

# Women and HIV

More than 1.2 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV — and 1 in 5 is a woman

Women made up almost **1 out of 5 new HIV diagnoses** in 2022

More than **4 out of 5** of these women got the virus from heterosexual sex

Most diagnoses were in women **ages 25–34**, but women ages 35–44 were close behind



Between 2010 and 2022, the number of new HIV diagnoses went down in every group except white women — but rates are still much higher for women of color

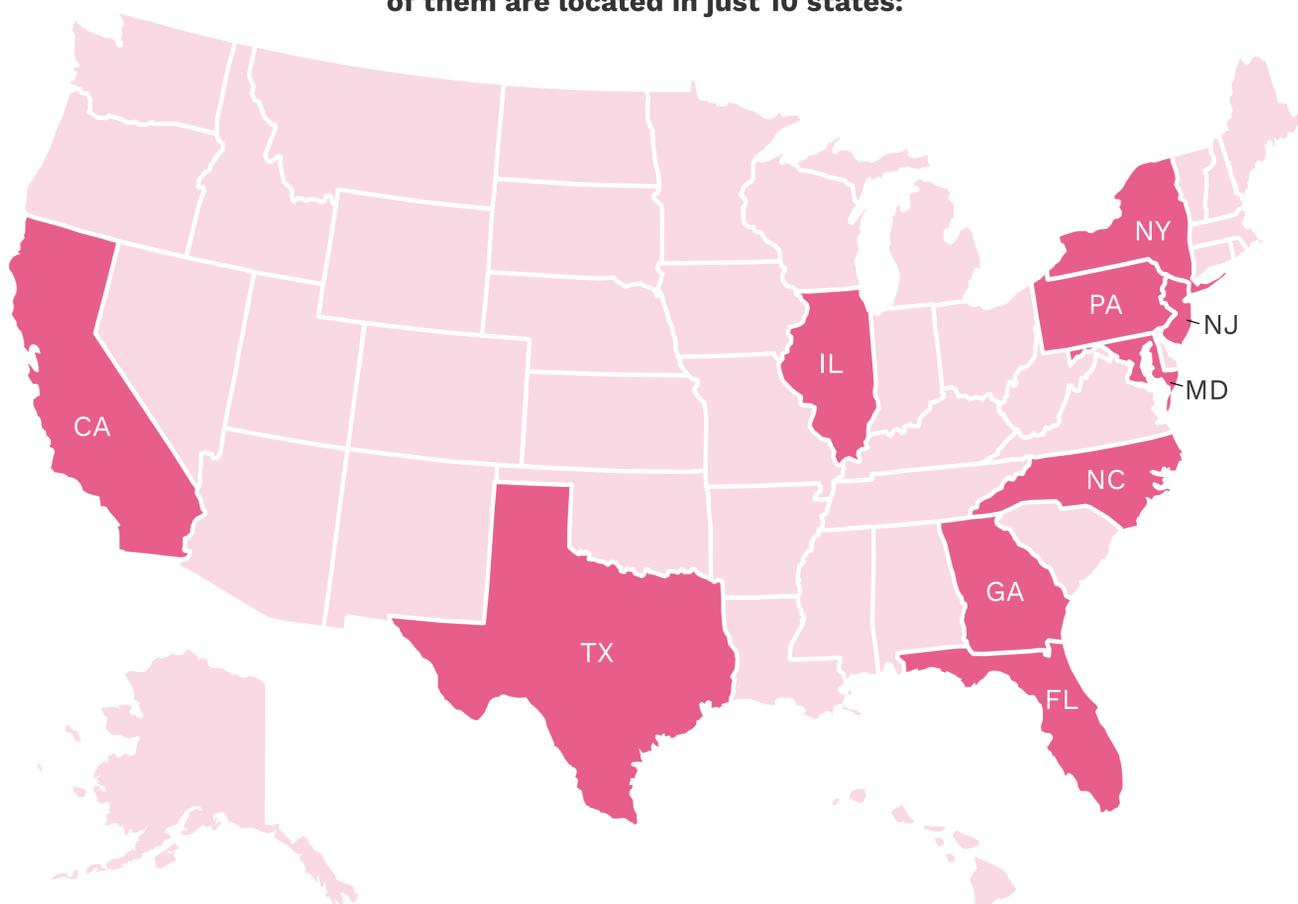


The majority of new HIV diagnoses and women living with HIV are women of color



Black women made up **1 in 2 new HIV diagnoses** in 2022, even though only 1 in 10 women in the U.S. are Black

Women all across the country are living with HIV, but more than half of them are located in just 10 states:



## Preventing HIV

### HIV testing

Up to 2 out of 5 cases of HIV are spread by people who don't know they have it. Screening for HIV can help stop the spread.

Everyone between the **ages of 13 and 64** should get tested for HIV at least once

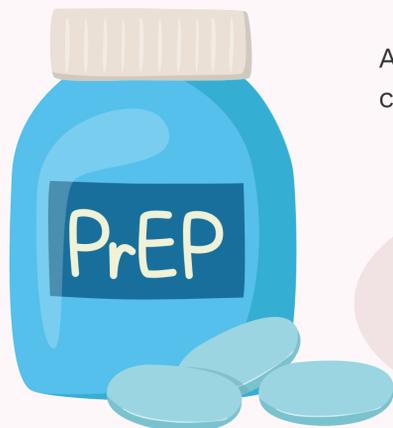
People in **high risk categories** should be screened more often

Ask your HCP for a test or visit [GetTested.cdc.gov](https://www.gettested.cdc.gov) to find screening locations



### PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis)

A type of medicine called PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) can protect against HIV.



**PrEP lowers the risk** of getting HIV from sex by nearly 99% and from injection drug use by 74%

Your HCP can prescribe PrEP, or you can find a provider at [prelocator.org](https://www.prelocator.org)