



## Public Health Services Administration

# People Who Inject Drugs (PWID), Baltimore Metro Area, 2024

### What are NHBS and BESURE?

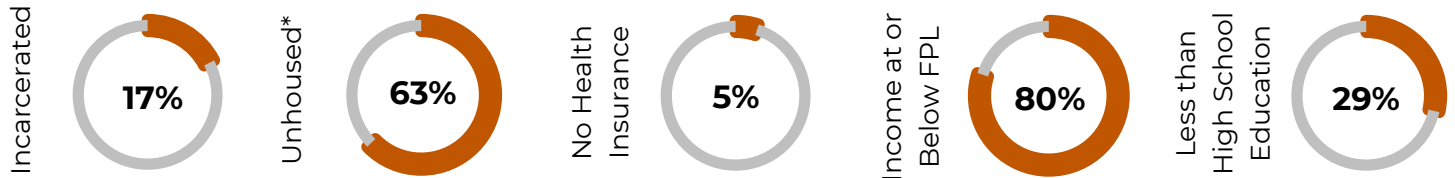
The Behavioral Surveillance Research study, locally known as BESURE, is the Baltimore site of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National HIV Behavioral Surveillance project (NHBS). BESURE conducts surveys among MSM, PWID, and heterosexually active persons at increased risk of HIV infection.

### Participant Demographics and Social Determinants of Health

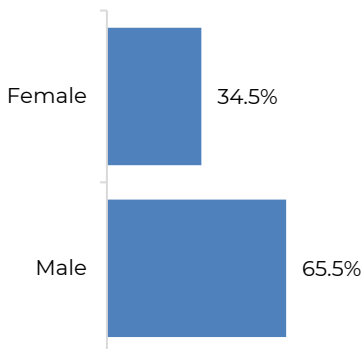
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During 2024, BESURE interviewed 597 PWID about behavioral risks for HIV infection, HIV testing, and use of HIV prevention services. BESURE also offered HIV testing.

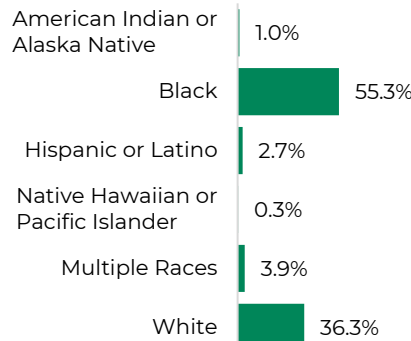
#### Social Determinants of Health, Past 12 months



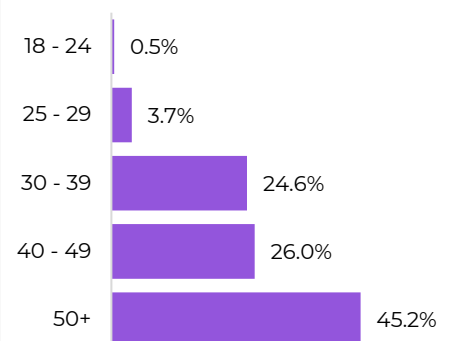
#### Sex at Birth



#### Race and Ethnicity



#### Age



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## HIV Prevention, Past 12 Months

**60%**

Among participants, 60 percent were tested for HIV in the 12 months before the survey. At the time of the survey, 5 percent of participants were HIV-positive.

### Use of HIV Prevention Resources



**70%**

Received new sterile syringes from SSPs



**31%**

Disposed of syringes safely



**48%**

Were aware of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)



**1%**

Used HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)



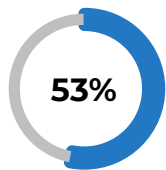
**58%**

Received free condoms

**37%**

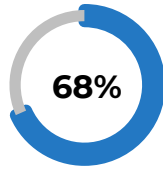
Among participants, 37 percent reported using a needle that had already been used by someone else for injection, used injection equipment that already been used, or divided a drug solution by using a syringe that had already been used by someone for injection.

## Opioid Use Related Outcomes, Past 12 Months



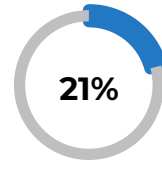
**53%**

Participated in substance use treatment program



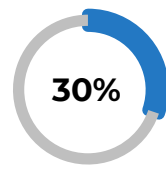
**68%**

Used Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)



**21%**

Tried but were unable to obtain MOUD



**30%**

Experienced a nonfatal opioid overdose

## Technical Notes

**FPL:** [Federal Poverty Level](#) | **PWID:** People who Inject Drugs | **MSM:** Men who Have Sex with Men | **SSP:** Syringe Service Program | **MOUD:** Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

Click here to view [national](#) HIV behavioral surveillance data and [here](#) for Maryland's.

\*Unhoused describes people who reported living on the street, in a shelter, in Single Room Occupancy hotel, or in a car.

All metrics describe the 12 months before interview. BESURE is reflective of the Baltimore Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which consists of Baltimore City, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Howard, Harford, and Queen Anne's counties. All participants must be 18 years or older and residents of the MSA at the time of the survey. See the [Baltimore HIV Behavioral Surveillance Special Report](#) for more technical notes.

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