Arkansas had the nation’s 20th-highest rate of new HIV diagnoses in 2017.

When a person with HIV takes their medicine regularly they become virally suppressed and have effectively no risk of transmitting HIV. 60% of Americans with HIV are virally suppressed; the national goal is 80%.

Arkansans with HIV will face an average lifetime cost of $478,000 to treat their infection (2017 dollars).

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is a pill for those at high risk for HIV.

4,610* Arkansans at high risk for HIV could potentially benefit from PrEP

391* Arkansans were prescribed PrEP in 2017
HIV Testing

61,311 HIV tests†† were provided in Arkansas

CDC-funded HIV testing ensures people at risk know their HIV status. Awareness of HIV status allows people who are HIV-negative to choose prevention activities to avoid infection.

HIV Diagnosis

149 Arkansans†† were newly diagnosed with HIV through CDC-funded HIV testing

CDC-funded HIV testing makes people with HIV aware of their infection so they can take medicine to stay healthy and prevent transmission.

Linkage to Care

28 Arkansans†† were linked to medical care within 90 days of HIV diagnosis

CDC-funded programs link people to medical care immediately after HIV diagnosis, so they can stay healthy and not transmit HIV to others.

What Can Be Done?

Major developments in HIV science, prevention, and treatment have produced a once-in-a-generation opportunity to eliminate new HIV infections in the United States — including Arkansas.

To End HIV:

Use the right practices in the right places targeted to the right people

Diagnose

All people with HIV as early as possible after infection

Protect

People at risk for HIV with proven interventions, including medications that can prevent HIV

Respond

Rapidly to growing HIV networks and effectively respond to outbreaks of new HIV infections

Treat

All people with HIV rapidly so they can take HIV medicine to stay healthy and prevent transmission

Dedicated people at all levels working together to end HIV

For more recent data, please visit https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/hiv-aids-sti-surveillance

†† FY 2018. ††† 2017 data.

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