West Valley Health District

HIV & STD Epidemiologic Profile 2022

This epidemiologic profile provides updated information about HIV and STDs in the West Valley Health District in Los Angeles County (LAC). *All data represent persons aged* ≥ 13 *years. All rates are per 100,000.* See technical notes for additional details.

Percent of LAC PLWDH* Residing in West Valley

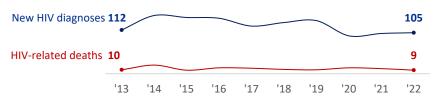
West Valley residents make up **9%** of the LAC population In 2022, West Valley residents made up **7%** of the total number of PLWDH in LAC





*PLWDH = Persons living with diagnosed HIV

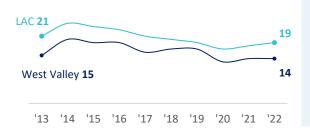
New Reported HIV Diagnoses & HIV-Related Deaths



New reported HIV diagnoses in West Valley have declined modestly since 2013. HIV-related deaths among PLWDH have remained relatively stable.

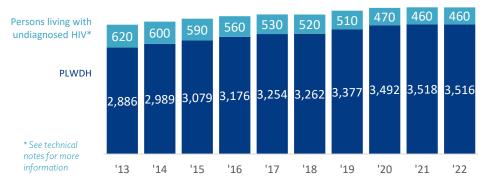
Note: It is recommended that 2014 and 2020 data be interpreted with caution due to situational factors. See technical notes for more information

HIV Diagnosis Rates: West Valley vs. LAC



Between 2013 and 2022, HIV diagnosis rates in West Valley have been consistently lower than in LAC overall. Rates have been decreasing in West Valley and LAC.

Number of Persons Living with Diagnosed & Undiagnosed HIV





748,196

Residents of West Valley Health District in 2022 aged ≥ 13 years

105

New reported HIV diagnoses in 2022

598

New reported syphilis diagnoses in 2022

1,668

New reported gonorrhea diagnoses in 2022

3,855

New reported chlamydia diagnoses in 2022

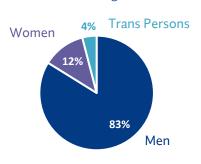
32%

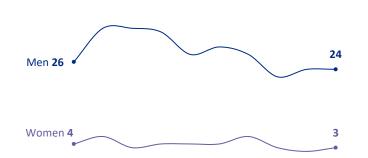
STD coinfection among new reported HIV diagnoses in 2022

Characteristics of New HIV Diagnoses - Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Age

2022 new HIV diagnoses by gender

105 new diagnoses





118

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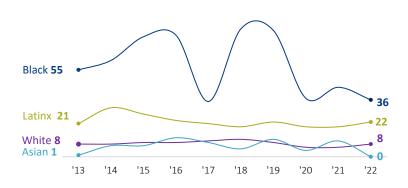
New HIV diagnosis rates 1 by gender

New HIV diagnosis rates have remained substantially higher among men than women. Rates among men and women have declined modestly since 2013.

Note: Trans men and trans women are grouped into one category to maintain confidentiality due to small numbers. New HIV diagnosis rates among trans persons are not presented due to the unavailability of reliable population size estimates in LAC.

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New HIV diagnosis rates 1 by race/ethnicity



New HIV diagnosis rates $^{\rm 1}$ by age group

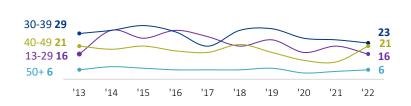
Between 2013 and 2022, new HIV diagnosis rates among Black persons have been consistently higher than other race/ethnicity groups. Rates among White, Latinx and Asian persons have remained stable.

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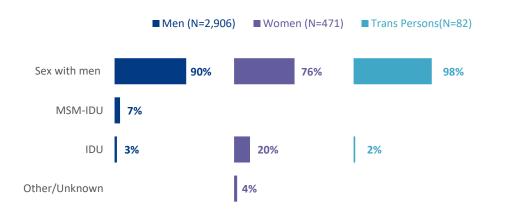
Note: Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, American Indians and Alaska Natives, and persons of multiple race/ethnicities are not included in this profile due to small numbers in West Valley.

The volatility in new diagnosis rates among race/ethnicity groups may be associated with small population sizes in West Valley.



Since 2013, new HIV diagnosis rates have been on a declining trend among persons aged 30-39. For persons aged 13-29, 40-49, and 50+ rates have remained stable.

Transmission Category among Persons Living with HIV by Gender

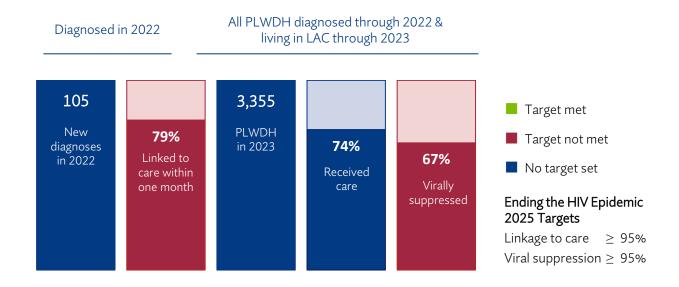


The primary transmission category for men, women, and trans persons is having sex with men.

Note: Persons without an identified category were assigned a category factor using CDC-recommended multiple imputation methods. Sum of transmission may not add to the total number of persons newly diagnosed with HIV by gender due to rounding error.

HIV Care Continuum

The HIV care continuum is a series of steps starting from when a person is diagnosed with HIV through their achievement of viral suppression. The base population for measuring linkage to HIV care is persons who received an HIV diagnosis in a given calendar year, whereas the base population for the downstream steps in the continuum is all persons who were diagnosed with HIV through 2022 and living in LAC as of 2023. The latter ensures at least one year of follow-up to measure receipt of care, retention in care, and viral suppression.



Linkage to care and viral suppression levels have not yet met the 2025 targets set for the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Initiative.

New Syphilis, Gonorrhea & Chlamydia Diagnoses and Rates: West Valley vs. LAC

In 2022, a total of 6,121 new diagnoses of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia were reported among West Valley Health District residents aged 13+ years. The rates of new diagnoses of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia were lower than in LAC. Syphilis in 2022

598

new diagnoses in West Valley

6%

of all LAC diagnoses

Rate of new diagnoses **80**

LAC rate: 126

Gonorrhea in 2022

1.668

new diagnoses in West Valley

6%

of all LAC diagnoses

Rate of new diagnoses **223**

LAC rate: 332

Chlamydia in 2022

3.855

new diagnoses in West Valley

6%

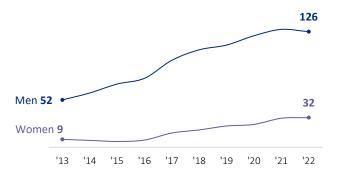
of all LAC diagnoses

Rate of new diagnoses 515

LAC rate: 674

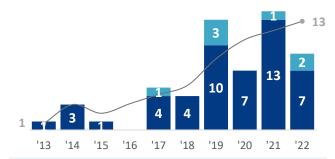
New STD Diagnosis Rates by Gender & New Congenital Syphilis Diagnoses

New **syphilis** diagnosis rates ¹ by gender



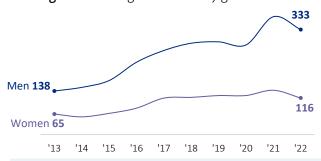
Since 2013, new syphilis diagnosis rates in West Valley have increased for men and women. Rates among men in West Valley have remained about four times higher than rates among women.

Number of new **congenital syphilis (CS)** diagnoses by type: **Non-Stillbirths** & **Stillbirths** vs. Expected number of CS diagnoses



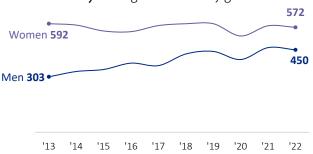
The number of new CS diagnoses in West Valley has increased since 2013. In 2022, the number of CS diagnoses was lower than expected. West Valley has reported seven new stillbirth diagnoses since 2013.

New gonorrhea diagnosis rates 1 by gender



New gonorrhea diagnosis rates in West Valley have increased for men and women since 2013. From 2013 to 2022, rates for both men in West Valley have more than doubled.

New **chlamydia** diagnosis rates ¹ by gender

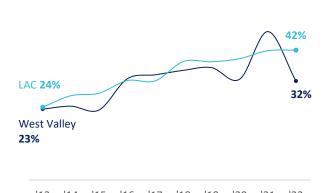


New chlamydia diagnosis rates in West Valley have been increasing among men while remaining stable among women since 2013. Rates among women in West Valley have been consistently higher than rates among men.

Coinfection of HIV and STDs: West valley vs. LAC

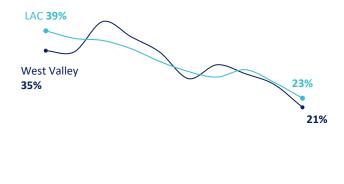
HIV and other STDs are syndemic in LAC. Persons with syphilis, gonorrhea, and/or chlamydia are at an increased risk of acquiring HIV due to biological and behavioral factors. STDs among PLWH can also increase HIV viral load and the risk of HIV transmission.

Percent of new HIV diagnoses coinfected with one or more STDs



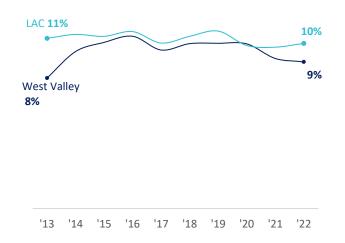
The percentage of new HIV diagnoses in West Valley with syphilis, gonorrhea, and/or chlamydia coinfection has increased from 23% in 2013 to 32% in 2022. This has tracked the trend in LAC overall.

Percent of new syphilis diagnoses coinfected with HIV



In 2022, 21% of new syphilis diagnoses in West Valley were coinfected with HIV. This proportion has declined from 35% in 2013 and has tracked the trend in LAC overall.

Percent of new gonorrhea diagnoses coinfected with HIV



The percentage of new gonorrhea diagnoses coinfected with HIV in West Valley has increased from 8% in 2013 to 9% in 2022.

Percent of new chlamydia diagnoses coinfected with HIV



The percentage of new chlamydia diagnoses coinfected with HIV in West Valley has increased from 2% in 2013 to 4% in 2022.