In 2015, there were 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.

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.

Data Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Chen 2012
HIV Among Hispanics/Latinx in Louisiana

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

4 in 5 were men.

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

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

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: lahub.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.