



Choice Health Network

Health. Equity. Hope.

a Positively Living company

Organization History

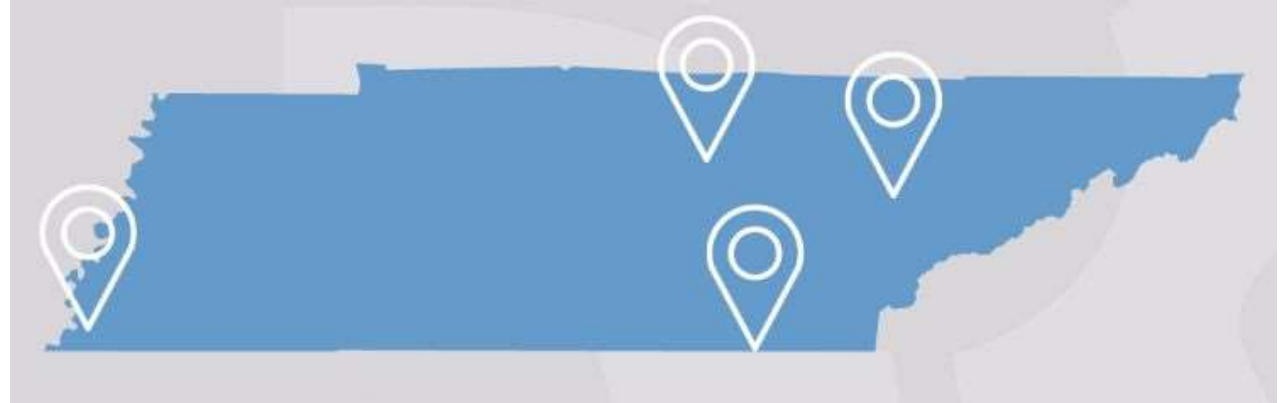
- ❑ Positively Living began as a day center for East Tennesseans living with HIV/AIDS in 1996.
- ❑ Early 2000s, Added multiple grant funded programs for case management and supportive services
- ❑ In 2014, HIV Prevention services were added
- ❑ In 2018, we launched Choice Health Network to serve more people in more impactful ways. These services included medical services & behavioral healthcare
- ❑ In 2022, became an HIV Center of Excellence
- ❑ Today, we serve nearly 6,000 individuals and families across 4 Tennessee locations, struggling to survive the challenges created by HIV, mental illness, addiction, homelessness, disabilities, discrimination and stigma.



Our Locations



- ❑ Headquarters – Knoxville, TN
- ❑ Chattanooga, TN
- ❑ Memphis, TN
- ❑ Cookeville, TN



Programmatic Pillars



Medical Care:

Infectious & Primary Care for People Living with HIV (PLWH)

Pre & Post Exposure Prophylaxis with ongoing primary care



Client Services

Case Management

Behavioral Health Care

Supportive Services



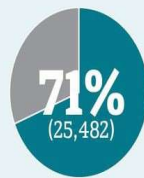
Prevention, Harm Reduction & Outreach

HIV & HCV Testing

PrEP & PEP Navigation

Safer Use Supplies

There were **36,136 new HIV diagnoses*** in the US and dependent areas in 2021. Of those:



were among gay, bisexual, and other men who reported male-to-male sexual contact†



were among people who reported heterosexual contact

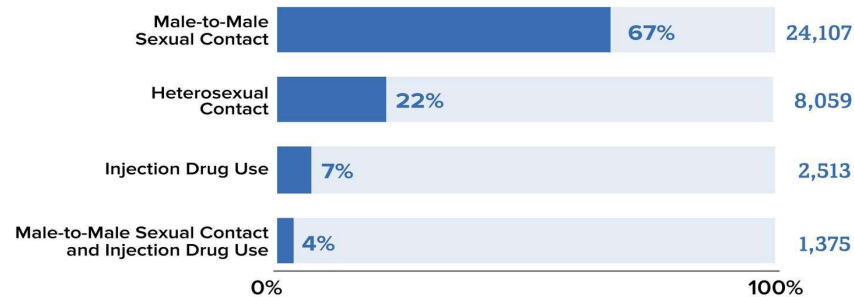


were among people who inject drugs

*Among people aged 13 and older.

†Includes infections attributed to male-to-male sexual contact and injection drug use (men who reported both risk factors).

New HIV Diagnoses in the US and Dependent Areas by Transmission Category, 2021*



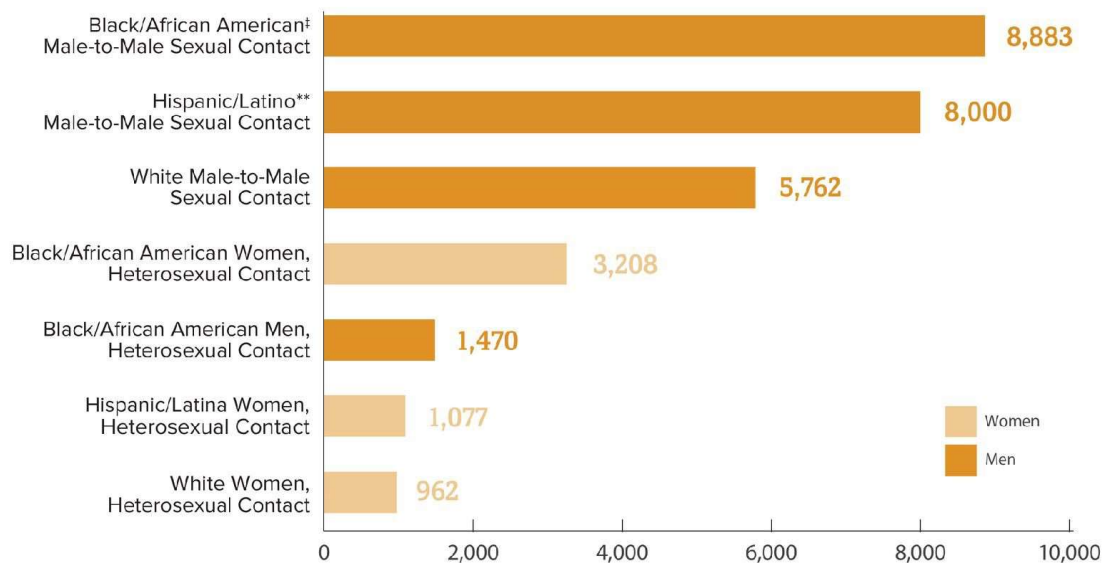
NOTE: Does not include *other* and *perinatal* transmission categories.

* Among people aged 13 and older.

Source: CDC. Diagnoses of HIV infection in the United States and dependent areas, 2021. *HIV Surveillance Report* 2023;34.

New HIV Diagnoses in the US and Dependent Areas for the Most-Affected Subpopulations, 2021*†

Gay and bisexual men are the population most affected by HIV.



Subpopulations representing 2% or less of all people who received an HIV diagnosis in 2021 are not represented in this chart.

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† Transmission category is classified based on a hierarchy of risk factors most likely responsible for HIV transmission. Classification is determined based on the person's sex assigned at birth. Data have been statistically adjusted to account for missing transmission category.

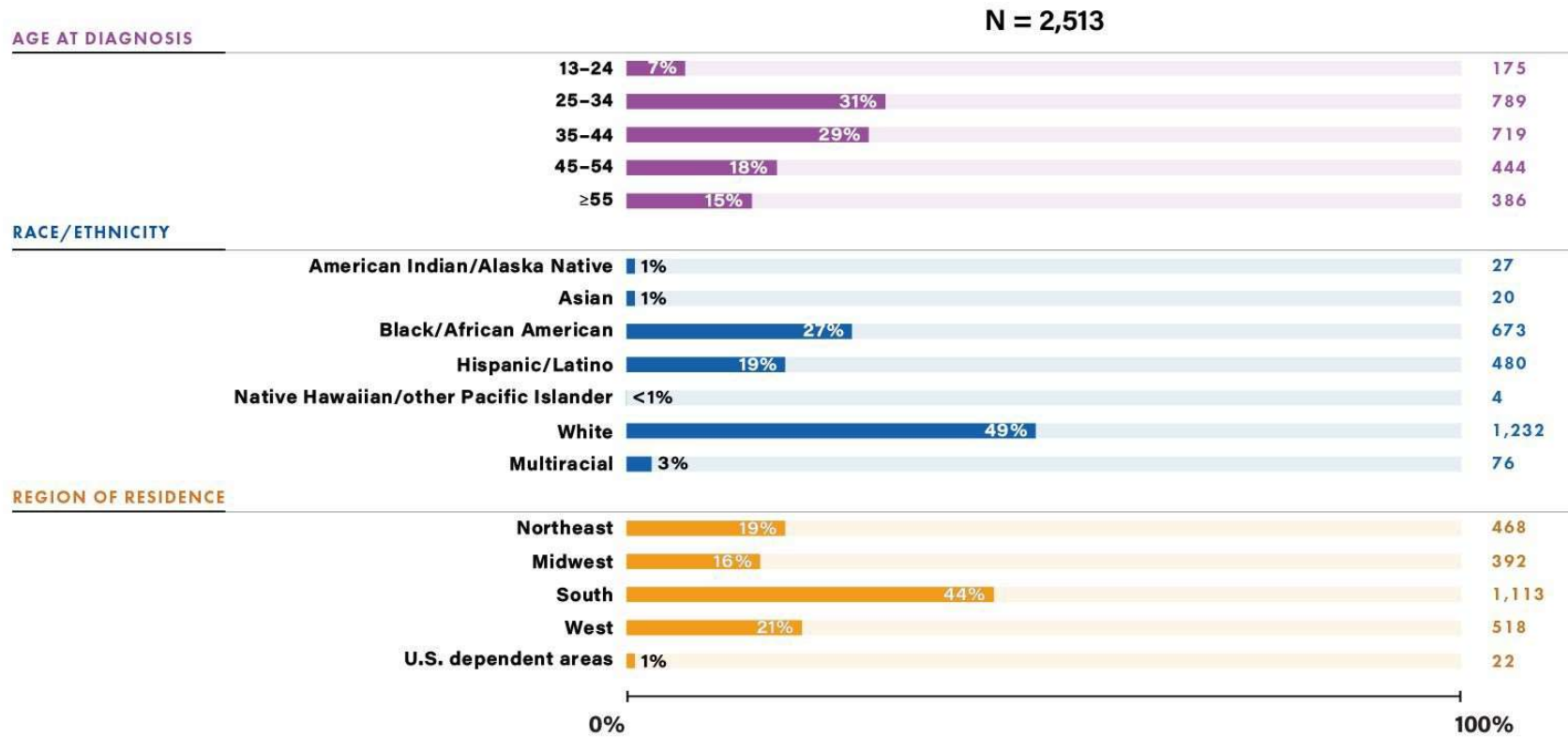
‡ *Black* refers to people having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. *African American* is a term often used for people of African descent with ancestry in North America.

** Hispanic/Latino people can be of any race.

Source: CDC. Diagnoses of HIV infection in the United States and dependant areas, 2021. *HIV Surveillance Report* 2023;34.

FIGURE 16

Percentages of diagnoses of HIV infection attributed to injection drug use, by selected characteristics, 2021—United States and 6 dependent areas

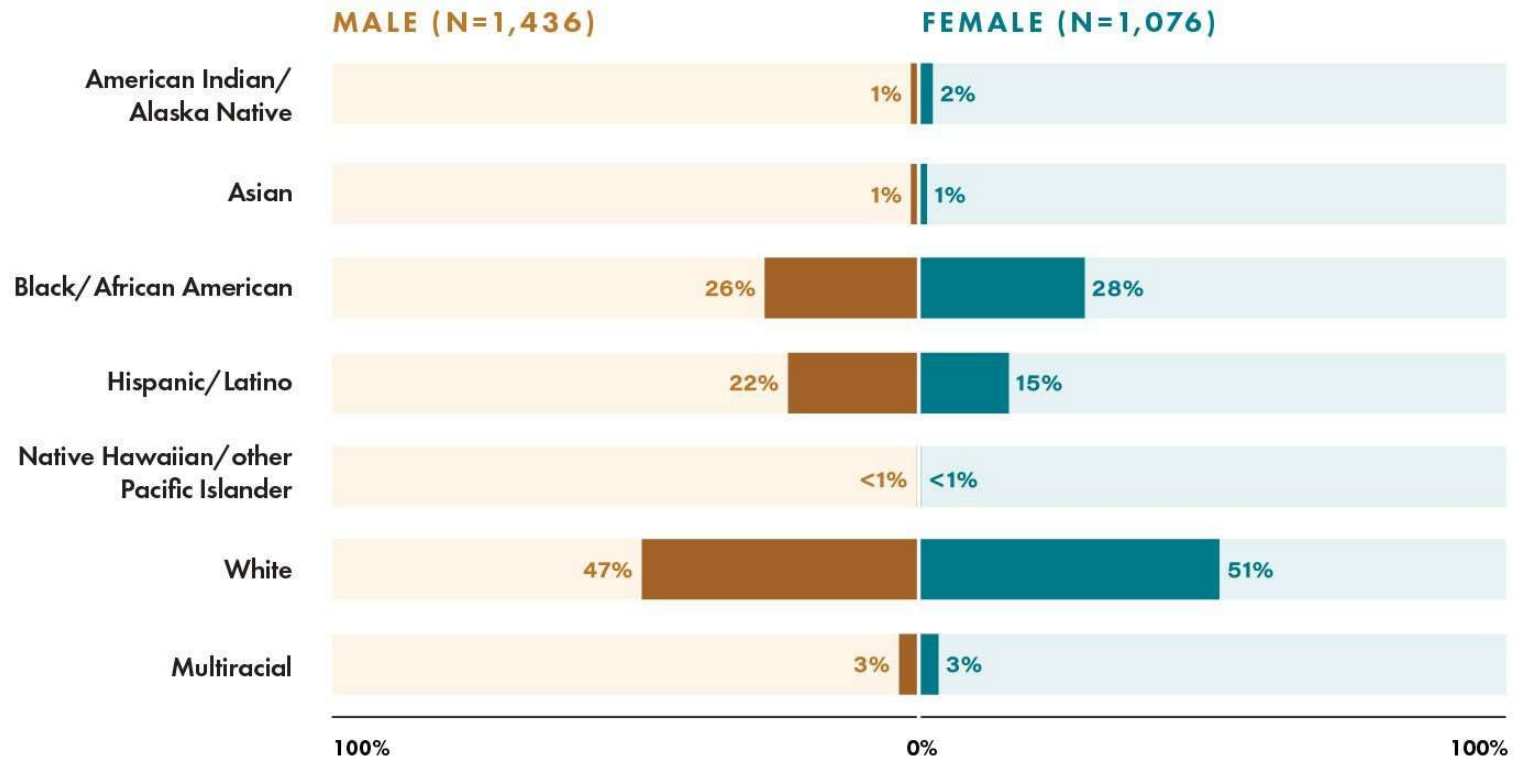


Note. Data have been statistically adjusted to account for missing transmission category. Injection drug use includes persons who injected nonprescription drugs or who injected prescription drugs for nonmedical purposes. Also includes injection of drugs prescribed to persons if there is evidence that injection equipment was shared (e.g., syringes, needles, cookers). Hispanic/Latino persons can be of any race.



FIGURE 17

Percentages of diagnoses of HIV infection attributed to injection drug use, by assigned sex at birth and race/ethnicity, 2021—United States and 6 dependent areas

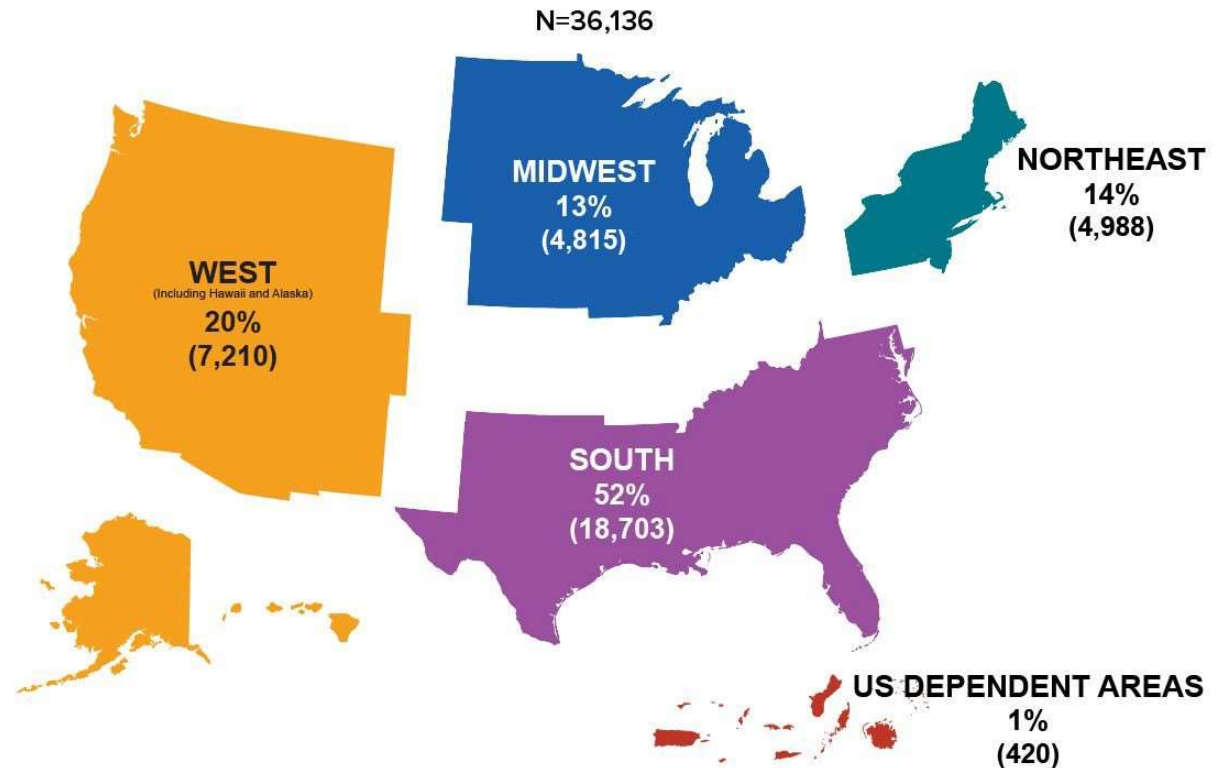


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Differences in New HIV Diagnoses by Region*

The South accounted for more than half (52%) of new HIV diagnoses in 2021.



* Among people aged 13 and older.

Source: CDC. Diagnoses of HIV Infection in the United States and Dependent Areas, 2021. *HIV Surveillance Report* 2023;34.



Tennessee HIV Data

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Number of Persons Newly Diagnosed with HIV, Tennessee, 2021

843

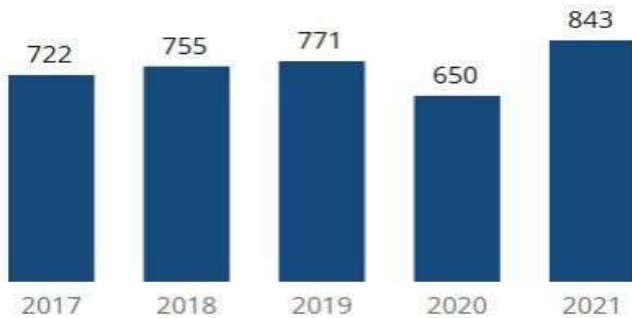
Number of Persons Living with Diagnosed HIV, Tennessee, 2021

19,523

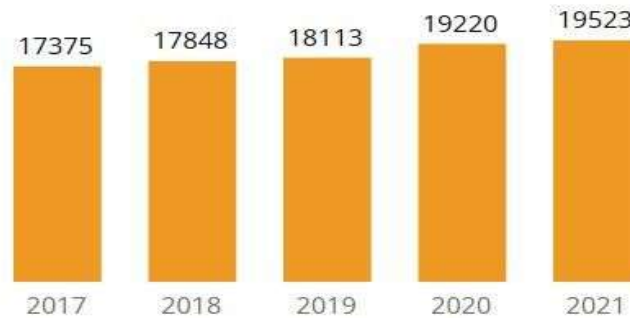
Number of Persons Diagnosed with HIV who Died, Tennessee, 2020

414

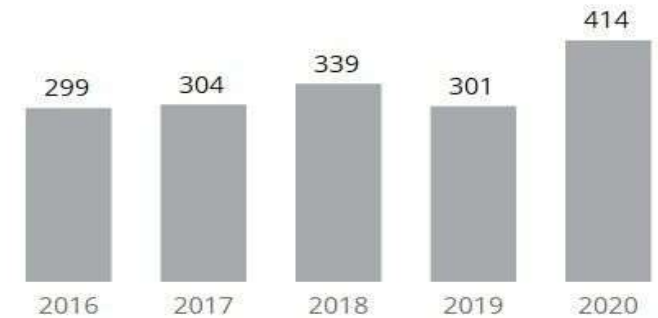
Number of Persons Newly Diagnosed with HIV, Tennessee, 2017–2021



Number of Persons Living with Diagnosed HIV, Tennessee, 2017–2021



Number of Persons Diagnosed with HIV who Died, Tennessee, 2016–2020



Note: 2021 death data will be available in the next iteration of HIV Data Dashboards.

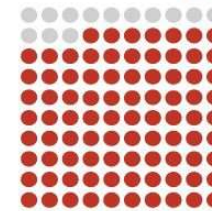
Caution should be used when comparing 2020 HIV data with other years' data. Changes in the estimates of HIV services and related outcomes and trends reflect the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic which caused intermittent clinic closures, reductions in availability of community-based HIV services, decreases in HIV testing and delays in accessing HIV prevention and care services.

Knowledge of HIV Status in the United States*



In 2021, an estimated
1.2 million people had HIV.

For every 100 people with HIV



87
knew their
HIV status.

* Among people aged 13 and older.

Source: CDC. Estimated HIV incidence and prevalence in the United States 2017–2021. *HIV Surveillance Supplemental Report* 2023;28(3).



Prevention & Harm Reduction Basics

- Know your status and get tested
- Before sex for the first time with a new partner, talk about sexual and substance-use history, disclose HIV status
- Use condoms consistently and correctly
- Do not share any items that may have encountered another person's blood
- Never share equipment to inject or snort drugs



PrEP Basics

- 1 pill a day
- Over 99.9% Effective
- Other advancements:
 - Injectable - apretude



U=U

**undetectable
viral load**

=

untransmittable

HIV

