

# Whittier Health District

## HIV & STD Epidemiologic Profile 2022

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

Whittier residents make up **3%** of the LAC population



In 2022, Whittier residents made up **2%** of the total number of PLWDH in LAC

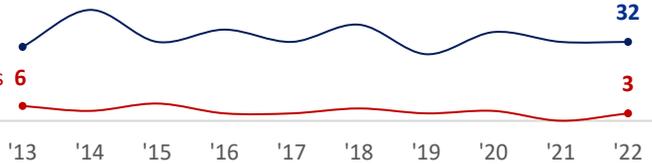


\*PLWDH = Persons living with diagnosed HIV

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

New HIV diagnoses **30**

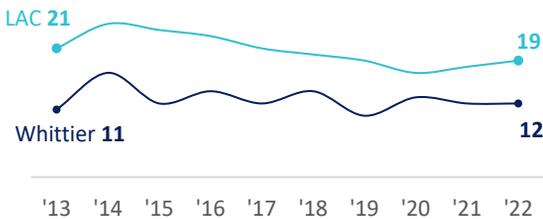
HIV-related deaths **6**



New reported HIV diagnoses in Whittier have been relatively stable since 2013. HIV-related deaths among PLWDH have decreased slightly.

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: Whittier vs. LAC



Between 2013 and 2022, HIV diagnosis rates in Whittier have been consistently lower than in LAC overall. Rates in Whittier have remained stable while decreasing in LAC overall.

### Number of Persons Living with Diagnosed & Undiagnosed HIV



\* See technical notes for more information



# 273,769

Residents of Whittier Health District in 2022 aged ≥ 13 years

# 32

New reported HIV diagnoses in 2022

# 222

New reported syphilis diagnoses in 2022

# 518

New reported gonorrhea diagnoses in 2022

# 1,383

New reported chlamydia diagnoses in 2022

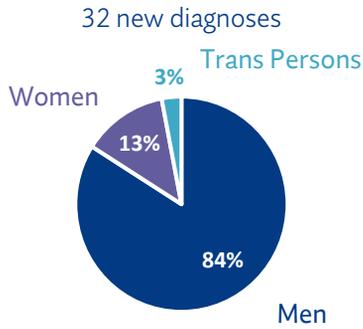
# 41%

STD coinfection among new reported HIV diagnoses in 2022

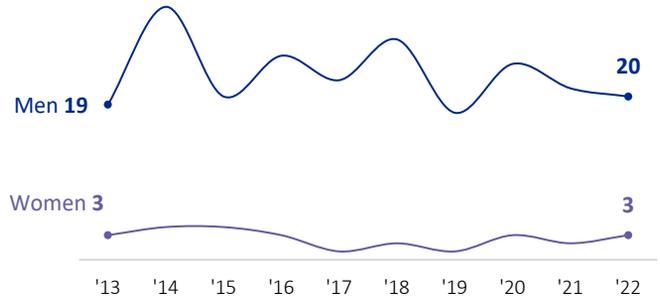
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## Characteristics of New HIV Diagnoses – Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Age

2022 new HIV diagnoses by **gender**



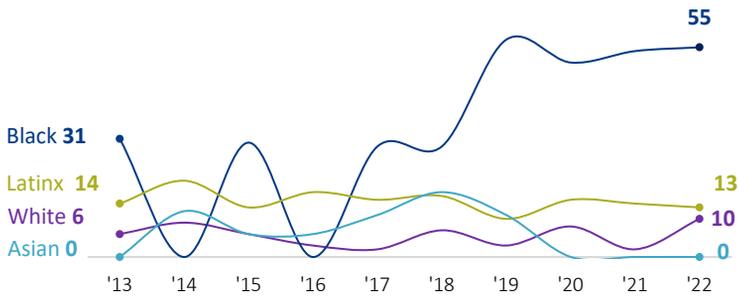
New HIV diagnosis rates<sup>1</sup> by **gender**



New HIV diagnosis rates have remained substantially higher among men than women. Rates among men and women have remained relatively stable 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.*

New HIV diagnosis rates<sup>1</sup> by **race/ethnicity**

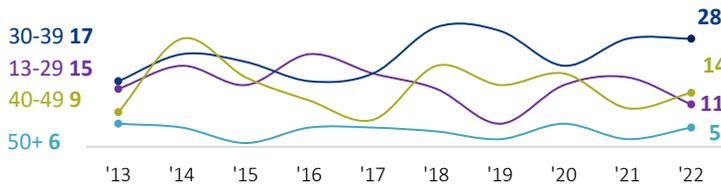


New HIV diagnosis rates generally have remained highest among Black persons. Rates for White and Latinx persons have remained stable.

*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 Whittier.*

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

New HIV diagnosis rates<sup>1</sup> by **age group**

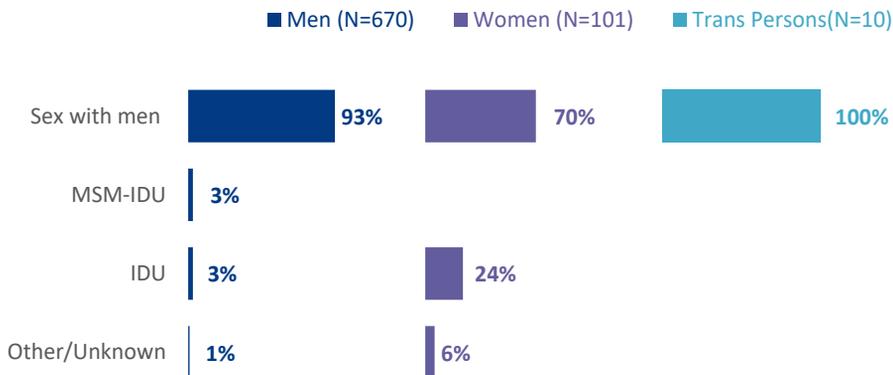


Since 2013, new HIV diagnosis rates have declined moderately among persons aged 13-29 while rates among persons aged 30-39 have increased.

<sup>1</sup> New HIV diagnosis rates are presented per 100,000 population. Due to small numbers, rates may be unreliable and should be interpreted with caution.

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## Transmission Category among Persons Living with HIV by Gender

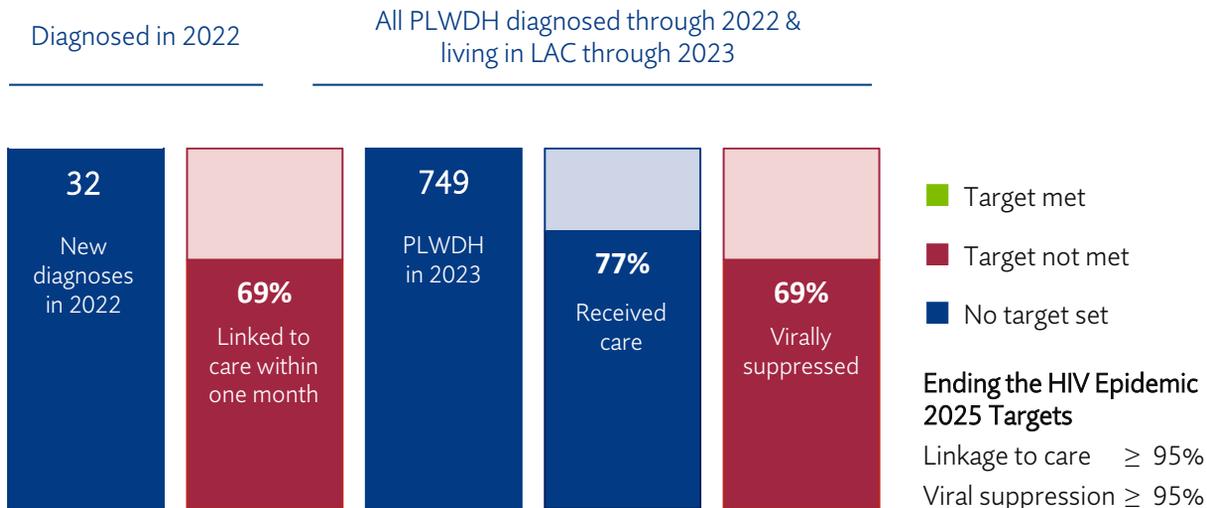


The primary transmission category for men, women, and trans persons is having sex with men.

*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.

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## New Syphilis, Gonorrhea & Chlamydia Diagnoses and Rates: Whittier vs. LAC

In 2022, a total of 2,123 new diagnoses of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia were reported among Whittier Health District residents aged 13+ years. The rates of new diagnoses of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia were lower than in LAC.

**Syphilis in 2022**

**222**  
new diagnoses in Whittier

**2%**  
of all LAC diagnoses

Rate of new diagnoses  
**81**

LAC rate: 126

**Gonorrhea in 2022**

**518**  
new diagnoses in Whittier

**2%**  
of all LAC diagnoses

Rate of new diagnoses  
**189**

LAC rate: 332

**Chlamydia in 2022**

**1,383**  
new diagnoses in Whittier

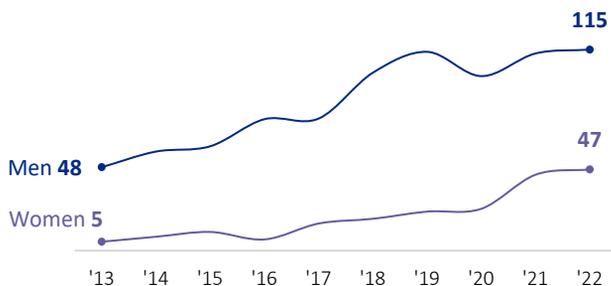
**3%**  
of all LAC diagnoses

Rate of new diagnoses  
**505**

LAC rate: 674

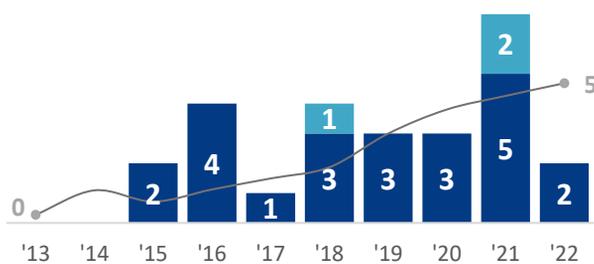
## New STD Diagnosis Rates by Gender & New Congenital Syphilis Diagnoses

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



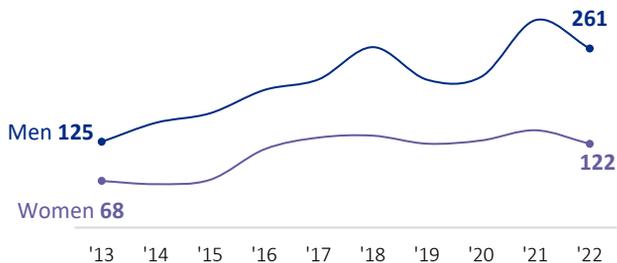
Since 2013, new syphilis diagnosis rates in Whittier have increased for men and women. Rates among men in Whittier have remained over two times higher than rates among women.

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



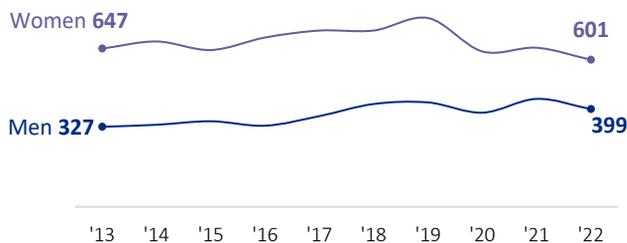
The number of new CS diagnoses in Whittier has increased from 2013 to 2022. In 2022, the number of CS diagnoses was lower than expected. Whittier has reported three new stillbirth diagnoses since 2013.

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



New gonorrhea diagnosis rates in Whittier have increased for men and women since 2013. Rates among men in Whittier have been almost consistently double the rates among women.

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



New chlamydia diagnosis rates for women in Whittier have been decreasing while rates for men have been increasing. Rates among women in Whittier have been consistently higher than rates among men.

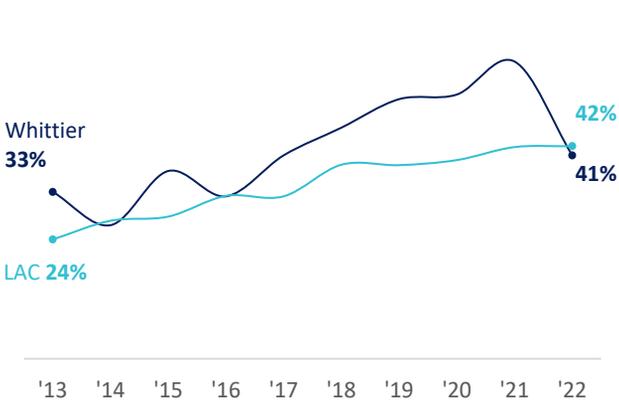
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## Coinfection of HIV and STDs: Whittier vs. LAC

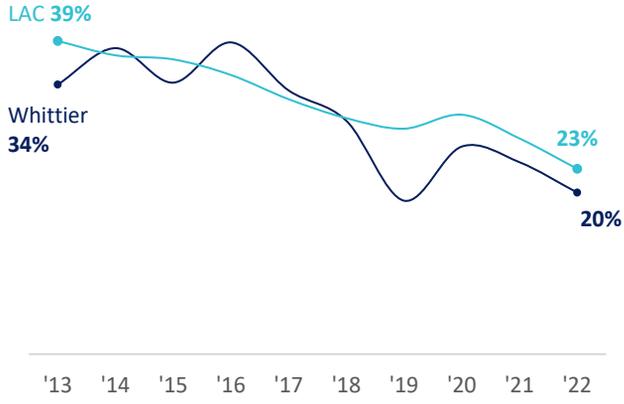
HIV and other STDs are syndemic in LAC. Persons with syphilis, gonorrhea, and/or chlamydia are at an increased risk of acquiring HIV due to biological and behavioral factors. STDs among PLWH can also increase HIV viral load and the risk of HIV transmission.

Percent of new HIV diagnoses coinfectd with one or more STDs



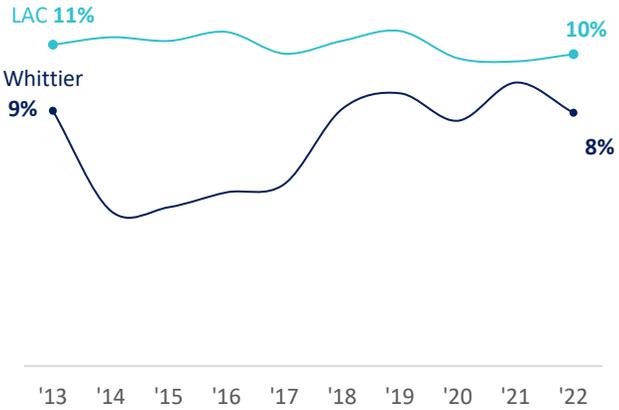
The percentage of new HIV diagnoses in Whittier with syphilis, gonorrhea, and/or chlamydia coinfection has increased from 33% in 2013 to 41% in 2022. This has tracked the trend in LAC overall.

Percent of new syphilis diagnoses coinfectd with HIV



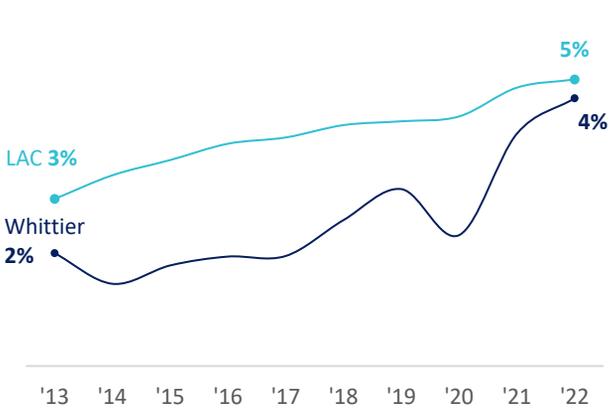
In 2022, about a fifth of new syphilis diagnoses in Whittier were coinfectd with HIV. This proportion has declined from 34% in 2013 and has tracked the trend in LAC overall.

Percent of new gonorrhea diagnoses coinfectd with HIV



The percentage of new gonorrhea diagnoses coinfectd with HIV in Whittier has declined from 9% in 2013 to 8% in 2022 and has remained consistently lower than LAC overall.

Percent of new chlamydia diagnoses coinfectd with HIV



The percentage of new chlamydia diagnoses coinfectd with HIV in Whittier has increased from 2% in 2013 to 4% in 2022 and has remained consistently lower than LAC overall.