


**SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE
LIVING WITH HIV**



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Across the World

 In 2017, an estimated **36.9 million** people were **living with HIV**.

 Since the start of the epidemic, **35.4 million** people have **died from an AIDS-related illness**.

 An estimated **1.8 million** people were **diagnosed with HIV** in 2017, a **47% decrease** since diagnoses peaked in 1996.

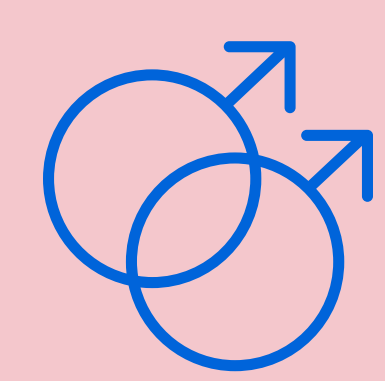
HIV & AIDS in the United States

- There are over 1.1 million Americans living with HIV.
- In 2016, nearly 40,000 people were diagnosed with HIV.
- In 2016, 18,160 people were diagnosed with AIDS.

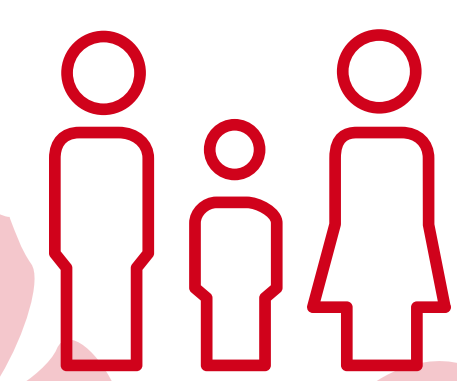
The HIV epidemic affects some groups of people more than others, including...



African Americans & Hispanics/Latinx



Gay & Bisexual Men

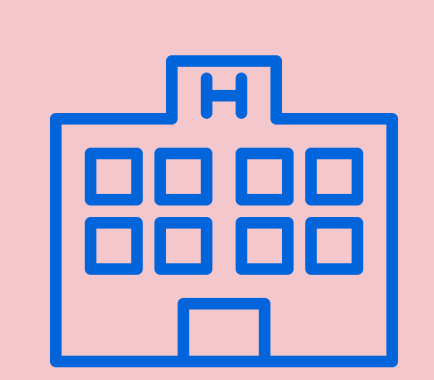


Persons Living in the Southern United States

There are many factors that contribute to a person's risk for HIV and their overall health. Some of these factors include:



Education



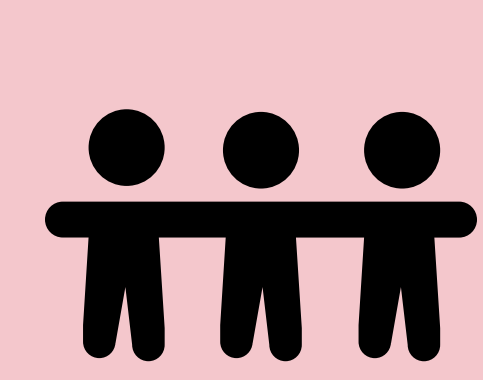
Access to Healthcare



Stigma & Discrimination



Employment

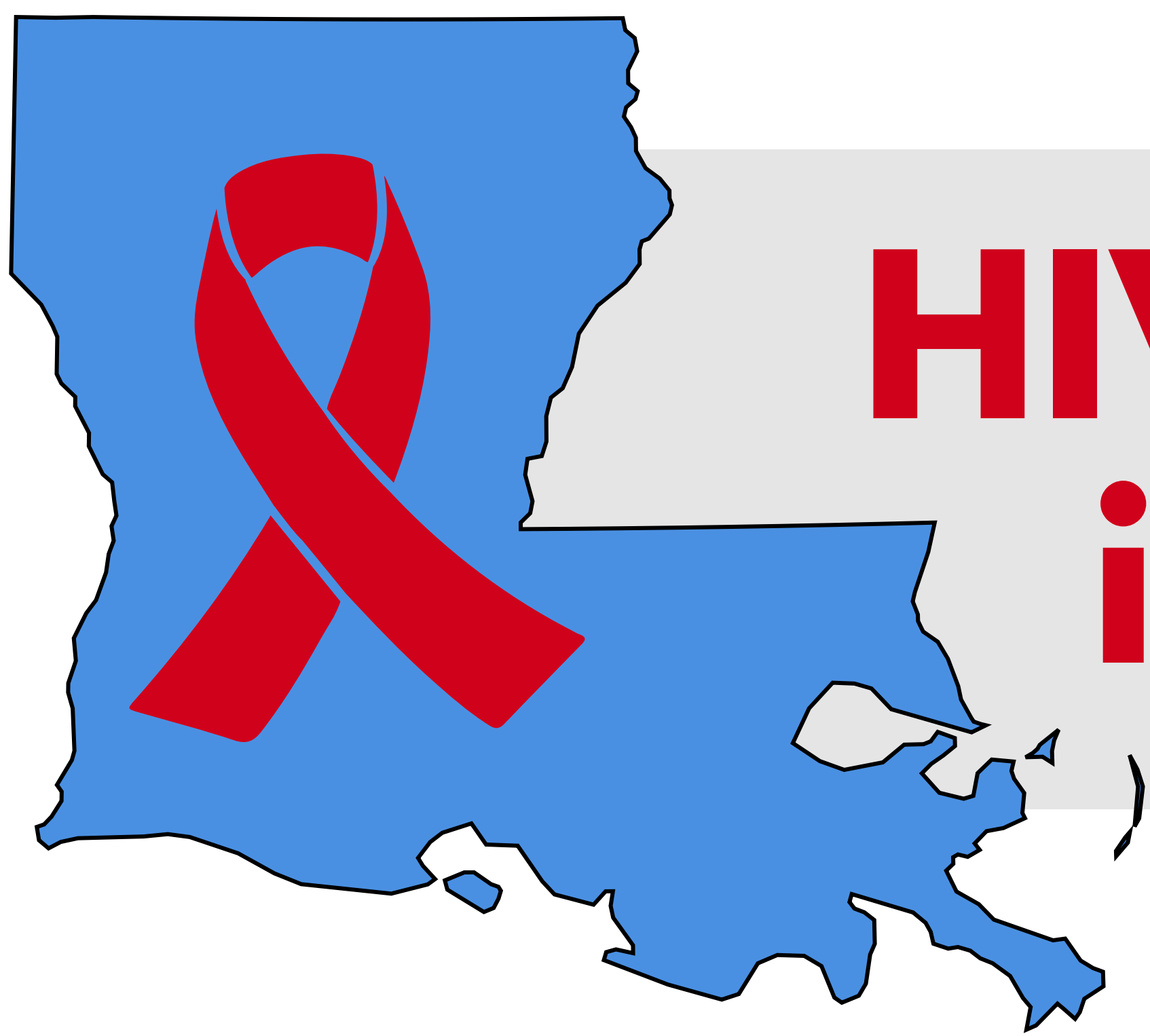


Supportive Family & Community

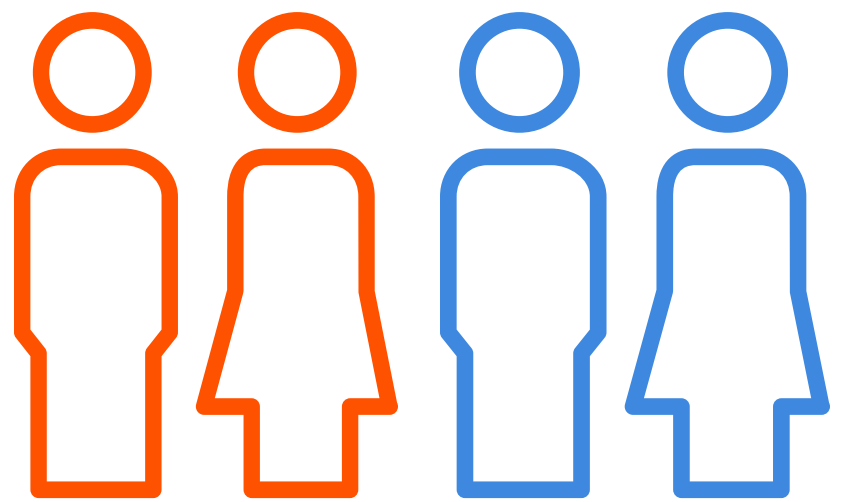


Safe & Stable Housing

By adopting economic and social policies that positively impact our well-being and supporting healthy individual behaviors, we can help eliminate HIV's unequal burden on members of our community.



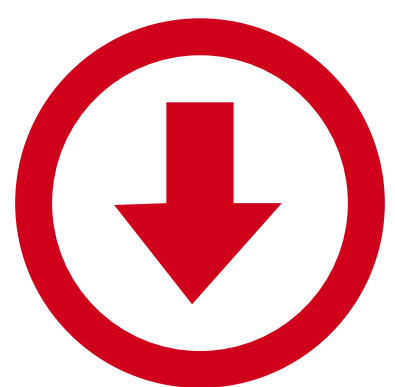
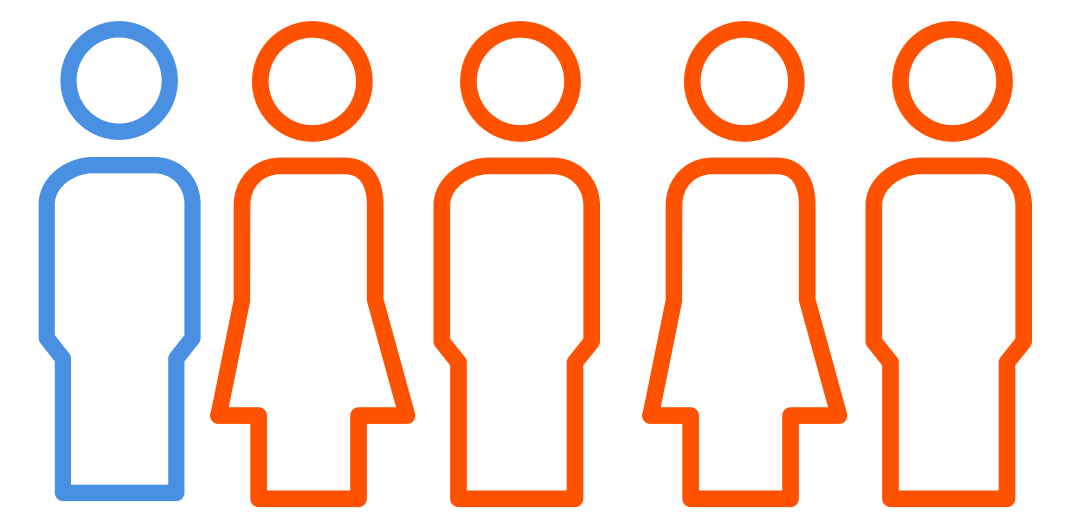
HIV and AIDS in Louisiana



In 2017, there were **21,438 people living with HIV** in Louisiana.

Over Half have had a prior **AIDS diagnosis**.

Among new HIV diagnoses in 2017 in Louisiana, **1 in 5** were **late testers**. **Late testers are people diagnosed with AIDS within 6 months of their HIV diagnosis.**

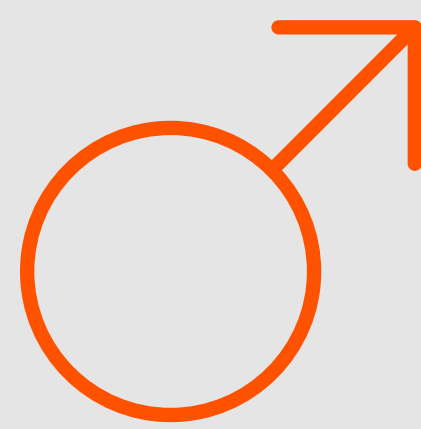


Between 2016 and 2017, the **number of new HIV diagnoses** in Louisiana **decreased by 9%**.

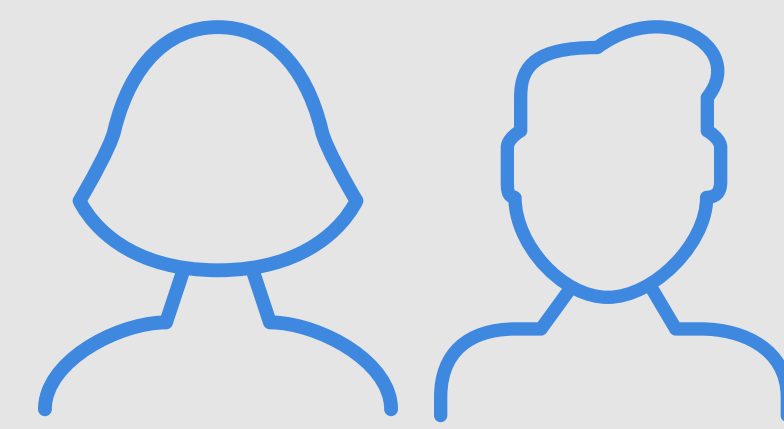
Among persons living with HIV in 2017...



2 in 3 were African American



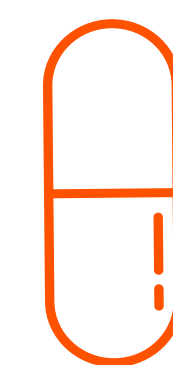
71% were male



Over half were 45 and older

What YOU can do to prevent the spread of HIV

If you are living with HIV, take your HIV medicine to **maintain an undetectable viral load.**



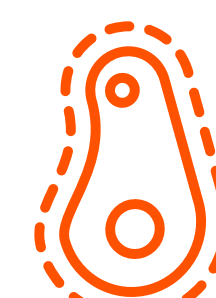
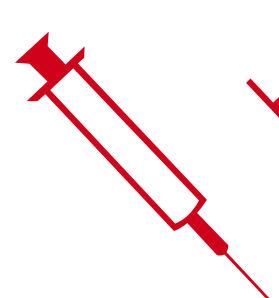
If you are HIV-negative, ask your doctor about **PrEP**. **The daily pill to prevent HIV.**

Know your status and your partner's status. **Get tested for HIV.**



Use **condoms** correctly every time you have oral, anal, or vaginal sex.

Avoid sharing needles and other injecting equipment.



Get tested and treated for other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

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