

HIV in Milwaukee

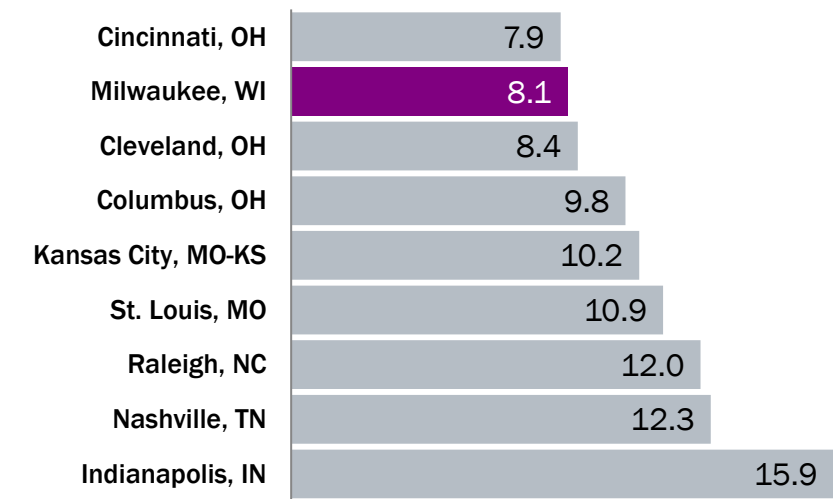
2025 summary

HIV surveillance data provide important information for planning HIV prevention and care services. The data show trends and priority populations in order to focus resources. During 2025, 93 people were newly diagnosed with HIV in Milwaukee. Out of the 93 people, 14% were diagnosed at a community-based agency or health department. A total of 2,917 people were living with HIV in Milwaukee. For more information, visit the full [Supplemental Report \(PDF\)](#).

Milwaukee comparisons

Milwaukee had one of the **lowest HIV diagnosis rates compared to similar cities.**

Estimated number of HIV diagnoses per 100,000 people by city, 2024



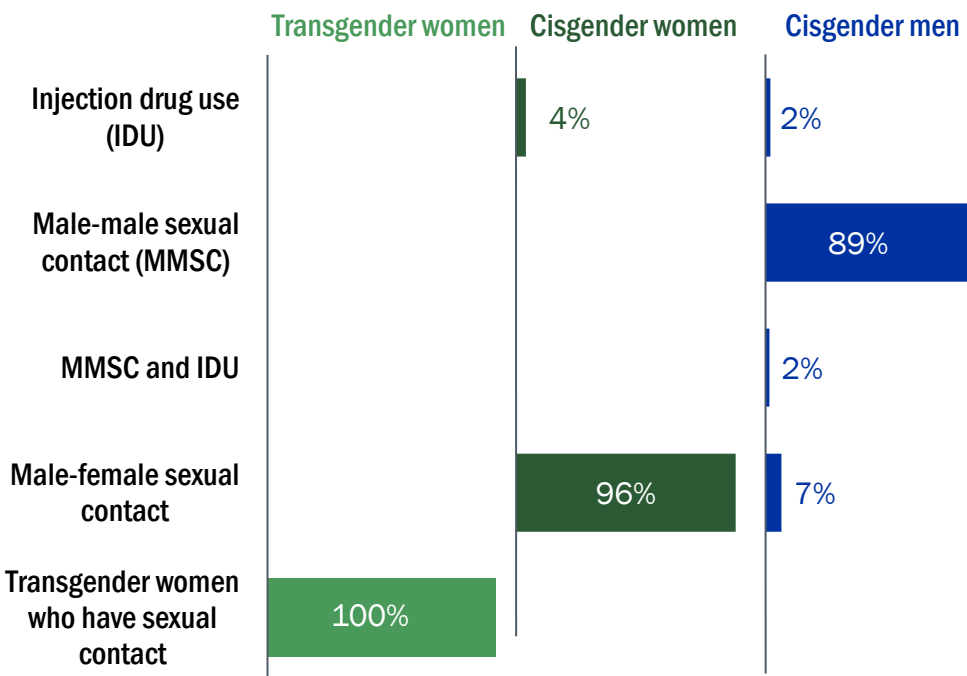
Although trends do not show a significant increase over time, these populations should be emerging priorities:

- People who inject drugs
- Young transgender women of color

HIV diagnosis trends

Sexual contact was the most common HIV transmission mode.

Percentage of HIV diagnoses by gender and estimated transmission category*, Milwaukee, 2025

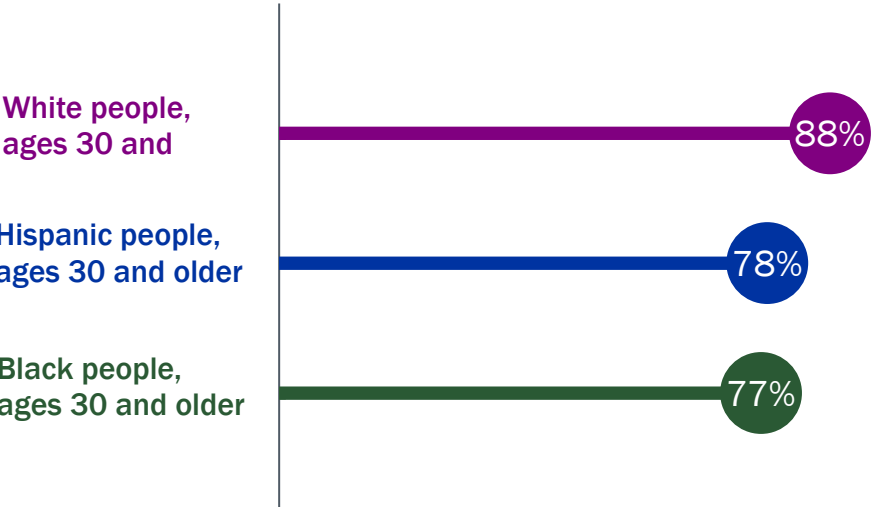


*Data have been statistically adjusted to account for those with an unknown transmission category. This figure uses gender identity rather than sex assigned at birth.

Care and prevention

A lower percentage of people of color ages 30 and older were **virally suppressed**. *

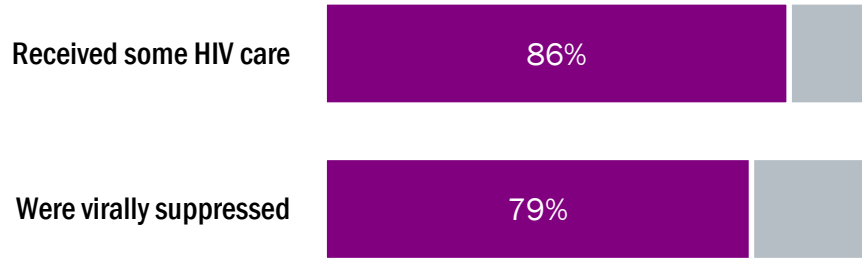
HIV care continuum - care outcomes, Milwaukee, 2025



*Virally suppressed means having less than 200 copies of HIV per milliliter of blood. People whose last viral load test was prior to 2025 or who did not have a viral load test done in 2025 were considered to have unsuppressed viral loads. Race or ethnicity alone does not make someone more or less likely to be virally suppressed.

Most people living with HIV received some HIV care and were virally suppressed.

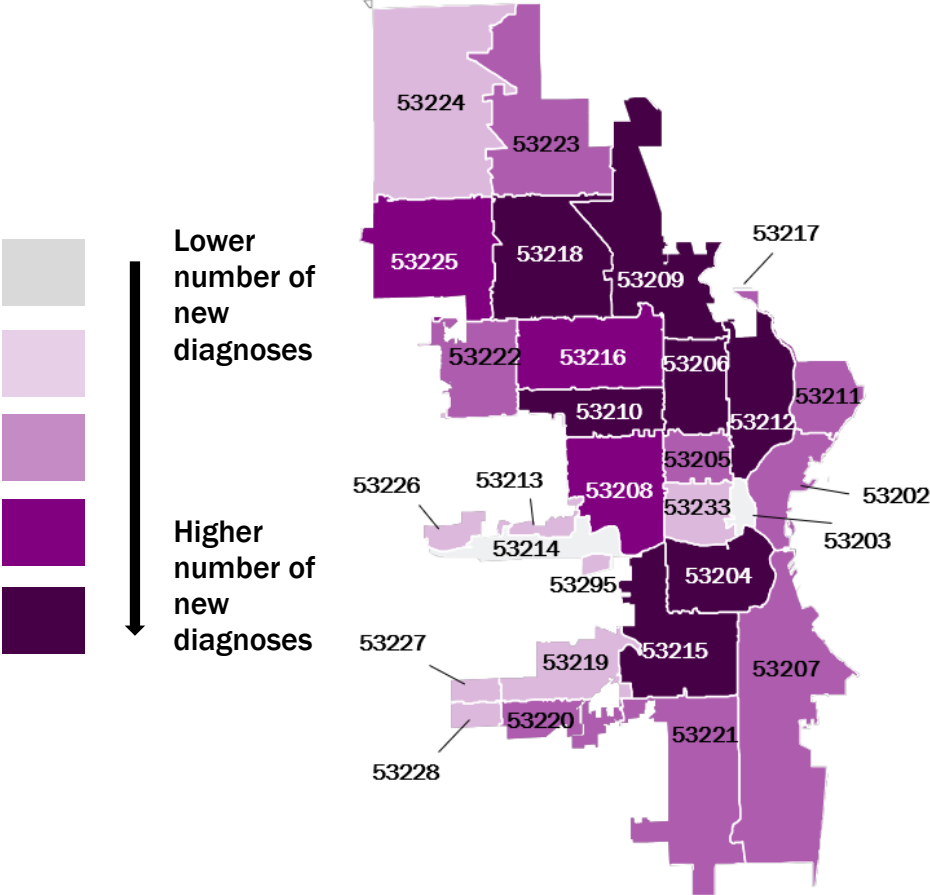
HIV care continuum – retention and care outcomes, Milwaukee, 2025



New HIV new diagnoses

The majority of new HIV diagnoses were identified in **seven ZIP codes**.

Geographic distribution of new HIV diagnoses, Milwaukee, 2023–2025



Among the 93 people newly diagnosed with HIV in 2025:

25 years
Median age

77%
Cisgender men

97%
People of color