# Alhambra Health District

HIV & STD Epidemiologic Profile 2021

This epidemiologic profile provides updated information about HIV and STDs in the Alhambra 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.

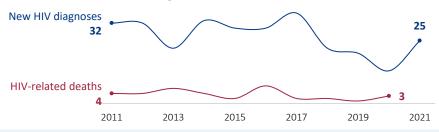
### Percent of LAC PLWDH\* residing in Alhambra

Alhambra residents make up 3% of the LAC population

In 2021. Alhambra residents made up 1% of the total number of PLWDH in LAC

\*PLWDH = Persons living with diagnosed HIV

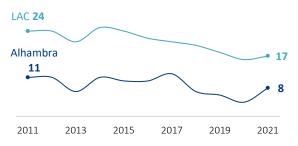
## **New Reported HIV Diagnoses & HIV-Related Deaths**



New reported HIV diagnoses and HIV-related deaths among PLWDH in Alhambra have been on a declining trend since 2011.

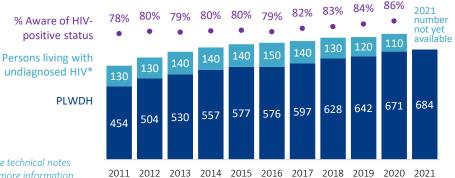
Note: It is recommended that 2014 and 2020 data be interpreted with caution due to situational factors. See technical notes for more information.

## HIV Diagnosis Rates: Alhambra vs. LAC



Between 2011 and 2021, HIV diagnosis rates in Alhambra have been consistently lower than in LAC overall. Rates have been decreasing in Alhambra and LAC.

## Number of Persons Living with HIV & Percent Aware of **HIV-Positive Status**



\* See technical notes for more information



297,455

Residents of Alhambra Health District in 2021 aged ≥ 13 years

25

New reported HIV diagnoses in 2021

133

New reported syphilis diagnoses in 2020

333

New reported gonorrhea diagnoses in 2020

854

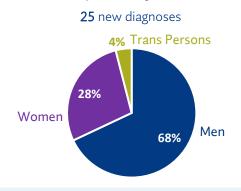
New reported chlamydia diagnoses in 2020

54%

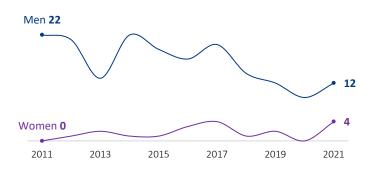
STD coinfection among new reported HIV diagnoses in 2020

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

2021 new HIV diagnoses by gender



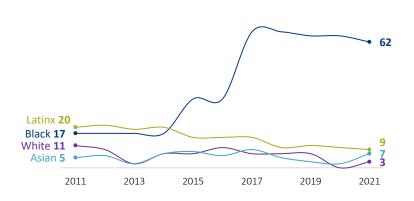
New HIV diagnosis rates <sup>1</sup> by **gender** 



New HIV diagnosis rates have remained substantially higher among men than women, but rates among men are on the decline. Rates among women have been relatively stable since 2011.

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.

#### New HIV diagnosis rates 1 by race/ethnicity

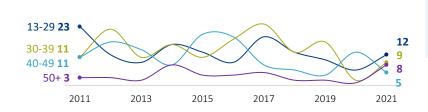


Between 2011 and 2021, new HIV diagnosis rates have declined among White and Latinx persons, while rates among Black persons have increased.

Note: Due to low diagnosis and population totals in Alhambra, the rates for Black persons are represented by 2-year average values. 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.

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

New HIV diagnosis rates 1 by age group



Since 2011, new HIV diagnosis rates have declined for persons aged 13-29, 30-39, and 40-49. Rates for persons aged 50+ have remained low.

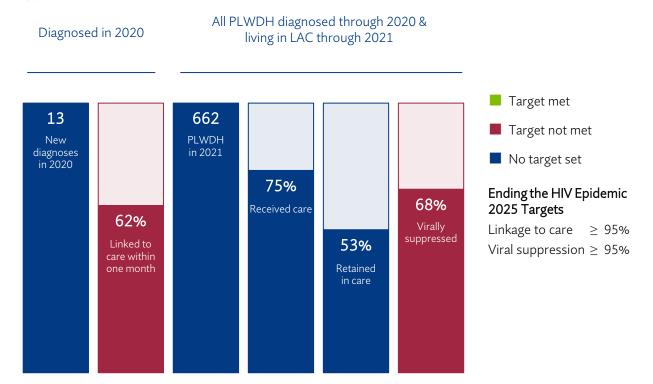
### Transmission Category among Persons Newly Diagnosed with HIV by Gender

In 2021, the primary HIV transmission category among men was having sex with other men (MSM). The primary HIV transmission category among women was sex with men. For trans persons, the primary HIV transmission category was sexual contact.

To protect the privacy of persons with HIV, Los Angeles County applies data suppression rules when the total number in a stratum is less than 100. In accordance with those rules, a chart/table showing transmission category among persons newly diagnosed with HIV by gender could not be presented for this health district.

#### **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 2020 and were living in LAC as of year end 2021. 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: Alhambra vs. LAC

In 2020, a total of 1,320 new diagnoses of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia were reported among Alhambra Health District residents aged 13+ years. The rates of new diagnoses of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia were lower than in LAC.

## Syphilis in 2020

133

new diagnoses in Alhambra

2%

of all LAC diagnoses

Rate of new diagnoses **44** 

LAC rate: 98

#### Gonorrhea in 2020

333

new diagnoses in Alhambra

1%

of all LAC diagnoses

Rate of new diagnoses 109

LAC rate: 295

### Chlamydia in 2020

854

new diagnoses in Alhambra

2%

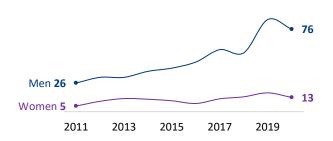
of all LAC diagnoses

Rate of new diagnoses 280

LAC rate: 605

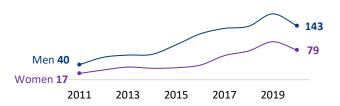
### New STD Diagnosis Rates by Gender & New Congenital Syphilis Diagnoses

New **syphilis** diagnosis rates <sup>1</sup> by gender



New syphilis diagnosis rates in Alhambra and LAC overall have increased for men and women since 2011. In 2020, rates for men in Alhambra were almost six times higher than rates for women.

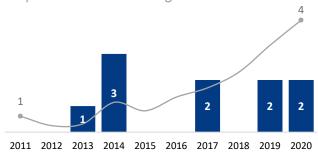
New **gonorrhea** diagnosis rates <sup>1</sup> by gender



New gonorrhea diagnosis rates in Alhambra and LAC have increased for men and women from 2011 to 2019. The rate for men has been consistently higher than the rate for women.

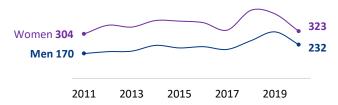
Number of new **congenital syphilis (CS)** diagnoses by type: **Non-Stillbirths** & **Stillbirths** vs.

Expected number of CS diagnoses



The number of reported CS diagnoses in Alhambra has remained between zero and three per year. In 2020, the number of CS diagnoses was lower than expected. No stillbirths have been reported in Alhambra between 2011 and 2020.

New **chlamydia** diagnosis rates <sup>1</sup> by gender

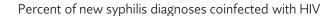


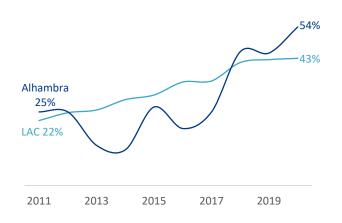
New chlamydia diagnosis rates in Alhambra have increased slightly among men and women since 2011. In 2020, rates declined for Alhambra and LAC overall, potentially due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on testing and diagnosis.

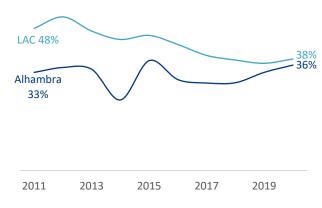
#### Coinfection of HIV and STDs: Alhambra vs. LAC

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 an STD







The percentage of new HIV diagnoses in Alhambra with syphilis, gonorrhea, and/or chlamydia coinfection has increased from 25% in 2011 to 54% in 2020. This percentage has surpassed LAC.

Approximately one in three new syphilis diagnoses in Alhambra were coinfected with HIV. This proportion has remained mostly stable since 2011 and below LAC.

## Coinfection with STDs among New HIV Diagnoses

Among persons newly diagnosed with HIV in 2019 & 2020, syphilis had the highest coinfection followed by gonorrhea and chlamydia, in the same year as their HIV diagnosis.

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