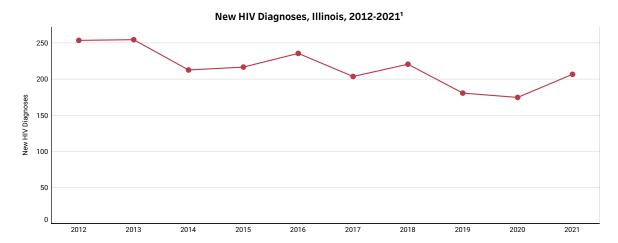
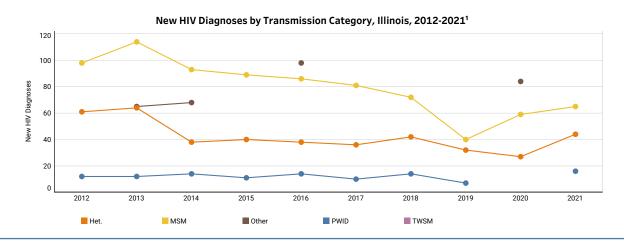
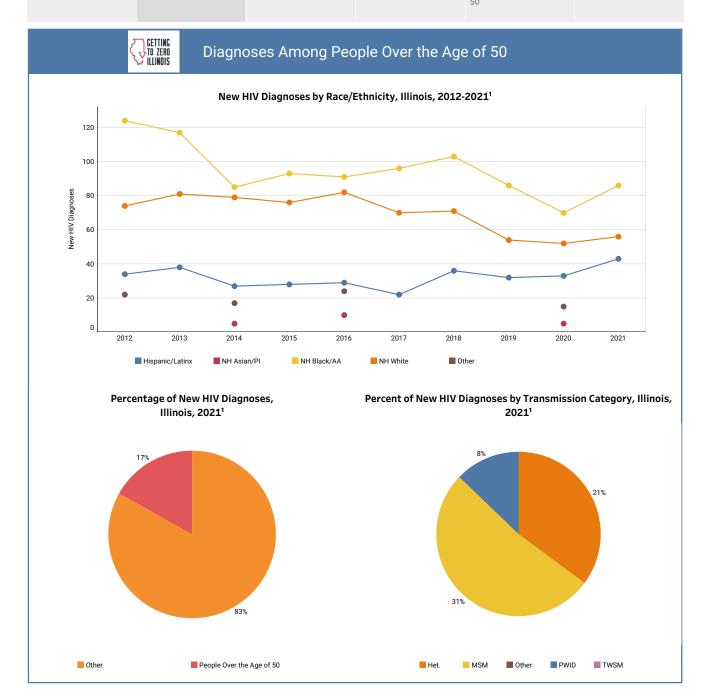


Diagnoses Among People Over the Age of 50

In Illinois, fewer than one in five new HIV diagnoses in 2021 were among people over the age of 50 years. After peaking in 2011, the number of new HIV diagnoses among people over the age of 50 declined to an all-time low of 175 new diagnoses in 2020 but increase to 207 in 2021. Gay, bisexual, same gender loving, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) comprised the majority of new HIV diagnoses among people over the age of 50 in all years, followed by heterosexual individuals. New HIV diagnoses declined considerably for MSM and Heterosexuals from 2018 to 2019, but both groups have seen an increase from 2020 to 2021. In all years, Black people over the age of 50 have experienced the largest number of new HIV diagnoses, reaching a peak in 2012 and sharp decline in 2014 which has then remained relatively stable through 2020 only to climb to 86 in 2021. The number of new diagnoses among white people over the age of 50 remained stable through 2016 and has been steadily declining, but increased from 2020 to 2021. The number of new diagnoses among Latinx people over the age of 50 has remained relatively stable over the last decade, but like non-Hispanic (NH) Whites, they have also seen a rise from 2020 to 2021. The percent of people over the age of 50 with a late HIV diagnosis, a measure that represents missed opportunities to diagnose and treat HIV, was consistently higher than that of the general population and remained around 40% between 2010 and 2016 and a sharp decrease from 2018 to 2019 rising in 2020 and then decreasing again in 2021 at 26%.

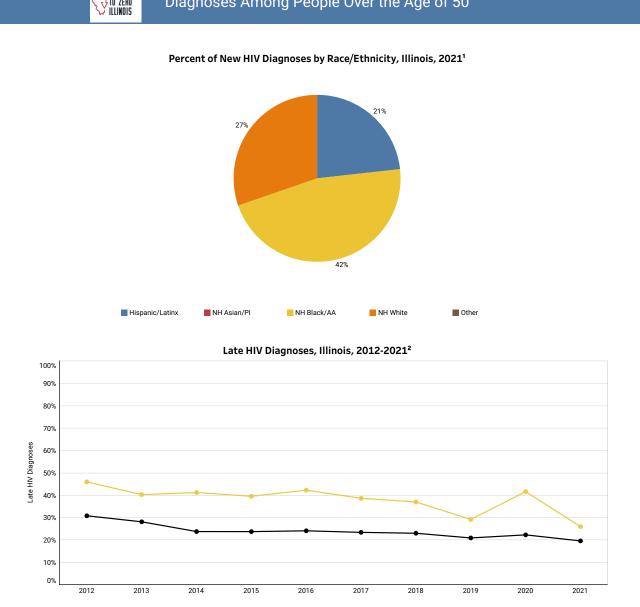








Diagnoses Among People Over the Age of 50



People Over the Age of 50 Total Population

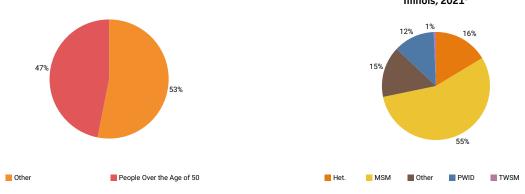


Prevalence Among People Over the Age of 50

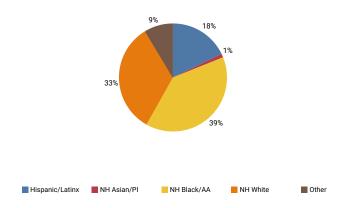
A total of 16,689 people 50+ were living with HIV in 2021 in Illinois, representing 47% of people living with HIV in Illinois. More than half of people over the age of 50 living with HIV in Illinois are MSM, followed by similar percentages of heterosexuals and PWID. Of people over the age of 50 living with HIV in Illinois, 39% are Black, followed by 33% white and 18% Latinx individuals.

Percent Living with Diagnosed HIV, Illinois, 20213

Percent Living with Diagnosed HIV by Transmission Category, Illinois, 2021³



Percent Living with Diagnosed HIV by Race/Ethnicity, Illinois, 2021³

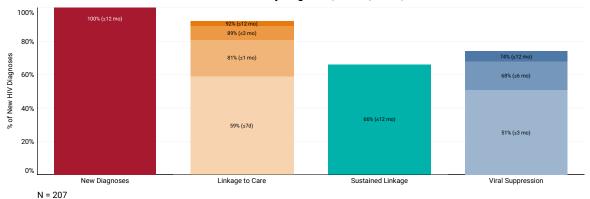




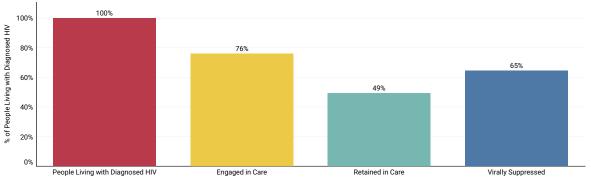
HIV Care Continuum Among People Over the Age of 50

The HIV care continuum outlines the steps or stages that people with HIV go through from diagnosis to sustained linkage to achieving and maintaining viral suppression. Nearly all (92%) people over the age of 50 who were newly diagnosed with HIV in 2021 were linked to care within one year of diagnosis. Approximately 59% were linked within one week from diagnosis, and 81% were linked within 1 month. Although rates of linkage are high, close to 66% of people over the age of 50 who were newly diagnosed achieve sustained linkage and 74% were virally suppressed in 2021. Among all people over the age of 50 living with HIV, 76% were engaged in care in 2021, but only 49% were retained in care and 65% were virally suppressed. Among people over the age of 50 living with HIV who are engaged in care, viral suppression is much higher, with 85% achieving viral suppression in 2021.

HIV Continuum - Newly Diagnosed, Illinois, 2021¹, 4-6

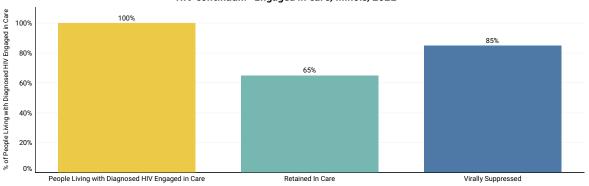


HIV Continuum - Living with HIV, Illinois, 2021³, 6-8



N = 16,689

HIV Continuum - Engaged in Care, Illinois, 2021⁶⁻⁸

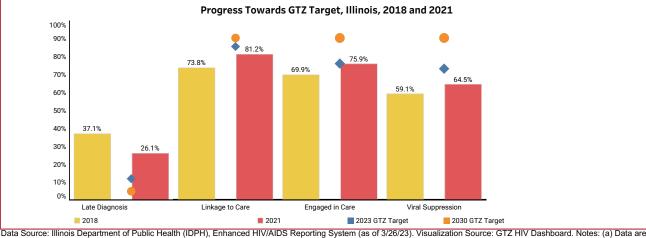


N = 12,664



Progress to GTZ Targets for People Over the Age of 50

Although there has been promising movement towards GTZ goals between 2018 and 2021, concentrated resources are required to ensure people over the age of 50 reach the GTZ targets set for 2023 and 2030. The percentage of late diagnoses decreased from 37% to 26%, but more work is needed to achieve the target of 14% in 2023 and 5% in 2030. Greater focus is needed on achieving targets for linkage, engagement, and viral suppression. The percent people over the age of 50 living with HIV who were linked to care increased from 74% to 81%, but remained below the 90% 2023 and 95% 2030 GTZ targets. Further, the percent of people over the age of 50 living with HIV who were engaged in care (76% in 2021) and who achieved viral suppression (65% in 2021) increased between 2018 and 2021. These percentages remain well below the 80% 2023 and 95% 2030 GTZ targets for engagement in care and 77% 2023 and 95% 2030 GTZ targets for viral suppression.



only displayed for groups for which there are 5 or more individuals. (b) 'Age' refers to age at time of diagnosis. (c) 'PWID' includes people who inject drugs; 'TWSM' includes rans women who have sex with men and trans women with a history of injection drug use who have sex with men; 'MSM' includes men who have sex with men or men with a history of injection drug use who have sex with men; 'Other/unknown' transmission category includes perinatal transmission, blood transfusion, hemophilia, and those with no identified risk. (d) 'AA'= African American; 'PI'= Pacific Islander; 'Hispanic/Latinx' individuals can be of any race and all other race/ethnicity groups are not-Hispanic (NH); 'Other/Unknown' race/ethnicity includes NH American Indian/Alaska Native, NH multiple races, and people of unreported race/ethnicity. 'New HIV Diagnoses' defined as the number of persons 13 years of age or older newly diagnosed with HIV infection; ² 'Late HIV Diagnoses' defined as the number of persons 13 years of age or older newly diagnosed with HIV infection who were diagnosed with stage 3 HIV (AIDS) within 12 months of HIV diagnosis; ³ 'People Living with Diagnosed HIV' defined as people diagnosed with HIV infection with a CD4, VL or genotype lab result within X days after their date of diagnoses; ⁵ 'Sustained Linkage' defined as people newly diagnosed with HIV infection with a CD4, VL, or genotype lab results at least 90 days apart and within a year after their date of diagnoses; ⁵ 'Engaged in Care' defined as People newly diagnosed with HIV with a viral load less than 200 copies/mL at X days after their date of diagnosis; ⁷ Engaged in Care' defined as PLWDH with a CD4, viral load, or genotype lab results at least 90 days apart and within the calendar year.