribed ART in the previous 12 months, based on the proportion of NYC Medical Monitoring Project participants whose medical record included documentation of ART prescription.
 - Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry and NYC Medical Monitoring Project.
- **Virally suppressed** is calculated as people with HIV in care with a most recent viral load measurement in the calendar year of <200 copies/mL, plus the estimated number of out-of-care people with HIV in the calendar year with a viral load of <200 copies/mL, based on a statistical weighting method.
 - Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry. Method: Xia Q, et al. Proportions of Patients With HIV Retained in Care and Virally Suppressed in New York City and the United States. JAIDS 2015;68(3):351-358.



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