

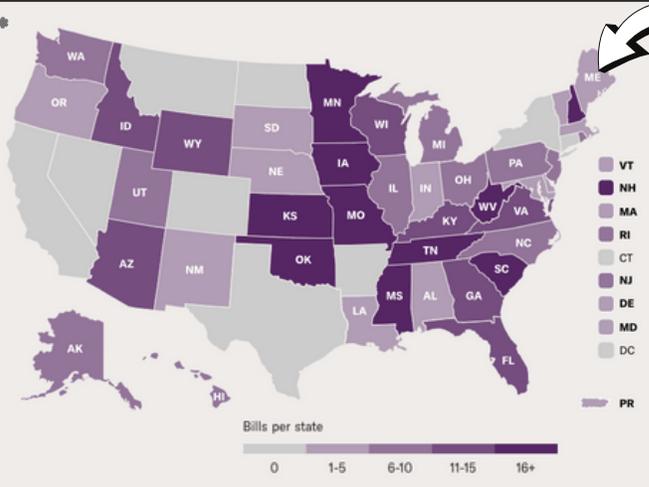
ANTI-LGBTQ

POLICIES THREATEN HIV PREVENTION IN US YOUTH

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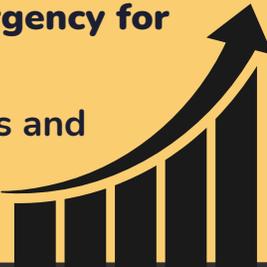


ANTI-LGBTQ+ POLICIES ARE INCREASING DRAMATICALLY IN THE US



- Over **500** anti-LGBTQ+ bills were introduced in state legislatures in 2024.
- This number has increased each year since 2019.
- This led the Human Rights Campaign to issue its first ever **national state of emergency for LGBTQ+ Americans**.
- These laws undermine human rights and likely have unknown health effects.

* ACLU map of anti-LGBTQ+ bills from 2024.



LGBTQ+ YOUTH ARE STILL AT A HIGHER RISK OF HIV IN THE US

LGBTQ+ youth experience a disproportionate risk of HIV in the US.

20% are young people

Among all new HIV diagnoses...

68% are men who have sex with men (MSM)

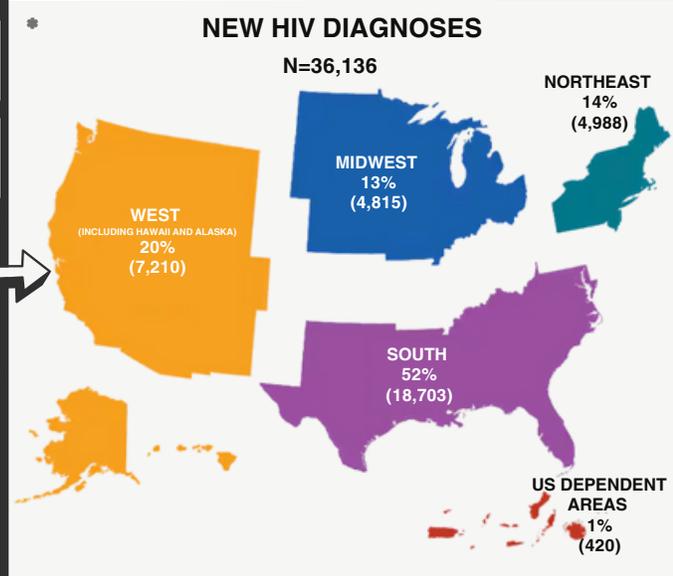
A hotspot of the US HIV epidemic is in the **South**. This area also has some of the most severe anti-LGBTQ+ policies.

* Map pulled from CDC from 2022.

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is almost ...

100% effective at preventing HIV.

PrEP use lags in youth, especially among marginalized ethno-racial groups.



PROTECTIVE POLICIES ARE LINKED TO HIGHER PREP USE IN YOUTH



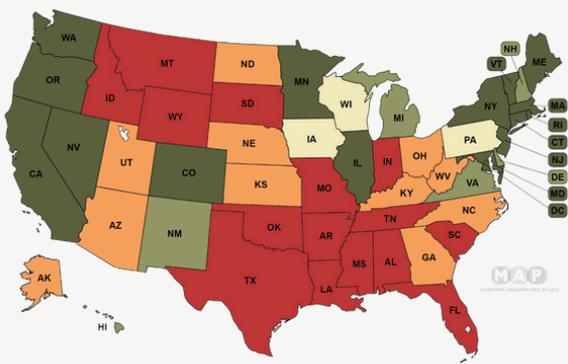
Youth living in a state or county with more protective legislation had higher PrEP use.

5% higher in protective states
6% higher in protective counties

10% higher PrEP use

Youth living in both a protective state **AND** county were the most likely to use PrEP.

LOCAL POLITICS MATTER JUST AS MUCH AS STATE POLICIES

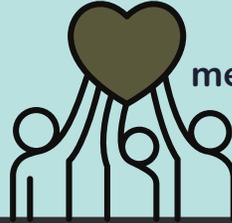


High Overall = Most Protective	High Overall Policy Tally (15 states + D.C.)
	Medium Overall Policy Tally (6 states)
	Fair Overall Policy Tally (3 states, 2 territories)
Negative Overall = Least Protective (harmful)	Low Overall Policy Tally (11 states, 3 territories)
	Negative Overall Policy Tally (15 states)

Voting in LOCAL elections matters!

County-level politics had an almost equal impact on PrEP use compared to state-level policies.

6% vs. 5%
 County-level impact vs. State-level impact

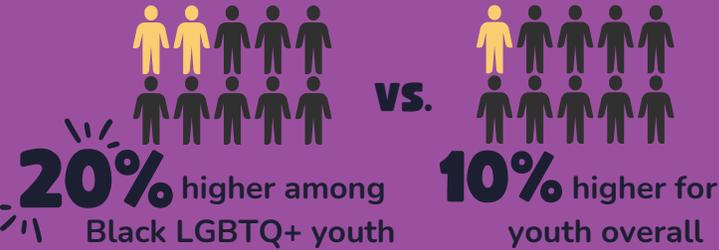


Passing protective local policies can have meaningful public health impacts even when these protections don't exist nationally.

* MAP Movement Advancement Project Map: "Snapshot: LGBTQ Equality by State". Data current as of January 6 2025.

ANTI-LGBTQ+ POLICIES DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT BLACK YOUTH

The relationship between more protective LGBTQ+ policies and **increased PrEP use** was strongest among Black youth:

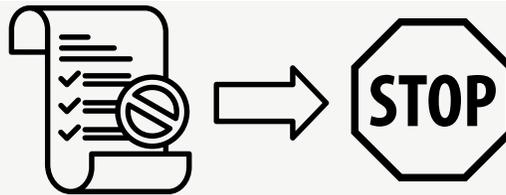


Protective LGBTQ+ policies could most strongly improve HIV prevention services for Black LGBTQ+ youth.

REPEAL AND REPLACE ANTI-LGBTQ+ POLICIES AT MULTIPLE LEVELS



Anti-LGBTQ+ policies threaten public health by contributing to the HIV epidemic.



Repealing anti-LGBTQ+ legislation and implementing protective policies could reduce population-level HIV transmission by increasing PrEP use.



There is an urgent need to implement protective policies at every level—**national, state, and local**—to ensure the health of LGBTQ+ youth.

Anti-LGBTQ+ policies reinforce ethno-racial inequities.

Passing protective policies would help the US meet its Ending the HIV Epidemic goal.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

