TRANSGENDER PERSONS AND HIV IN MARYLAND, 2016
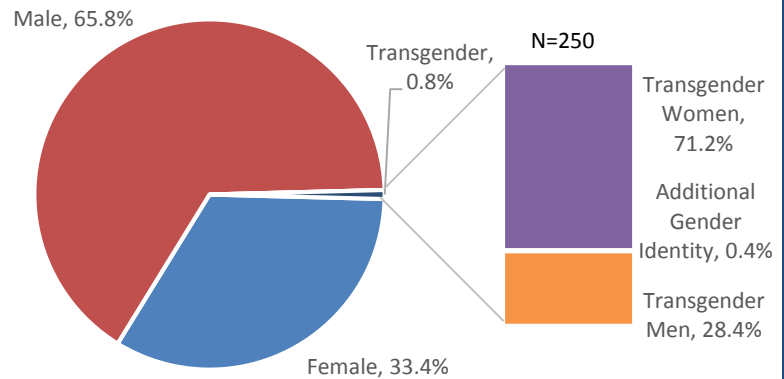
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New HIV and AIDS Diagnoses, 2016

- Of the **1,118** reported adult/adolescent (age 13+) HIV diagnoses in 2016, **790** (**70.6%**) were **men**, **309** (**27.7%**) were **women**, **18** (**1.6%**) were **transgender women**, and **1** (**0.1%**) were **transgender men**.

- Of the **589** reported adult/adolescent (age 13+) AIDS diagnoses in 2016, **384** (**65.2%**) were **men**, **196** (**33.3%**) were women, **7** (**1.2%**) were **transgender women** and **2** (**0.3%**) were **transgender men**.
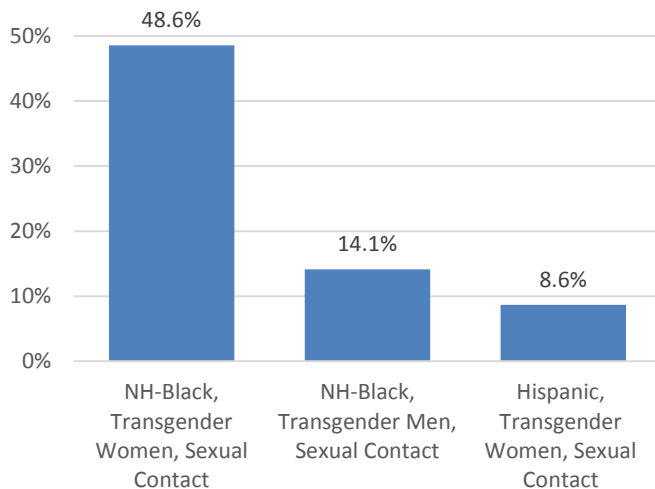
Living HIV Cases, 2016
Adult/Adolescent (age 13+), N=30,430

Male, 65.8%
Female, 33.4%
Transgender, 0.8%

N=250
Transgender Women, 71.2%
Additional Gender Identity, 0.4%
Transgender Men, 28.4%

Transgender Persons Living with HIV, 2016

Living Adult/Adolescent (age 13+) Transgender HIV Cases by Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Exposure Category
N = 250

- NH-Black, Transgender Women, Sexual Contact: 48.6%
- NH-Black, Transgender Men, Sexual Contact: 14.1%
- Hispanic, Transgender Women, Sexual Contact: 8.6%

Current Age Category
20's	32.8%
30's	**33.6%**
40's	17.2%
50's	11.2%
60+	5.2%

Race/Ethnicity
12.8%	Hispanic
76.0%	**NH-Black**
5.2%	NH-White
6.0%	NH-Other

- **Transgender persons** account for less than **one percent** of all HIV cases living in Maryland; however, there is likely to be **incomplete reporting** of transgender identity status, as studies have shown **high rates of HIV** in transgender people.

- A 2004-5 survey of **84 transgender persons** in Baltimore measured HIV rates of **40%**, **17 times higher** than the **2.3%** rate for all adults/adolescents in Baltimore City.

- Among transgender individuals living with HIV, **sexual contact** (**83.1%**) was the most common reported or estimated exposure, followed by **IDU** (**9.1%**) and **sexual contact and IDU** (**7.8%**).

- Of the **250** living adult/adolescent transgender HIV cases, **72.4%** had a **viral load or CD4 count test** conducted in 2016 and of those with a recent viral load test, **56.7%** (**93**) had a **suppressed viral load**.

Transgender Persons: People who have a gender identity or gender expression that differs from their assigned sex at birth.

Sexual Contact: Heterosexual Exposure or Men who have Sex with Men | **IDU:** Injection Drug User | **NH:** Non-Hispanic