

2024 County of Marin Fact Sheet: HIV/AIDS in Marin County



Since the first Marin County AIDS case was reported in 1982, 1,514 people have been diagnosed with HIV infection in the Marin community—626 of whom are still living (Table 1). At San Quentin State Prison (SQSP), 659 cases of HIV infection have been identified. The vast majority of people diagnosed with HIV at SQSP are no longer incarcerated there. For this reason, the demographic data presented after Table 1 do not include cases diagnosed at SQSP.

Please note: HIV/AIDS epidemiology data are from the enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System (eHARS) maintained by the Office of AIDS. The data presented here are cumulative through December 31, 2023, and were generated from the 2024 1st quarter Marin County dataset. Tables 1 & 3 and Figure 4 only include people who were residents of Marin County at the time of HIV diagnosis. Table 2 and Figures 1-3 describe people who have Marin County as their current residence.

Table 1. All Reported Cases of HIV infection (including AIDS), diagnosed 1981-2022

	Total Reported*	Deaths [#]	Living Cases [†]
San Quentin	659	414	245
Community	1514	887	627
Combined	2173	1301	872

* Does not include cases that were later found to be duplicates

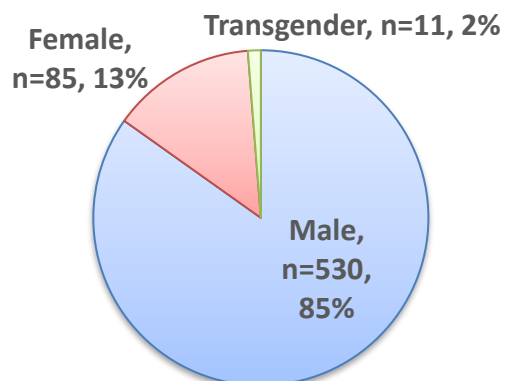
Deaths from all causes

† Includes cases of unknown vital status

Demographics of People Living with HIV Infection as of December 31, 2023, with a Current Residence in Marin County (Community only), n=626

Six hundred twenty-six people living with HIV infection have a current residence in Marin County as of the end of 2023. Of these people, 85% are male (Figure 1) and over half are currently age 55 or older (Figure 2). Table 2 provides a look at race/ethnicity and a breakdown by transmission category.

Figure 1. Gender of People Living with HIV



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Figure 2. Current Age in Years of People Living with HIV Infection

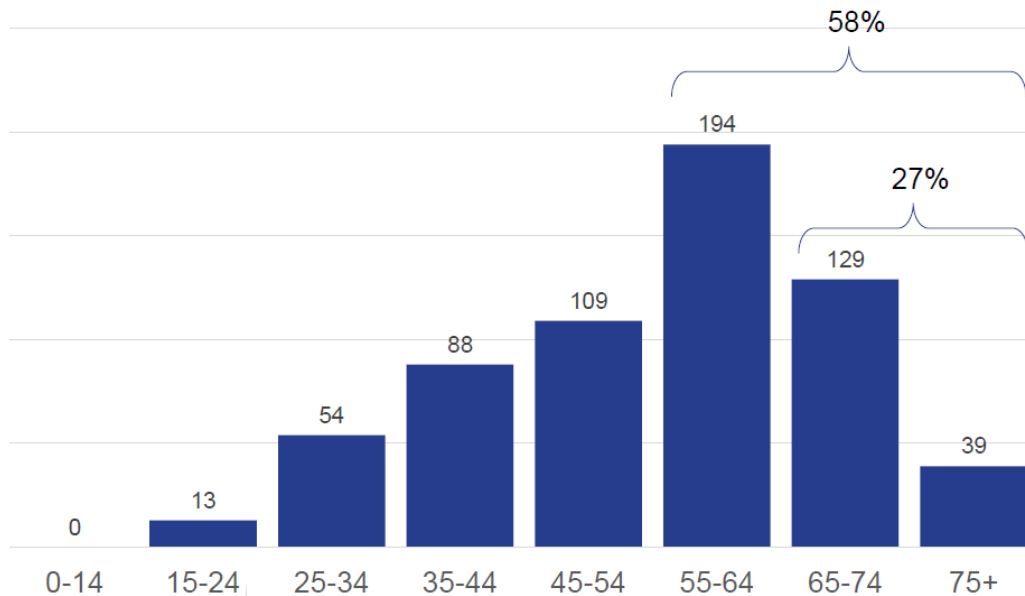


Table 2. Race/Ethnicity and Transmission Category of People Living with HIV Infection

Race/Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic White	365	58%
	Hispanic/Latino/a/x/e	178	28%
	Black/African American	43	7%
	Multiple Races	21	3%
	Asian	16	3%
	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3	<1%
Transmission Category	Male-Male Sexual Contact (MSM)	413	66%
	MSM & IDU	33	5%
	Injection Drug Use (IDU)	40	6%
	High-Risk Heterosexual Contact*	69	11%
	Heterosexual Contact	52	8%
	Medical** or Perinatal	5	1%
	Unknown	13	2%
Total		626	100%

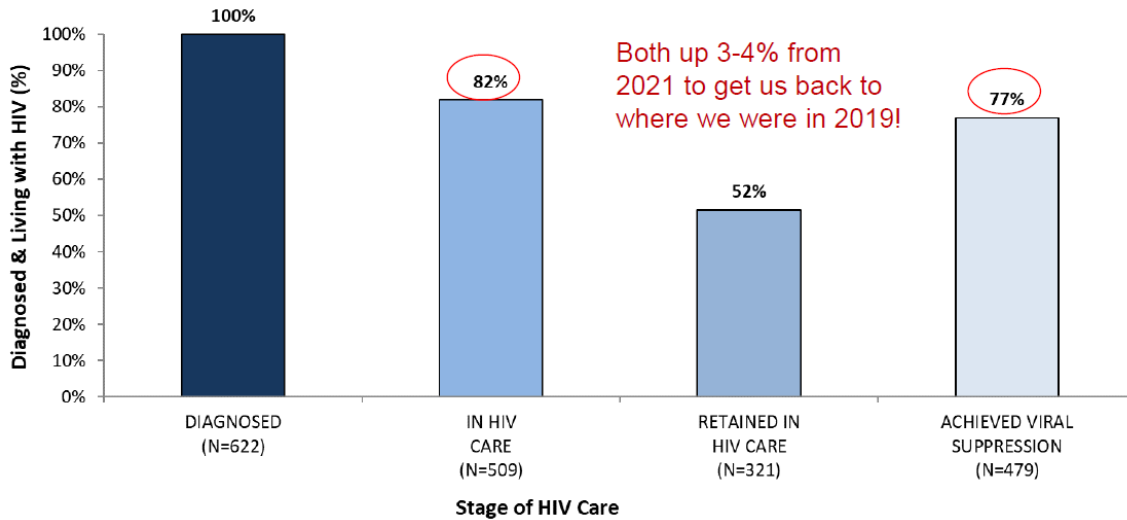
* Heterosexual sex with an injection drug user, a male who has had sex with a male, a hemophiliac, a transfusion or transplant recipient with documented HIV infection, or a person with AIDS or documented HIV infection with unspecified risk.

** Receipt of clotting factor, transfusion of blood or blood products, tissue or organ transplant, or artificial insemination.

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Figure 3. Continuum of HIV Care*, Marin County Residents#, Diagnosed & Living with HIV, 2023



Definitions
In HIV Care – at least one lab during 2023
Retained in HIV Care – two or more labs at least 3 months apart during 2023
Achieved Viral Suppression – most recent viral load during 2023 was ≤ 200 copies/ml

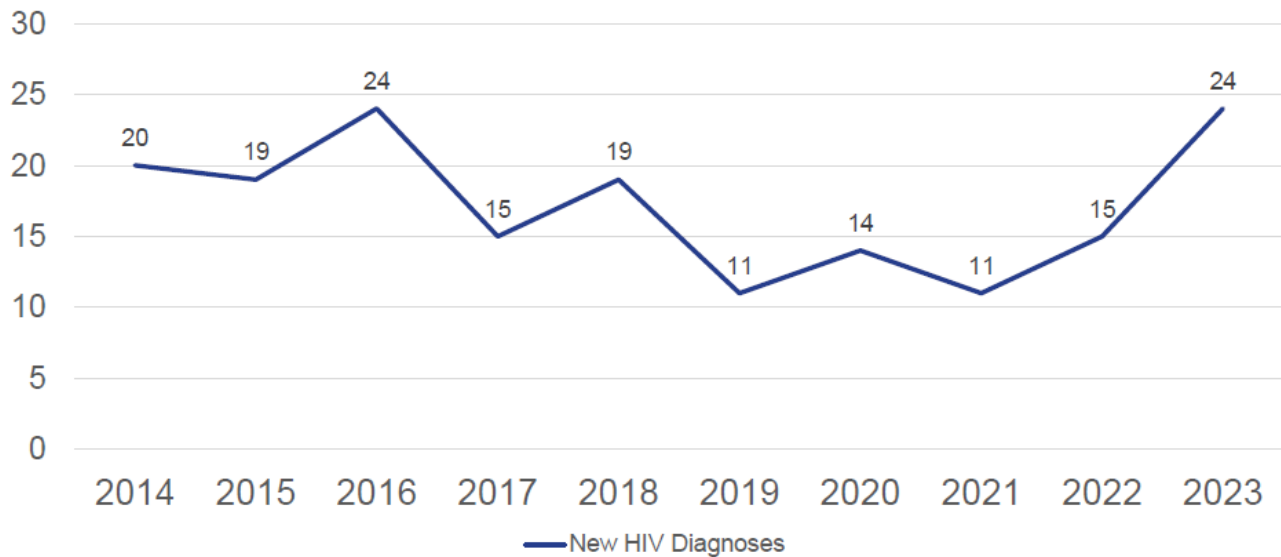
* Data from eHARS, provided by CDPH/Office of AIDS

Residency based on 2023 year-end address; addresses in San Quentin, CA excluded as a proxy for SQSP

New Cases of HIV Infection in Marin County

Over the past ten years, Marin County averaged 17 new community HIV infection diagnoses per year.

Figure 4. New HIV Diagnoses, Marin County, 2014-2023



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Table 3. Marin County Residents Newly Diagnosed with HIV Infection in the Community

Characteristics	Year of HIV Diagnosis	2014-18		2019-23	
		#	%	#	%
Gender	Male	75	77%	63	84%
	Female	21	22%	10	13%
	Transgender	1	1%	2	3%
Age at Diagnosis	15-24	16	16%	12	16%
	25-39	40	41%	38	51%
	40-54	25	25%	18	24%
	55+	15	15%	7	9%
Race / Ethnicity	Hispanic/Latino/a/x/e	38	39%	43	57%
	Non-Hispanic White	37	38%	21	28%
	African American/Black	11	11%	4	5%
	Asian	4	4%	6	8%
	Multi-racial	7	7%	1	1%
Transmission Category	Male-Male Sexual Contact (MSM)	54	56%	46	61%
	MSM & IDU	3	3%	4	5%
	Injection Drug Use (IDU)	6	6%	2	3%
	High-Risk Heterosexual Contact*	11	11%	7	9%
	Heterosexual Contact	20	21%	14	19%
	Unknown/Not Reported	3	3%	2	3%
Total		97	100%	75	100%

*Heterosexual sex with an injection drug user, a male who has had sex with a male, a hemophiliac, a transfusion or transplant recipient with documented HIV infection, or a person with AIDS or documented HIV infection with unspecified risk.

Observations

- 97 diagnoses during 2014-18 vs. only 75 during 2019-23 – overall decrease of 23% despite increase seen in 2023
- Approximately 1 in 5 being diagnosed with AIDS within a month of their HIV diagnosis (exception: 43% in 2020)
- Gender distribution moving back to what it typically has been in Marin (~85% males)
- Over half of new cases are in 25-39 year olds
- 55+ age group has had the largest decline
- Despite overall decline in cases, there was an increase in count and proportion of cases for Latinos and Asians
- More than half of new cases are among Latinos
 - Only 20% of population in Marin County

Community Input

Community input was gained through comments on the annual countywide client satisfaction survey. This survey is sent to all ARIES Share clients who receive mail at home (n=153), and clients are provided the option of completing the survey either by paper or online. The response rate was 44%. The respondents ranked food vouchers, primary medical care, and emergency financial assistance as the top three priorities.

The Care Council sponsored a community forum in April 2024 to provide Ryan White services updates and gather additional community input. The forum focused on an interactive activity to gather input on the service categories provided in Marin County. The forum was well attended with 27 clients, a third of whom were monolingual Spanish speakers who participated in the activities with the support of an interpreter.

The Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council has been a functioning entity since 2004 and meets about five times a year. H&HS continues to support the Council by working closely with the Council to prioritize and allocate Ryan White resources. The Council has been working to increase community and HIV service provider membership. The Care Council meetings are open to the public. Meeting minutes and agendas are posted and downloadable from the County website:

<https://www.marinhhs.org/boards/marin-hivaids-care-council>

Table 4. Demographic Composition of Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council through October 2024

		Number	%
Race/Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic White	7	58%
	Hispanic/Latino/a/x/e	2	17%
	African American/Black	2	17%
	Asian	0	0%
	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0%
	American Indian/Alaska Native	1	8%
	Multiple races	0	0%
	Other/Unknown	0	0%
Gender	Male	5	42%
	Female	7	58%
	Transgender	0	0%
Age	13-24	0	0%
	25-49	1	8%
	50+	10	83%
	Decline	1	8%
HIV Status	Positive	7	58%
	Negative	5	42%
	Undisclosed	0	0%
Total Council Membership		12	100%

Marin County's 2025-2026 Prioritization and Allocation Process

The Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council held meetings on August 14, 2024, and August 28, 2024, to conduct prioritization and allocation for 2025-2026.

Preparation

The Council received data from the following sources for review:

- 2023/24 Ryan White Annual Client Satisfaction Survey results
- 2023/24 Service Category Summary Sheets
- 2023/24 ARIES Data
- 2023 HIV/AIDS surveillance and epidemiology data in Marin County provided by Deborah Gallagher, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Epidemiologist for Marin County

Key Decisions

Nine members were present for the prioritization meeting and ten members were present for the allocation meeting.

- The Council made some small changes in its prioritization rankings. The top three service categories were Medical Case Management, Non-medical Case Management, and Mental Health Services.
- There were changes to the allocations and service categories this year. Mental Health Services and Food Pantry were not funded this year as those services could be accessed using other programs and providers. All the service categories except Emergency Financial Assistance were decreased. These changes were made to increase the Food Vouchers budget to accommodate the increase from \$80 to \$100 monthly voucher per eligible client.
- Marin County HHS received a budget decrease in the Ryan White Part B Award and no longer funds the Food Voucher program.
- The 2025/26 budget was approved unanimously.

Marin Ryan White Part A 2025/26 Allocation

Service Category	Previous Priority	New Priority Rank	25/26 Part A Allocation	% of Total Award	25/26 Part B Award
CORE SERVICES					
Mental Health	2	3			
Medical Case Management	1	1	\$98,000	18%	\$100,000
Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance	7	7	\$27,389	5%	
Oral Health Care	3	4			\$13,200
Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services	9	8			
Medical Nutrition Therapy	11	Not Ranked			
SUPPORT SERVICES					
Non-Medical Case Management	4	2	\$98,000	18%	
Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals	5	5	\$243,288	44%	
Emergency Financial Assistance	6	6	\$60,000	11%	
Housing	8	Not Ranked			
Medical Transportation	12	10	\$10,000	2%	
Psychosocial Support Services	10	9	\$15,000	3%	
Outreach	Not Ranked	Not Ranked			\$45,091
Core Services			\$125,389		
Support Services			\$426,288		
TOTALS¹			\$552,677¹	100%	\$158,291²

¹Table excludes a small portion of the total award for Council support

²Does not include a portion for administrative expenses

Ryan White Part A Funding Allocation, 2020/21 through 2024/25

Service Category	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025
CORE SERVICES					
Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mental Health	\$30,000	\$25,532	\$35,532	\$45,000	\$0
Medical Case Management**	\$102,000	\$99,635	\$99,635	\$100,000	\$98,000
Oral Health Care*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance	\$34,783	\$35,203	\$35,203	\$35,000	\$27,389
SUPPORT SERVICES					
Non-Medical Case Management	\$118,000	\$113,969	\$113,969	\$114,000	\$98,000
Emergency Financial Assistance	\$44,497	\$36,879	\$44,994	\$56,000	\$60,000
Food Vouchers**	\$64,492	\$97,242	\$121,242	\$113,242	\$243,288
Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals	\$50,000	\$59,226	\$59,226	\$58,000	\$0
Psychosocial Support Services	\$15,000	\$25,915	\$15,915	\$16,000	\$15,000
Medical Transportation	\$17,177	\$13,410	\$21,526	\$10,000	\$10,000
Housing	\$48,543	\$40,231	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL***	\$525,492	\$548,242	\$548,242	\$548,242	\$552,677

*Service categories funded entirely through Part B

**Additional funding through Part B

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