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84% of Georgians with HIV are aware of their status, which means approximately 9,600 people in Georgia aren’t getting the care they need. The national goal for the percentage of people with HIV who know their status is 90%.

Georgians 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. Taken daily, it can block HIV.

35,700* Georgians at high risk for HIV could potentially benefit from PrEP. 2,656* Georgians were prescribed PrEP in 2017.
CDC awarded $25.5M†† to Georgia health departments and community-based organizations for HIV prevention activities, including:

**HIV Testing**

114,824 HIV tests†† were provided in Georgia

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**

834 Georgians†† 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**

622 Georgians†† 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.

Due to end of year data submission dates, those who were diagnosed and successfully linked to care during the last two weeks of the year may have been excluded from this calculation.

### 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 Georgia.

To End HIV:

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

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Dedicated people at all levels working together to end HIV

For more information on HIV prevention, please visit [www.cdc.gov/HIV](http://www.cdc.gov/HIV)