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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 9:28 AM
To: Council Comment
Subject: Public Comment: Gale Jorgensen



Public Comment: Gale Jorgensen

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2026-00265

I was one of the residents who worked hard on getting the bath houses and saunas and the street walkers shut down back in the early 80s and just today on Facebook I found out that they were going to redo the ordinances that we worked so hard to have put in place. I do understand that things have changed since then and I do hope that this is a healthier view of sex and not as predatory as it was in the 80s, but I'd still like them to reconsider because this decimated neighborhoods. Once a neighborhood is subject to sex trafficking, it becomes at higher risk for drug trafficking and other crimes. This was really putting down women and making a whole population very vulnerable.

Ward: Ward 8

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Public Comment: No Bathhouses & More

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No Bathhouses

We do not need this flith in our city... We do not need to pander to the alphabet army everytime just so they can have sex in new places. As if we needed to open a super spreader of incredibly gross diseases. Didn't a bunch Alphabet people transmit TMVII (a nasty fungus) during the first "No Kings" Protest, lol? Its a major health and safety risk, we should get them the council they need, instead of pushing danerous and inapproirate stuff like this, this isnt the kink council. Reenact the 38 year ban. Ordiance by Oridance you people are turning Minneapolis into the next Detriot, and thats not a good thing.

Everything you people do drags the city backwards.

We have immigrants making us pay for their people, with one council member nearly in tears because she didnt get her way, (LOL CHILDISH BEHAVIOR). How is she even representative of the City - Am I missing a large Bengali or Paki population here? Thank you to the common sense people that blocked the goofy vote, stop accomodating foreigners at our expense. Studies show Somali and other Horn of Africa people are a net - 250K lifetime expense, meaning they will never contribute to society but only use benefits, others are not as bad but still incredibly negative. We got some people giving out free drug kits and narcan to encourage drug use. You have race based policies and benefits. You people have no accountability, you

blame everything on Trump, when in reality, everything wrong with Minneapolis is only your fault and it has been your fault, you're the mistakes in the city. No one else.

Please start locking up these super predator "teens", we should not have to live like this, those parents don't need any more help, we can lock them up with their predator child, see how they like dealing with those problems. We should not have to wake up everyday and see windows smashed. We shouldn't have to have our insurance rates raised so some little gang bangers can roam freely and never have consequences. Just having these heathens in our area is a problem, fix it. It's the same people, same groups - you know who they are, yet refuse to address the issues, you keep blaming some socioeconomic, or redline boogey man, when in reality, the parents are worthless and raised an ever worse child. These predators are being returned home, only to escape hours later and, again, wreck havoc on the city.

We don't want them "newcomers", everyone you are inviting to our City and State are a net negative and financial drain. Making us a Trans and Immigrant Hideout was a massive mistake and has only brought more people dependent on public services, meanwhile you continue to chase out and demonize all the useful people in the City. I'm sure they are nice people, but I'm tired of paying for them and having everything change for the negative just to have them.

Hell, around Lake Calhoun the other day, I heard 6 different languages, that is not a positive, benefit, or anything good. Mandate English.

Ward: Ward 5

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From: trossi1113@aol.com
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council mtg 4/9, agenda items #24-27, Adult Bath Houses and Sex Venues.
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 12:40:51 PM

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I am an open and affirming ally. And, I was a child back in the day when porn shops, bath houses and massage parlors littered Hennepin Avenue. It was a seedy, dangerous and family unfriendly area to avoid. Block E revitalized downtown, bringing multiple measures to make downtown safe again. I fear bath houses will make existing problems worse and further erode the safety and sanctity of our city. Furthermore, bathhouses negatively impacted other businesses on the block, such as hardware stores and hair salons. 54th and Nicollet started to thrive after bathhouses were banned. While imperative, clear consent language is still just language. Bathhouses have and are ripe for rape. They create more opportunities for sexual assaults and TRAFFICKING, which are a reality. Full stop. San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Athens, Barcelona, Paris, London, et al, have major, ongoing, bathhouse / massage parlor related, public health and safety issues. Our city does not need an ordinance that invites problems. We need solutions to our current problems. The same problems that lead to shutdowns still exist.

They will require more policing, oversight, and enforcement.

- Human trafficking •Sexual assault
- Underage entry •Fire and occupancy code violations •Drug use / possession
- Immigration / trafficking •Prostitution / solicitation •HIV/STI •Licensing •Zoning
- Hygiene and sanitation •Noise violations
- Public nuisance complaints

San Francisco: bathhouses were closed in 1984 after public health officials linked them to high-frequency anonymous sexual contact accelerating HIV transmission; the same problems still exist today despite tight legislation and oversight—high-frequency anonymous contact, inconsistent protection, substance use, limited traceability, and human trafficking indicators continue to create the same transmission and safety dynamics that originally drove closures

(<https://www.sfaf.org/collections/breaking-news/decades-after-san-francisco-closed-its-gay-bathhouses-a-new-law-paves-the-way-for-their-return/>;

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/000000086.htm>).

New York City: oversight centers on STI risk, licensing, prostitution, and trafficking activity

[https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/sexual-](https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/sexual-health.page)

[health.page](https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/sexual-health.page); <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/investigative/special-victims-division.page>).

Los Angeles County: permits for sex venues cite unprotected sex, higher HIV/STD risk, and drug/alcohol use increasing unsafe behavior

https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/bc/019096_breport062104.pdf).

Seattle: reporting STI risk, drug use, illicit

activity, and trafficking tied to massage businesses
<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/disease-illness/hiv>; <https://www.seattle.gov/police/information-and-data/human-trafficking>).

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My concern is simply this...OUR city has some significant challenges, and RIGHT NOW. This specific group on the council, the DSA aligned/Wonsley voting block, AKA, The Chugleys, are only interested in certain things, (that appeal to them) and much, almost all of it, has absolutely nothing to do with helping the city through its PRESENT challenges. Our City staff, (through our clerk, I believe) made a statement, which I will try to locate, indicating that they are being buried, inundated, with all these requests to work on this, or that, from THIS faction on the council.

There is only so much city staff time, that WE PAY for, so how much time is actually LEFT for running the city....which means providing CORE services, in a fiscally responsible way. This group, the DSA faction on the council, does not seem to be a bit interested in, or concerned about, as OUR paid employees, in the functions required for city governance, as listed in their job description.

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Comment "Ward 10 representative Aisha Chughtai seemed caught off guard by the attention the ordinances received, saying the process is about fixing decades of racist, homophobic, xenophobic policy and language."

Shut the hell up with this nonsense, we are sooooo sick of these foreigner's opinions. Another Foreigner Meltdown - thats the Bengali, Paki, and Mexican now. We are so sick of you people constantly playing a useless victim card. We're sooo sick of these stupid buzzwords. Nothing in the bathhouse articles even relates to race or religion so she doesnt know how to use the words properly, just another pathetic attempt at attention. We just dont want your gay sex houses. Stop saying "our" city, youre not from here, never will be - We need laws to restrict who can be council members bc she is not qualified in any sense.

Instead of trying to attract more businesses and wealthy residents you are doing the complete opposite and just concerned about were Chavez can have his next disease speading sex party??? What next, he is going to cry some more? This council is filled with idiots who act like children. Youre unprofessional, illiterate, overweight, SSRIs, lack any sort of common sense, ungrateful, most of you arent even from Minneapolis or Minnesota (let alone the country), discriminate against businesses for no reason, harbor illegals, have public melt downs... I mean what do you people do right? What do you do to benefit the majority? Why are we always being held back by these low lifes, non contributors?

Meanwhile the streets continue to rot, crime from one group continues to rise while those super predators terrorize the city, all because you are wasting money else where.

Ward Ward 2

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Issue/File Bath Houses

Comment I would like to recommend that you forego the "Bath House" recommendation. There are multiple reasons that they were closed years ago.
Just the discussion by the city council is absurd! I am a liberal democrat who supports LGBTQ folks. Entertaining the reopening of these bath houses will alienate even further the greater Minnesota citizens who already think that Democrats support issues repeatedly that are not bread and butter issues. This will not benefit LGBTQ people.
These bath houses would once again cause multiple problems for the police, for conservatives and for Mayor Frey!
Whose idea was this???

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Name	Patrick Ingram
Issue/File	2026-00267
Comment	My name is Patrick Ingram. I am an HIV advocate and activist, a person who has lived with HIV for 10+ years, and a champion for improving health outcomes within our African American communities. As someone who works in and enjoys the many offerings Minneapolis provides, I recognize the significant implications of the proposed policy. However, I want to be clear that I am not opposed to it. What concerns me is that the data consistently show that Minneapolis continues to experience substantial gaps in ensuring historically marginalized communities, including Black and Brown same-gender-loving individuals and transgender people, have equitable access to HIV and STI biomedical prevention interventions and rapid support when newly diagnosed with HIV. These disparities persist because service providers continue to face challenges in meeting the unique needs of these communities, operating hours remain limited to 9am-5pm, and 340B rebate dollars and other funding streams are not always strategically aligned to support increased uptake of these critical prevention tools for communities of color. My concern is that we may be placing the cart before the horse. Without first addressing these longstanding inequities, this policy could unintentionally have negative consequences for queer communities of color. I encourage the City Council to consider requiring adult bathhouses to contribute through a dedicated tax or fee structure, with those revenues reinvested directly into Minneapolis' public health infrastructure. Specifically, these funds should support BIPOC-led and BIPOC-serving organizations that provide HIV and STI prevention, testing, and treatment services. In addition, safeguards should be established to ensure that adult bathhouses do not discriminate against, exploit, prey upon, or fetishize communities of color and other vulnerable populations. I have attached additional data from a reliable source called AIDSvu for your review. As you consider this proposal, I ask that you keep in mind that African Americans and other communities of color represent smaller proportions of the City's and State's overall populations, yet continue to bear a disproportionate burden of HIV and STI outcomes without much improvement. While many suggest that bathhouses can support this area, much information is unknown about how this will take place, specifically within these venues for communities disproportionately affected by HIV in a way that is culturally

responsive.

Finally, Hennepin County and MDH maintains ZIP code- and area-specific data that can help provide a more comprehensive understanding of the HIV epidemic in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and across Minnesota. I encourage decision-makers to review all of the available data as part of their deliberations.

Thank you for your consideration.
Patrick Ingram, DHA(c)

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2020 Population **3.3M**

🗺️ **Understanding the Current HIV Epidemic** in Minneapolis, MN

Overview

7,652 People living with HIV in Minneapolis, MN, 2023

259 People newly diagnosed with HIV in Minneapolis, MN, 2023

Efforts to improve awareness and reduce new infections are critical to ending the HIV epidemic. Understanding HIV at the local level better equips communities to develop targeted HIV prevention and treatment efforts.

Here is a high-level overview of the HIV epidemic in **Minneapolis, MN**:

PREVALENCE RATE

279 cases/100K, 2023

0.7% of people living with HIV in the nation are in this location

NEW DIAGNOSES RATE

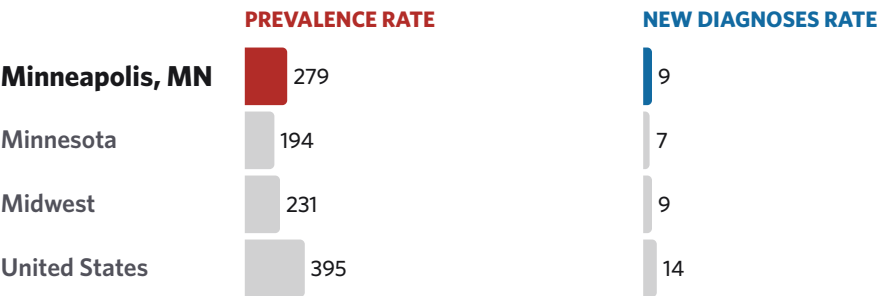
9 cases/100K, 2023

0.7% of people newly diagnosed with HIV in the nation are in this location

Location Comparison

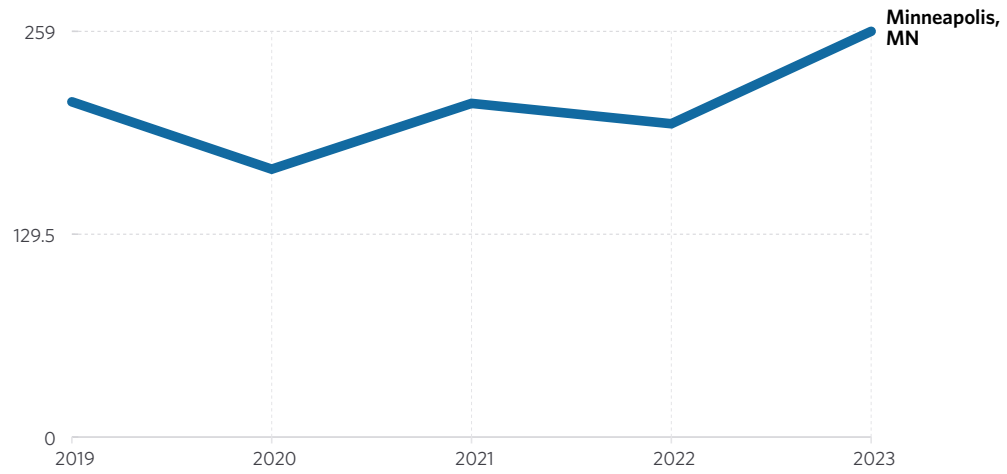
HIV prevalence and HIV new diagnoses can be compared across geographic levels.

RATE PER 100K (POPULATION), 2023



New HIV Diagnoses Over Time

NEW DIAGNOSES CASES, 2019-2023

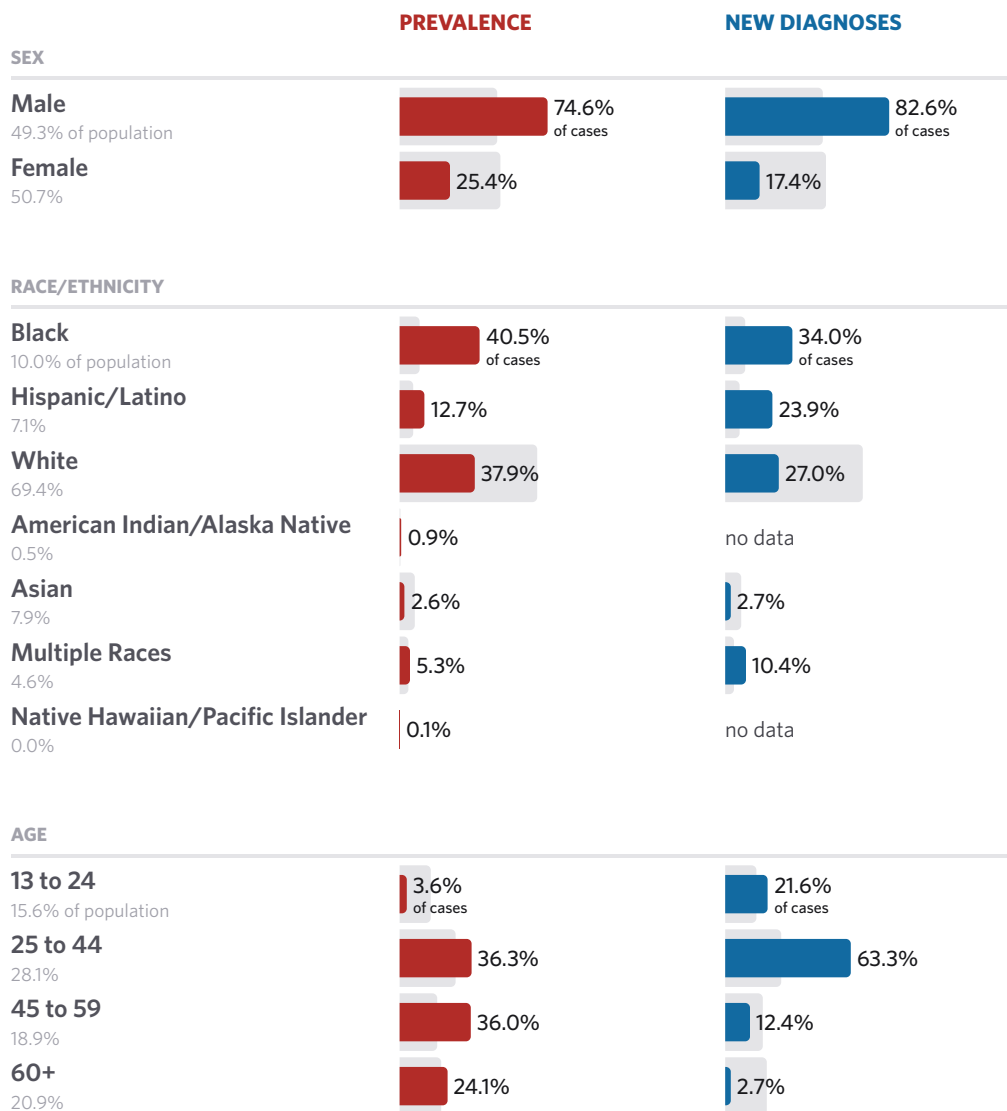
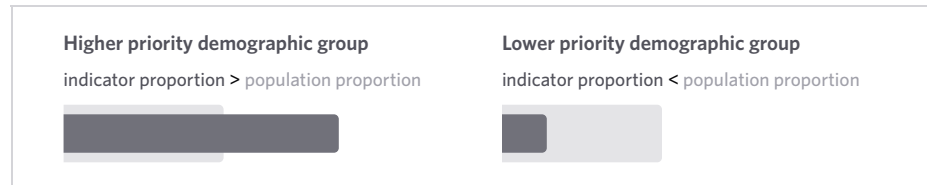


Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, data from 2020 and 2021 should be interpreted with caution.

Population Demographics

While HIV can impact people irrespective of their sex, age, race/ethnicity, or sexual orientation, certain groups experience a greater burden of HIV than others. These groups may benefit from targeted, health-equity focused HIV prevention and treatment efforts, such as increasing HIV education and access to culturally-competent care.

PROPORTION OF CASES BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP, 2023



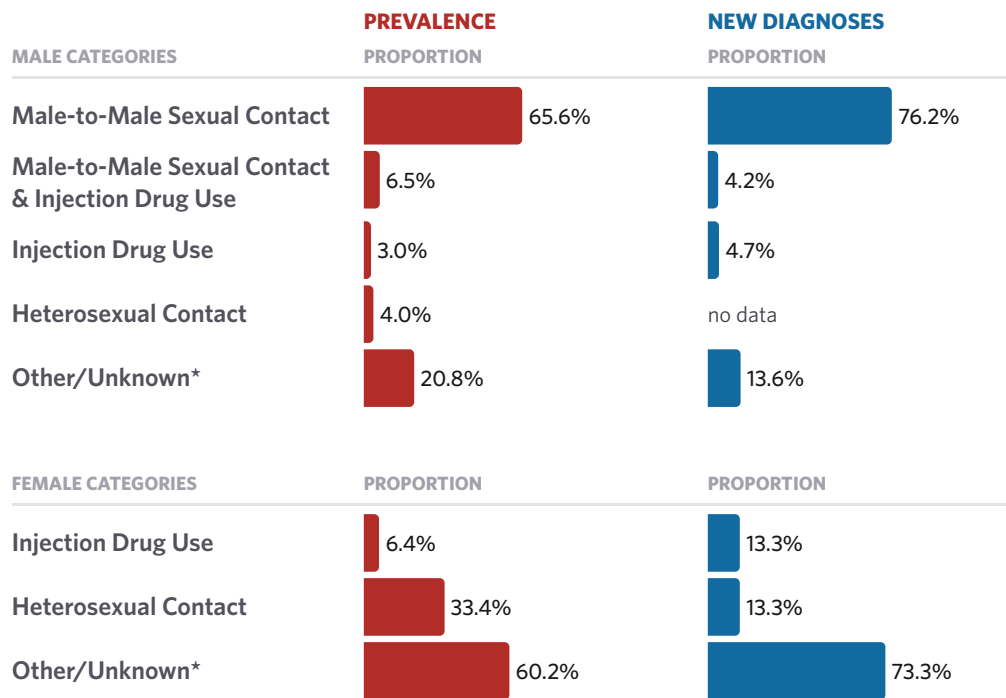
Demographic data represented by 2020 population estimates.



Transmission

HIV is most commonly passed from person to person through unprotected sex or sharing of needles. Individuals at risk for HIV may benefit from efforts to increase education on preventative behaviors as well as decreased HIV stigma.

PROPORTION OF CASES BY TRANSMISSION CATEGORY, 2023

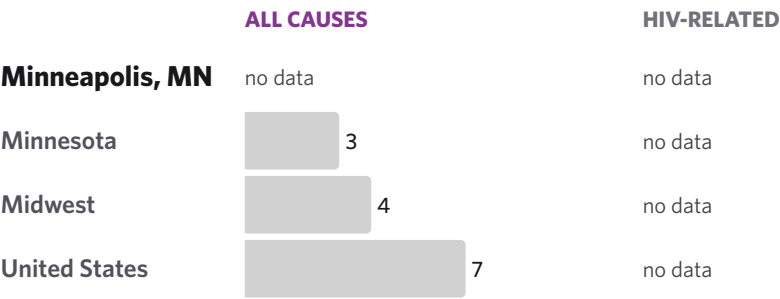


*Includes risk factor not reported or identified, along with hemophilia, blood transfusion, perinatal exposure, or missing/suppressed data.

At the city level, missing transmission categories have not been adjusted using any imputation methods, as was done for other levels by CDC and described in Data Methods.

Mortality

MORTALITY RATE PER 100K (POPULATION), 2023



The mortality data may be incomplete due to delays in reporting.

When data is not available or is suppressed, "no data" will be displayed.

2023 Population **5.7M**

Prevention & Testing in Minnesota

Overview

Preventing HIV is possible thanks to diverse strategies that are becoming more widely available. Use of preventative HIV medication and increased testing have proven effective in reducing new cases.

The following summarizes prevention strategies and outcomes in **Minnesota**:

PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PREP)

178 users/100K

8,599 people received PrEP to reduce the chances of getting HIV in 2024

PREP-TO-NEED RATIO (PNR)

26.8

PnR reflects how well the need for PrEP was addressed in 2024

HIV TESTING

33.8%

A survey estimate of residents who were tested for HIV at least once in their lifetime as of 2023

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

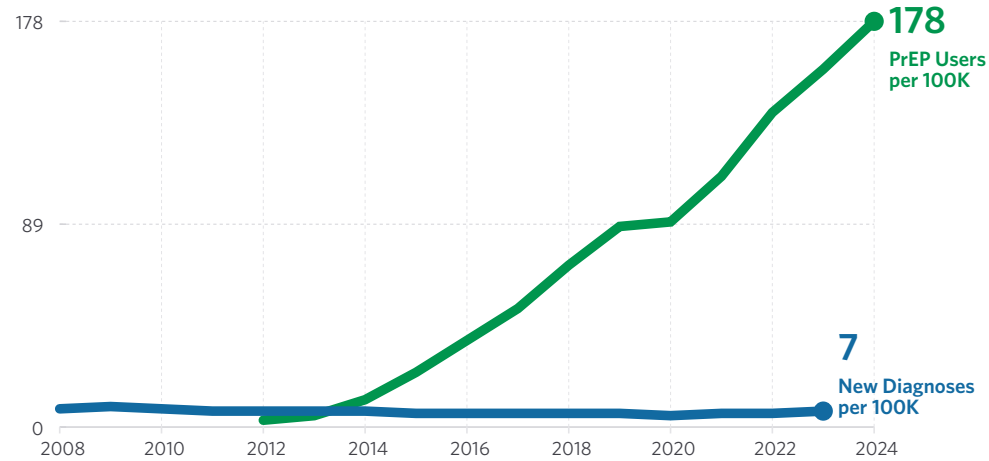
Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is a highly effective medication that reduces the risk of getting HIV. Ongoing efforts to raise awareness, improve accessibility, and ensure affordability are instrumental in HIV reduction.

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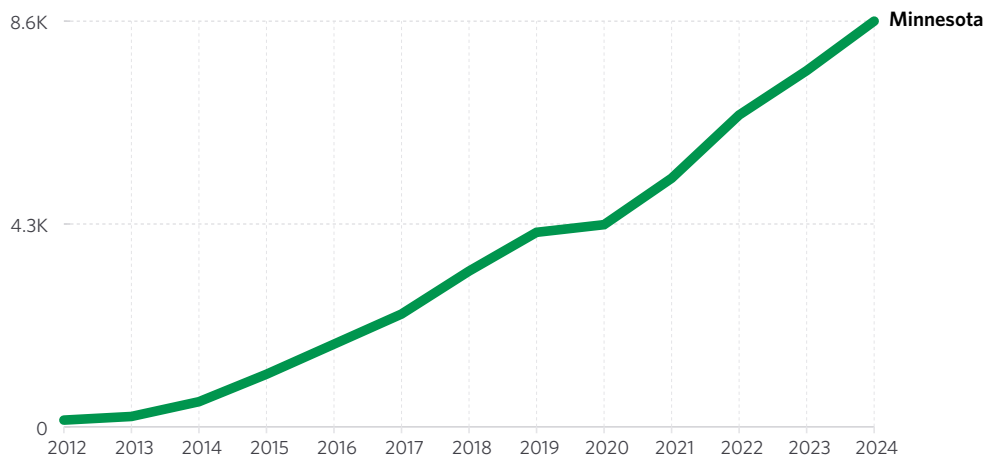
users/100K

8,599 people received PrEP to reduce the chances of getting HIV in 2024

ANNUAL PREP USAGE RATES VS NEW DIAGNOSES RATES (PER 100K), 2008-2024



PREP USERS, 2012-2024

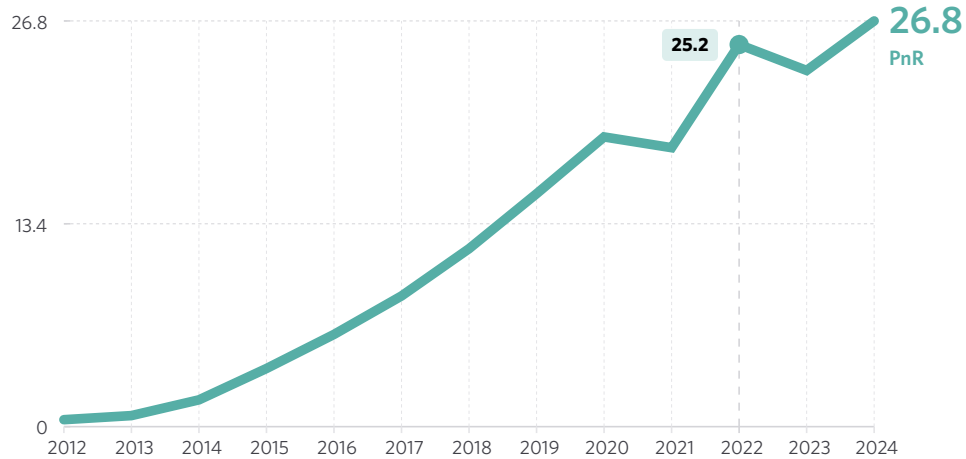


PrEP-to-Need Ratio (PnR)

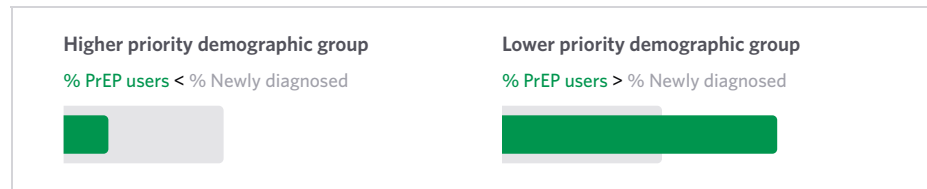
To identify gaps in PrEP prevention, PrEP-to-Need Ratio (PnR) compares the number of people using PrEP to the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV. This shows how well PrEP usage aligns with need for HIV prevention. A lower PnR indicates more unmet need for PrEP.

26.8 PnR reflects how well the need for PrEP was addressed in 2024

ANNUAL PNR, 2012-2024



PREP AND PNR BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP



**% PREP, 2024 VS
% NEW DIAGNOSES, 2023**

PNR, 2024

SEX

Male

83.5% of new cases



Female

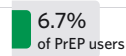
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RACE/ETHNICITY

Black

30.5% of new cases



Hispanic/Latino

21.8%



White

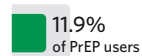
34.0%



AGE

13 to 24

20.2% of new cases



25 to 34

38.9%



35 to 44

22.4%



45 to 54

13.4%



55 to 64

3.1%



65+

1.9%

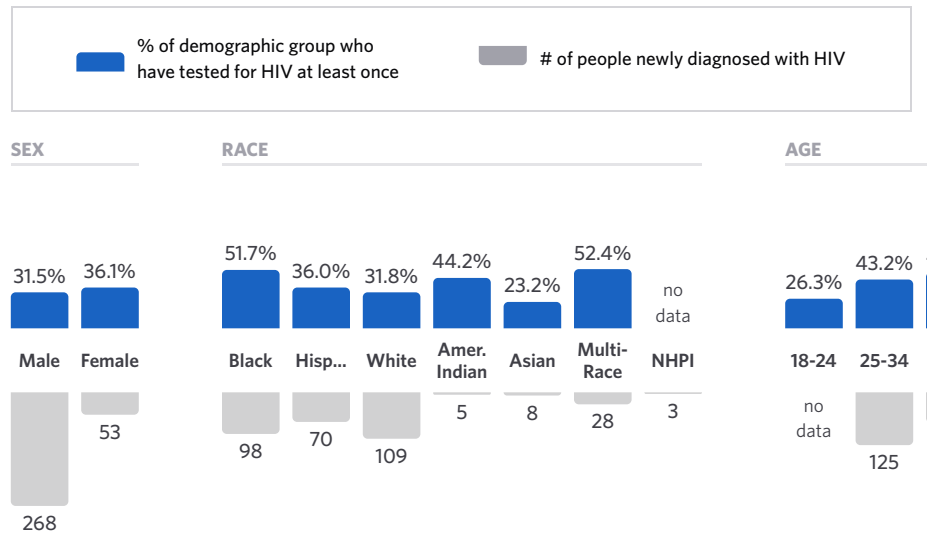


HIV Testing

The only way to know your HIV status is to get tested. CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once.

33.8% A survey estimate of residents who were tested for HIV at least once in their lifetime as of 2023

HIV TESTING BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP, 2023



Naming for certain race/ethnicity groups have been shortened due to space limitations:

Hisp...: Hispanic/Latino | Amer. Indian: American Indian/Alaska Native | Multi-Race: Multiple Races | NHPI: Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Public Comment

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Name	EQW
Issue/File	2026-00264
Comment	I respectfully oppose the proposed ordinance allowing this bathhouse and adult sex venue in Minneapolis. My concern is not about consenting adults, but about whether this proposal represents a responsible use of the City's time, attention, and regulatory resources. Minneapolis continues to face significant challenges involving downtown revitalization, public safety, homelessness, infrastructure, and economic development. These issues should take precedence over creating a new licensing and regulatory framework for commercial sex-oriented venues. I am also concerned that such establishments could create opportunities for exploitation, illegal activity, and enforcement challenges despite regulatory safeguards. Supporters argue that bathhouses will promote safer sexual behavior, but participation would be limited to those who can afford to pay for access. As a result, the underlying behaviors cited as justification for the proposal would still occur outside these venues, limiting much of the claimed public-health benefit. For these reasons, I believe the City Council should focus its efforts on more urgent civic priorities and reject the proposed bathhouse ordinance.
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Issue/File	(2026-00264) - Bathhouses
Comment	I am so happy to hear that as a city council you have solved all of the city's problems and can now spend time discussing non existent problems that no one asked for or care about This is absurd We have open air drug markets being allowed by the MPD that are ruining peoples lives, businesses, and our communities in South Mpls. The council has heard testimony recently about the millions of dollars of our money being pilfered by the MPD to not respond to calls and just milk overtime, in some cases as an admitted COMMON practice of elevating their pension payments so the grift continues after they retire. The number of public safety issues you could be addressing are almost endless And we're talking about bathhouses? Bathhouses. How is this a problem? Are folks currently operating these and being cracked down on by MPD? Sure doesn't sound like it. Is someone trying to open one of these and the council is simply bending to their will? No one will say. Who cares about this? How is this a priority? And then we have my council member, Jason Chavez, claiming this is about the LGBTQIA+ community. Really? Like for real? Are these bathhouses only for those folks? Will other people not be allowed in? I find it rather belittling and offensive to tell folks that they need a special place and rules for enjoying each others company because that implies they can't or shouldn't live, interact, and be with each other like everyone else I am well aware of history, and how these were a needed lifeline for many folks who had to hide who they were through the 50s, 60s, and 70s. But that was 50+ years ago. Please find relevant problems and issues to spend your time and our money on
Ward	Ward 9
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Public Comment: Adam T

Date: 06/17/26, 2:32 PM

What is before you today is not a small or technical matter. It is the beginning of a deliberate path to license and bless what God has forbidden, and it is happening under your watch and under your jurisdiction. You may have been told this makes things safer.

Please hear me plainly: a court opinion can change, a city ordinance can change, and the fashion of the age changes with every season. But the word of our God will stand forever. He made man and woman, and He made the covenant of marriage, one man and one woman, faithful until death. The safe place for sex is not found in a venue, but only in a marital vow. No license can approve what He has called sin, and no vote can make safe what He has called dangerous. History has already judged two cities in the past. In the same way future generations will look back on this in judgement, and more importantly, there is a day of judgment in which you yourselves will be judged for the trust you were given here.

So today I call on you, as a man who has been saved only by the grace of God in Jesus Christ: vote against sending this ordinance forward. Uphold justice. Repent, turn to Christ, and live.

Thank you for your time.

Ward: I do not reside in Minneapolis

Public Health, Safety & Equity (PHSE)

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Subject: Public Comment: Ash Tifa
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Public Comment: Ash Tifa

Date: 06/17/26, 2:07 PM

2026-00264

Hello Council, My name is Ash Tifa, I am a City of Minneapolis - Ward 12 resident and I come today representing Outfront MN, the state's largest 2SLGBTQIA+ advocacy organization. I support the council's direction to explore how to take on the institutionalized homophobia present at the city. During the AIDS crisis that ravaged our communities, governmental institutions chose to either ignore us or were openly antagonistic toward the queer community. Public health agencies that should have mobilized in our defense instead stood by, and treated our deaths as collateral damage. Law enforcement did not see the spaces where our community was doing its own lifesaving work as anything but targets to be raided. The scars of the entrenched homophobia and transphobia that government officials implemented during that era are still on the books today, embedded in zoning codes, licensing restrictions, and policies that were never written with public health in mind, but with the explicit intent to erase us from public life.

This is why this ordinance is of critical importance. Yes, bringing back bathhouses to this city will be good for our community, and I fully support this initiative. These spaces matter, historically and presently, and reversing the restrictions that targeted them is long overdue.

AND, the real significance of this ordinance is the step it represents for the city of Minneapolis to be introspective about how this city continues to treat the queer community. Last week many of us were here for the Pride resolution, and Councilmember Chavez spoke about doing more than just paying lip service. This is a real action the council can take to make this city safer for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

This is a wonderful opportunity for this council to bring the city better into line with our values and to do so in the actual text of our municipal code. I urge the committee to support this ordinance.

Ward: Ward 12

Public Health, Safety & Equity (PHSE)

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I am in support of repealing the bath house ban, a homophobic piece of legislation. The result of an appeal would be better public health for all.

Ward: Ward 2

Public Health, Safety & Equity (PHSE)

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