

# HIV among transgender people in New York City, 2022

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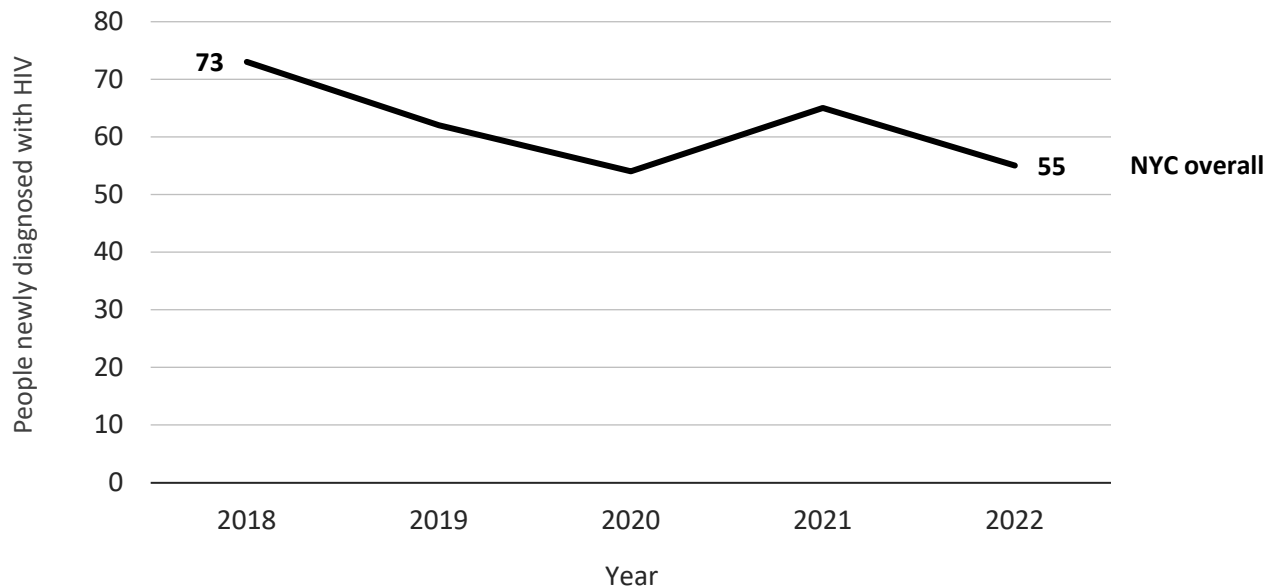
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# Number of new HIV diagnoses among transgender people in New York City, 2018-2022

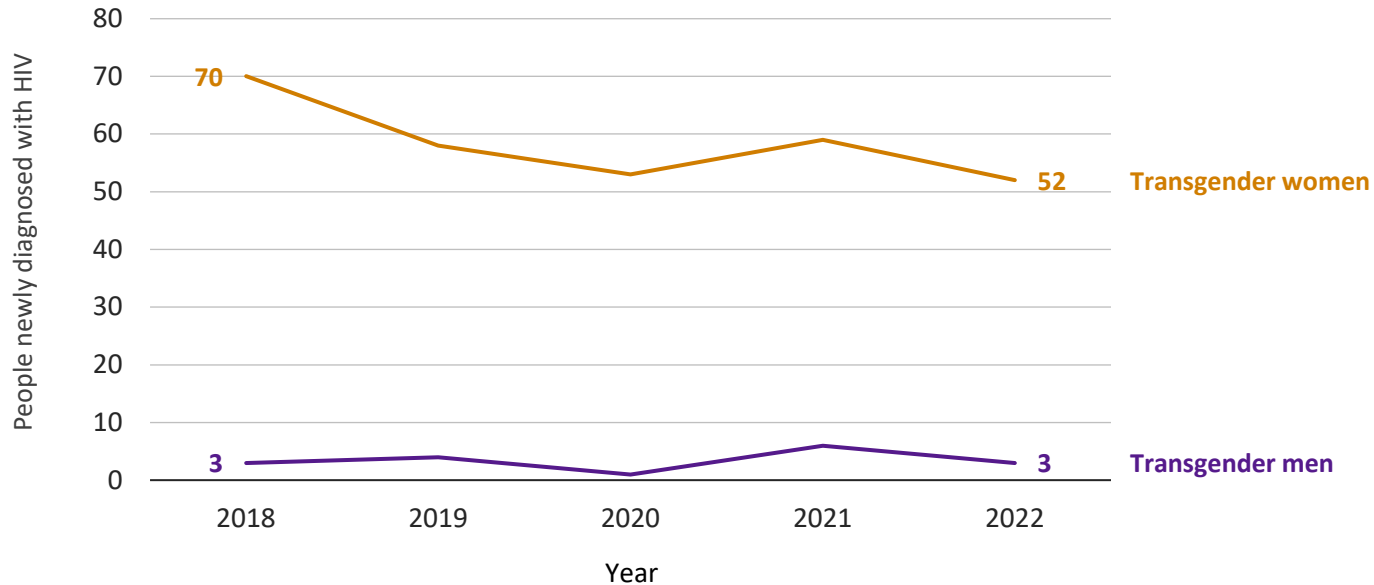


**The number of new HIV diagnoses among transgender people in New York City decreased by 25% from 2018 to 2022. The lowest number of diagnoses occurred in 2020, the year COVID-19 was first detected in New York City.**

# Basic statistics of HIV among transgender people in New York City, 2022

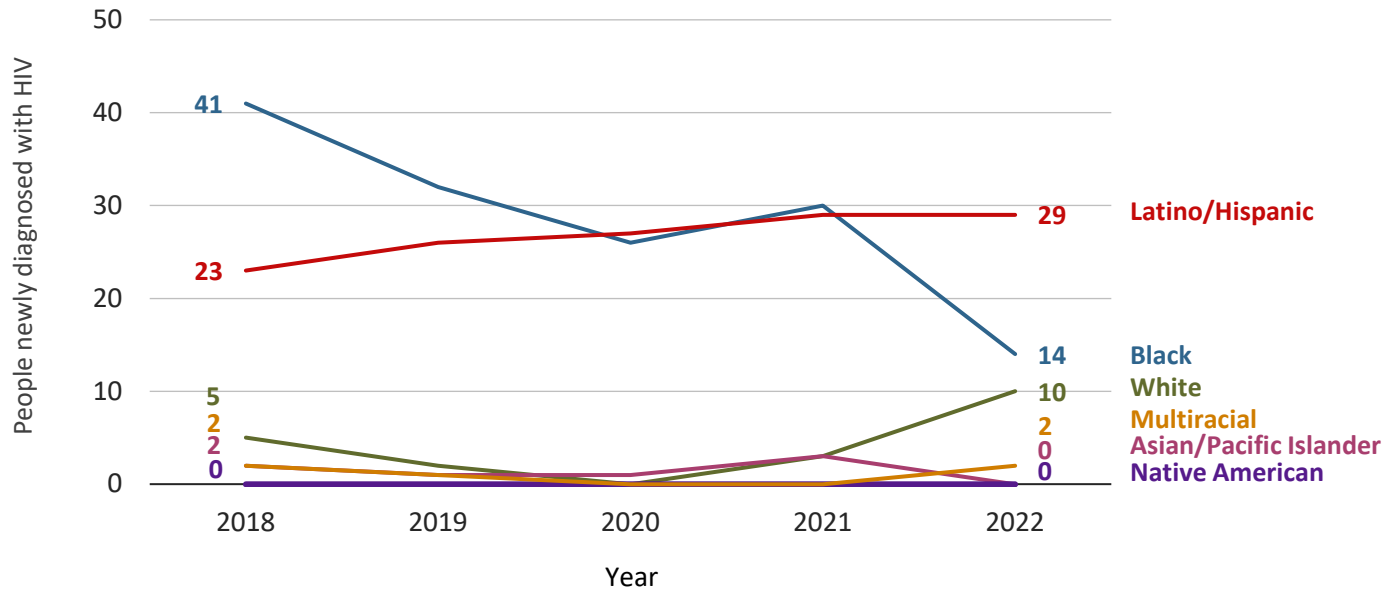
- **55 people newly diagnosed with HIV**
  - Including 5 people concurrently diagnosed with AIDS (9.1% of diagnoses)
- **28 people newly diagnosed with AIDS**
- **2,100 people with HIV<sup>1</sup>**
- **32 deaths among people with HIV**
  - 7.3 deaths per 1,000 people with HIV<sup>2</sup>

# Number of new HIV diagnoses among transgender people in New York City by gender, 2018-2022



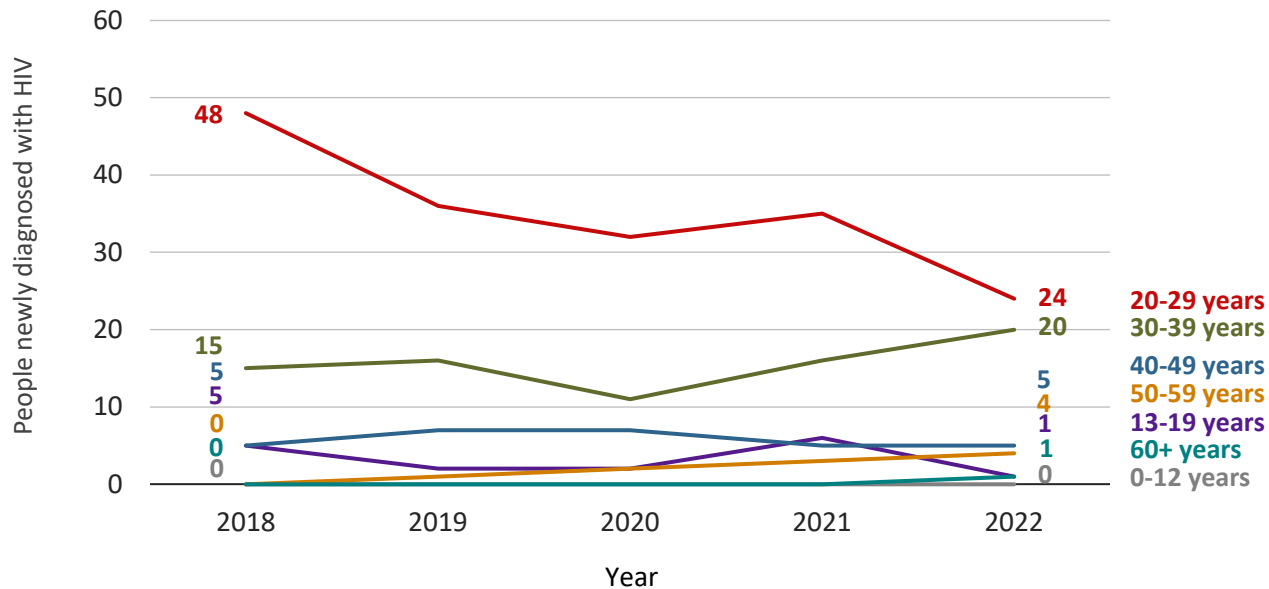
The number of new HIV diagnoses decreased among transgender women and remained stable among transgender men between 2018 and 2022. Transgender women consistently experienced a higher number of new HIV diagnoses, representing 95% of new diagnoses among transgender people in 2022.

# Number of new HIV diagnoses among transgender people in New York City by race or ethnicity, 2018-2022



The number of new HIV diagnoses decreased or remained stable in all race or ethnicity groups among transgender people between 2018 and 2022. Black and Latino/Hispanic people consistently experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses, representing a combined 78% of new diagnoses among transgender people in 2022.

# Number of new HIV diagnoses among transgender people in New York City by age group, 2018-2022



The number of new HIV diagnoses decreased or remained stable in all age groups among transgender people between 2018 and 2022. People aged 20 to 39 years consistently experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses, representing a combined 80% of new diagnoses among transgender people in 2022.

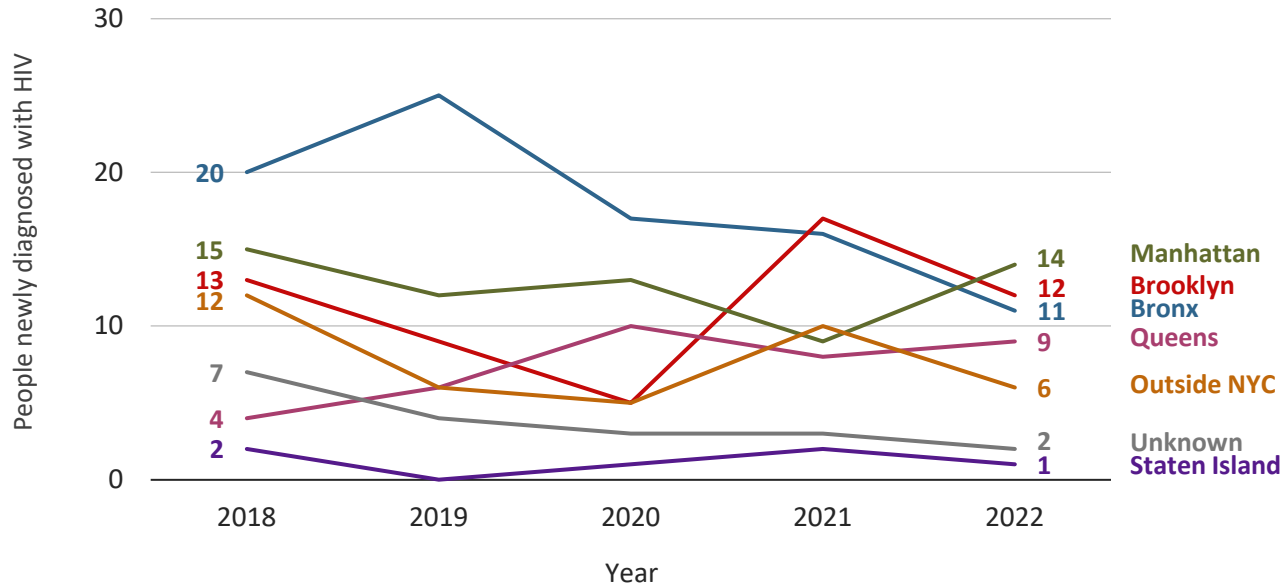


# Number of new HIV diagnoses among transgender people in New York City by race or ethnicity and age group, 2022



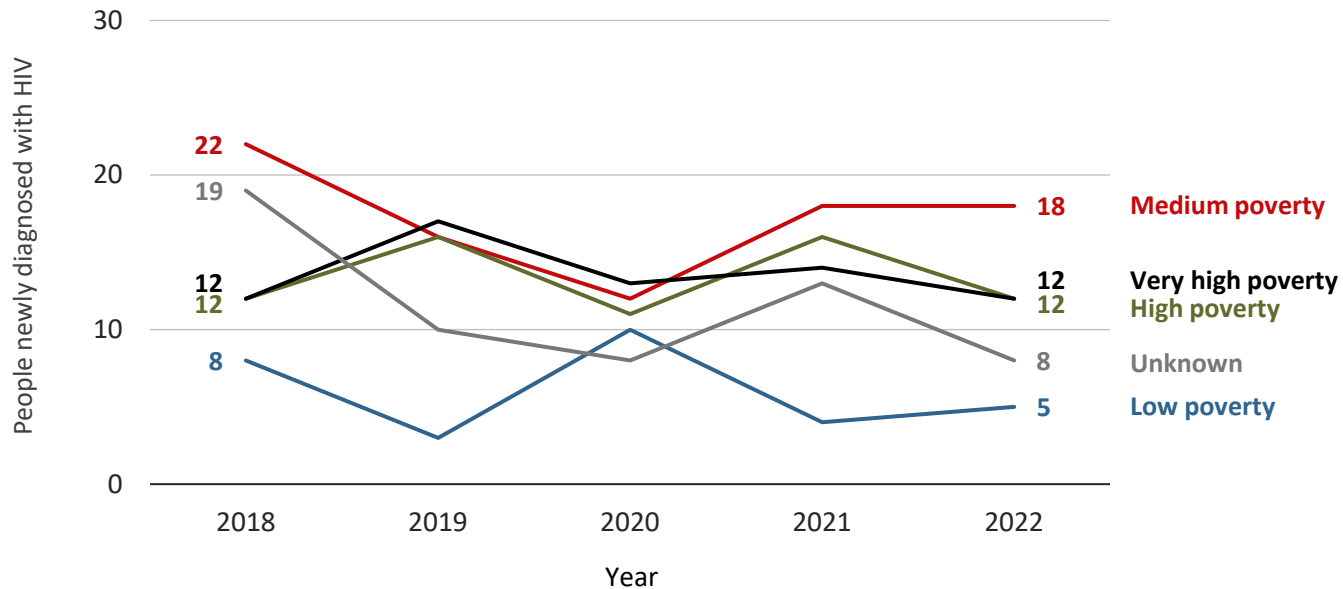
**Black and Latino/Hispanic transgender people aged 20 to 39 years experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses in 2022, representing a combined 65% of new diagnoses among transgender people in 2022.**

# Number of new HIV diagnoses among transgender people in New York City by borough of residence, 2018-2022



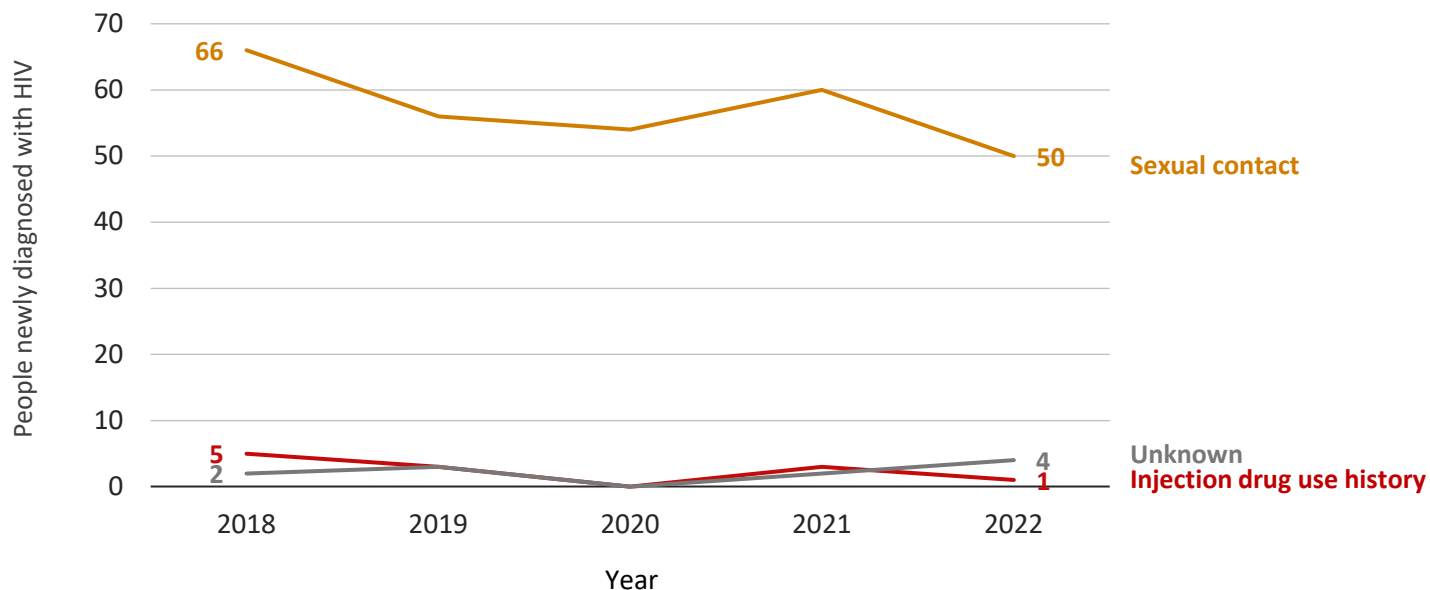
The number of new HIV diagnoses decreased or remained stable in all boroughs of residence among transgender people between 2018 and 2022. Brooklyn, Manhattan, and the Bronx experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses in the period, representing a combined 67% of new diagnoses among transgender people in 2022.

# Number of new HIV diagnoses among transgender people in New York City by area-based poverty,<sup>1</sup> 2018-2022



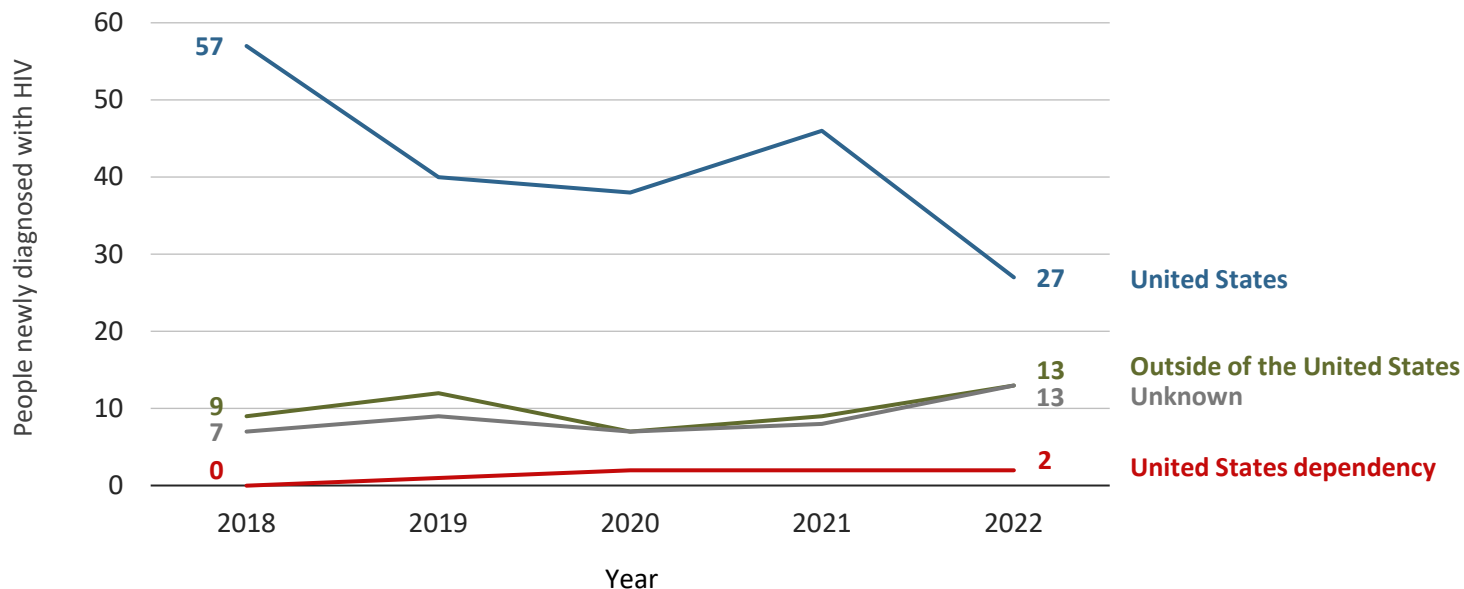
The number of new HIV diagnoses decreased or remained stable in all area-based poverty groups among transgender people between 2018 and 2022. Areas with low poverty consistently experienced the lowest number of new HIV diagnoses.

# Number of new HIV diagnoses among transgender people in New York City by transmission category, 2018-2022



The number of new HIV diagnoses decreased or remained stable for all transmission categories among transgender people between 2018 and 2022. Transmission through sexual contact was consistently higher than other categories, representing 91% of new diagnoses among transgender people in 2022.

# Number of new HIV diagnoses among transgender people in New York City by place of birth, 2018-2022

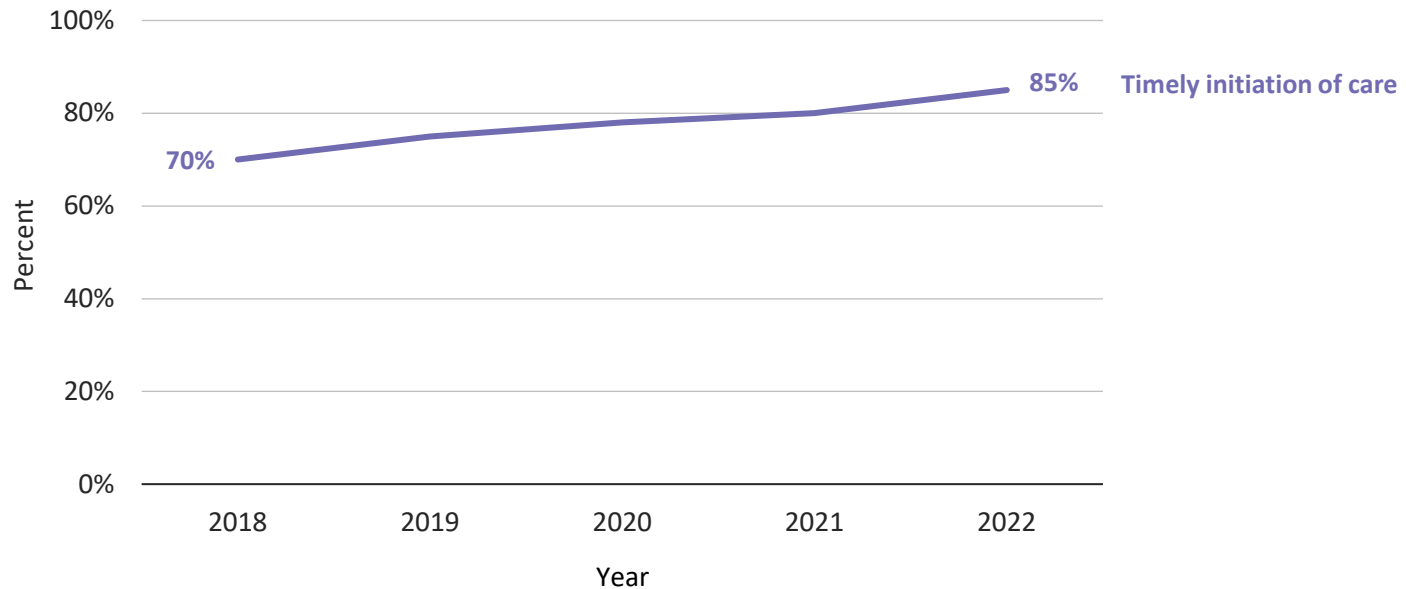


The number of new HIV diagnoses decreased or remained stable for all places of birth among transgender people between 2018 and 2022. People born in the United States consistently experienced the highest number of new HIV diagnoses, representing 49% of new diagnoses among transgender people in 2022.



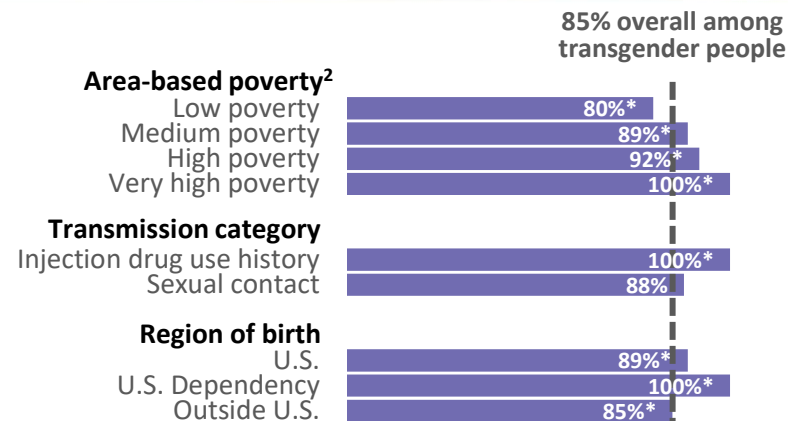
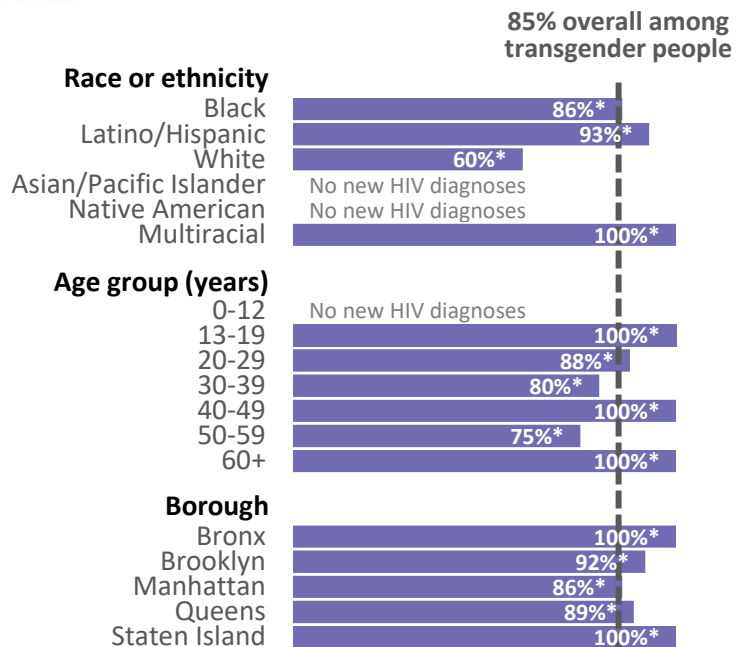
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NEWLY DIAGNOSED WITH HIV IN NEW YORK CITY**

# Timely initiation of care<sup>1</sup> among transgender people newly diagnosed with HIV in New York City, 2018-2022



**Timely initiation of care among transgender people increased by 15 percentage points in New York City from 2018 to 2022.**

# Timely initiation of care<sup>1</sup> among transgender people newly diagnosed with HIV in New York City by demographic groups, 2022



**Inequities in timely initiation of care exist across demographic groups among transgender people in New York City.**

\*Data should be interpreted with caution because of small population size.

MSM-IDU=Men who have sex with men and inject drugs; TG-SC=Transgender people with sexual contact.

<sup>1</sup>Timely initiation of care is defined as first CD4, viral load, or genotype drawn within 30 days of HIV diagnosis. People diagnosed at death have been excluded.

<sup>2</sup>Area-based poverty level is determined by the proportion of residents living below the federal poverty level (FPL) in the NYC ZIP code of residence at diagnosis.

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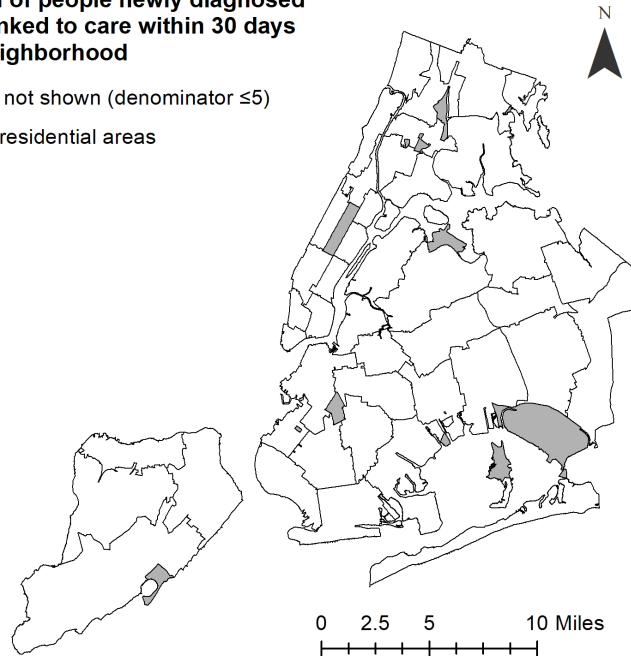
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# Timely initiation of care<sup>1</sup> among transgender people newly diagnosed with HIV in New York City by United Hospital Fund neighborhood, 2022

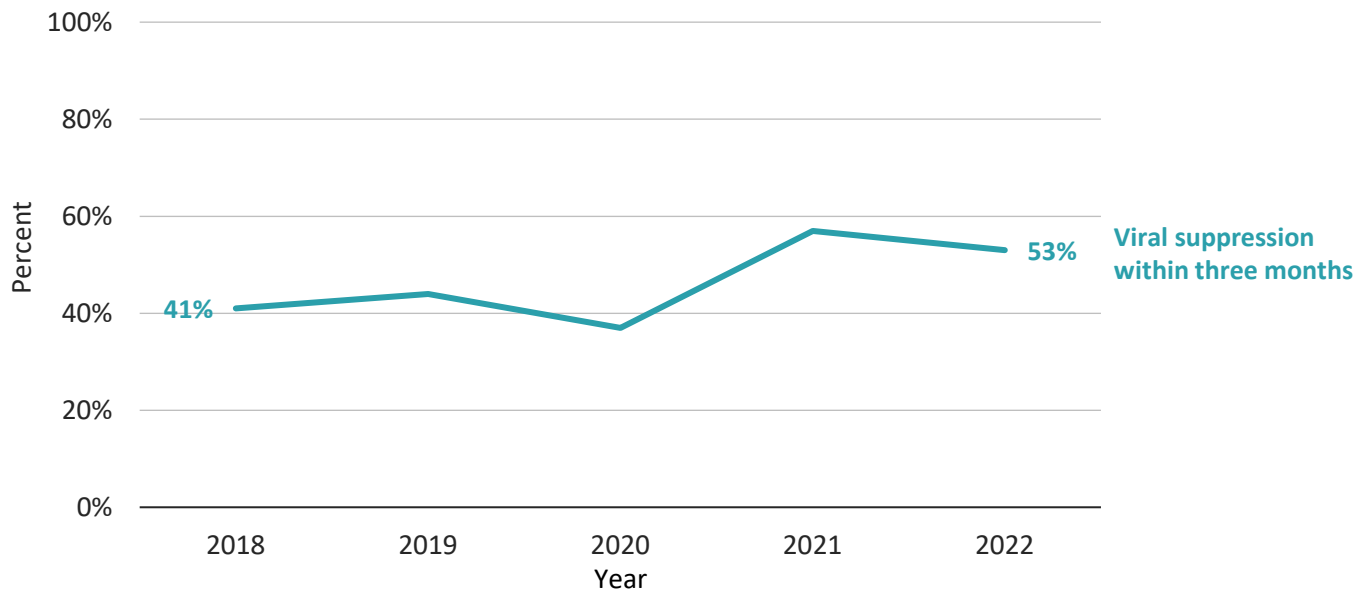
Proportion of people newly diagnosed with HIV linked to care within 30 days by UHF neighborhood

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- Non-residential areas



In 2022, none of the United Hospital Fund neighborhoods had more than five new HIV diagnoses among transgender people.

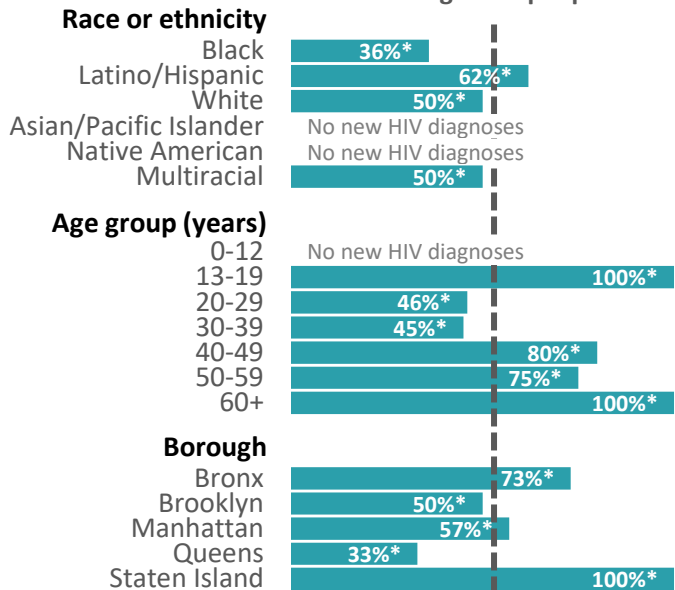
# Viral suppression<sup>1</sup> within three months among transgender people newly diagnosed with HIV in New York City, 2022



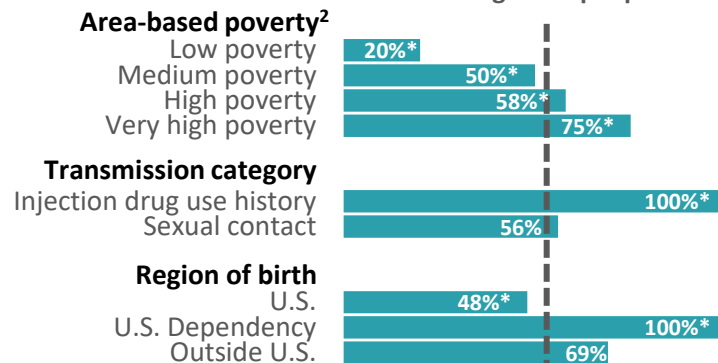
**Viral suppression within three months of an HIV diagnosis among transgender people increased by 12 percentage points in New York City from 2018 to 2022.**

# Viral suppression<sup>1</sup> within three months among transgender people newly diagnosed with HIV in New York City by demographic group, 2022

53% overall among transgender people



53% overall among transgender people



**Inequities in viral suppression within three months of an HIV diagnosis exist across demographic groups among transgender people in New York City.**

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MSM-IDU=Men who have sex with men and inject drugs; TG-SC=Transgender people with sexual contact.

<sup>1</sup>Viral suppression is defined as an HIV viral load in the calendar year <200 copies/mL within three months of diagnosis. People diagnosed at death have been excluded.

<sup>2</sup>Area-based poverty level is determined by the proportion of residents living below the federal poverty level (FPL) in the NYC ZIP code of residence at diagnosis.

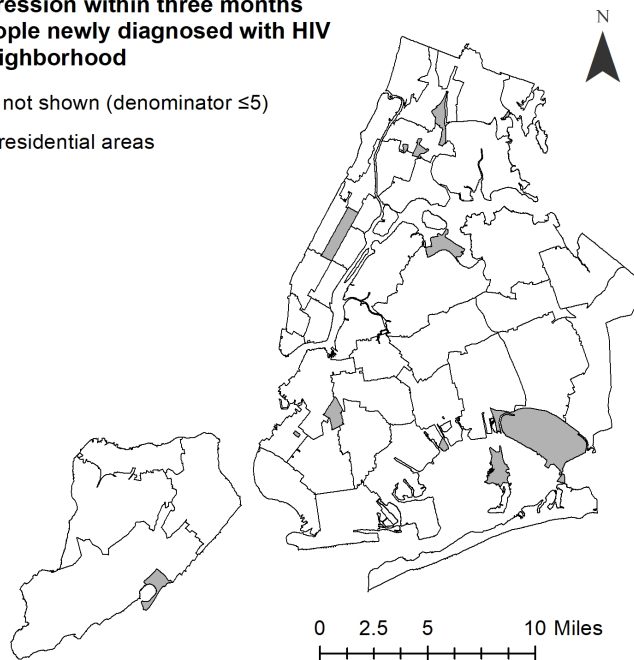
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Viral suppression within three months among people newly diagnosed with HIV by UHF neighborhood

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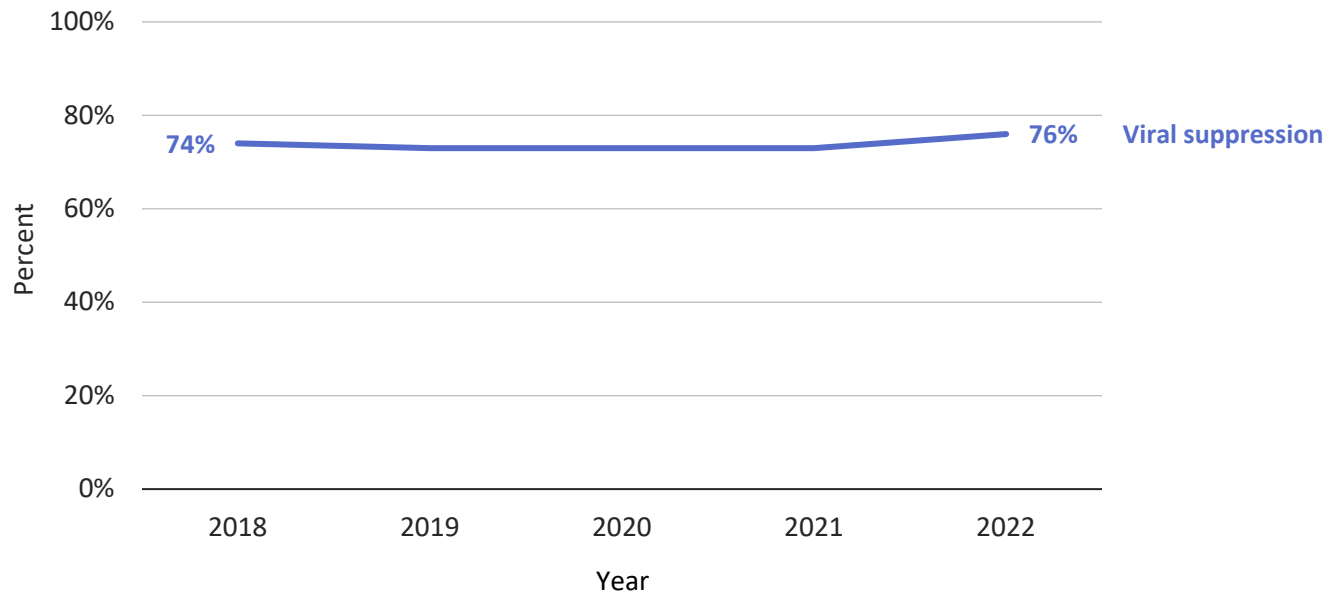


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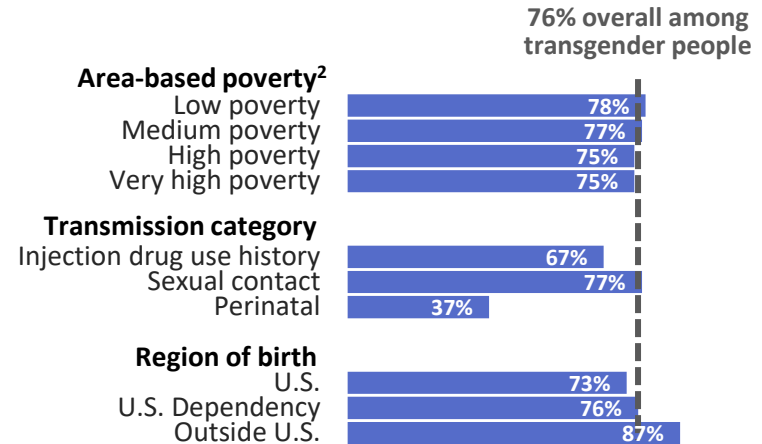
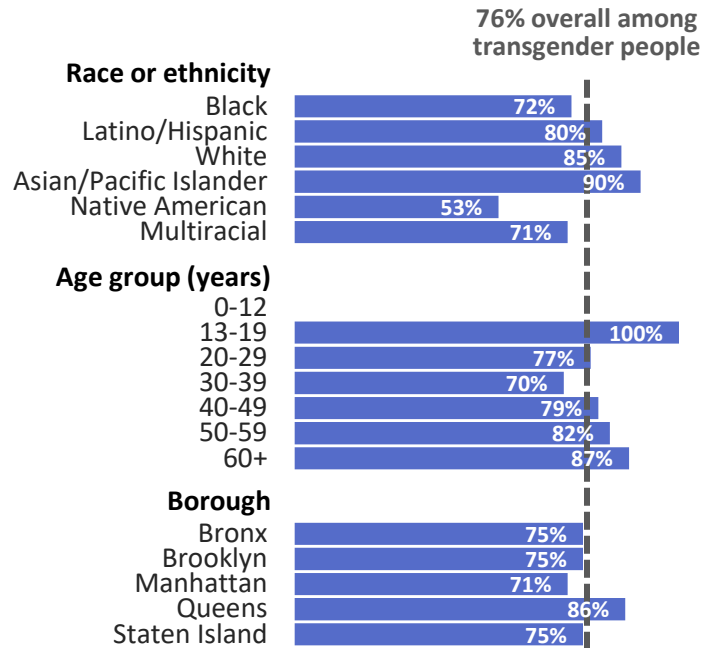
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WITH HIV IN NEW YORK CITY**

# Viral suppression<sup>1</sup> among transgender people with diagnosed HIV in New York City, 2018-2022



**Viral suppression among transgender people remained relatively flat in New York City from 2018 to 2022.**

# Viral suppression<sup>1</sup> among transgender people with diagnosed HIV in New York City by demographic group, 2022



**Inequities in viral suppression exist across demographic groups among transgender people in New York City.**

MSM-IDU=Men who have sex with men and inject drugs; TG-SC=Transgender people with sexual contact.

<sup>1</sup>Viral suppression is defined as the last HIV viral load in the calendar year <200 copies/mL. People diagnosed at death have been excluded.

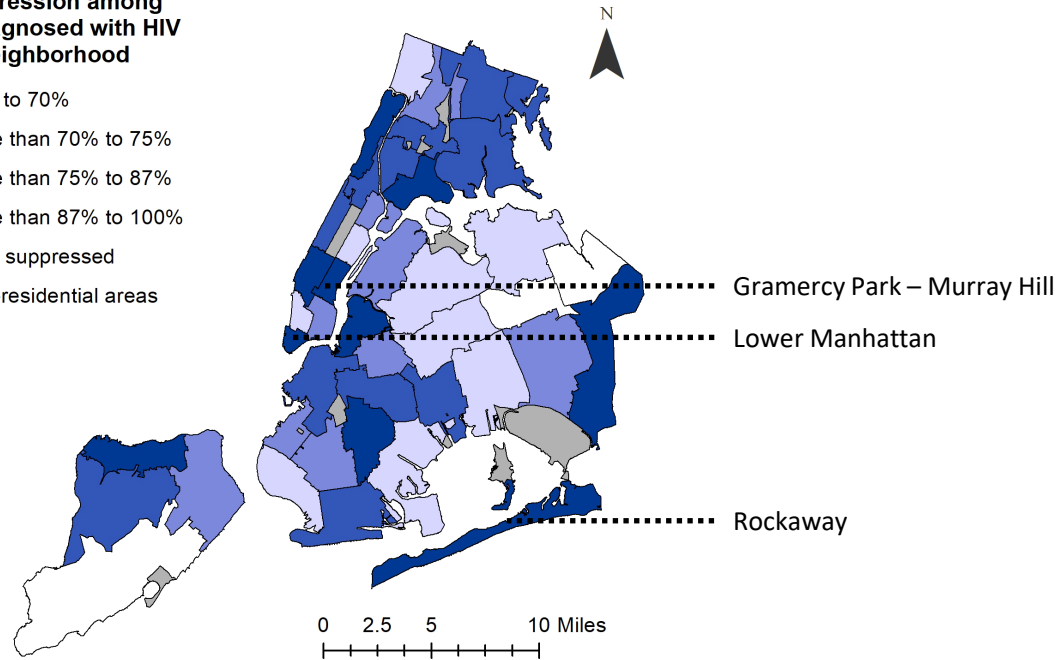
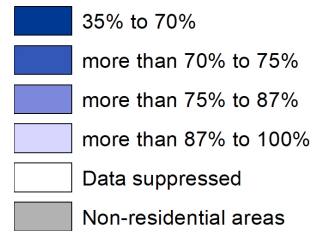
<sup>2</sup>Area-based poverty level is determined by the proportion of residents living below the federal poverty level (FPL) in the NYC ZIP code of residence at diagnosis.

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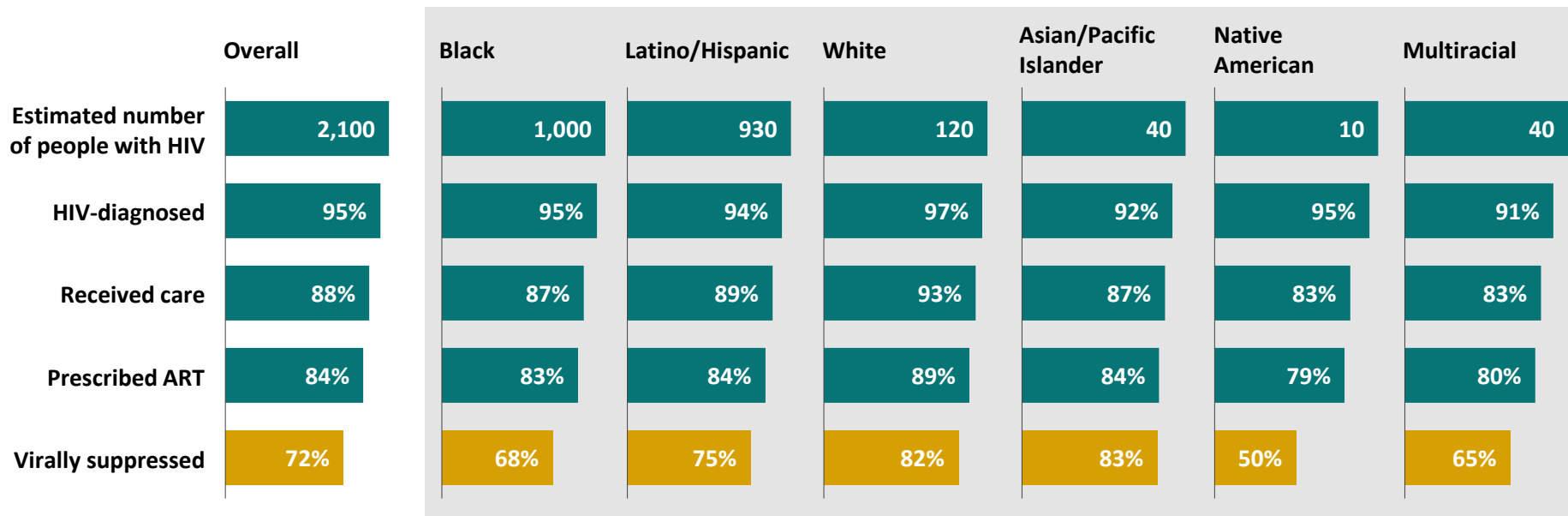
Viral suppression among people diagnosed with HIV by UHF neighborhood



The neighborhoods with the lowest proportions of transgender people virally suppressed were Lower Manhattan (35%), Gramercy Park – Murray Hill (38%), and Rockaway (63%).



# Proportion of transgender people with HIV in stages of the HIV care continuum<sup>1,2</sup> in New York City overall and by race or ethnicity,<sup>3</sup> 2022



**Of approximately 2,100 transgender people with HIV in New York City in 2022, 72% had a suppressed viral load. There were inequities in the HIV care continuum among transgender people by race or ethnicity in 2022 in New York City.**

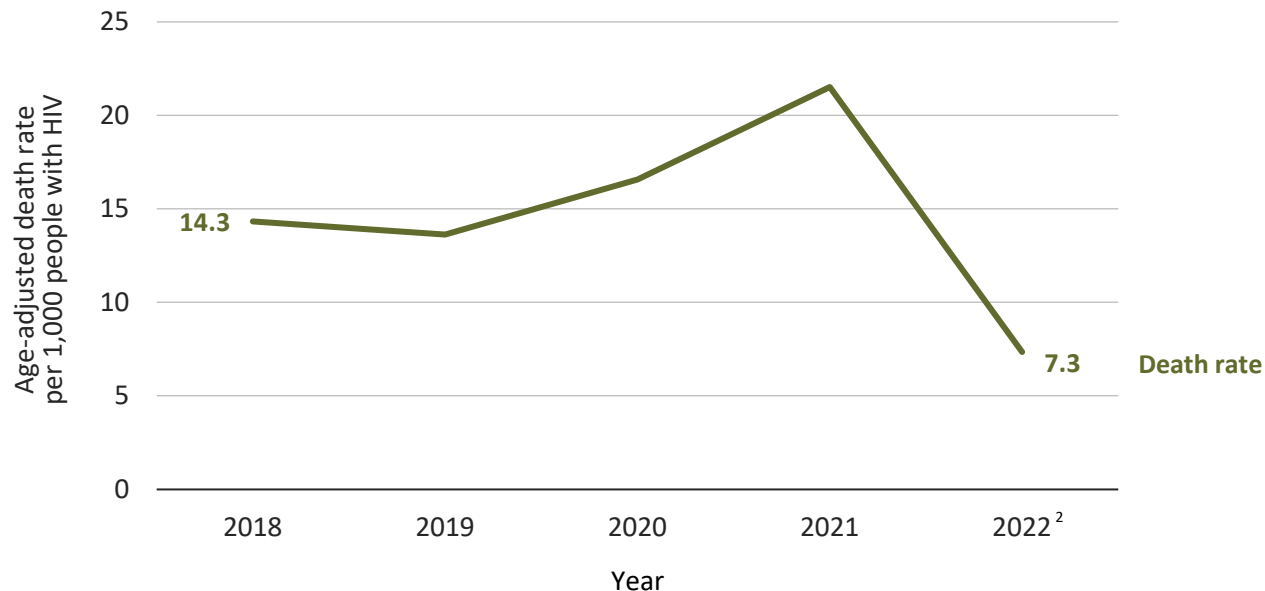
<sup>1</sup>The HIV care continuum is a series of key stages for people with HIV. The denominator for each displayed proportion is the estimated number of people with HIV within a given group. For definitions of the stages of the continuum of care, see Technical Notes.

<sup>2</sup>Proportions in the care continuum may not align between stages due to the use of multiple data sources in calculations (e.g., proportion prescribed ART may be lower than the proportion virally suppressed)

<sup>3</sup>The estimated number of people with HIV by race or ethnicity may not sum to the overall value due to rounding and the use of specific estimated proportions of people with HIV who have been diagnosed within each race or ethnicity group.

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# Age-adjusted<sup>1</sup> death rate per 1,000 transgender people with HIV in New York City, 2018-2022



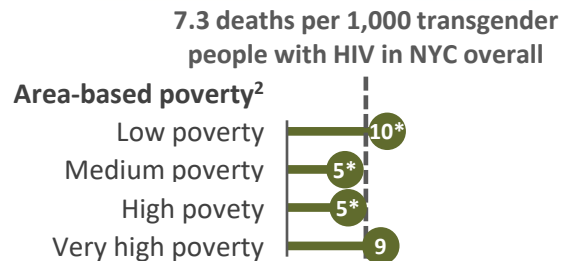
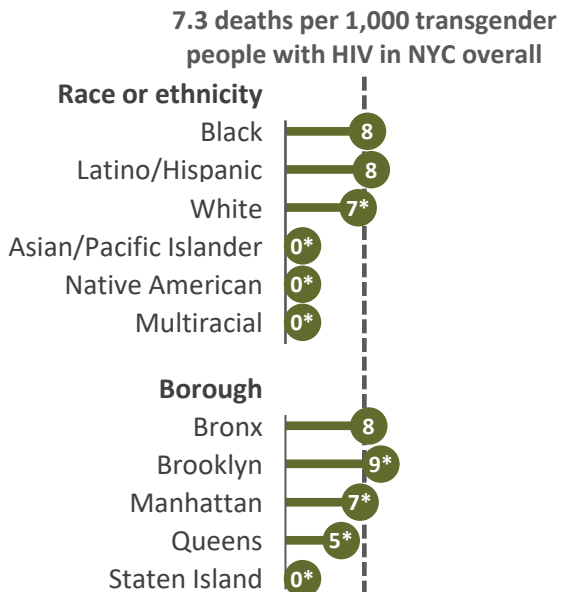
**The age-adjusted death rate declined by 49% since 2018 and 66% since its recent peak in 2021.**

<sup>1</sup>Age-adjusted to the standard 2000 U.S. population. People newly diagnosed with HIV at death were excluded from the numerator.

<sup>2</sup>Death data for 2022 are incomplete.

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# Age-adjusted<sup>1</sup> death rate per 1,000 transgender people with HIV in New York City by demographic group, 2022



**Inequities exist in the age-adjusted death rate across demographic groups among transgender people in New York City.**

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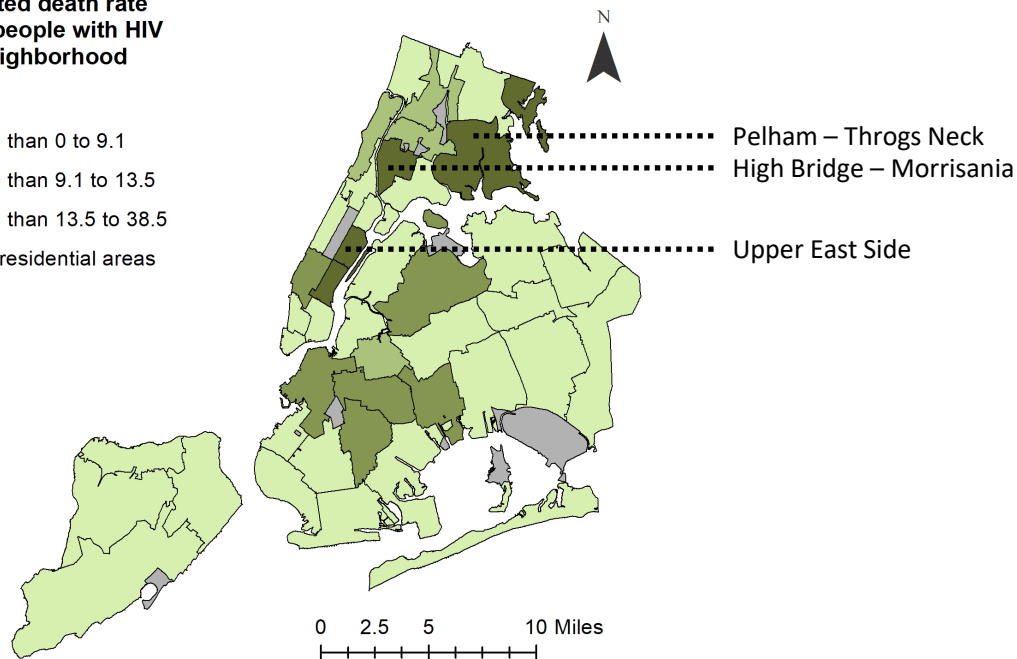
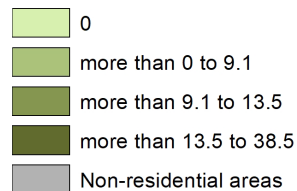
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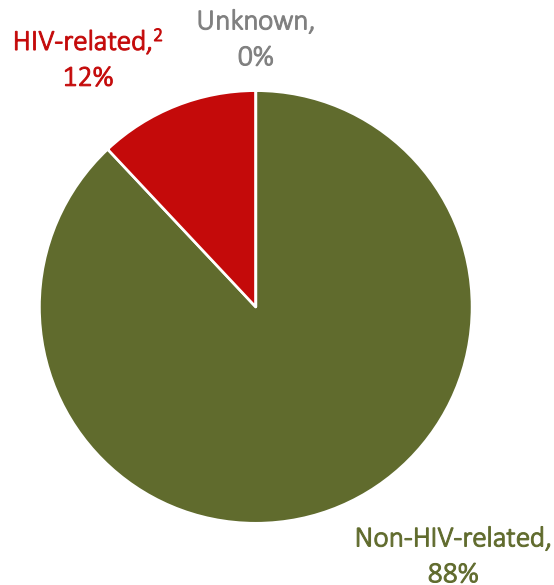
# Age-adjusted<sup>1</sup> death rate per 1,000 transgender people with HIV in New York City by United Hospital Fund neighborhood, 2022

Age-adjusted death rate per 1,000 people with HIV by UHF neighborhood



The neighborhoods with the highest age-adjusted death rates among transgender people were Upper East Side (38.5 per 1,000), Pelham Throgs Neck (22.1 per 1,000), and High Bridge – Morrisania (18.4 per 1,000).

# Proportion of deaths among transgender people with HIV in New York City by cause of death, 2021<sup>1</sup>



**In 2021, 88% of deaths among transgender people with HIV were due to non-HIV-related causes. Among these, the top causes were accidents (13%), non-HIV-related cancers (10%), and cardiovascular disease (10%)**

<sup>1</sup>Cause of death data are not yet available for 2022.

<sup>2</sup>ICD10 codes B20-B24 were used to denote HIV-related deaths. For technical notes on cause of death by the NYC DOHMH's Office of Vital Statistics see:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/vs/2014sum.pdf>.

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## Appendix: How to find our data

- **Our program publishes annual surveillance reports, slide sets, and statistics tables:**
  - Annual reports: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/data/data-sets/hiv-aids-surveillance-and-epidemiology-reports.page>
  - Slide sets: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/data/data-sets/hiv-aids-surveillance-and-epidemiology-reports.page>
  - Statistics tables: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/data/data-sets/hiv-aids-surveillance-and-epidemiology-reports.page>
- **Other resources:**
  - HIV Care Status Reports (CSR) system: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/aids-hiv-care-status-reports-system.page>
  - HIV Care Continuum Dashboards (CCDs): <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/care-continuum-dashboard.page>
- **For surveillance data requests, email: [HIVReport@health.nyc.gov](mailto:HIVReport@health.nyc.gov)**
  - Please allow a minimum of two weeks for requests to be completed

# Appendix: Definitions and statistical notes

## Definitions

- **HIV diagnoses** include diagnoses of HIV and HIV concurrent with AIDS (AIDS diagnosed within 31 days of HIV), unless otherwise specified.
- **New HIV diagnoses** include individuals diagnosed in NYC during the reporting period and reported in NYC.
- **Death rates** refer to deaths from all causes, unless otherwise specified.
- **People with HIV (PWH)** refers to people with HIV during the reporting period
- HIV surveillance collects information about individuals' current **gender identity**, when available. This report displays the following gender categories: men, women, transgender women, and transgender men. People whose current gender identity differs from their sex assigned at birth are considered transgender. Classifying transgender people in surveillance requires accurate collection of both sex assigned at birth and current gender identity. Sex and gender information are collected from people's self-reports, their diagnosing providers or medical chart reviews. This information may or may not reflect self-identification. Transgender identity has been collected routinely since 2005 for newly reported cases. Reported numbers of HIV diagnoses among transgender people and transgender people with HIV are likely to be underestimates. For more information, see the "HIV Among People Identified as Transgender in New York City" surveillance slide set available at [nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/dires/hiv-in-transgender-persons.pdf](http://nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/dires/hiv-in-transgender-persons.pdf). NYC HIV surveillance collects information on other gender identity categories, including "Non-binary/Gender non-conforming." In this report, data for these individuals at the time of publication are displayed by sex assigned at birth.
- **Transmission category** includes people with known or identified transmission category, except when an unknown category is presented. Transmission category information is collected from people's self-report, their diagnosing provider, or medical chart review. "Heterosexual contact" includes people who had heterosexual sex with a person they know to have HIV, a person who has injected drugs or a person who has received blood products. For women only, it also includes history of sex work, multiple sex partners, sexually transmitted infection, crack/cocaine use, sex with a bisexual man, probable heterosexual transmission as noted in a medical chart, or sex with a man and negative history of injection drug use. "Transgender people with sexual contact" includes people identified as transgender who have reported sexual contact and have a negative history of injection drug use. "Other" includes people who received treatment for hemophilia, people who received a transfusion or transplant, people with other health care-associated transmission and children with non-perinatal transmission category.

## Statistical notes

- United Hospital Fund (UHF) boundaries in maps were updated for data released in 2010 and onward. Non-residential zones are indicated, and Rikers Island is classified with West Queens.

# Appendix: Technical notes on the NYC HIV care continuum

- **People with HIV** is calculated as the number of people with diagnosed HIV divided by the estimated proportion of people with HIV who had been diagnosed, based on a CD4 depletion model.
  - Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry. Method: Song R, et al. Using CD4 Data to Estimate HIV Incidence, Prevalence, and Percent of Undiagnosed Infections in the United States. *J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr*. 2017 Jan 1;74(1):3-9.
- **HIV-diagnosed** is calculated as the number of people with HIV retained in care plus the estimated number of people with HIV who were out of care, based on a statistical weighting method. This estimated number aims to account for migration out of NYC, and therefore is different from the total number of people diagnosed and reported with HIV in NYC.
  - Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry. Method: Xia Q, et al. Proportions of Patients With HIV Retained in Care and Virally Suppressed in New York City and the United States. *JAIDS* 2015;68(3):351-358.
- **Received care** is defined as people with HIV with  $\geq 1$  viral load or CD4 count or CD4 percent drawn in the calendar year and reported to NYC HIV surveillance.
  - Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry.
- **Prescribed ART** is calculated as the number of people with HIV retained in care multiplied by the estimated proportion of people with HIV prescribed ART in the previous 12 months, based on the proportion of NYC Medical Monitoring Project participants whose medical record included documentation of ART prescription.
  - Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry and NYC Medical Monitoring Project.
- **Virally suppressed** is calculated as people with HIV in care with a most recent viral load measurement in the calendar year of  $< 200$  copies/mL, plus the estimated number of out-of-care people with HIV in the calendar year with a viral load of  $< 200$  copies/mL, based on a statistical weighting method.
  - Source: NYC HIV Surveillance Registry. Method: Xia Q, et al. Proportions of Patients With HIV Retained in Care and Virally Suppressed in New York City and the United States. *JAIDS* 2015;68(3):351-358.