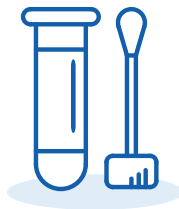


HIV PREVENTION

PUERTO RICO

Annual HIV Diagnoses

445
new cases



12th
Highest

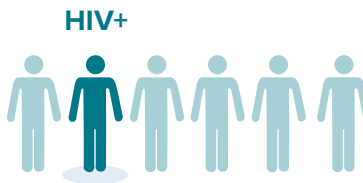
Puerto Rico had the nation's **12th-highest** rate of new HIV diagnoses in 2017.

People with HIV[†]



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

% Unaware of HIV infection[†]



85% of people with HIV in the United States are aware of their HIV infection. **Being aware allows them to seek the care they need.** The national goal for percentage of people with HIV who know their status is 90%.

Puerto Ricans with HIV will face an average **lifetime cost of \$478,000** to treat their infection (2017 dollars)



A comprehensive **Syringe Services Program (SSP)** is a community-based public health program that **provides access to sterile needles and syringes and safe disposal of them**, while providing a pathway to services to **prevent drug use, HIV, and viral hepatitis.**

SSPs **DO NOT** increase drug use or crime 

SSPs **DO** reduce HIV and hepatitis risk 

Puerto Rico was determined by CDC to be experiencing or at risk of an **HIV outbreak** or **significant increase in hepatitis infection**

4^{††} SSPs operating in Puerto Rico

†2015 data. ††as of 2018.

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CDC awarded **\$10.3M⁺⁺⁺** to Puerto Rico health departments and community-based organizations for HIV prevention activities, including:

HIV Testing



HIV Diagnosis



Linkage to Care



30,799 HIV tests⁺⁺⁺⁺ were provided in Puerto Rico

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.

of those

220 Puerto Ricans⁺⁺⁺⁺ 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.

of those

200 Puerto Ricans⁺⁺⁺⁺ 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 Puerto Rico.*

To End HIV:

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

Diagnose	Treat	Protect	Respond
All people with HIV as early as possible after infection	All people with HIV rapidly so they can take HIV medicine to stay healthy and prevent transmission	People at risk for HIV with proven interventions, including medications that can prevent HIV	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

+++FY 2018. ++++ 2017 data.

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