Louisiana had the nation’s 4th-highest rate of new HIV diagnoses in 2017.

82% of Louisianians with HIV are aware of their status, which means approximately 4,300 people in Louisiana aren’t getting the care they need. The national goal for the percentage of people with HIV who know their status is 90%.

Louisianians 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.

13,390* Louisianians at high risk for HIV could potentially benefit from PrEP

1,078* Louisianians were prescribed PrEP in 2017

When a person with HIV takes their medicine regularly they become virally suppressed and have effectively no risk of transmitting HIV. 59% of Louisianians with HIV are virally suppressed; the national goal is 80%.

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

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CDC awarded $11.8M†† to Louisiana health departments and community-based organizations for HIV prevention activities, including:

**HIV Testing**

102,551 HIV tests†† were provided in Louisiana

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**

429 Louisianians†† 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**

306 Louisianians†† 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.

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**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 Louisiana

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 information on HIV prevention, please visit www.cdc.gov/HIV

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†† FY 2018. ††† 2017 data.

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