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%.

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%.

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

* 2015 data.
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:

- **Diagnose**: All people with HIV as early as possible after infection
- **Treat**: All people with HIV rapidly so they can take HIV medicine to stay healthy and prevent transmission
- **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

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)

**FY 2018. ‡‡ 2017 data.**