



# ***HIV in Hispanic Communities Una historia de descuido y olvido***

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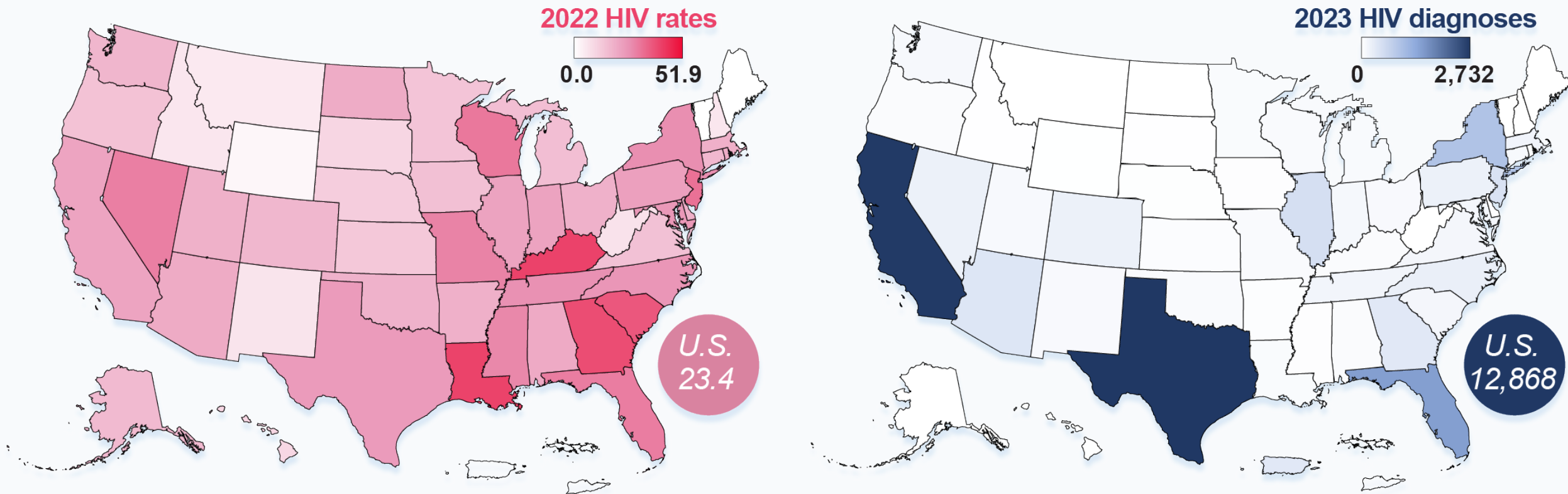
# Learning Objectives

- 1) Epidemiological overview of HIV among Latinx populations in the United States
- 2) Barriers to HIV prevention and care, including social determinants of health
- 3) Anti-DEI measures, public charge rule, migrant detention, and their impact

# There are significant geographic disparities in the magnitude and impact of HIV on Hispanic communities.

## 2022 rates per 100K and 2023 HIV diagnoses among Hispanics

(CDC AtlasPlus)

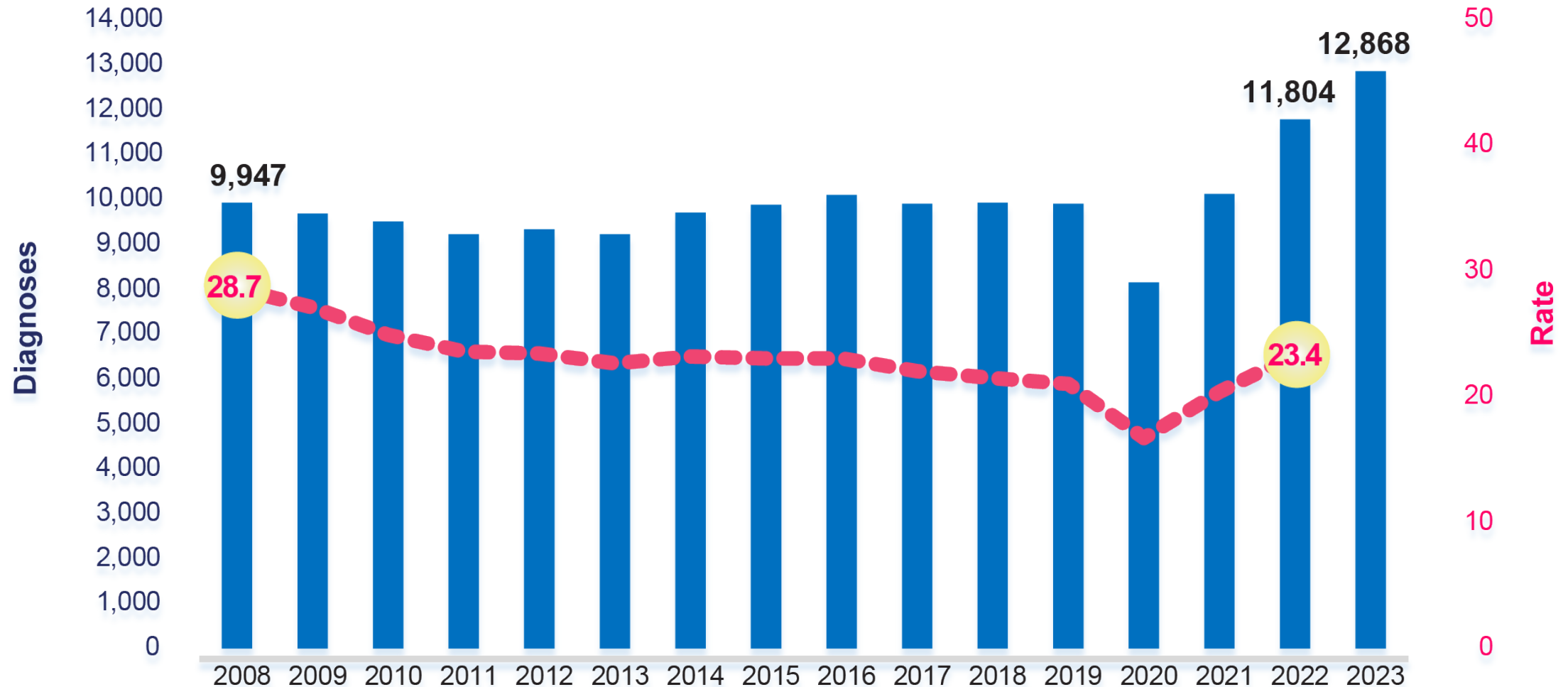


No rate data for 2023 in AtlasPlus, no 2022 rate data for PR and U.S. VI, and no incidence data for U.S. VI

GeoNames, Microsoft TomTom, Powered by Bing

# Progress on reducing HIV cases and rates is lagging.

HIV diagnoses and rates among U.S. Hispanics, 2008-2023  
(CDC AtlasPlus)



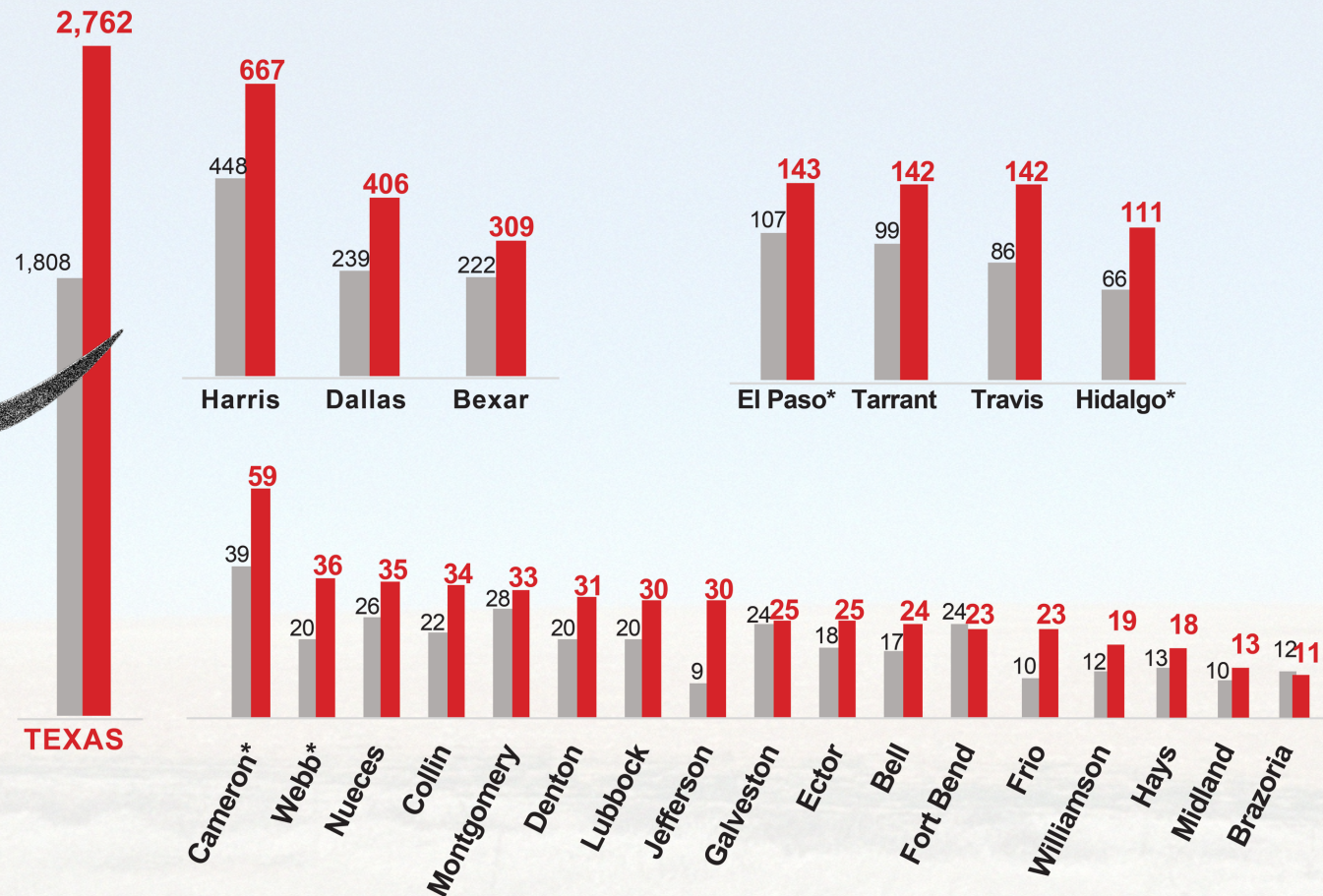


# The impact of HIV is felt across all geographies.

## 2019 versus 2023 HIV diagnoses among Hispanic Texans in selected counties

\*counties on the U.S.-Mexico border  
(CDC, AtlasPlus, preliminary data for 2023)

■ 2019 ■ 2023

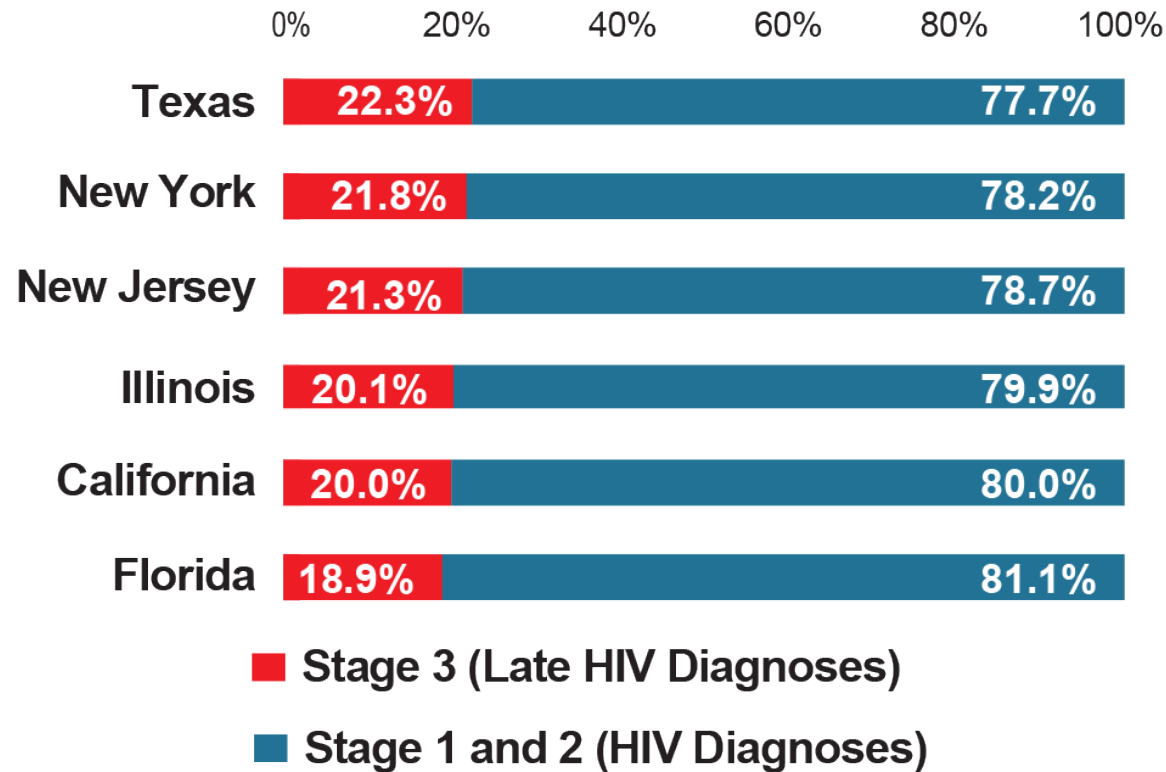




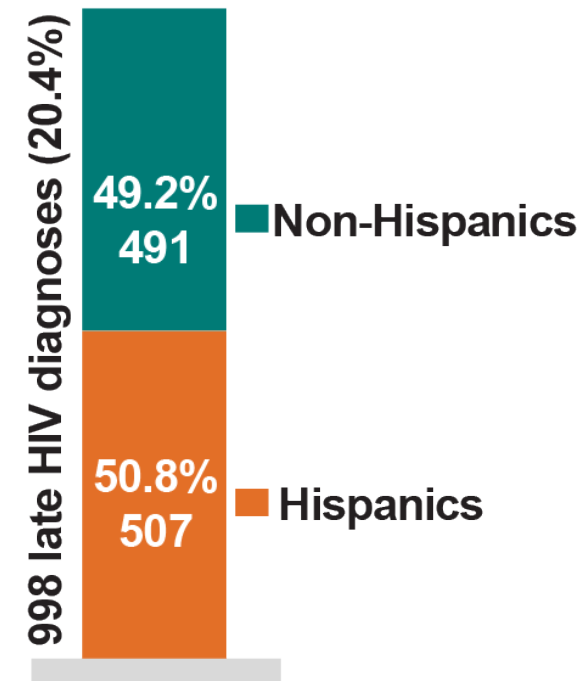
The first HIV test was approved in 1985.

Late diagnoses reflect a lack of investment in preventative behavioral health.

Late HIV diagnoses among Hispanics in selected Hispanic-populated states, 2022  
*(AIDSvu, 2022)*



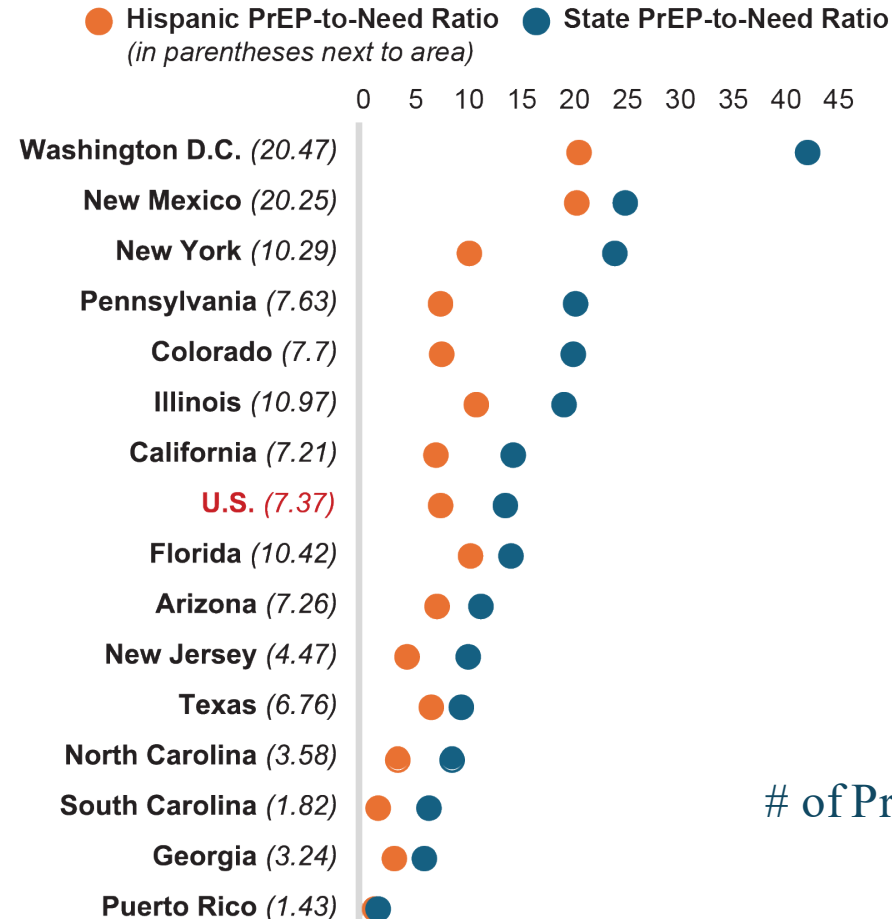
Late HIV diagnoses in Texas  
4,896 total HIV diagnoses  
*(AIDSvu, 2022)*



# PrEP uptake is lower for Hispanics, with significant variations across states.

PrEP-to-need ratio (PNR)\* among Hispanics in selected areas, 2023

(AIDS Vu data)



PrEP-to-Need Ratio (PnR)

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# of PrEP users / # of new HIV diagnoses

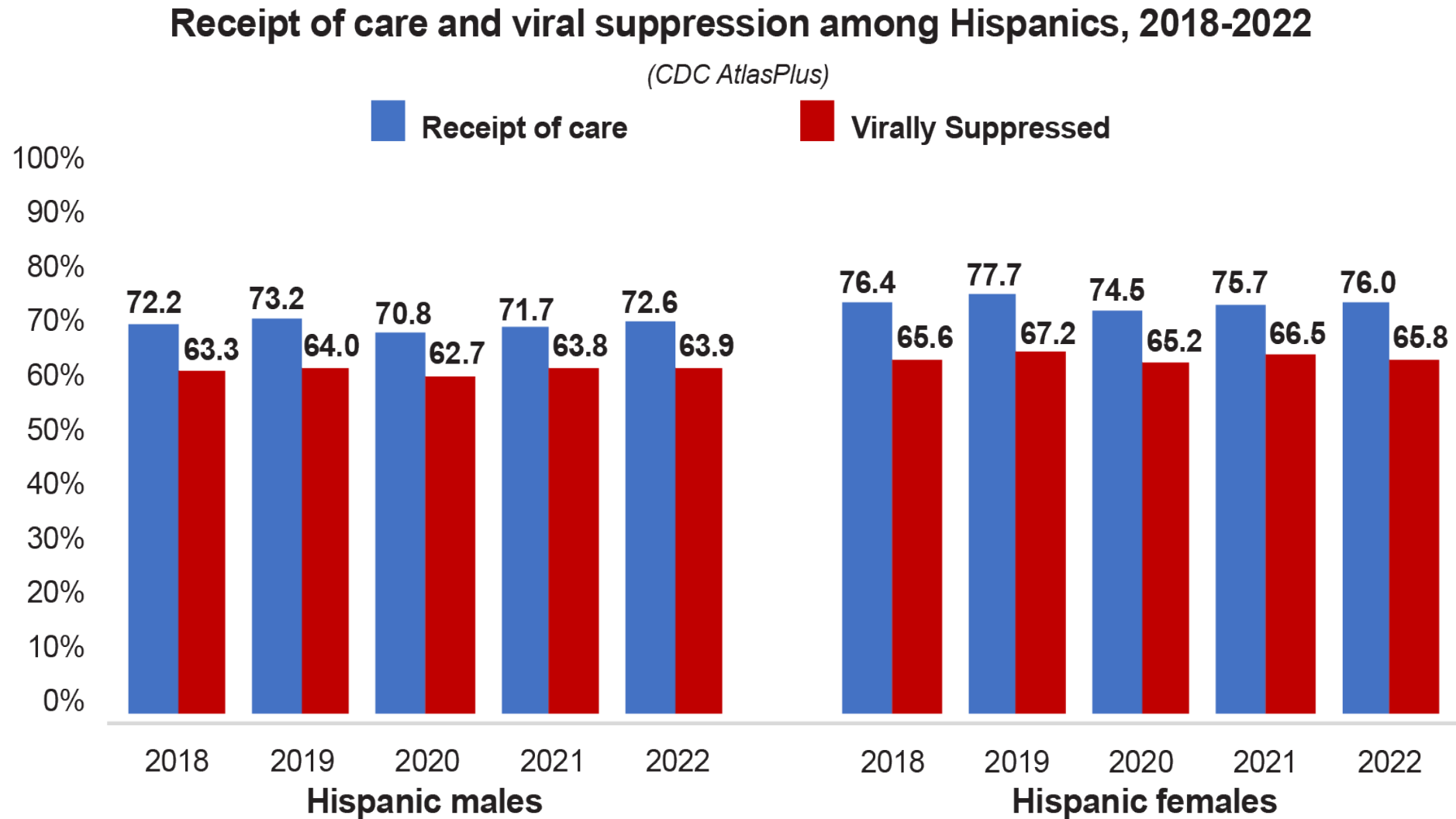
**A higher number indicates higher uptake of PrEP.**

\*PNR is the number of PrEP users divided by the number of new diagnoses in a given year.



The first protease inhibitor (HAART) was approved in 1995.

Over a third of Hispanics living with HIV have not achieved viral suppression.

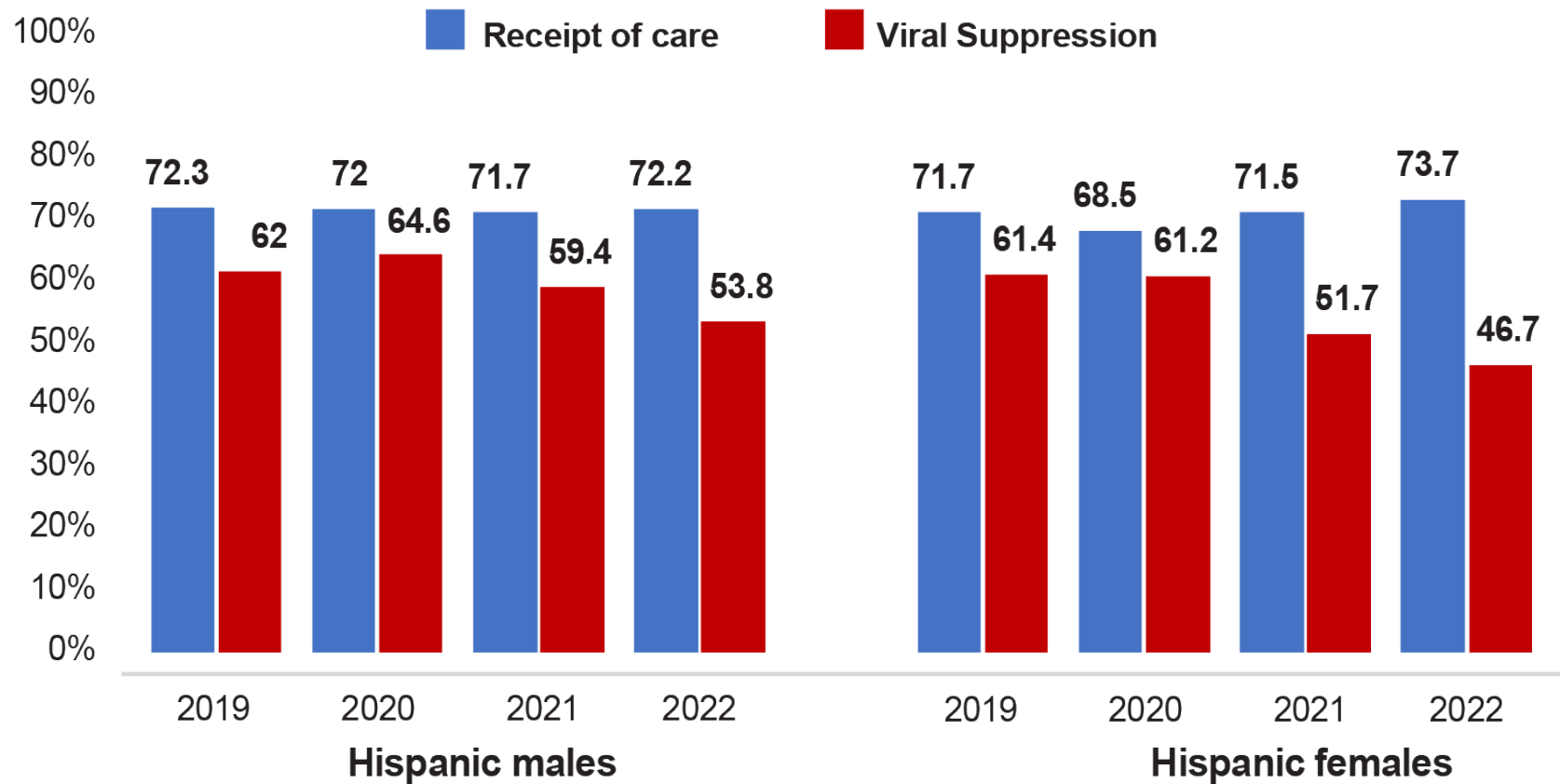


The RW Care Act was signed into law in 1990.

There are significant geographic variations in viral suppression among Hispanics.

### Receipt of care & viral suppression among Hispanics in Maricopa County, 2018-2022

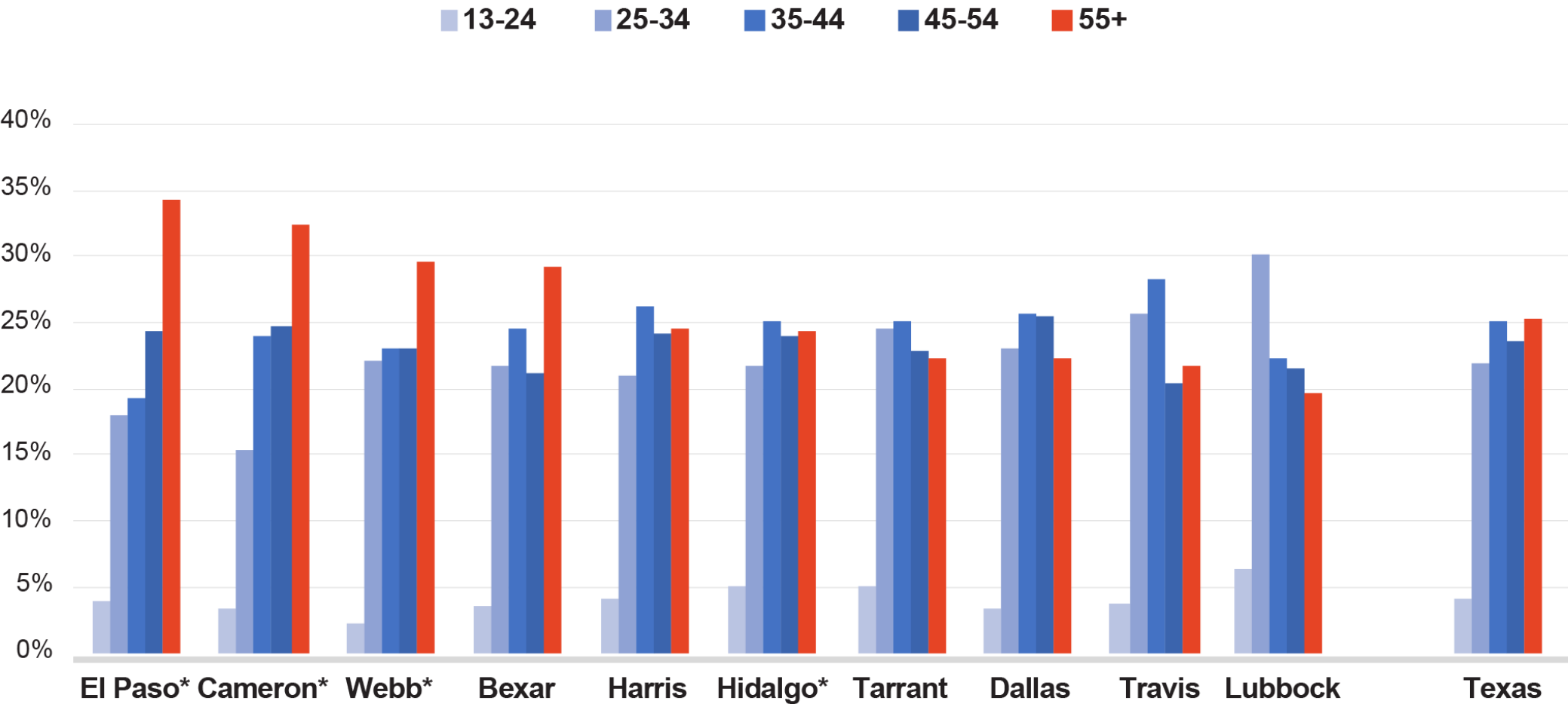
(CDC AtlasPlus)



# HIV trends and local health infrastructure should guide rapid response and preparedness plans to support OPLWH.

## Hispanic Texans living with HIV by age and region, 2022

*\*counties on the U.S.-Mexico border  
(CDC AtlasPlus, preliminary data for 2023)*





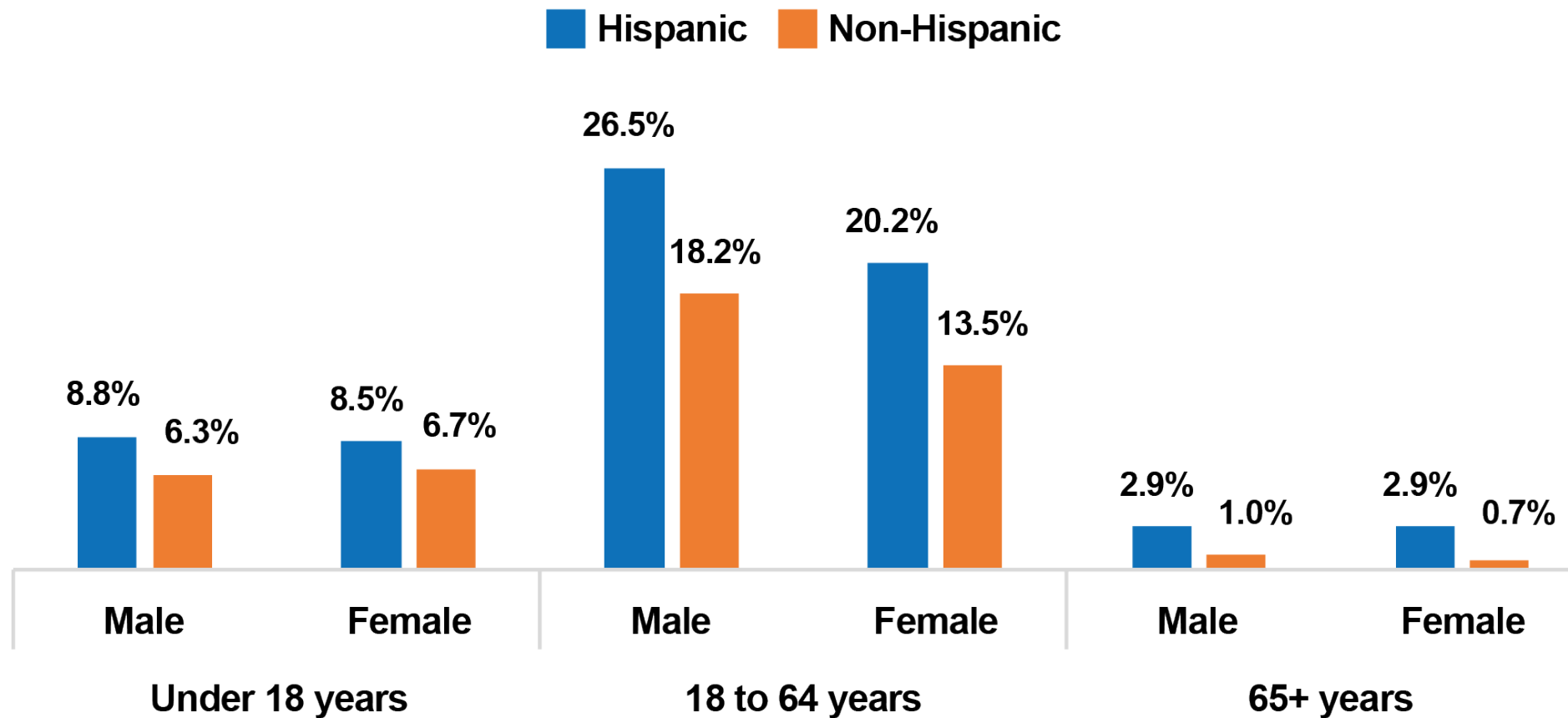
Geographic disparities in HIV outcomes stem from deep-rooted socioeconomic, political, and structural inequities.

Factors include financial stability, insurance access, service availability, health workforce shortages, policy environments, and local public health infrastructure.

# Intersectionality shapes health coverage...

## Percentage of the uninsured by ethnicity, sex, and age in Florida

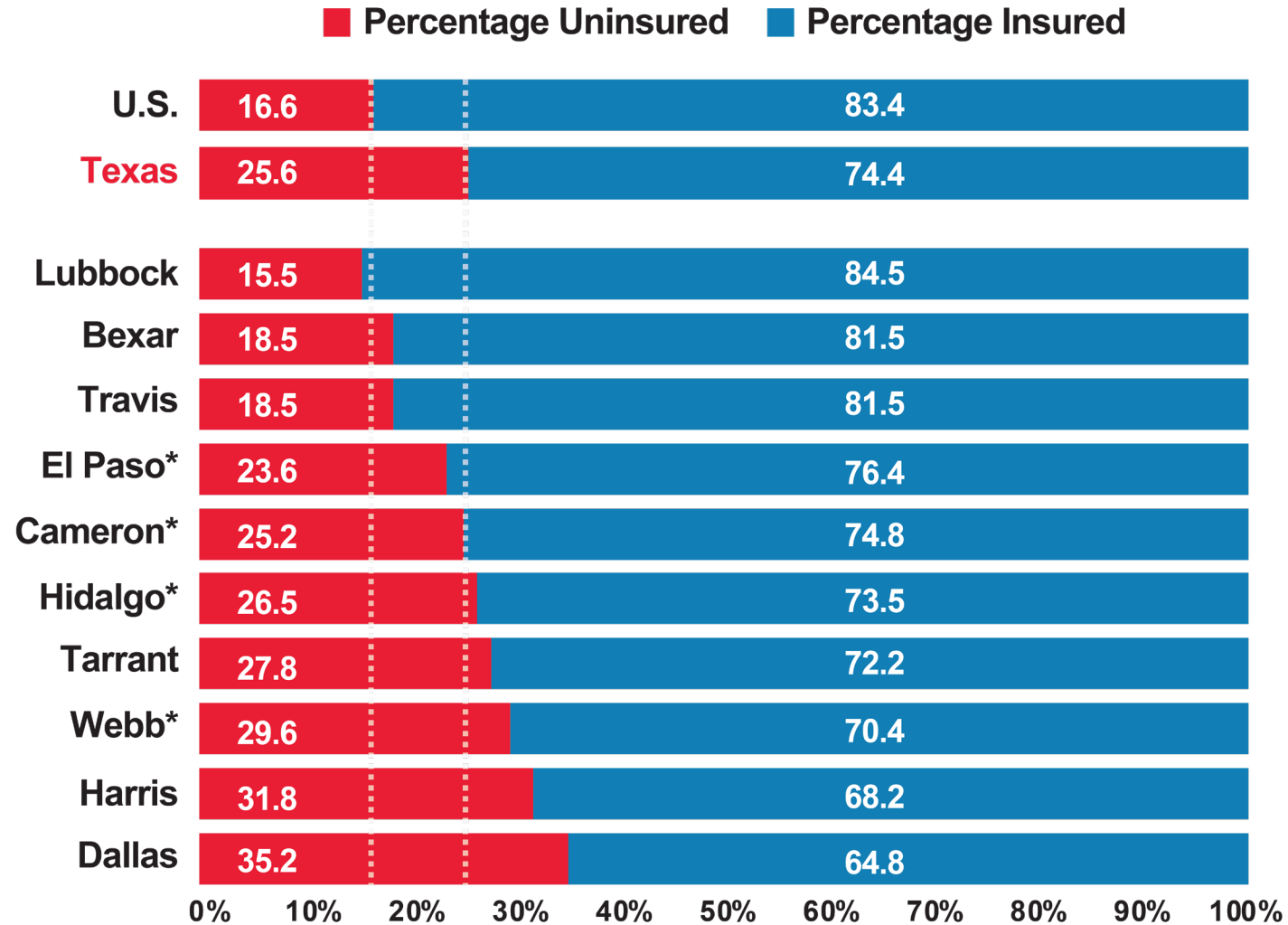
(IPUMS USA, ACS 5-Year Estimates, 2023)



...with significant geographic variations.

**Uninsured Hispanic Texans by selected counties, 2023**

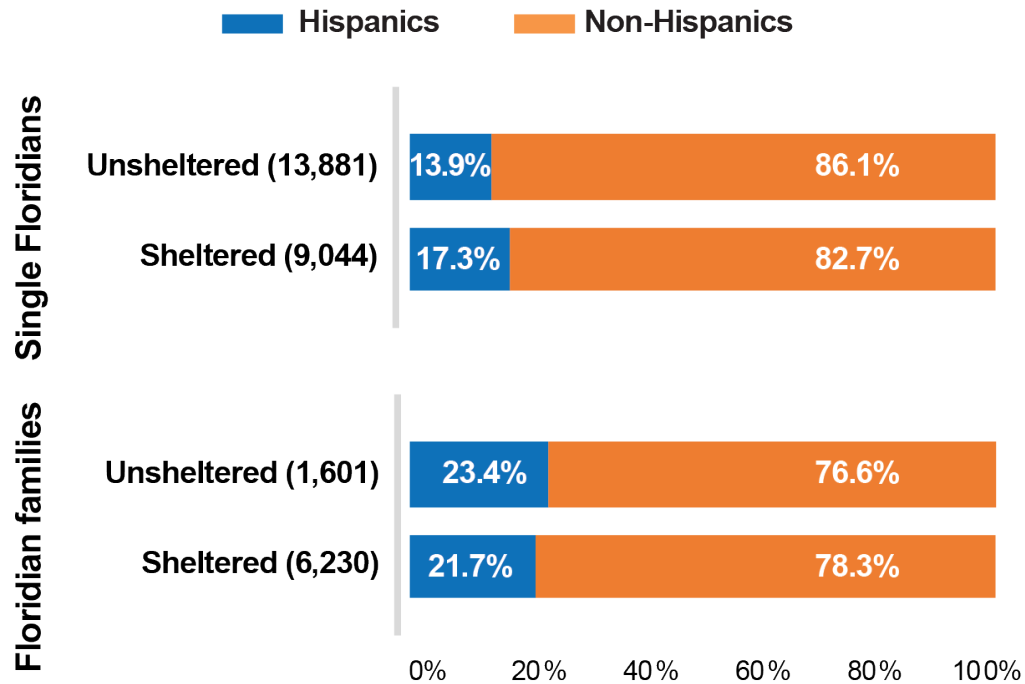
*\*counties on the U.S.-Mexico border  
(Census, S2701, ACS 1 year Estimates, 2023)*



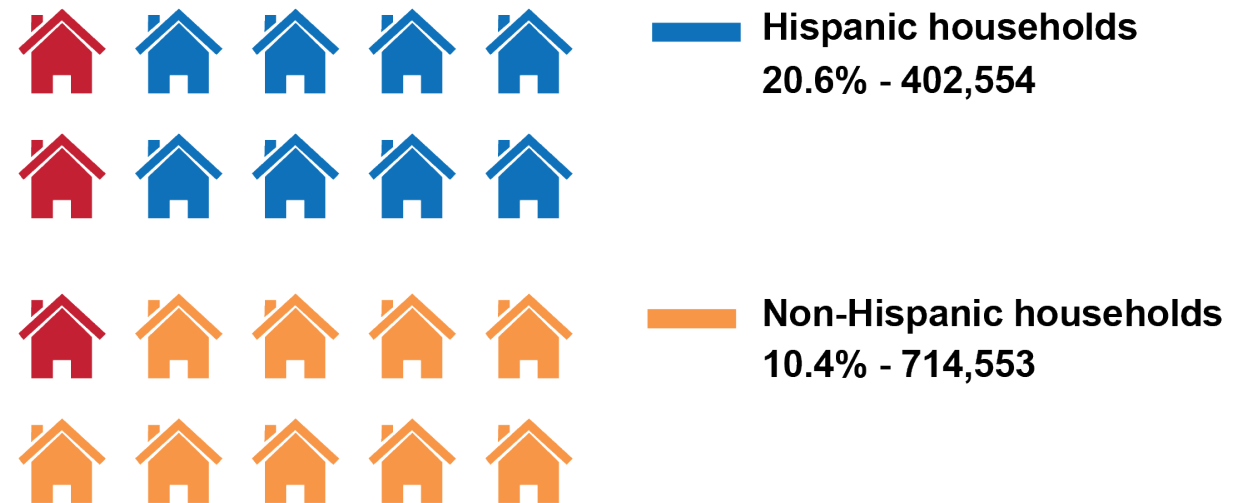


# A significant percentage of Hispanic households experience vulnerability.

Homelessness among Floridians by shelter status and ethnicity, 2023  
(U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development, PIT and HIC Data)



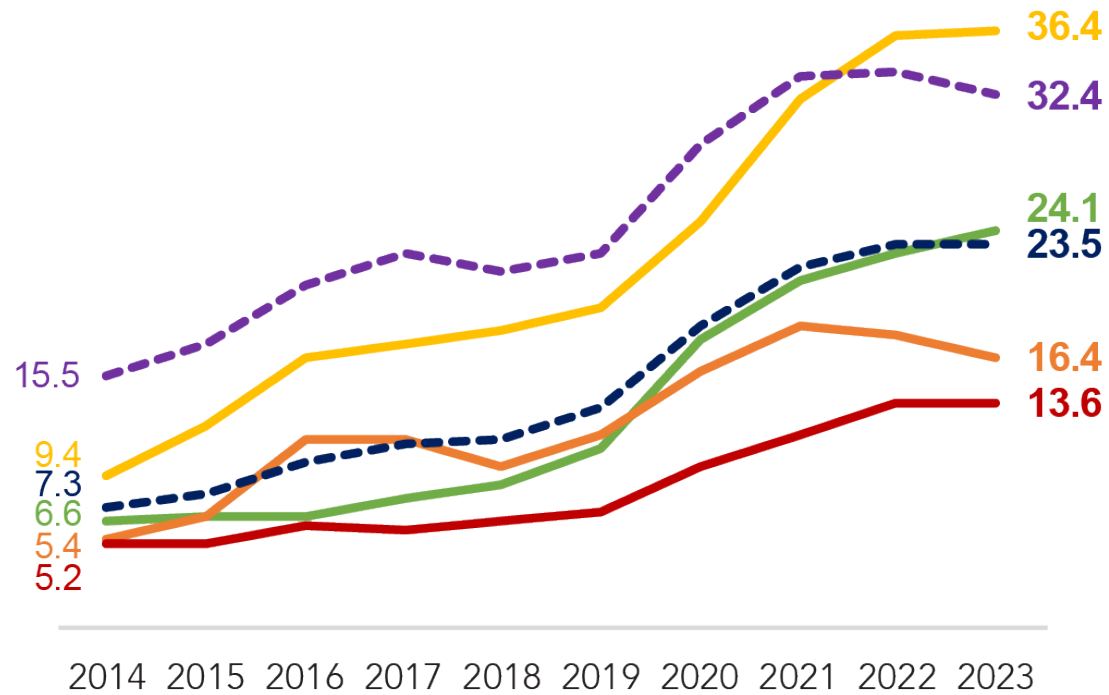
Percentage of Florida households receiving food stamps/SNAP  
(IPUMS USA, ACS 5-year estimates, 2022)



# There is a behavioral health crisis...

## Drug-related death rates among Hispanics by region, 2014-2023

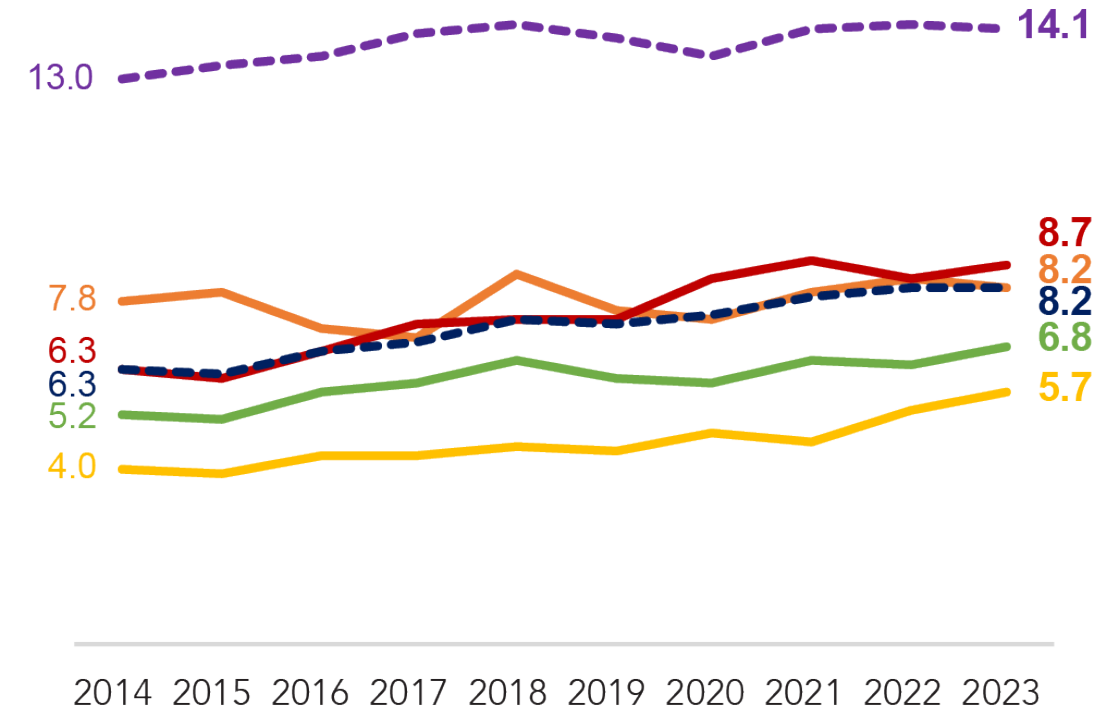
(CDC WONDER Online, National Vital Statistics System)



California Florida New York Texas  
U.S. Hispanics U.S. Total

## Suicide rates among Hispanics by region, 2014-2023

(CDC WONDER Online, National Vital Statistics System)



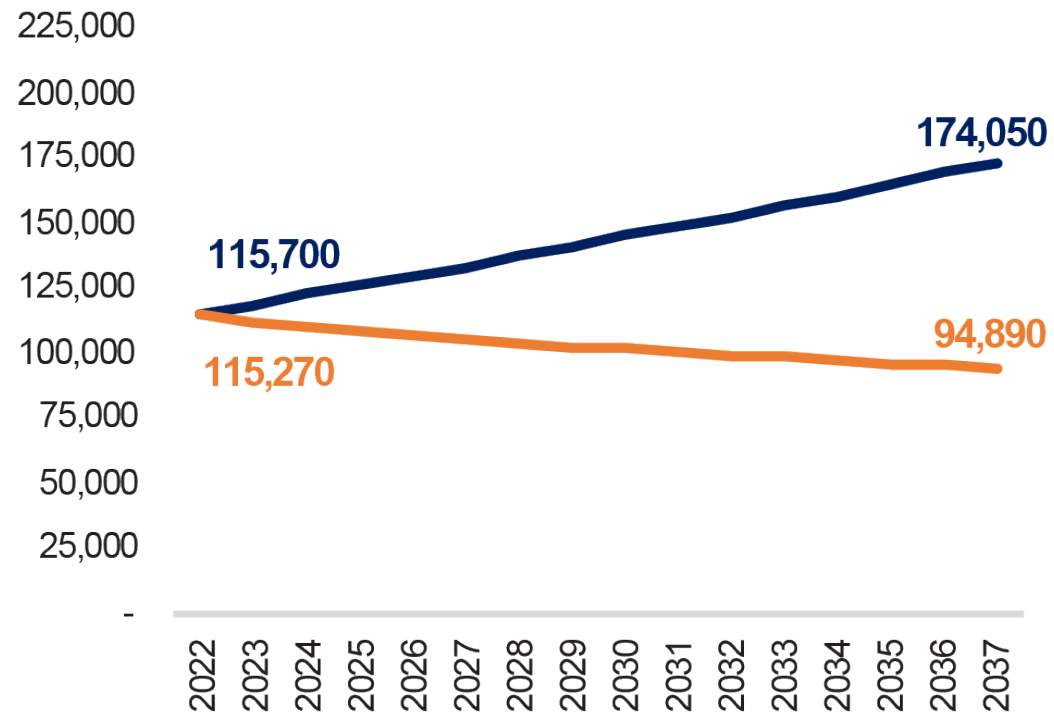
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# ...and a health workforce crisis.

## Demand and supply for psychologists, 2022-2037

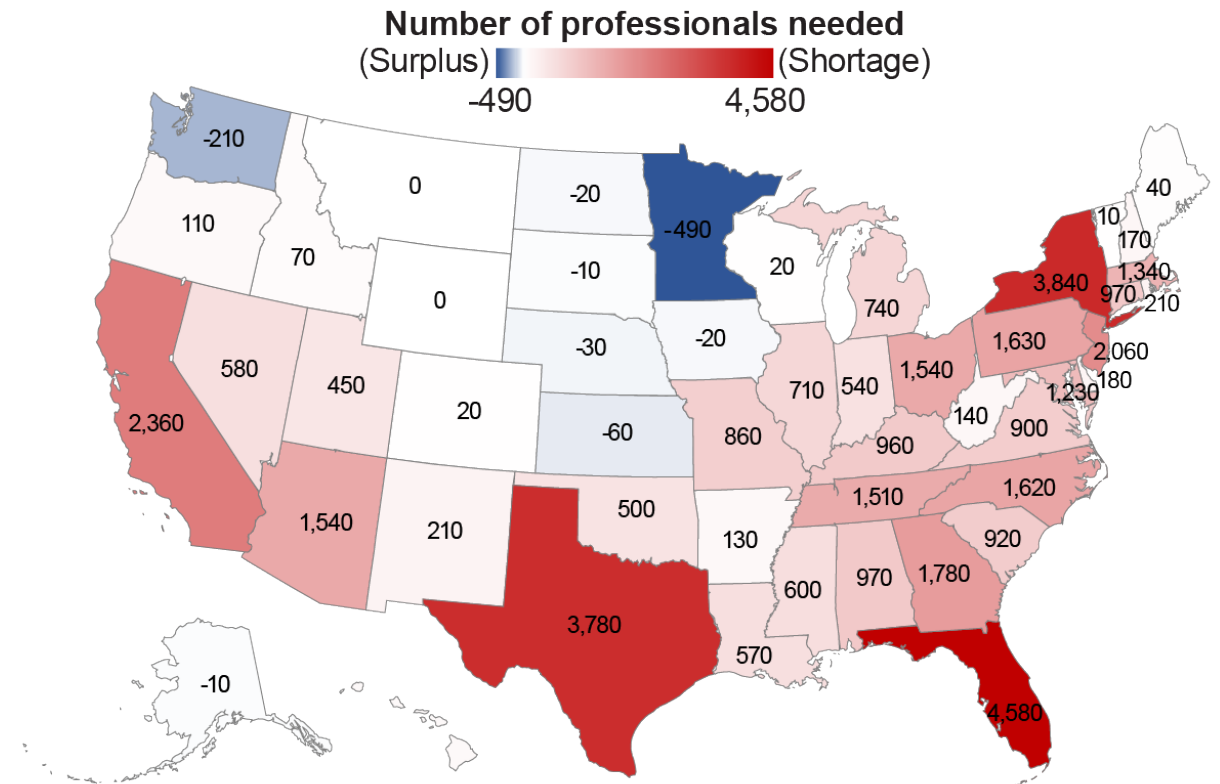
HRSA, Health Workforce Projections

■ Demand ■ Supply



## Projected shortage and surplus of family medicine physicians by 2030

HRSA, Health Workforce Projections



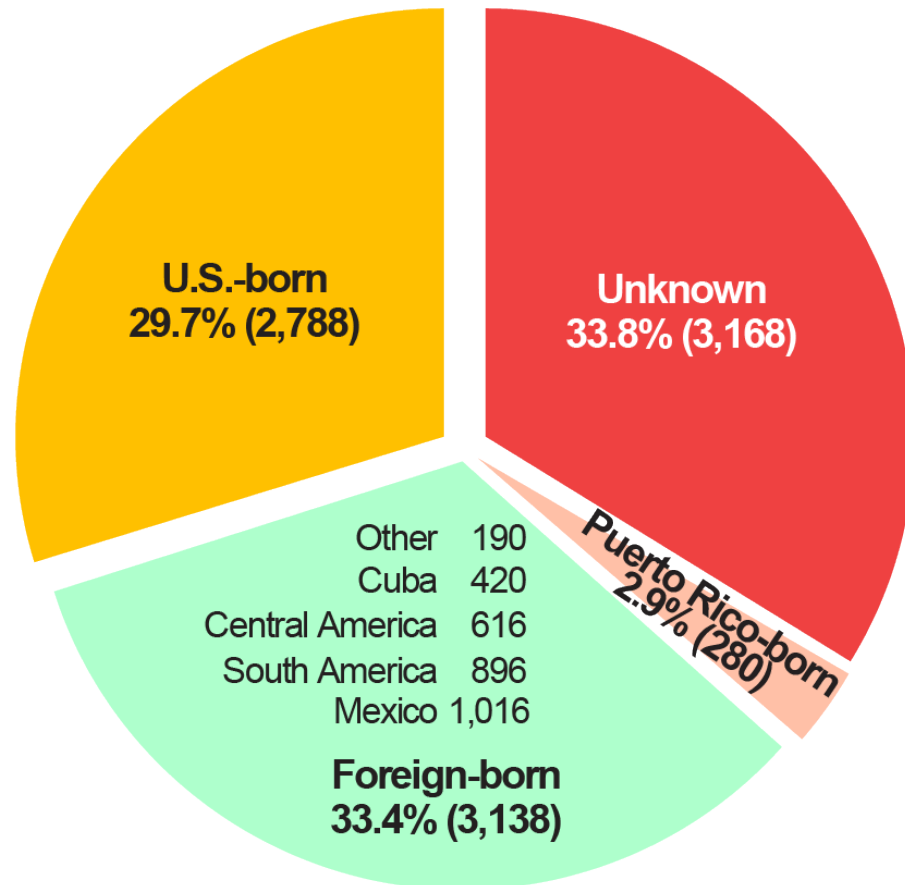
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# Immigrant Hispanic communities experience the brunt of HIV.

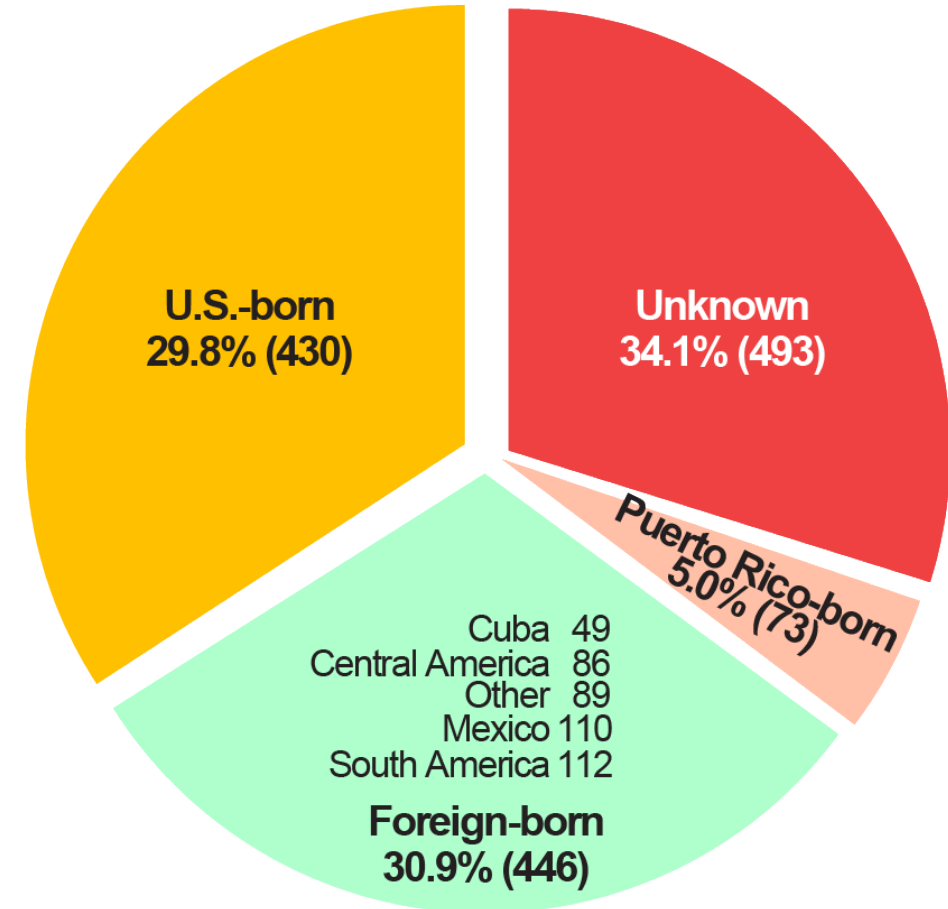
**HIV diagnoses among Hispanic men by place of birth attributed to male-to-male sexual contact, 2022**

*(CDC HIV Surveillance Report 2022, Table 10a)*



**HIV diagnoses among Hispanic women by place of birth, 2022**

*(CDC HIV Surveillance Report 2022, Table 10a)*



# An agenda for Hispanic leadership:

- **Grow research and policy leadership among Hispanics**
- **Strengthen integrated behavioral and preventative health systems**
- **Expand eligibility and access to healthcare programs**
- **Expand rural and community health systems**
- **Address widespread and unequal workforce shortages**

# Q & A Comments



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For simplicity, we use the overarching term Hispanic to refer to diverse self-identifications within our communities, including those related to race/ethnicity, family origin, and gender expression (e.g., Hispanic, Latino, Cuban-American, or Latinx).

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