

# The Impact of HIV Treatment in Montana

## Why is HIV treatment important?

HIV treatment is important to achieve viral suppression, which means the amount of HIV in the body is very low or undetectable. Continuous lifetime treatment helps people with HIV to stay healthy, have improved quality of life, live longer and reduce the risk of passing HIV to others.



**727** People live with HIV or AIDS in Montana

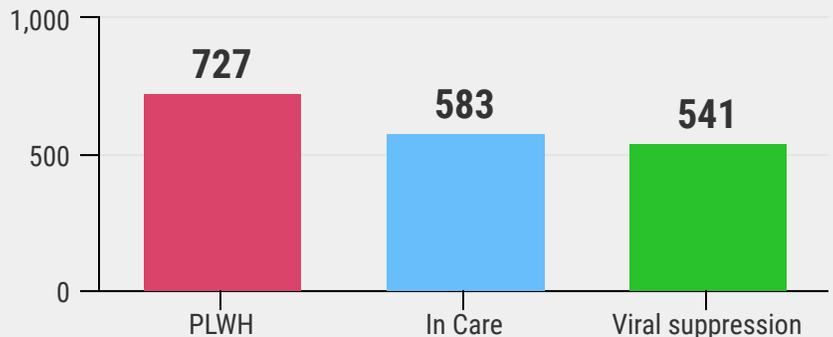


**583** (80%) are receiving regular treatment to keep the virus controlled



**541** (93%) of those in treatment have controlled their viral load.

HIV Care Continuum as of 10/31/2018



In 2018 YTD, there are 727 persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) in Montana. 80% are in care and 93% of them achieved viral suppression.

## How much does HIV treatment cost?

The Ryan White program, which includes the Montana AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and support for insurance premiums, helps ensure that people living with HIV and AIDS who are uninsured and under-insured have access to HIV medications at no cost to them.



**213** people are currently enrolled in Montana ADAP

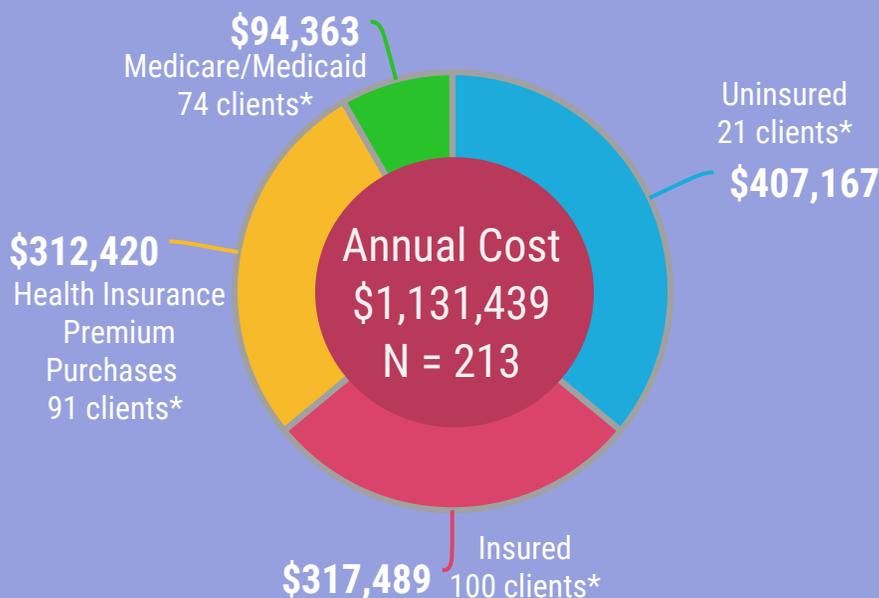
The *average* annual cost of HIV treatment in the U.S. per person.



**\$23,000**

The *average* annual cost of HIV treatment for Montana ADAP clients. This discount is possible because of government pricing and rebates.

**\$5,312**



\*Categories are not mutually exclusive as clients' insurance coverage varies throughout a year.

## Where to find HIV Services?

Visit [GetTested.mt.gov](https://www.gettested.mt.gov) to find HIV client services and ADAP enrollment, as well as HIV testing and other referral services.

