**South Carolina** had the nation’s **8th-highest** rate of new **HIV diagnoses** in 2017.

- **16%** of the population was **Unaware of HIV infection**.
- **718** new cases were diagnosed.
- **19,200** people were diagnosed with HIV.

South Carolinians 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. **9,040** South Carolinians at high risk for HIV could potentially benefit from PrEP. **590** South Carolinians were prescribed PrEP in 2017.

*Data from [AIDSVu](http://www.aidsvu.org), Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health. *2015 data.
HIV Testing

59,165 HIV tests†† were provided in South Carolina

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

286 South Carolinians†† 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

226 South Carolinians†† 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 South Carolina.

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

CDC awarded $6.8M†† to South Carolina health departments and community-based organizations for HIV prevention activities, including:

†† FY 2018. ††† 2017 data.