

data BRIEFS

Also...

A separate, three-year (2015 through 17) out-of-care needs assessment study is already in progress. Data will be shared when available.

2013 Access-to-Care Needs Assessment

This data brief (Issue One) is the first in a three-part series designed to provide readers with HIV-related data in a brief and easy-to-understand format, based on a 2013 needs assessment study. While Issue One focuses on the demographics and overall results of the 2013 study, Issue Two will focus on linkage to HIV medical care and Issue Three on gaps in HIV medical care.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the Quality Management (QM) team of the Ryan White HIV Care Services program at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) contracted with Collaborative Research to collect data on access to HIV care in Ohio. A sample of 889 HIV-positive Ohioans were surveyed, 881 of whom provided usable data.

The data were collected with the cooperation of Ryan White Part B case management (CM) agency staff, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) staff, HIV health care providers (HCP) and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in Ohio.

For this data brief (first in the series), data from the transgender category were not included in the analysis due to the small number of respondents when breaking data out by additional variables (age, race, etc.). We have used data on the remaining **864 study participants**—201 (23.26 percent) female and 663(76.74 percent) male.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF PARTICIPANTS

(highlights only)

Education

- High school and below 43.06%
- Some college, no degree 34.89%

Race

- Black/African-American 45.19%
- White/Caucasian 46.13%

Age

- Age 25-44 32.75%
- Age 45-65 56.60%

Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

- 0-100% of FPL 79.81%
- 101-250% of FPL 15.15%

Type of Community

- Urban community 65.01%
- Suburban community 22.25%
- Rural community 12.28%

Mode of HIV transmission

- Male sex with male 59.74%
- Heterosexual sex 21.46%

FINDINGS

Ever received a mental health diagnosis?

- Yes 55.26%
- No 44.74%

Ever received an STD diagnosis?

- Yes 54.55%
- No 45.45%

Been homeless within the past two years?

- Currently homeless 2.40%
- Was homeless but not now 14.38%
- Not within the past two years 83.23%

Average distance to medical appointments

- Clients with gaps in care 15.1 miles
- Clients with no gaps in care 15.1 miles
- Female 14.7 miles
- Male 15.2 miles
- Black/African-American 12.7 miles
- White/Caucasian 17.8 miles
- Other 12.4 miles

Where... did you first learn that you were HIV-positive?

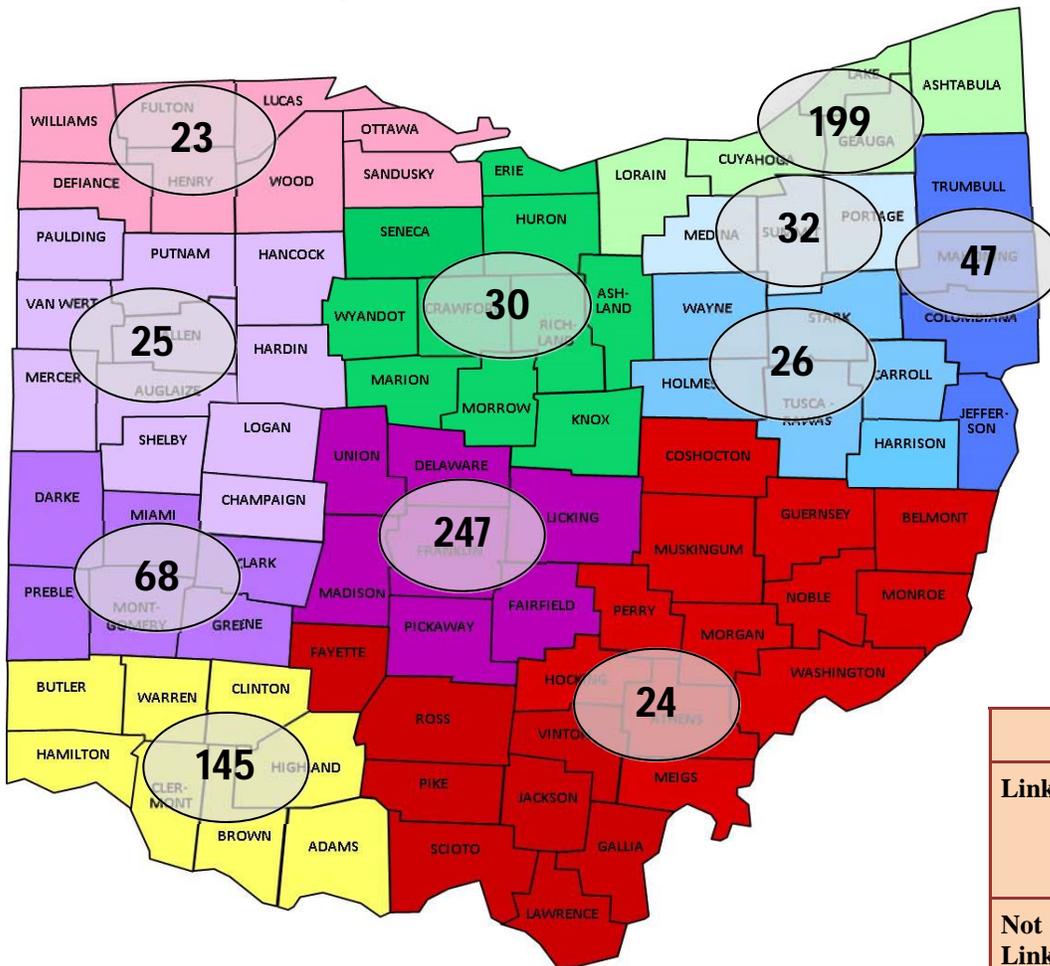
At a community testing site	28.86%
During a regular medical visit	28.04%
Emergency room	16.59%

Linkage and Gaps in Care

Of the 562 study participants who had been linked to medical care within six months following their HIV-positive diagnosis, 158 (28.11 percent) had experienced one or more gaps in care.

Surveyed PLWHA, by Region

The map below breaks down, by region, the number (864) of Ohioans living with HIV/AIDS whose data were used for this analysis. The table at the bottom right of this page shows a further breakdown of this number based on whether the study participants were linked into HIV medical care within six months following their HIV-positive diagnosis, and whether they had experienced one or more gaps in care.



MORE FINDINGS

Percentages are calculated for valid responses only (i.e., exclude missing data).

Taking ART?

- Yes 88.17%

Receiving case management services?

- Yes, currently 84.03%
- Used to, not currently 6.29%

In the past 90 days, have you used any substance like tobacco, alcohol, crack, cocaine, etc.?

- Yes 74.16%

After getting your HIV-positive diagnosis, how long was it before you started receiving HIV medical care? (N=760)

- Within 1 month 50.79%
- Within 3 months 16.32%
- Within 6 months 6.84%

Note: 562 of 760 (73.95 percent) were linked and 198 (26.05 percent) were not linked. Recall: Anyone who received HIV medical care within six (one to six) months was categorized as having been linked into care.

Linkage and Gaps in HIV Care			
Linkage	Gap Status (missing = 104)		
	Had No Gap	Had 1 or More Gaps	Total
Not Linked	124 16.32%	74 9.74%	198 26.05%
Linked	404 53.16%	158 20.79%	562 73.95%
Total	528 69.47%	232 30.53%	760 100.00%



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