### HIV PREVENTION

#### ARKANSAS

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<th>% Unaware of HIV infection†</th>
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- **85%** of Arkansans with HIV are aware of their status, which means approximately **900 people** in Arkansas aren't getting the care they need. The national goal for the percentage of people with HIV who know their status is **90%**.
- 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%**.

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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

**Taken daily, it can block HIV**

* *AIDSVu (www.aidsvu.org). Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health. **2015 data.*

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**National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention**

**Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention**
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.

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.

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

- **Treat**
  - People with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression

- **Prevent**
  - New HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs)

- **Respond**
  - Quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them

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.**