

Community Involvement for Houston/Harris County's Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan

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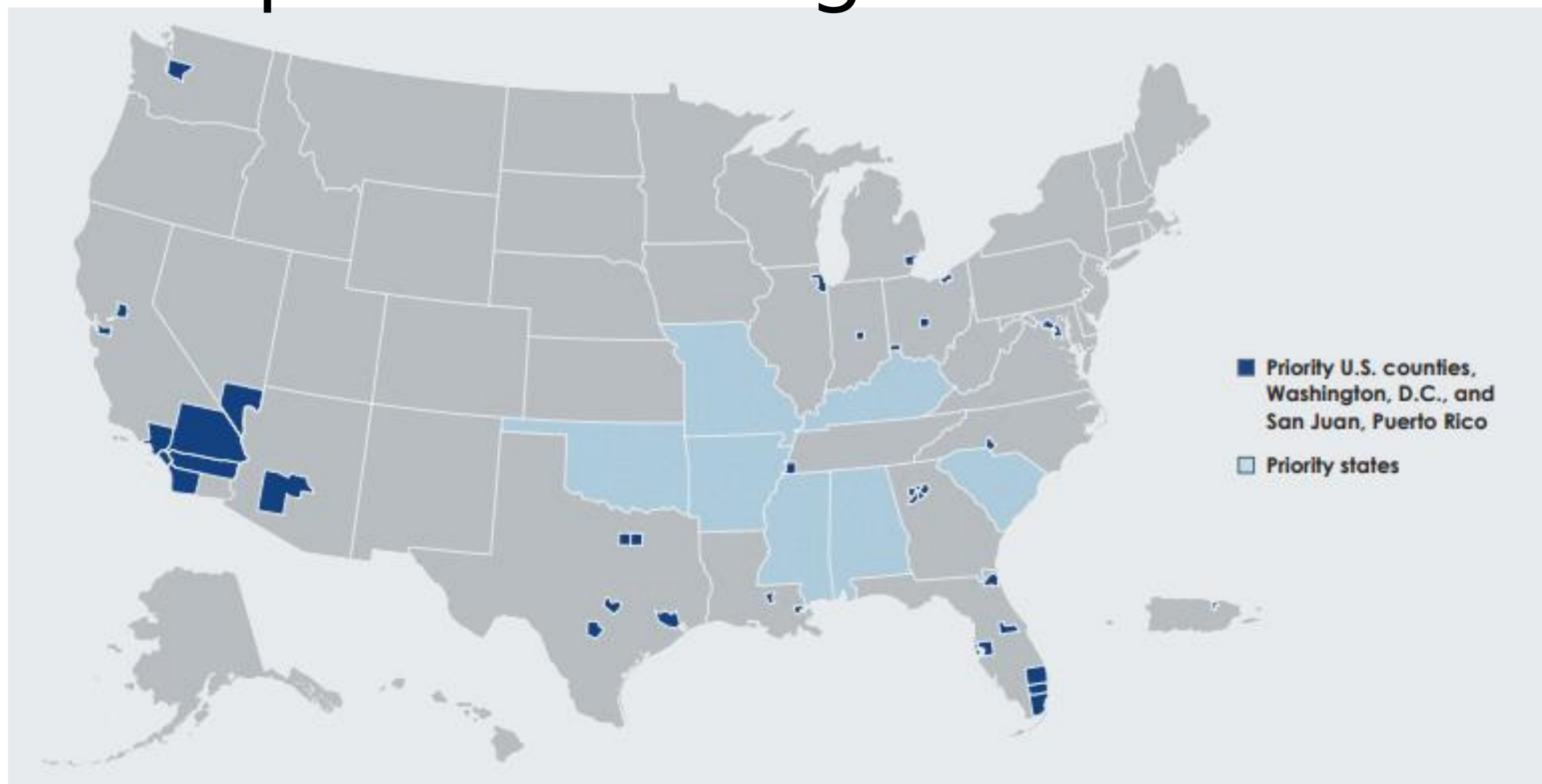
Ending the HIV Epidemic

A National Initiative



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- President Announced the National Goal of Ending the HIV Epidemic during State of the Union address in February 2019



**2016-2017 data*

*** States where 10% or more of new diagnoses in 2016 and 2017 were in rural areas (less than 50,000 population); at least 75 total new diagnoses statewide; and the state did not have a priority county*

- More than 50 percent of new HIV diagnoses occurred in only 48 counties, Washington, D.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Also, seven states had a substantial rural burden.



For more information visit www.CDC.gov/EndHIV

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HIV Diagnoses Overview



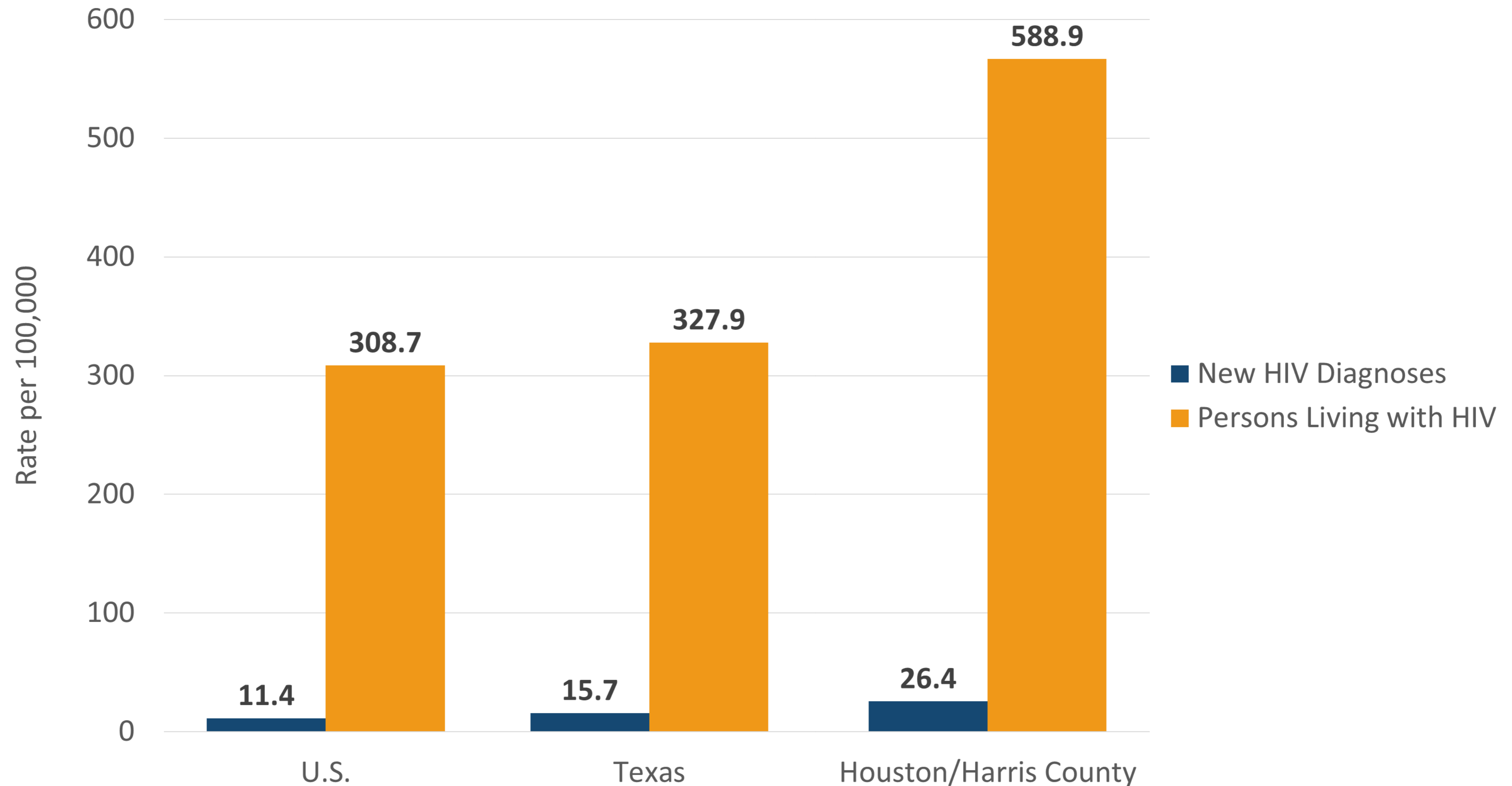
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- In 2019, **1228** new diagnoses of HIV were reported in the Houston/Harris County, a 1% increase from 2018 (2018 cases = 1,212).
- Proportionally, **Black/African Americans** made up most of new HIV diagnoses in 2019 at **43%**, followed by **Hispanic/Latinos** at **39%**.
 - There is a larger proportion of people ages 25 to 34 among new HIV diagnoses.
- **Male-to-male sexual contact** or MSM accounted for the most transmission risk at **68%**, followed by **heterosexual contact** at **25%**.
- An estimated **9,263** individuals in the Houston/Harris County were living with HIV in 2019 but were not diagnosed.

Rate of New HIV Diagnoses and of Persons Living with HIV (2019)



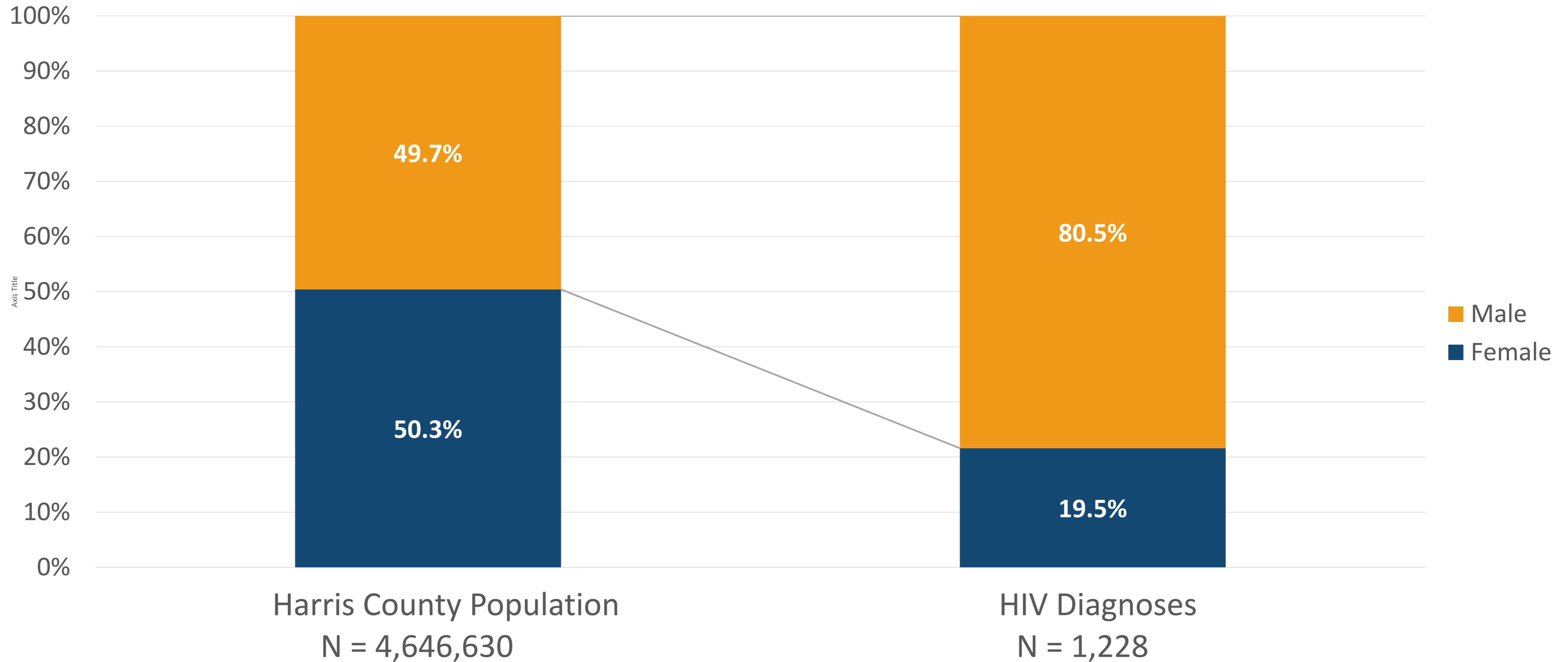
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Comparison of Total Population in the Houston/Harris County to New HIV Diagnoses by Sex assigned at Birth (2019)



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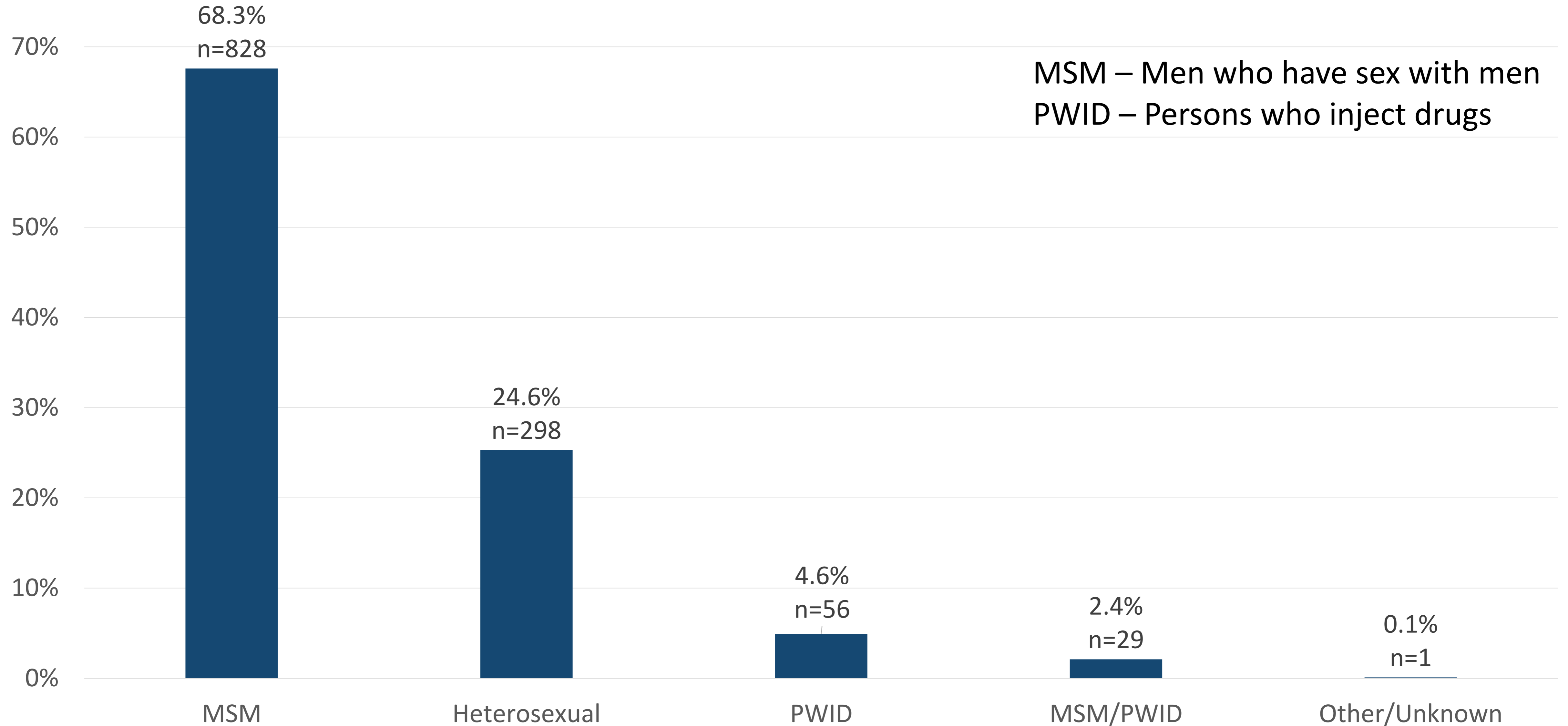
Transmission Risk of New HIV Diagnoses

Houston/Harris County 2019

N = 1,228



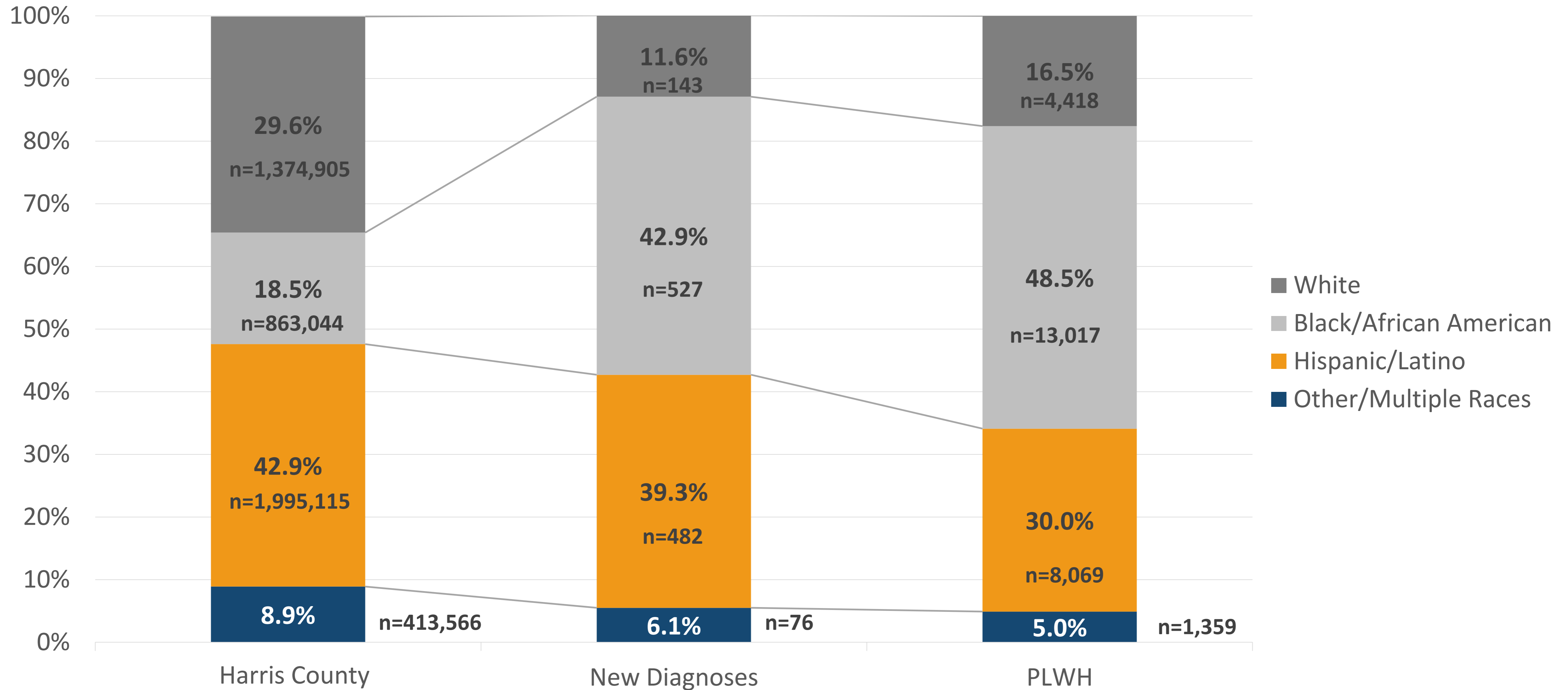
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Comparison of Total Population in the Houston/Harris County to People Living with HIV by Race/Ethnicity (2019)



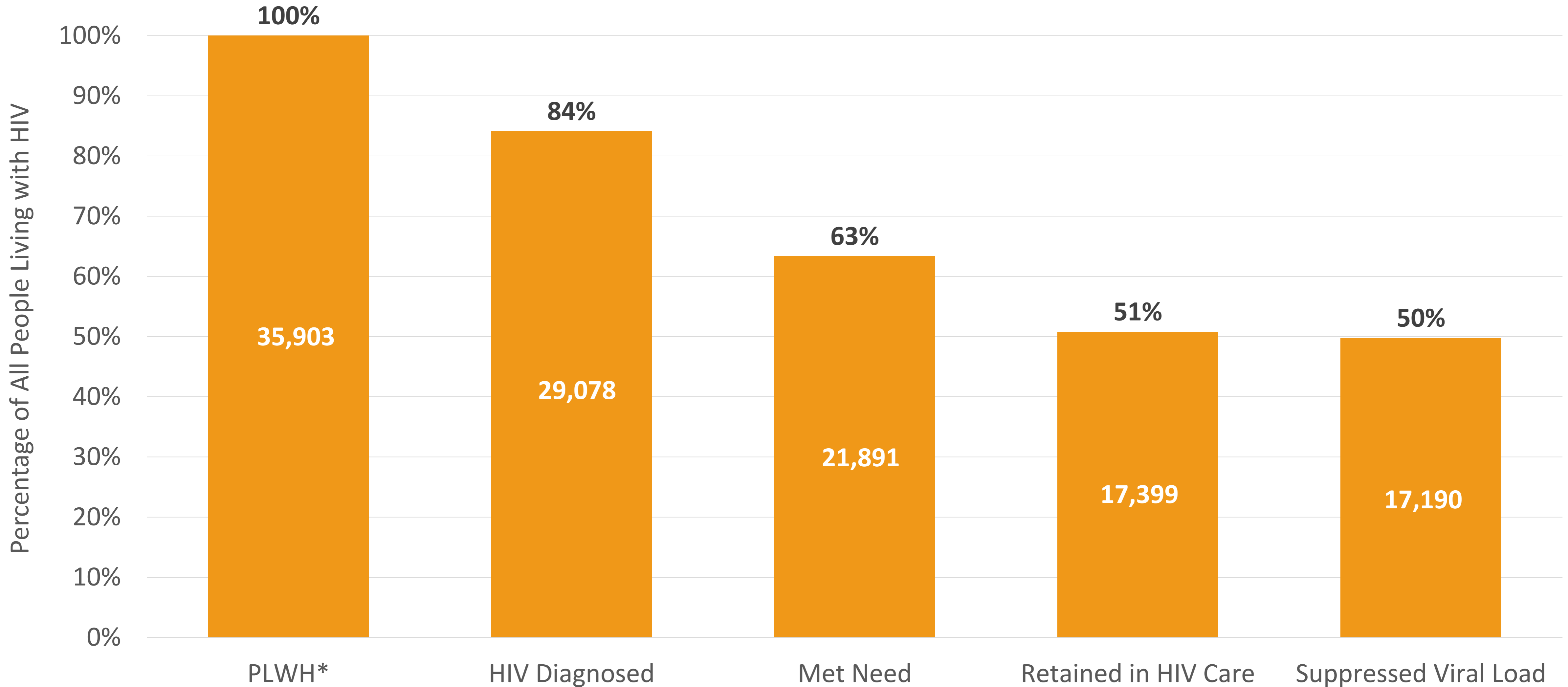
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Houston EMA Prevalence-Based Care Continuum 2019

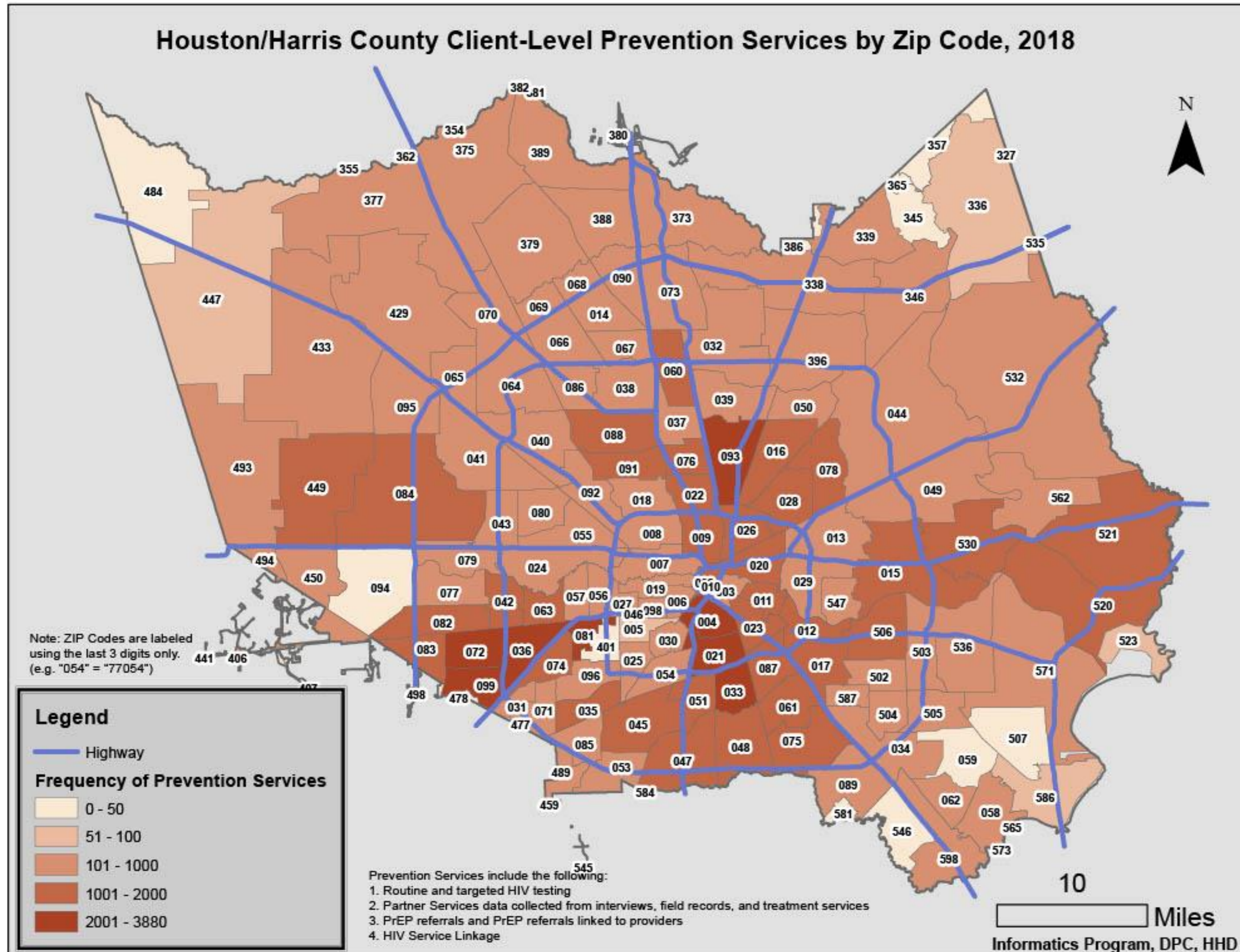


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*2018 estimate used for the number of diagnosed and undiagnosed PLWH

Houston/Harris County HIV/STI Prevention Services Map



Total HIV/STI Prevention Services provided by HHD in 2018

- 109,969
- Houston and Harris County
- Includes:
 - Routine and Targeted HIV Testing
 - STI Testing
 - Partner Services
 - PrEP



Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Funding from the CDC

- Received approximately **\$2.6 million** in 2020
- Will receive an additional **\$420,000** in 2021 to expand EHE HIV prevention in HHD Health Centers
- Enhancement to existing funding:
 - Approximately **\$14.7 million** from various sources, including the CDC, Texas Department of State Health Services, and Harris County Public Health

Working with Community Partners

Community Engagement



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- HHD is working alongside many community partners
- Many partners have also received funding from other Federal agencies, including HRSA, NIH, etc.
- Ending the HIV Epidemic needs support beyond this Federal funding initiative
- Community engagement of non-traditional partners in the public and private sectors is critical
- Everyone has a place in the paradigm shift needed to End the HIV Epidemic



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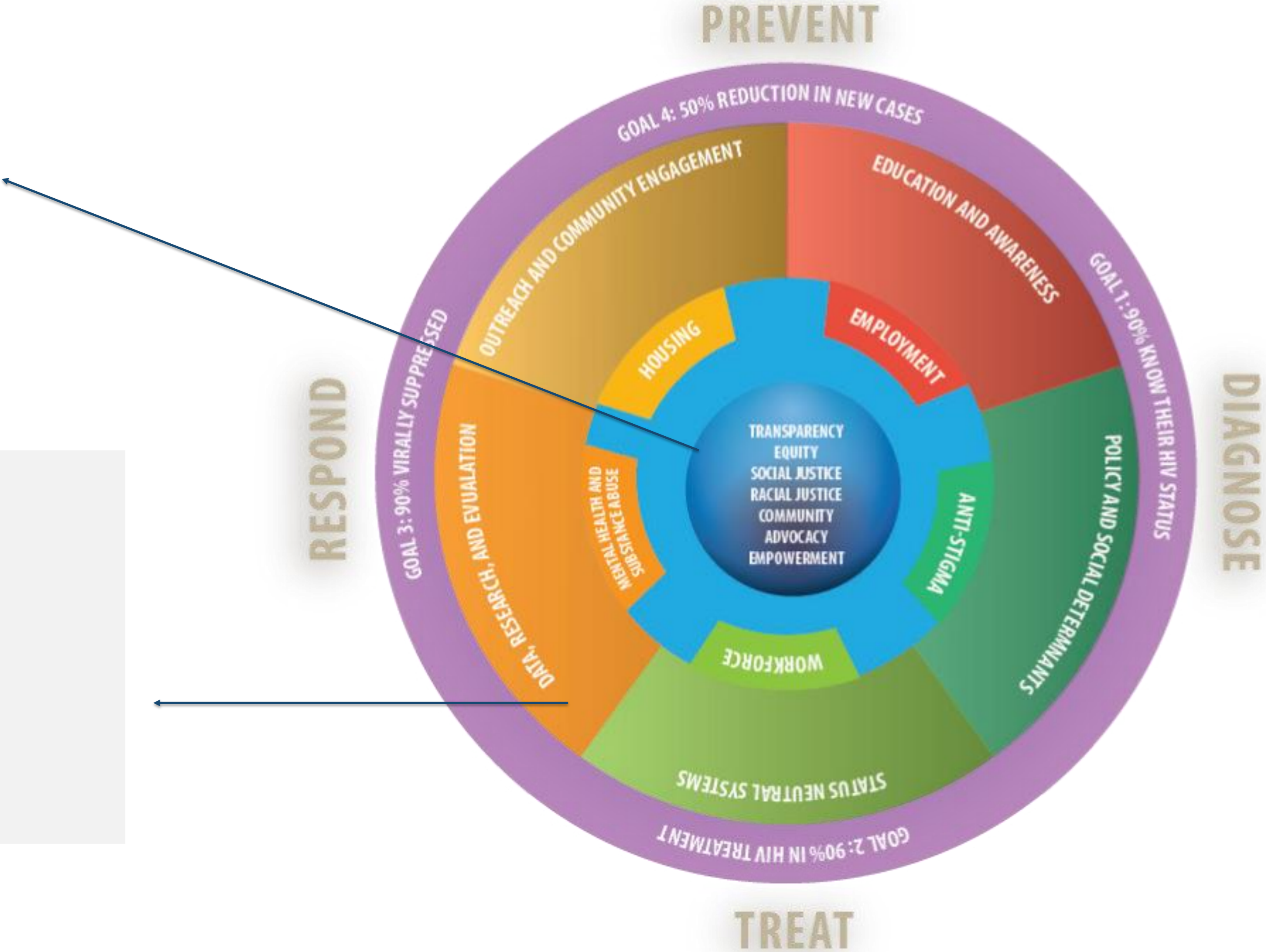
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Core Values:

- Transparency
- Equity
- Racial Justice
- Social Justice
- Community
- Advocacy
- Empowerment

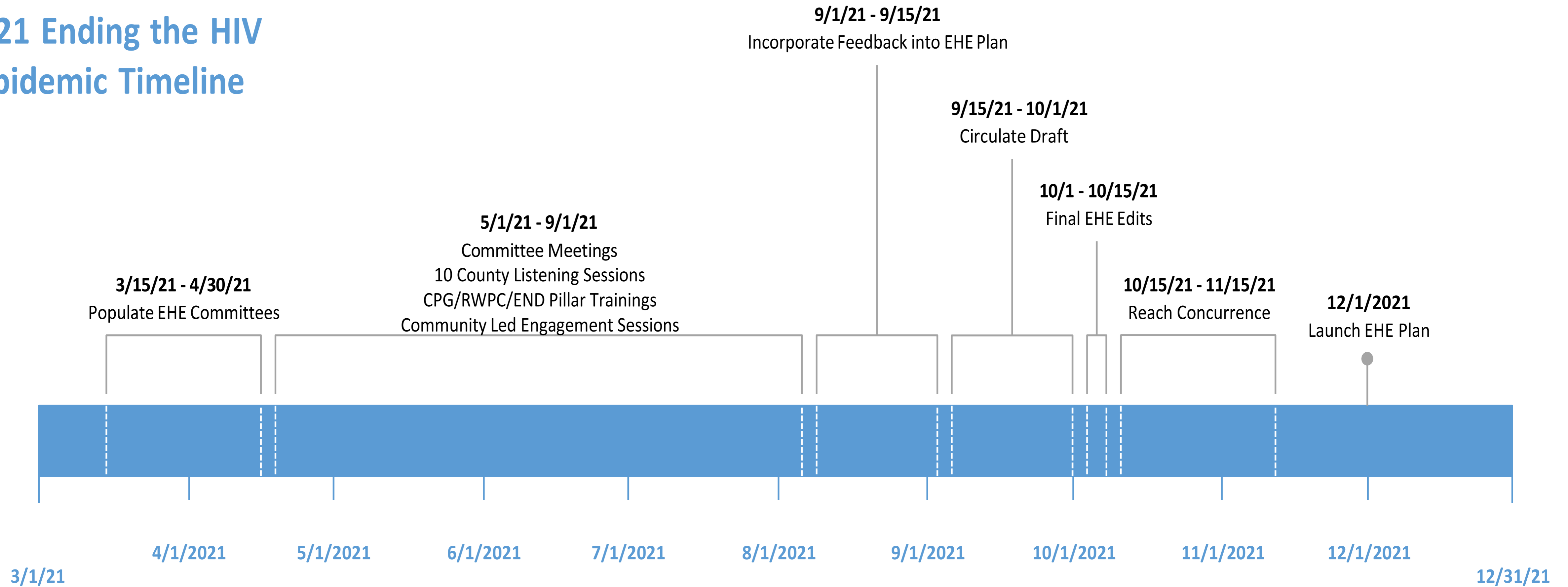
Focus Areas

1. Education and Awareness
2. Status Neutral Systems
3. Outreach and Community Engagement
4. Research, Data & Evaluation
5. Policy & Social Determinants



Ending the HIV Epidemic Planning and Implementation Timeline

2021 Ending the HIV Epidemic Timeline





- Make Sexual Health Services in HHD Health Centers Efficient Gateways for HIV Treatment and Prevention
- Expand and Improve HHD Community Engagement for HIV Treatment and Prevention
- Expand and Improve HHD Provider Engagement for HIV Treatment and Prevention
- Expand and Improve HHD Response for HIV Treatment and Prevention



- Support Houston-Area Community Providers of HIV Prevention
- Support Priority Populations Using Novel Strategies
- Move Houston Viral Suppression from Good to Excellent
- Make Houston Status Neutral



- Support Population Led and Focused Organizations
- Upcoming Funding Opportunity
 - Training Needs Assessment
 - Organizational Development and Training Implementation Plan
 - Capacity Building Assistance
 - Expand Service Delivery for Priority Populations
- Upcoming Microgrants to Support Special Events, Projects, or Organization Capacity Building
 - Building Resilience
 - Promoting Sexual Health as the Essential Ingredient in HIV Prevention
 - Developing Future Leaders within the Community

Let's End the HIV Epidemic in Houston

Thoughts on Moving Forward



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- Dream big and take risks.
- Government and community advocates must work together and create a unified narrative. One voice is stronger!
- Sexual health needs to embrace and own HIV prevention and treatment.
- Build services where people are! Do not reinvent the wheel.
- HIV is the symptom, not the disease. HIV should not be the main message for priority populations. Address their priority needs.
- Treat HIV like the emergency that it is.
- Adopt a “status neutral” world view.
- Work together. It will take all of us!

Call to Action

How Council Members Can Help



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- Engage with constituents about Ending the HIV Epidemic
 - Share information with your distribution lists
 - Include information in your newsletters
 - Connect HHD with community partners in private and public sectors
 - Resources, participation in EHE efforts, information sharing, etc.
- Participate in EHE Focus Area Committees
- Get the word out on how to participate and inform local Ending the HIV Epidemic efforts
 - Ehehouston.org
- Continue to learn about Ending the HIV Epidemic
- Share upcoming funding opportunities



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