HIV among Black and African American People in Maryland

Center for HIV Surveillance, Epidemiology and Evaluation Prevention and Health Promotion Administration

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MISSION
The mission of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration is to protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of all Marylanders and their families through provision of public health leadership and through community-based public health efforts in partnership with local health departments, providers, community based organizations, and public and private sector agencies, giving special attention to at-risk and vulnerable populations.

VISION
The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration envisions a future in which all Marylanders and their families enjoy optimal health and well-being.
New HIV Diagnoses during 2020

HIV Diagnoses by Race/Ethnicity

2020 NH-Black HIV diagnoses total: 520

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Data reported through June 30, 2021

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New HIV Diagnoses among NH-Black people

Linkage to HIV care after initial diagnosis was lowest among NH-Black people (84.6%).

New diagnoses attributed to NH-Black MSM have been increasing, accounting for 29.2% of total diagnoses in 2010 to 35.2% in 2020.

AIDS diagnosis rates in 2020 were up to 13x higher among NH-Black people as compared to people of other races.

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HIV Diagnoses by Populations

HIV Diagnoses by most impacted population groups, 2010 and 2020

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HIV Diagnoses in African-Born Residents

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Maryland Department of Health
People Living with Diagnosed HIV

NH-Black Marylanders with HIV

• Rates (per 100,000) were 2x higher in NH-Black males than NH-Black females.

• HET was the most common exposure among NH-Black people (42.6%), followed by MSM (34.9%).

• The age group with the most individuals living with HIV was 50-59 year olds (29.4%).
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African-Born Marylanders with HIV

- There were 2,411 African-born people living with diagnosed HIV in Maryland at the end of 2020.

- African-born PLWH were born in 44 countries. The most common countries were Cameroon (27.5%), Ethiopia (15.1%), and Nigeria (12.8%).

- HET was the most common exposure among African-born people (89.9%), followed by MSM (6.3%).

MSM: Men who have sex with men | HET: Heterosexual contact

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NH-Black people comprise 3/4 of new HIV diagnoses and total people with HIV in Maryland.

1 in 65 NH-Black persons in Maryland were reported to be living with HIV at the end of 2020.

Of the total Marylanders living with HIV who had a viral load test reported in 2020, viral suppression was lowest among NH-Black people.
Additional Data

CHSEE HIV Statistics Webpage

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