



LGBT and the Affordable Care Act

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Estimated LGBT Population in Arizona

2013 Gallup Special Report
4,793 People Surveyed

3.9% LGBT

National Average

3.5%

Source: [2013 Gallup Special Report](#)

Considerations

- Measuring sexual orientation and gender identity is challenging—complex social and cultural patterns.
- LGBT “in the closet” might not be included in Gallup estimates due to stigma

Estimate best represented as

“adult Americans who publicly identify themselves as LGBT when surveyed.”

Source: [2013 Gallup Special Report](#)

Gallup Estimates: Top 3 AZ Counties

County	Total Population (2010)	LGBT Population (3.9% Gallup Est.)
Maricopa	3,817,117	148,868
Pima	980,263	38,230
Pinal	375,770	14,655
All AZ Counties	6,392,017	249,289

Sources: AZCentral.com, [2013 Gallup Special Report](#)

LGBT Health Disparities

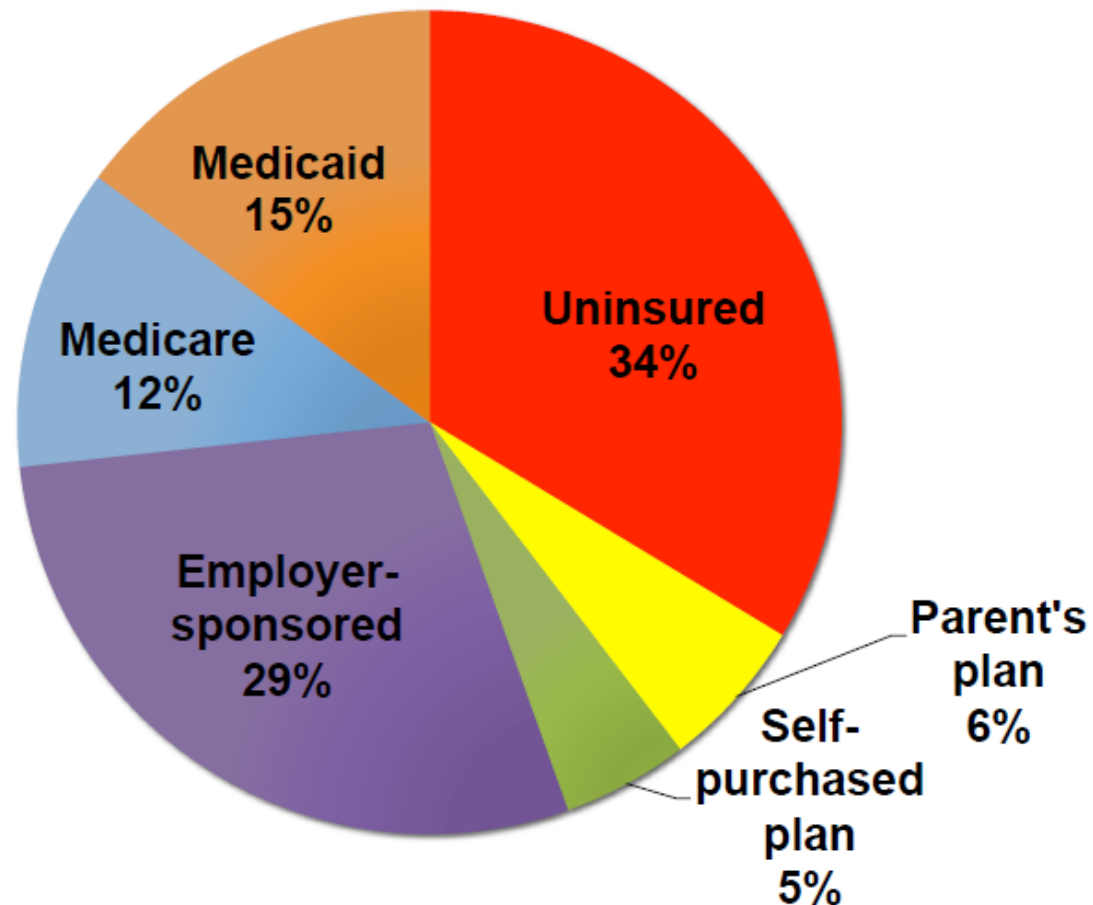
- Less likely to have health insurance than heterosexual or LGBT individuals
- Lesbians are less likely to get preventive services for cancer
- Gay men are at higher risk of HIV and other STDs, especially among communities of color
- Lesbians and bisexual females are more likely to be overweight or obese

LGBT Health Disparities

- Transgender individuals have a high prevalence of HIV/STDs, victimization, mental health issues, and suicide
- Elderly LGBT individuals face additional barriers to health because of isolation and a lack of social services and culturally competent providers
- LGBT populations have the highest rates of tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use

Sources of LGBT Healthcare Coverage

(incomes under 400% FPL)



Source: [Center for American Progress](#)

Five Ways the ACA Benefits the LGBT Community

- 1) Data collection
- 2) Non-Discrimination Activities
- 3) Prevention and Wellness
- 4) Insurance Market Reforms
- 5) New Coverage Options

Source: [Center for American Progress](#)

Top 5 ACA Benefits for the LGBT Community

- 1) Plans purchased through the marketplace can't discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity
- 2) You can't be charged a higher premium just because you are LGBT
- 3) No denial of coverage because of pre-existing conditions like HIV, cancer, or mental health issues

Top 5 ACA Benefits for the LGBT Community

4. Legally married same-sex couples treated equally for financial assistance when purchasing coverage
5. No more lifetime limits on coverage for people with chronic diseases like HIV/AIDS

Engaging LGBT in Health Care: AZ Issues

- Geographic dispersion in urban areas
- Lack of knowledge of the LGBT population
- LGBT unaware of who knowledgeable medical providers are
- Lack of local promotion of healthcare as a part of being LGBT – no local champions of LGBT health
- Limited targeted promotion of ACA to LGBT

How can we improve these issues?

A Great Resource

www.out2enroll.org



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Considering Coverage



[Why should getting covered matter to the LGBT community?](#)

[What do I really need to know about Obamacare?](#)

[When should I buy health insurance?](#)

[Do I need health insurance, especially if I'm young and healthy?](#)



Weighing Your Options



[Can I apply for financial assistance with my same-sex spouse?](#)

[Can I get help to pay my premiums or out-of-pocket costs?](#)

[Can I enroll in family coverage with my same-sex spouse or partner?](#)

[Where can I get help getting covered?](#)



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The Impact of the Affordable Care Act on People Living with HIV/AIDS in Arizona

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National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Three Primary Goals:

- Reducing HIV Incidence
- Increasing Access to Care and Optimizing Health Outcomes
- Reducing HIV-related Health Disparities

Reducing HIV Incidence

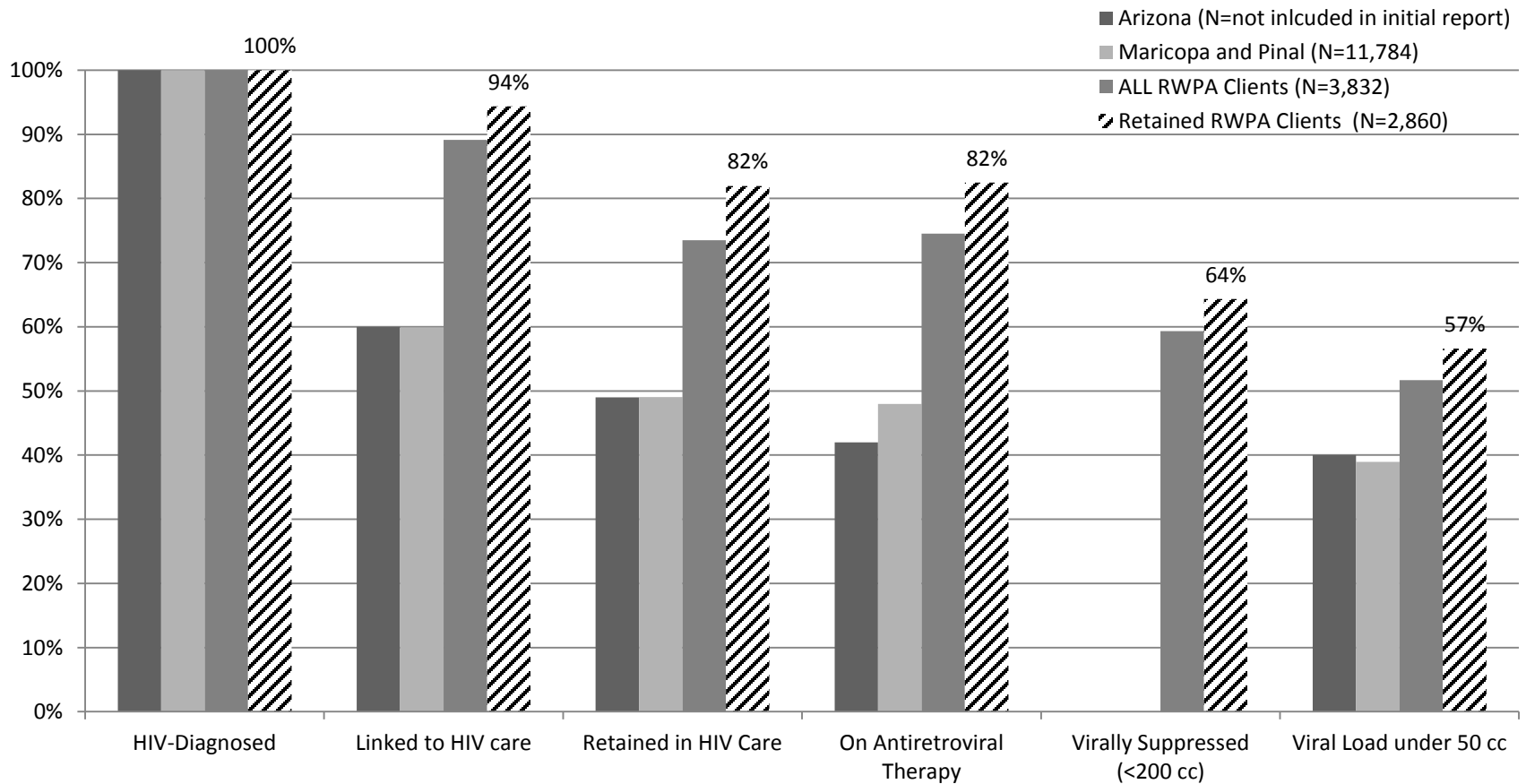
In 2012 the Incidence of HIV in AZ:

- Individuals Infected with HIV: 16,929
- Individuals Diagnosed with HIV: 15,288
- Individuals Linked to Care: 8,764
- Individuals Retained in Care: 7,183
- Individuals on Anti-Retroviral therapy: 5,453

This is known as the **HIV Continuum of Care**

Graph of Continuum of Care

2013 Continuum of Care Data for Arizona, Phoenix EMA and Ryan White
Adapted from reports provided by ADHS



HIV Continuum of Care

The Goal of the HIV Continuum of Care is to increase the number of individuals who are:

- Diagnosed early
- Linked to medical care as quickly as possible
- Retained in care
- Prescribed and maintained on Antiretroviral medications
- Demonstrate viral suppression through lab tests
- Significantly decrease transmission

Strategies to Decrease New Infections

- Prevention Education and Campaigns
- HIVAZ.org
- Increased HIV Testing
- Early Treatment
- PrEP: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

Increasing Access to Care

Since the Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment began in October 2013:

- Due to Medicaid expansion, over 1000 HIV positive individuals were enrolled in AHCCCS
- More than 450 PLWHA are enrolled in Federal Marketplace Health Insurance Plans
- Clients have access to comprehensive medical care including hospitalization and specialists

Optimizing Health Outcomes

ACA Implementation provided:

- Comprehensive coverage for prevention and hospitalization
- Expanded choice of HIV Specialists
- ACA allows Ryan White Program to provide premium and cost sharing assistance and medications to low income individuals

Expanded Opportunities

- **Routine HIV Testing**

Providers are encouraged to provide HIV Screening as part of their client's preventative care

- **Health Literacy**

Clients may need Health Literacy education to understand health insurance coverage

Ryan White Services

The ACA enrollment of many clients that were previously served by Ryan White for medical services has allowed Ryan White to expand other services that can help support good health outcomes.

Ryan White Services

- Case Management
- Oral Health
- Medical Nutrition, including Food Assistance
- Medical Transportation
- Psychosocial Services
- Housing Assistance
- Medications *(through the ADAP Assist Program)*

Assistance

Ryan White Part A Program

Clients can be referred for eligibility and information to:

RWPA Central Eligibility: **602-212-3788**

HIVAZ.org

Arizona's comprehensive website providing information on testing, education, counseling and services available across Arizona

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