Male-to-Male Sexual Contact [MSM] \(^{(1)}\)

Living with Diagnosed HIV Infection in Miami-Dade County, 2018

Data Excludes Transgender Women

\(^{(1)}\) The term male-to-male sexual contact [MSM] used here includes men who refer to themselves as gay, bisexual, or same gender loving, among other gender identities. Transgender women (male-to-female) are not included here as sex and gender distinctions are better understood.

**HIV Among MSM**

15,422 (54%)
of 28,345 persons living with diagnosed HIV infection in Miami-Dade County in 2018 were MSM

837 (68%)
of 1,224 persons with new HIV diagnoses in Miami-Dade County in 2018 were MSM

208 (52%)
of 402 persons with new AIDS diagnoses in Miami-Dade County in 2018 were MSM

Among MSM with an HIV diagnosis in 2018, Hispanics accounted for 69% of cases

New HIV diagnoses among MSM by age group, Miami-Dade County, 2018

“Other” includes Asian/Pacific Islanders, American Indians/Native Alaskans, and mixed races.
HIV Care Continuum among MSM living with diagnosed HIV infection in Miami-Dade County in 2018

The HIV Care Continuum reflects the series of steps a person living with HIV (PLWH) from initial diagnosis to being retained in care and achieving a very low level of viral load in the blood (viral suppression). The risk of HIV transmission is greatly reduced when people have an undetectable viral load.

- **Living with HIV**: 15,422 (100%)
- **In Care**: 11,080 (72%)
- **Retained in Care**: 10,272 (67%)
- **Virally Suppressed**: 10,042 (65%)

### HIV Screening

All adolescents and adults (ages 13-64) should be tested for HIV at least once during their lifetime. Persons at risk for HIV should be tested **annually**.

Per Florida Law, all pregnant women are to be tested for HIV and other STDs at initial prenatal care visit, and again at 28-32 weeks and at labor and delivery, if status is unknown.  

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

### Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis [PrEP]

For persons at increased risk for HIV, a pill (Truvada®) once daily, can reduce the risk of acquiring HIV by over **90%**. Condoms are still recommended during sex to prevent other STDs, which can increase the risk of HIV. STDs are on the rise in Florida.

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

### Antiretroviral Therapy [ART]

For persons newly diagnosed with HIV, starting ART with a provider immediately after diagnosis improves health outcomes by preventing disease progression and reducing viral load. To find a care provider or to learn more about resources available to persons living with HIV in Miami-Dade visit:

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

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