



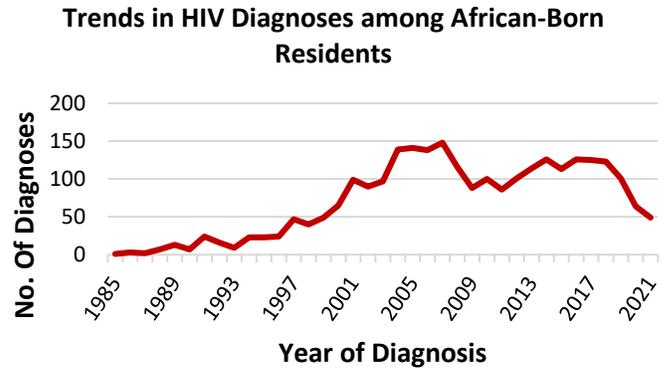
HIV AMONG AFRICAN-BORN MARYLANDERS, 2021

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New HIV Diagnoses in Maryland

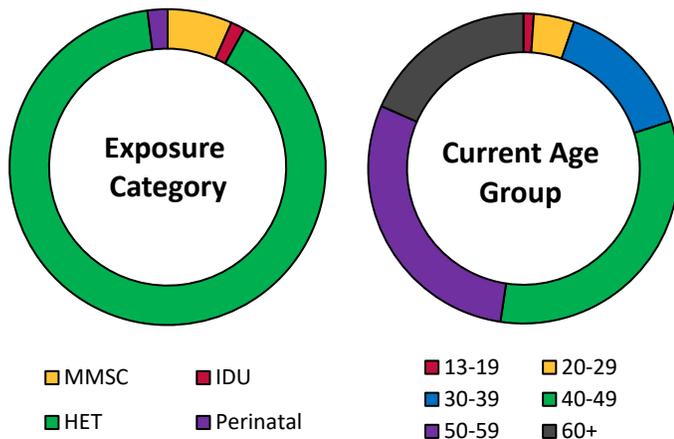
In 2021, there were 49 reported HIV diagnoses among persons born in Africa.

- Of the 773 total reported HIV diagnoses, 92 were born in a foreign country. Persons born in Africa accounted for 6.3% of the total newly reported HIV diagnoses and 53.3% of the foreign-born diagnoses.
- Of the 49 diagnoses born in Africa, 75.5% were female, and 24.5% were male.
- 38.8% 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 2021, there were 2,597 African-born people living with diagnosed HIV.



- Of the 32,149 persons living with diagnosed HIV, 4,164 were foreign-born. African-born residents account for 8.1% of the total persons living with HIV and 62.4% of the foreign-born people.
- African-born persons living with diagnosed HIV were born in 44 countries. The most common countries were Cameroon (27.3%), Ethiopia (15.2%), and Nigeria (12.6%).
- 65.5% of the 2,597 African-born persons living with diagnosed HIV had a recent viral load test result reported in 2021. Of these 1,701 individuals, 92.3% had a suppressed viral load.

HET: Heterosexual Contact | **IDU:** Injection Drug Use | **MMSC:** 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.