



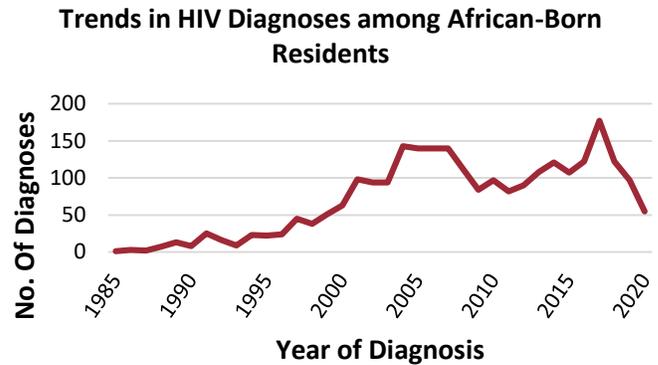
HIV AMONG AFRICAN-BORN MARYLANDERS, 2020

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New HIV Diagnoses in Maryland

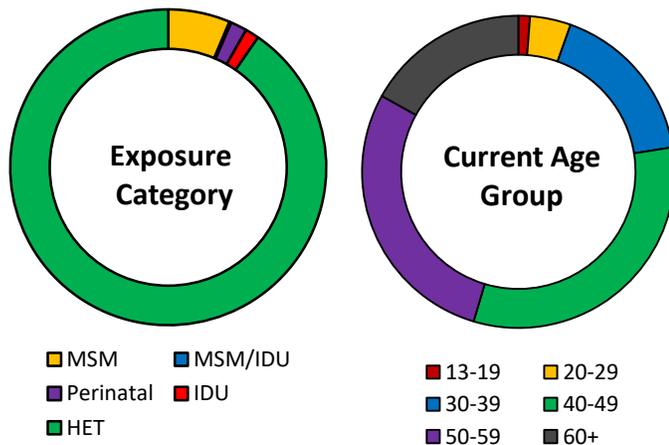
In 2020, there were 55 reported HIV diagnoses among persons born in Africa.

- Of the 724 total reported HIV diagnoses, 95 were born in a foreign country. Persons born in Africa accounted for 7.6% of the total newly reported HIV diagnoses and 57.9% of the foreign-born diagnoses.
- Of the 55 diagnoses born in Africa, 67.3% were female, and 32.7% were male.
- 27.3% were diagnosed with AIDS within 3 months, indicating they were likely infected for years.



Characteristics of African-Born Marylanders Living with HIV

At the end of 2020, there were 2,411 African-born people living with diagnosed HIV.



- Of the 31,676 persons living with diagnosed HIV, 3,805 were foreign-born. African-born residents account for 7.6% of the total persons living with HIV and 63.4% of the foreign-born people.
- African-born persons living with diagnosed HIV were born in 44 countries. The most common countries were Cameroon (27.5%), Ethiopia (15.1%), and Nigeria (12.8%).
- 69.8% of the 2,411 African-born persons living with diagnosed HIV had a recent viral load test result reported in 2020. Of these 1,683 individuals, 93.2% had a suppressed viral load.

HET: Heterosexual Contact | **IDU:** Injection Drug Use | **MSM:** Male-to-male Sexual Contact

Note: The completeness of reporting a person's country of birth is variable in surveillance data. Not all agencies collect or have complete data on nativity. In addition, some individuals may immigrate to the U.S. with HIV. HIV testing data from other countries is often unavailable for these people; therefore, they are counted as a new diagnosis following their first HIV related lab test in the United States, even if they were first diagnosed elsewhere.

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Multiple imputation was used to estimate and adjust for missing exposure category. Data represents adults and adolescents (ages 13+) only. Data source: Maryland Enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System (eHARS). Data for 2020 should be interpreted with caution due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on access to HIV testing and care-related services.