



# Youth (Aged 13–24) Living with an HIV Diagnosis in Florida, 2018

## 3,228

out of 119,661 (3%) persons living with an HIV diagnosis in Florida in 2018 were youth

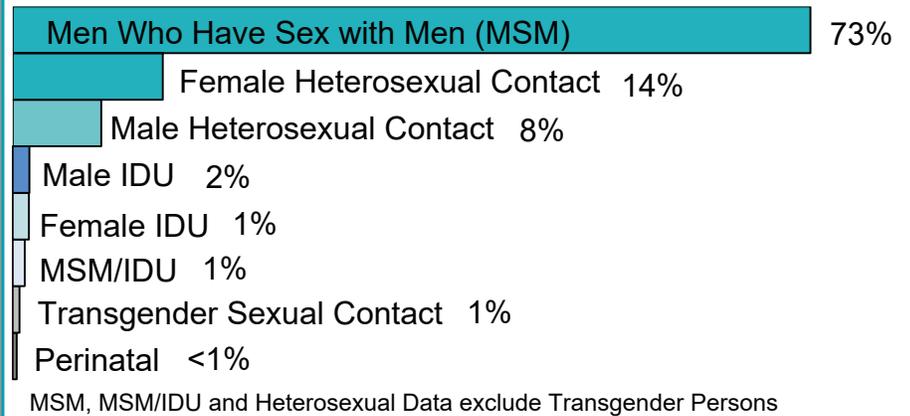
## 808

out of 4,906 (16%) persons who received an **HIV** diagnosis in Florida in 2018 were youth

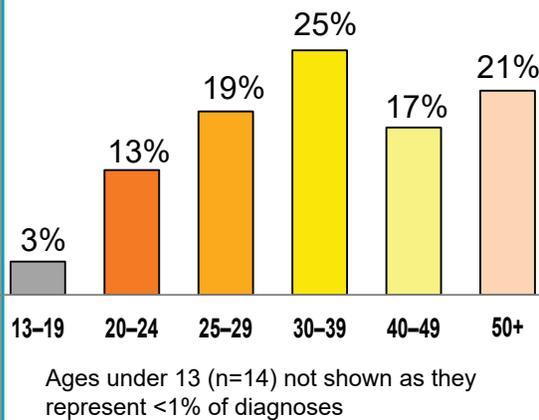
## 105

out of 1,918 (5%) persons who received an **AIDS** diagnosis in Florida in 2018 were youth

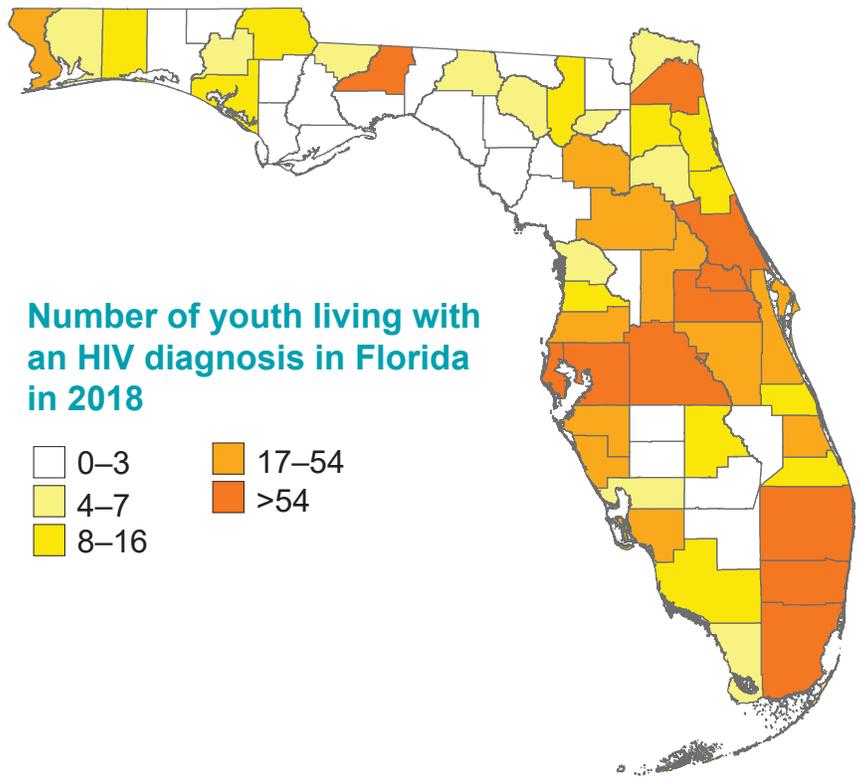
## Youth who received an HIV diagnosis in 2018 by mode of HIV exposure



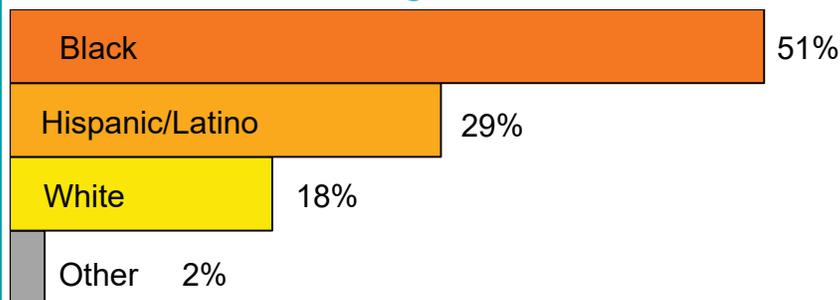
## Youth aged 13–24 represented 16% of persons who received an HIV diagnosis in 2018



## Number of youth living with an HIV diagnosis in Florida in 2018

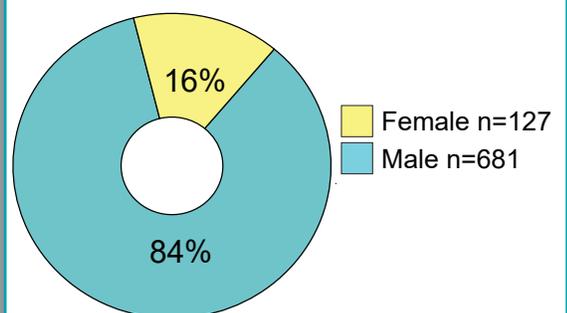


## Blacks represented the highest proportion of youth who received an HIV diagnosis in 2018



Unless otherwise noted, Whites and Blacks are non-Hispanic/Latino. "Other" includes Asian/Pacific Islanders, American Indians/Native Alaskans and mixed races.

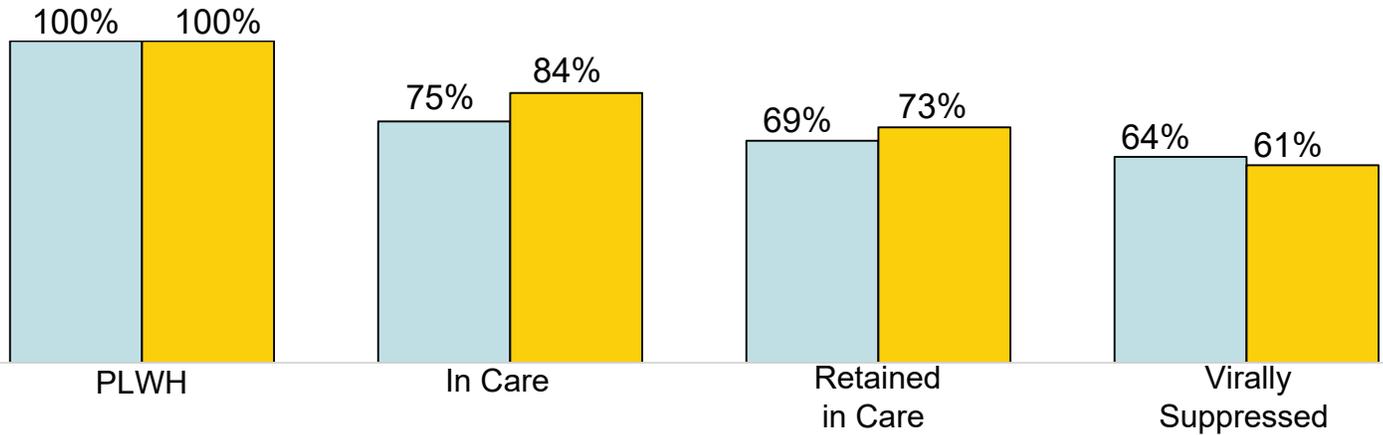
## Males aged 13–24 were more likely to receive an HIV diagnosis than females in the same age group



## HIV Care Continuum for youth living with an HIV diagnosis in Florida in 2018

The HIV Care Continuum reflects the series of steps a person living with an HIV diagnosis (PLWH) takes from initial diagnosis to being retained in care and achieving a very low level of HIV in the body (viral suppression). PLWH with a suppressed viral load (<200 copies/mL) are highly unlikely to transmit the virus to others.<sup>1</sup>

■ Florida (119,661 PLWH) ■ Youth (3,228 PLWH)



**In Care:** Documented care  $\geq 1$  time in 2018. **Retained in Care:** Documented care  $\geq 2$  times,  $\geq 3$  months apart in 2018.

<sup>1</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). (2018). <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/risk/art/cdc-hiv-art-viral-suppression.pdf>

### HIV Testing

All adolescents and adults (ages 13–64) should be tested for HIV at least once during their lifetime. Persons at increased risk for HIV should be tested at least **annually**. Per Florida law, all pregnant women are to be tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) at their initial prenatal care visit, again at 28–32 weeks, and at labor and delivery if HIV status is unknown.

[www.knowyourhivstatus.com](http://www.knowyourhivstatus.com)

### Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

For persons at increased risk for HIV, PrEP medication, taken once daily, can reduce the risk of acquiring HIV through sexual contact by over 90% and through injection drug use by 70%. Condoms are still important during sex to prevent other STIs and unwanted pregnancy. STIs are increasing in Florida and can increase HIV risk.

To find a PrEP provider visit:

[www.preplocator.org](http://www.preplocator.org)

### Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)

For persons living with HIV, starting ART with a provider as soon as possible improves health outcomes by reducing the risk of disease progression and reducing HIV viral load. Persons living with HIV who take ART as prescribed and achieve and sustain an undetectable viral load have effectively no risk of transmitting HIV to their HIV-negative sexual partners. ART is recommended for all persons living with HIV, regardless of how long they have had the virus or how healthy they are. To find a care provider or to learn more about the resources available to persons living with HIV, visit [www.floridaaids.org](http://www.floridaaids.org)

### 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 Hearing/Speech Impaired  
[www.211bigbend.org/flhivaids hotline](http://www.211bigbend.org/flhivaids hotline)  
 Text 'FLHIV' or 'flhiv' to 898211

For more information:

[DiseaseControl@flhealth.gov](mailto:DiseaseControl@flhealth.gov)

#### Data Sources:

For national data: [www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/factsheets/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/factsheets/index.html) or [www.kff.org/hivaids](http://www.kff.org/hivaids)

For more Florida data: [www.floridaaids.org](http://www.floridaaids.org) or [www.flhealthcharts.com](http://www.flhealthcharts.com)

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