

# Silence is Death

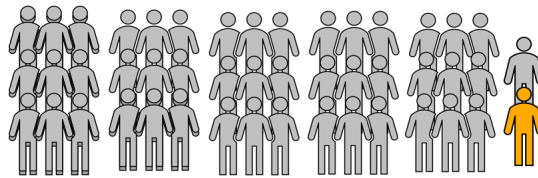
## The Crisis of HIV in Florida's Black Communities



### Disparities among Blacks in 2016

**100%**

Of perinatally acquired HIV cases were black.



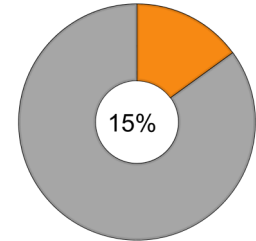
1 in 47 black adults had HIV

Compared to:

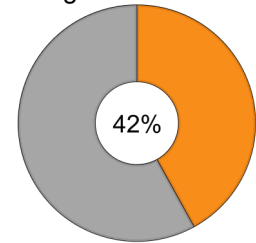
1 in 181 Hispanics

1 in 284 White

Blacks made up only 15% of Florida's population



Yet blacks comprised over 42% of Florida's HIV cases diagnosed in 2016

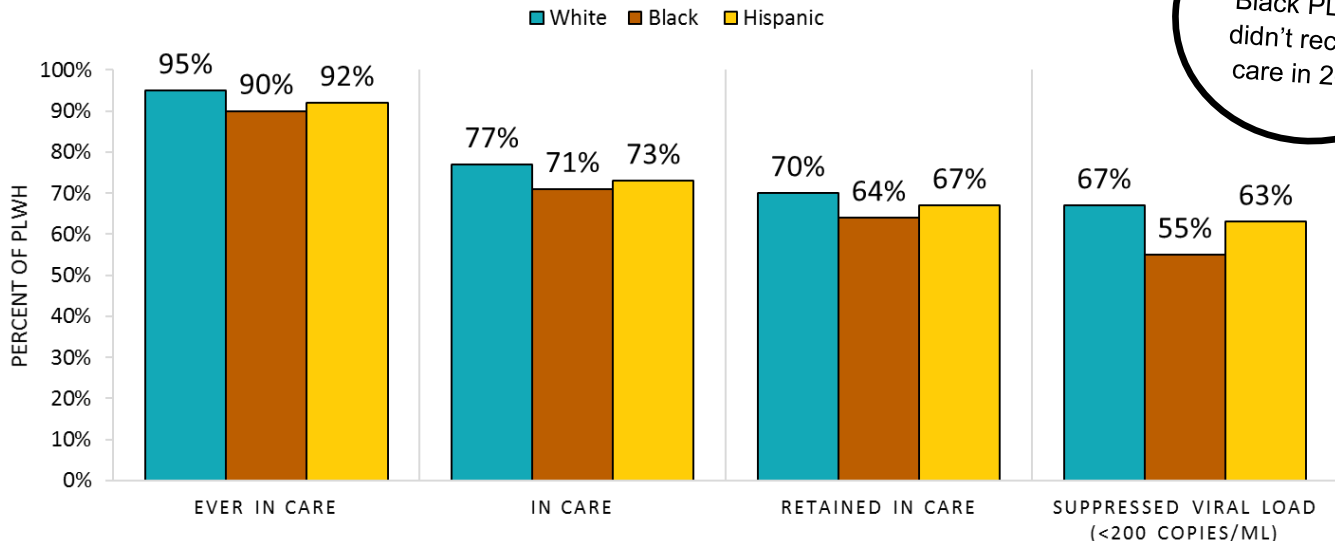


### HIV Care among Blacks in 2016

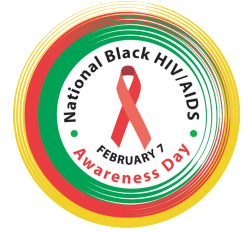
The HIV Care Continuum reflects stages of HIV medical care that begin with an initial diagnosis and aim to achieve a very low level of HIV in the body (viral suppression). A person living with HIV (PLWH) with a suppressed viral load has a less than 1% chance of transmitting the virus to others. In 2016 only 55% of black PLWH had a suppressed viral load, compared to 67% of whites and 63% of Hispanics.

**29%**

Black PLWH didn't receive care in 2016

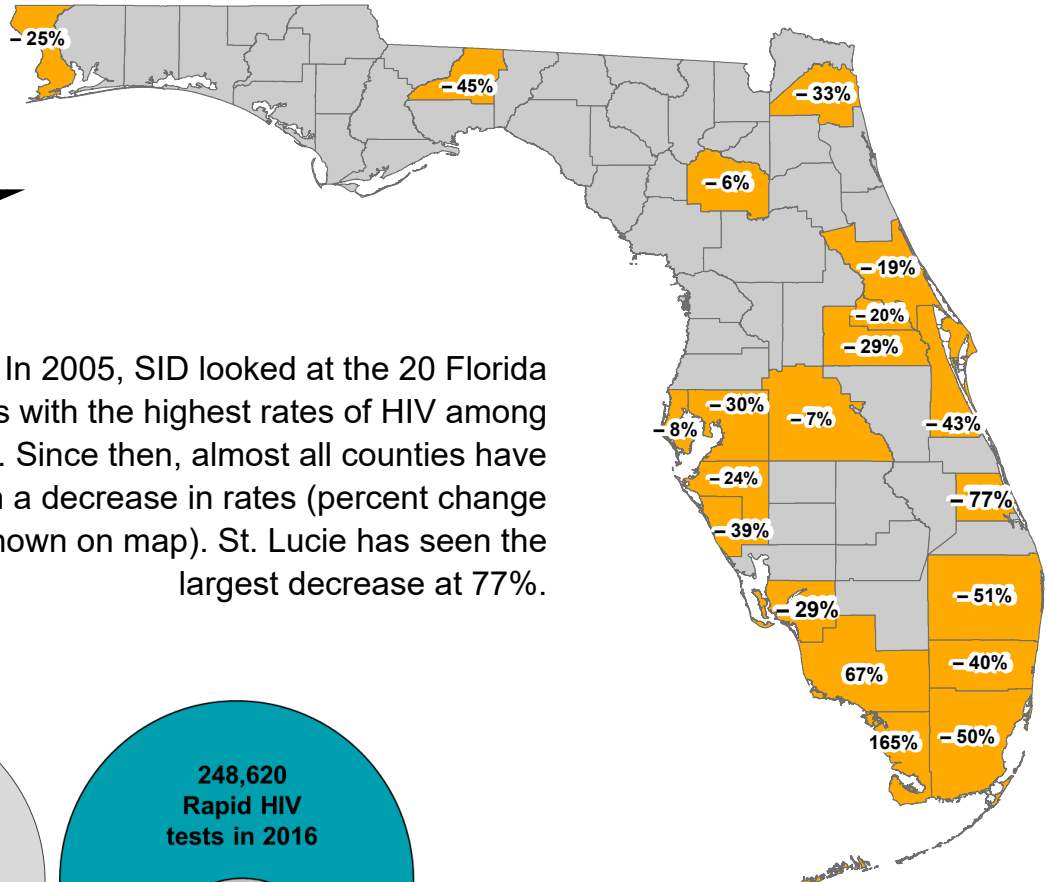


In 2006, the Silence is Death (SID) report was released to encourage federal, state, and community leaders to break the silence and increase awareness of HIV among blacks in Florida. The Florida Department of Health issued a call to action to increase HIV testing, improve access to care, reduce barriers and stigma and strengthen plans to reduce the impact of HIV on black communities.

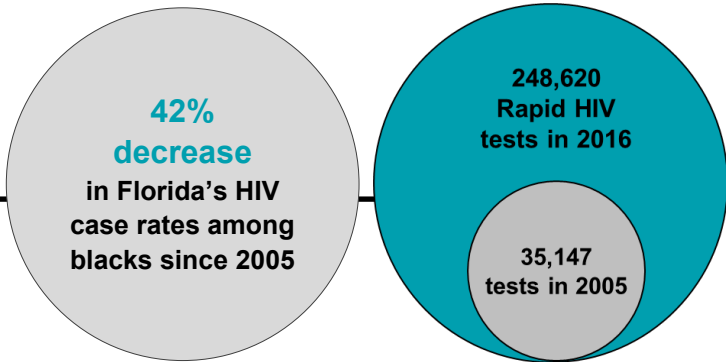


## Then (2005) and Now (2016): Accomplishments

**40% decline**  
in HIV cases among black heterosexual women



In 2005, SID looked at the 20 Florida counties with the highest rates of HIV among blacks. Since then, almost all counties have seen a decrease in rates (percent change shown on map). St. Lucie has seen the largest decrease at 77%.



**Florida HIV/AIDS Hotline**  
 1-800-FLA-AIDS (352-2437) English  
 1-800-545-SIDA (545-7432) Spanish  
 1-800-AIDS-101 (243-7101) Haitian Creole  
 1-800-503-7118 TDD/TTY (Hearing/Speech Impaired)  
[www.211bigbend.org/flhivaidshotline](http://www.211bigbend.org/flhivaidshotline)  
 Text 'FLHIV' or 'flhiv' to 898211

2005: HIV was	2016: HIV was
<b>#1</b>	<b>#5</b>
Cause of death	Cause of death
Among blacks ages 25-44	

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