

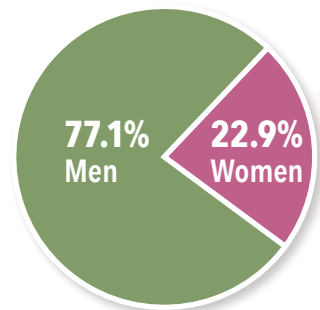
# DECEMBER IS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS MONTH

## FOCUS ON WOMEN

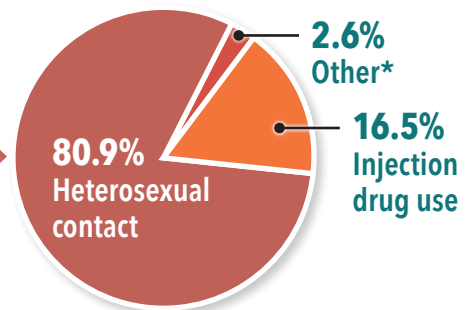
In Arkansas in 2020, there were 242 new HIV diagnoses. Of those, 45 (18.6%) were among women. Using a condom during sex or taking certain medications can help prevent HIV exposure.



### Arkansans living with HIV, 2020

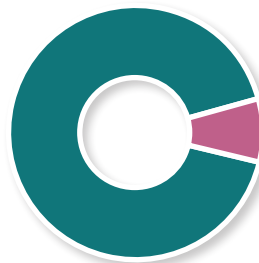


### Causes of HIV among women



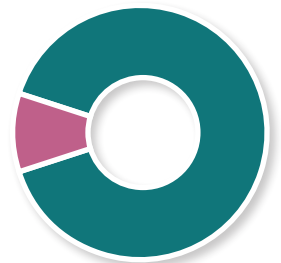
### Help is available.

**PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis)** taken before exposure to HIV or **PeP (post-exposure prophylaxis)** taken after exposure, can prevent HIV.



**In 2021,** only 8.1% of PrEP users in Arkansas were women...

**...And in the U.S.,** only 10% of women who could benefit from PrEP were prescribed PrEP in 2019.



### Women who don't know they have HIV can pass HIV to their partners.

Talk to your Community Health Center doctor or nurse about HIV risk factors, testing, and prevention.

\*Includes risk factors not reported or identified, along with hemophilia, blood transfusion, perinatal exposure or missing/suppressed data.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIV AND WOMEN, VISIT [WWW.CDC.GOV/HIV/GROUP/GENDER/WOMEN](http://WWW.CDC.GOV/HIV/GROUP/GENDER/WOMEN).

To find a health center, visit [www.chc-ar.org/health-center-list](http://WWW.CHC-AR.ORG/HEALTH-CENTER-LIST) or call **501-374-8225**.

**SOURCES:** <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/group/gender/women/index.html> • <https://aidsvu.org/local-data/united-states/south/arkansas/> • <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/group/gender/women/prep-coverage.html> • <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/hiv-aids-sti-surveillance> • <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/group/gender/women/prevention-challenges.html>

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