# Kentucky PrEP Resources and Information

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#### **PrEP and EHE**

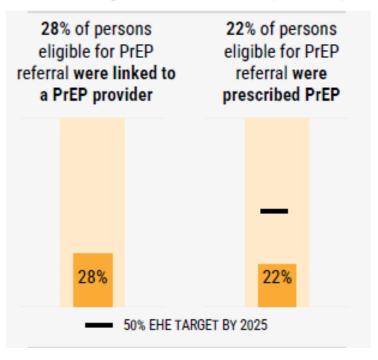
- Preventing HIV is achievable through a range of strategies that are becoming increasingly accessible.
- One national goal of EHE is to increase the percentage of persons with indications for PrEP who are prescribed PrEP to 50% by 2025.

Source: EHE Priority Jurisdictions | HIV.gov

#### **National Prep Referrals**

#### PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP)

Persons Eligible for PrEP Referral (N=87,538)



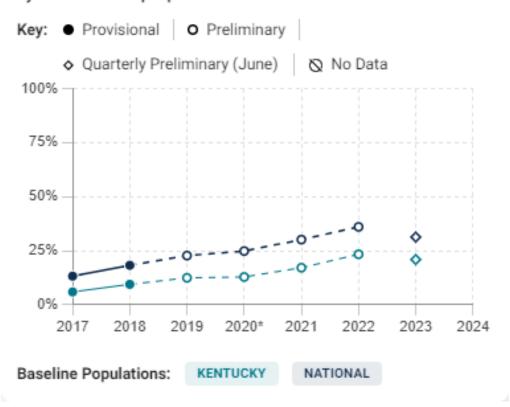
This report is intended for the PS20-2010 directly funded recipients and PDIB monitoring purposes. This RFR reflects PS20-2010 data from the January 1-December 31, 2023 program year. Findings in this report are based on aggregate-level data and may have data validity and reliability issues.

Source: <a href="https://www.aidsvu.com">https://www.aidsvu.com</a>

# **Kentucky PrEP Coverage**

#### PrEP COVERAGE

Estimated percentage of number of people prescribed PrEP divided by the number of people with PrEP indications



Source: <u>AHEAD | Kentucky (hiv.gov)</u>

# **Kentucky PrEP Data**

~3,850

People in Kentucky received PrEP to reduce the chances of getting HIV in 2023

PrEP awareness among persons tested for HIV by health department

PrEP referral to a provider by health department

**42% 50%** 2022 2023

**10% 16%** 2022 2023

Source: Provisional National HIV Prevention Program Monitoring and Evaluation data from EvaluationWeb® (PS18-1802: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, as of March 15, 2024); Prevention & Testing in Kentucky - AIDSVu

## **Kentucky PrEP Providers**

- Preplocator.org
  - Search by zip code or address
  - Search by insurance status
    - » Narrows the search to include providers that offer PrEP to patients who are uninsured on an income-based sliding scale or at a reduced cost.
  - Search by PrEP access assistance
    - » Narrows the search to include providers that offer PrEP navigation services including staff that work with patients to review insurance, coverage, and assist with enrollment in appropriate programs such as co-payment coverage.

<u>PrEP Locator: A national database for US PrEP providers</u>

## How to pay for PrEP

- Under the Affordable Care Act, PrEP must be covered under health insurance plans. That means patients can't be charged for PrEP medication, clinic visits or lab tests needed to maintain their prescription.
- For those who don't have insurance or Medicaid coverage, there are other programs that provide PrEP for free or at a reduced cost:
- <u>Co-pay assistance programs</u> help lower the costs of PrEP medications. Income is not a factor in eligibility.
- <u>ViiVConnect</u> offers a program to help pay for PrEP shots.

#### **Pros and Cons of Prep Online**

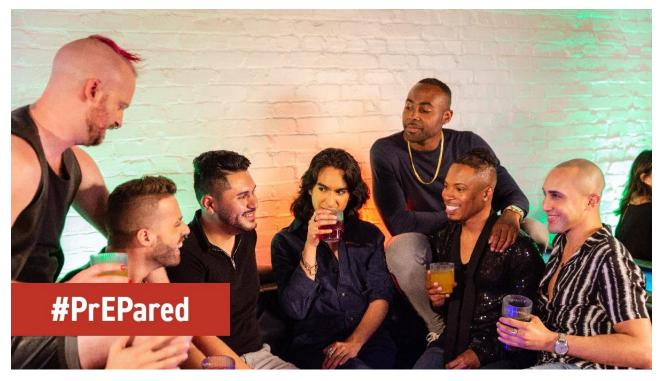


- More convenient and time-saving
- Eliminates transportation costs
- More accessible
- Reduces stigma
- May be cheaper in some cases



- Requires reliable internet access
- Medication may take a few days to arrive
- May have discomfort talking to a stranger

### **Additional Resources**



#PrEPared | HIV Prevention | Let's Stop HIV Together | CDC

<u>Talk PrEP Together | HIV Prevention | Let's Stop HIV Together | CDC</u>

### Thank you.

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