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When hearing about hepatitis A, many people think of contaminated food and water. Since 2017, the United States has been experiencing a massive, multistate outbreak of hepatitis A, primarily affecting people who use drugs and who experience homelessness. As of September 13, 2019, the numbers are as following:

- Cases: 25,484
- Hospitalizations: 15,330
- Deaths: 254

CDC continues to assist affected states, as well as those vulnerable to infections in the future. As of now, [30 states](#) have declared an outbreak. The good news is that the hepatitis A vaccine is highly effective at preventing HAV infection.

HIV Surveillance Supplemental Report, Volume 24, Number 3

The [HIV Surveillance Reports](#) provides the latest data on combatting the HIV epidemic. The most recent supplemental report, [Monitoring Selected National HIV Prevention and Care Objectives by Using](#)

[HIV Surveillance Data United States and 6 Dependent Areas, 2017](#), includes the 2017 data on linkage to HIV medical care. Of those diagnosed with HIV during 2017, 78% were linked to care within one month after diagnosis. The report also includes complete data from 2016. During 2016, 74% of people living with diagnosed HIV received HIV care, and 58% met the criteria for continuous care. Viral load was suppressed in 83% of people who received care in 2016 and in 86% of people with at least one viral load test during 2016.



2017 Hepatitis Surveillance Report

CDC just released the 2017 [Hepatitis Surveillance Report](#). New hepatitis C infections more than tripled since 2010, with injection drug use as the primary route of transmission. Rates rapidly increased for young adults ages 20-39 from 2009 to 2017. However, mortality is still high and greatest among adults ages 55-64, indicating missed opportunities for early screening. Overall, death rates attributable to HCV infection decreased between 2013 and 2017. To win this fight we need a substantial and focused national effort to reach those already living with hepatitis C, along with stronger prevention services to stop new infections.

New from CDC

[CDC's Adolescent and School Health Work Improves Health and Saves Month](#)

[Effectiveness of Prevention Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Acquiring or Transmitting HIV](#)

[Health and Academics](#)

[Healthy Youth](#)

[HIV: Journey to Undetectable \(video\)](#)

[HIV Nexus](#)

[Let's Stop HIV Together](#)

[Redesigned HIV webpage](#)

[Youth HIV, STD & Pregnancy Prevention Program Impact](#)

Upcoming Events

[September 18: National HIV/AIDS Aging Awareness Day](#)

[September 27: National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

[October 15: National Latinx HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

On the Web

[CDC's National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers Delivers Vital Support to Clinicians](#)

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