Unequal and Under Threat: A Call to Action on HIV

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AIDS United's mission is to end the HIV epidemic in the United States.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

CAPACITY BUILDING

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This is what an HIV advocate looks like,







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AIDS United Public Policy Council 58 organization members



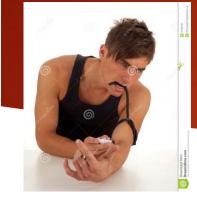




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HIV Populations













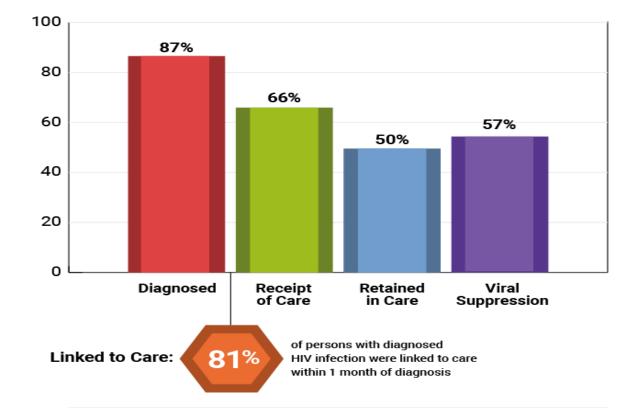




1.2 million Living with HIV in the United States

Percent of all people living with HIV

Prevalence-based HIV Care Continuum, U.S. and 6 Dependent Areas, 2019



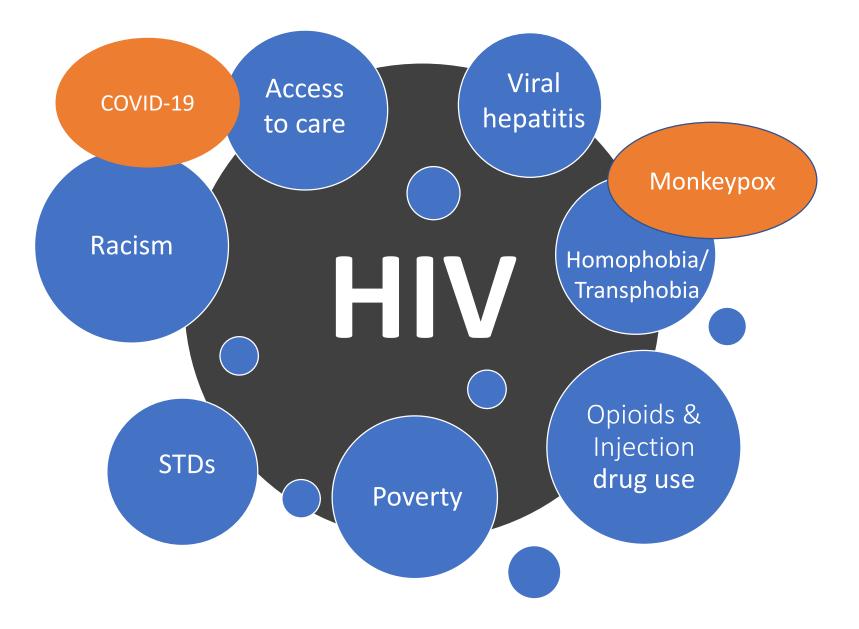
Note: Receipt of medical care was defined as ≥ 1 test (CD4 or VL) in 2019. Retained in medical care was defined as ≥ 2 tests (CD4 or VL) ≥ 3 months apart in 2019. Viral suppression was defined as < 200 copies/mL on the most recent test in 2019. Linkage to care is defined as having \geq one CD4 or VL test within 30 days (1 month) of diagnosis. (Linkage is calculated differently from the other steps in the continuum, and cannot be directly compared to other steps.)

In 2019, an estimated 34,800 new HIV infections occurred in the United States and.....

15,815 died who had HIV

https://www.niv.gov/hiv-basics/overview/data-andtrends/statistics

HIV at the intersection





Systemic racism on display.









Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization



Justice Clarence Thomas concurring:

"(I)n future cases we should reconsider all of this Court's substantive due process precedents, including *Griswold*, *Lawrence*, and *Obergefell* ... we have a duty to correct the erroneous error established in those precedents."



Braidwood v Becarra (U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas)

Key rulings:

Employer rights under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

PrEP

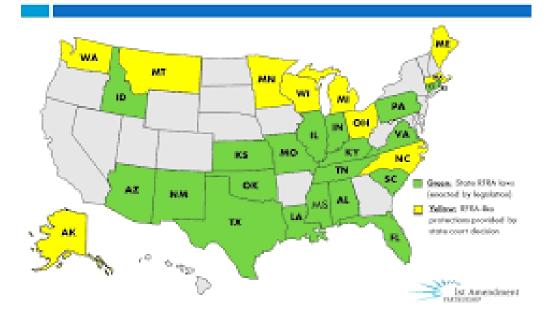
- PrEP should not be a required offering under ACA plans.
- Prevention Services Task Force was given an unconstitutional delegation of power under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).





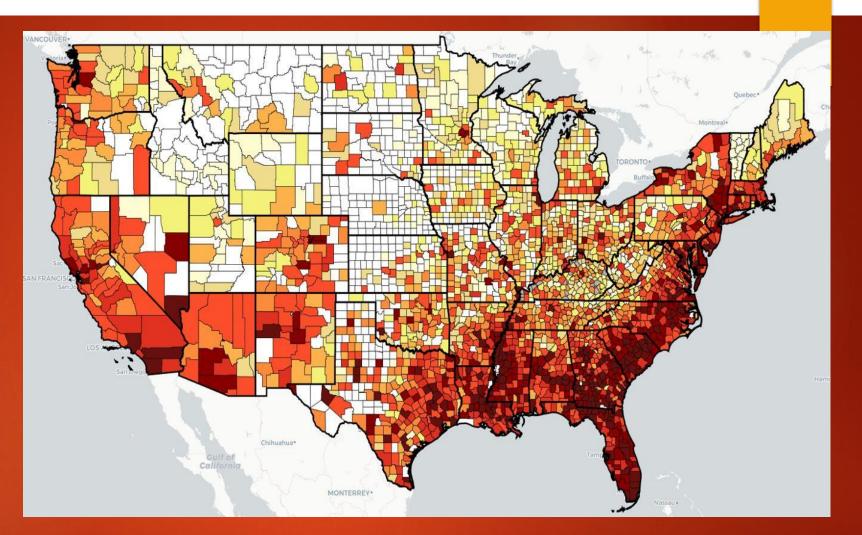


State Religious Freedom Restoration Acts (RFRA)



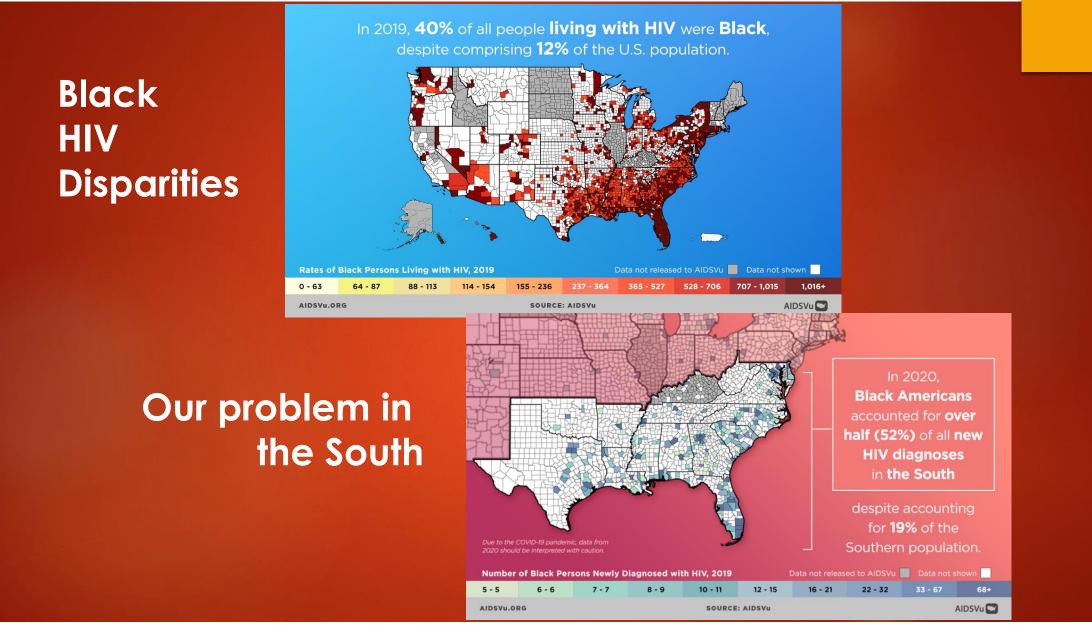
HIV Heath Outcomes Across the U.S.

HIV Transmission Rates



Half of black gay men and a quarter of Latino gay men projected to be diagnosed within their lifetime

Content From: <u>CDC NCHHSTP</u>•Published:February 23, 2016

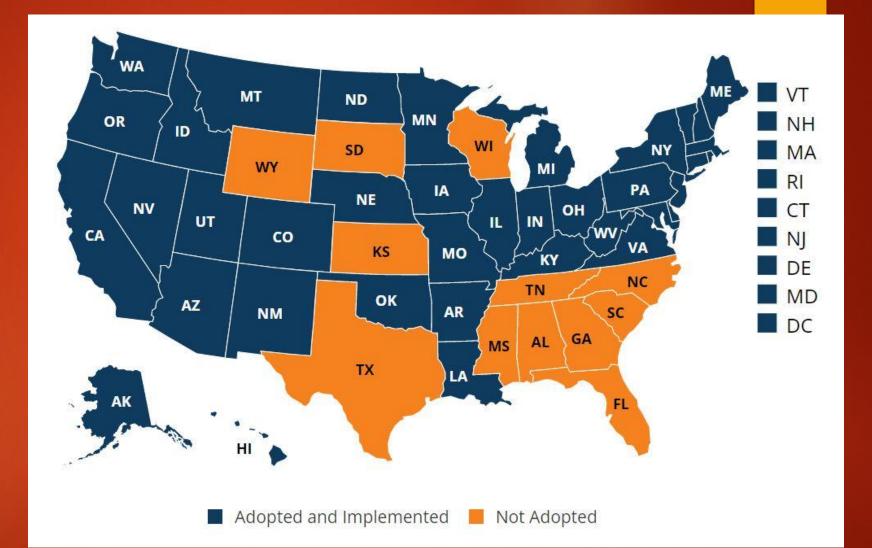


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Political Challenges to Heath Equity

Medicaid Expansion

Look where it is needed...



https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/status-ofstate-medicaid-expansion-decisions-interactivemap/

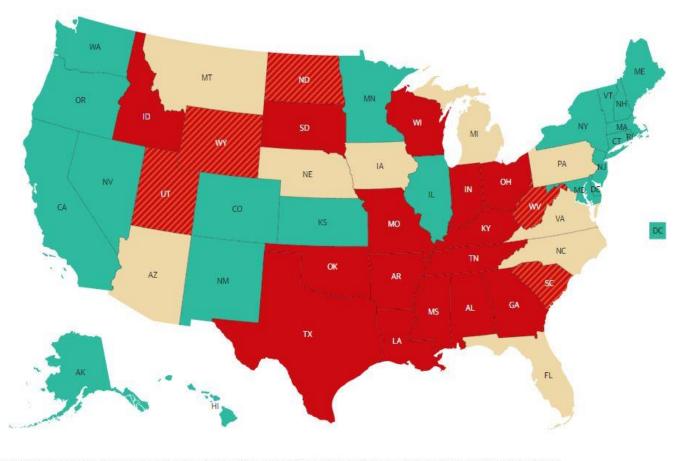
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Abortion Access

Look where it is ending...

The legal status of abortion

Status	States	Women of reproductive age
Banned	15	22.6m
🖉 Ban blocked	5	2.2m
Threatened	9	14.4m
Legal	21 and DC	27.1m



Guardian graphic. Sources: Guardian research, local news reports, Guttmacher Institute, Center for Reproductive Rights, US Census Bureau. Note: Banned states include those with 6-week bans.

Political Challenges to Heath Equity

HIV Criminalization Laws

32 states



CRIMINIALIZED (in any capacity)

NOT CRIMINALIZED

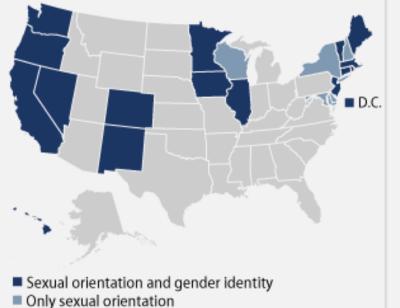
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ACLU reported that 28 states were voting on anti-transgender legislation in 2021.

STATE LANDSCAPE

21 states and D.C. have laws that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.16 states and D.C. do so based on gender identity.

29 states have failed to pass laws that protect gay and transgender workers. 71 percent of U.S. square miles have no protections.







AIDS United Priorities for Ending the HIV Epidemic



Health Equity

Racial

• LGBTQ

• South

Advocacy

Legislation

Appropriations

Policies

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Health Equity

• Racial ---



Black men, Black women, Latinx and Puerto Rico

• LGBTQ ----

MSM, Transgender, Youth

• South ----

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) jurisdictions

AIDS United Priorities for Ending the HIV Epidemic Advocacy

Legislation ----



Criminalization, Medicaid, SSPs, Equality Act

Appropriations ---

CDC, Ryan White, HOPWA, STI, Hepatitis, PrEP

• Policy ----

HIV & Aging, 340B, Monkeypox



Vision: The United States will be a place where new HIV infections are prevented, every person knows their status, and every person with HIV has high-quality care and treatment, lives free from stigma and discrimination, and can achieve their full potential for health and wellbeing across the lifespan.

NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY

for the United States 2022–2025

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GOALS:

•PREVENT NEW HIV INFECTIONS.

•IMPROVE HIV-RELATED HEALTH OUTCOMES OF PEOPLE WITH HIV.

•REDUCE HIV-RELATED DISPARITIES AND HEALTH INEQUITIES.

ACHIEVE INTEGRATED, COORDINATED EFFORTS THAT ADDRESS THE HIV EPIDEMIC AMONG ALL PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS.

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Quality of Life Indicators

- Increase the proportion of PLWH who report good or getter health from 2018 baseline of 71.5 to 95%
- Decrease by 50% the proportion of PLWH who report ever being hungry from 2017 baseline of 21.1%

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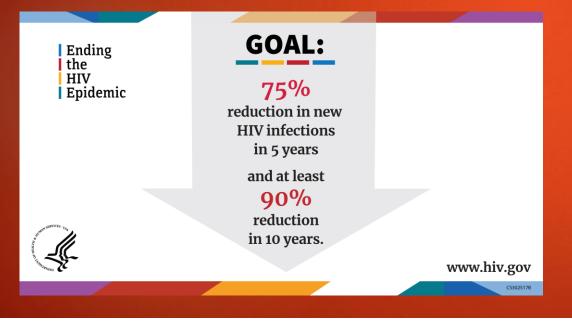


Decrease by 50% the proportion of PLWH who report ever being out of work from 2017 baseline o 21.1%

Decrease by 50% the proportion of PLWH who report being untably housed or homeless from 2018 baseline of 21.0%

Ending the HIV Epidemic by 2030

Focus on 48 counties, DC, San Juan, and 7 states



Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

HHS is proposing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to eliminate new HIV infections in our nation. The multi-year program will infuse 48 counties, Washington, D.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico, as well as 7 states that have a substantial rural HIV burden with the additional expertise, technology, and resources needed to end the HIV epidemic in the United States. Our four strategies – diagnose, treat, protect, and respond – will be implemented across the entire U.S. within 10 years.



The Initiative will target our resources to the 48 highest burden counties, Washington, D.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and 7 states with a substantial rural HIV burden.



Geographical Selection: Data on burden of HW in the US shows areas where HW transmission occurs more frequently. More than 50% of new HW diagnoses' occurred in only 48 counties, Washington, D.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico, In addition, 7 states have a substantial rural burden – with over 75 cases and 10% or more of their diagnoses in rural areas.

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Ending the HIV Epidemic

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30th Anniversary March 26-28, 2023







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AIDS United's Racial Justice Index

Assessing how the HIV sector reflects the racial communities the HIV sector serves.

AIDS United Public Policy Council 58 organization members Political Treatment Civil Rights Attitudes Practices Inclusion RACIAL JUSTICE Employment Society Economy Access Living Wage Pay Equity & Beliefs Democracy Training Policies Equity Police Support Impact Fair Equality Change





What you can do. Take Action

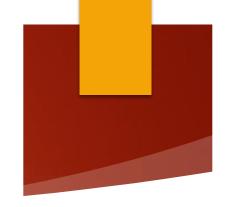
Legislative Advocacy

- Legislature Days
- Action Alerts
- Sign On Letters
- Elected official visits





What you can do. Take Action



Media Relations

- Identify friendly & unfriendly media outlets
- Reach out to reporters
- Pitch stories
- Generate content on social media





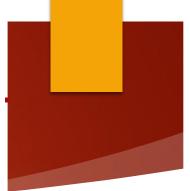
What you can do. Take Action Soft Pressure

- Attending Town Halls
- Joining advisory committees
- Giving public testimony





What you can do. Taking Action



Direct Pressure

- Protests
- Strikes/Labor
 - organizing
- Electoral organizing



We and our allies are the majority.









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Thank you!



