

Highlight of 2021 HIV/AIDS Epidemiology in Honolulu County



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The time is now.

**Ending
the
HIV
Epidemic**

US National HIV/AIDS Strategy

2020

- ❖ $\geq 90\%$ aware of positive HIV status
- ❖ $\geq 85\%$ linked to care
- ❖ $\geq 80\%$ viral suppression

Ending the HIV Epidemic

Initiative 2030

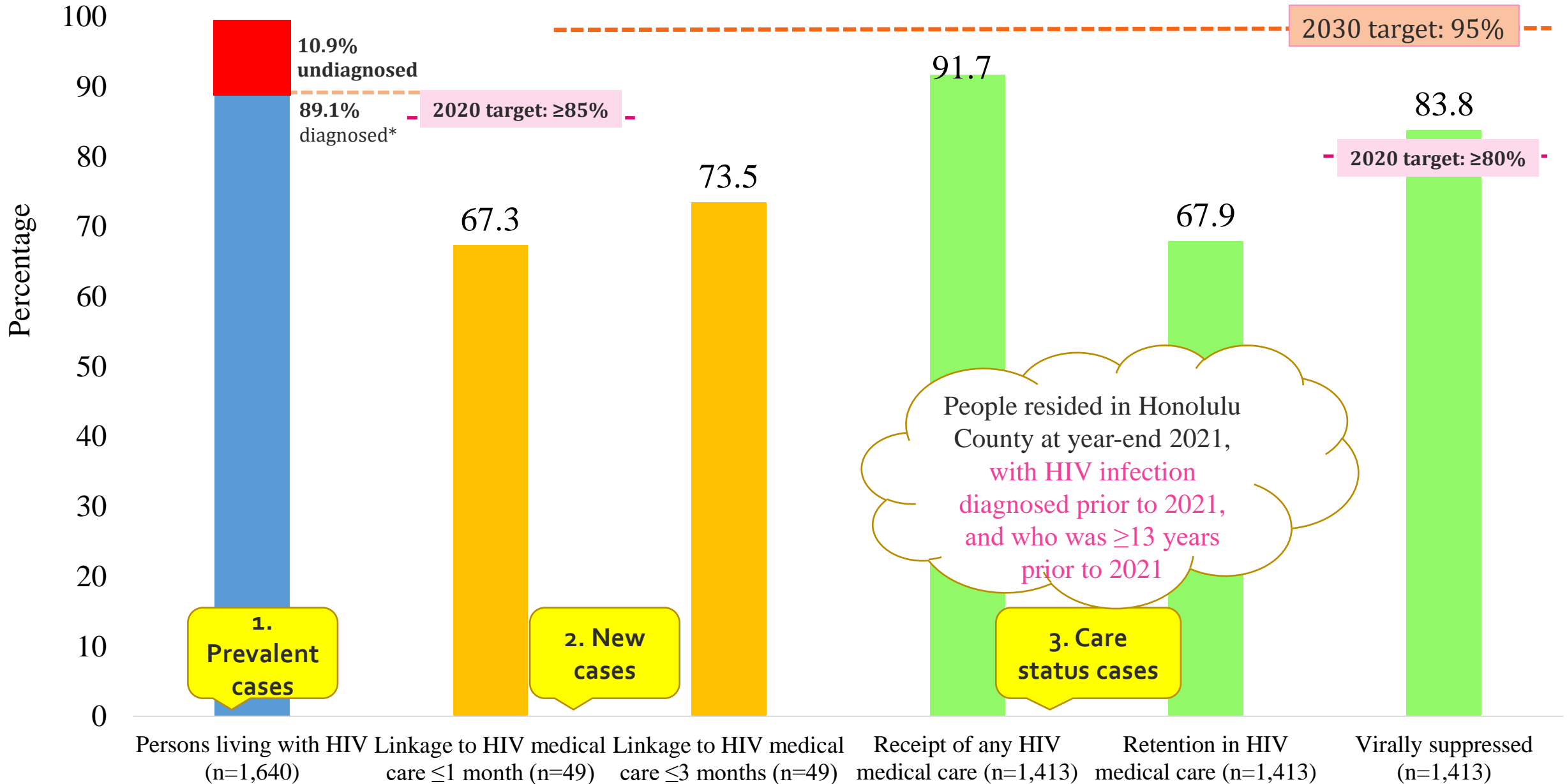
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Presentation Outline

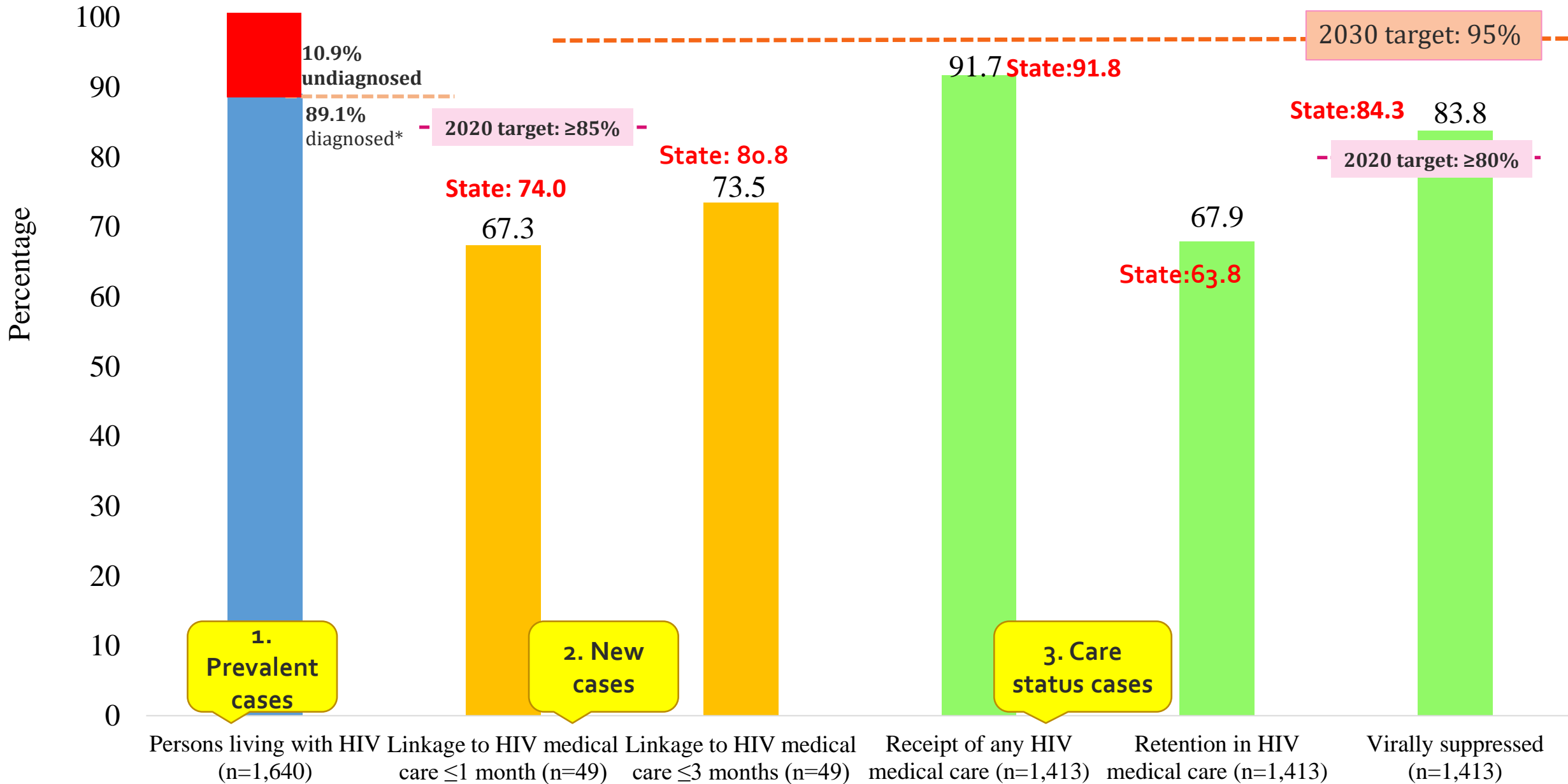
❖ 2021 HIV Care Continuum

- ❖ Knowledge of HIV status
- ❖ New diagnosis
- ❖ Linkage to HIV medical care
- ❖ Viral suppression

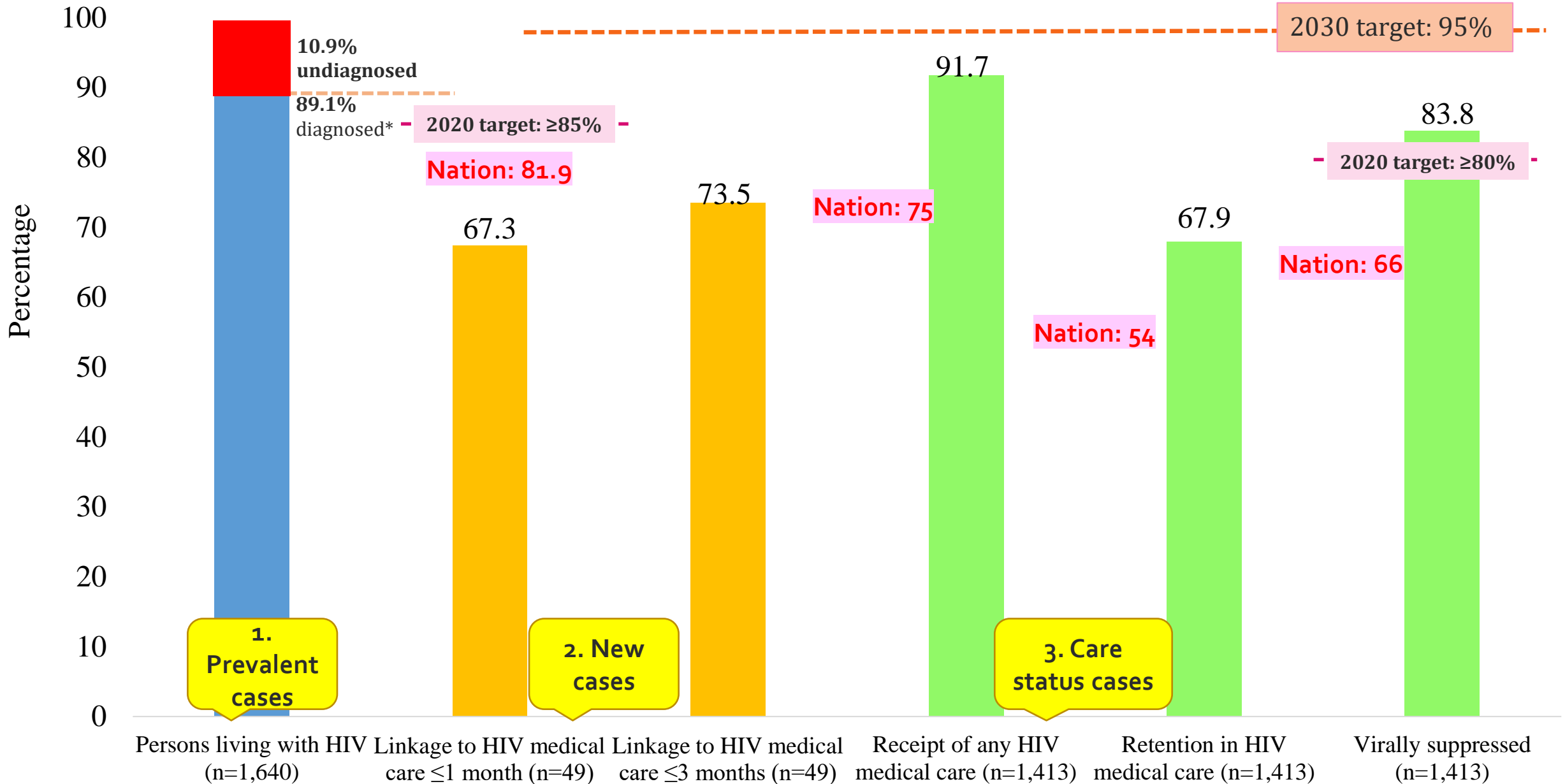
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Knowledge of HIV status

**Number of people living
with diagnosed HIV**



Estimated HIV prevalence

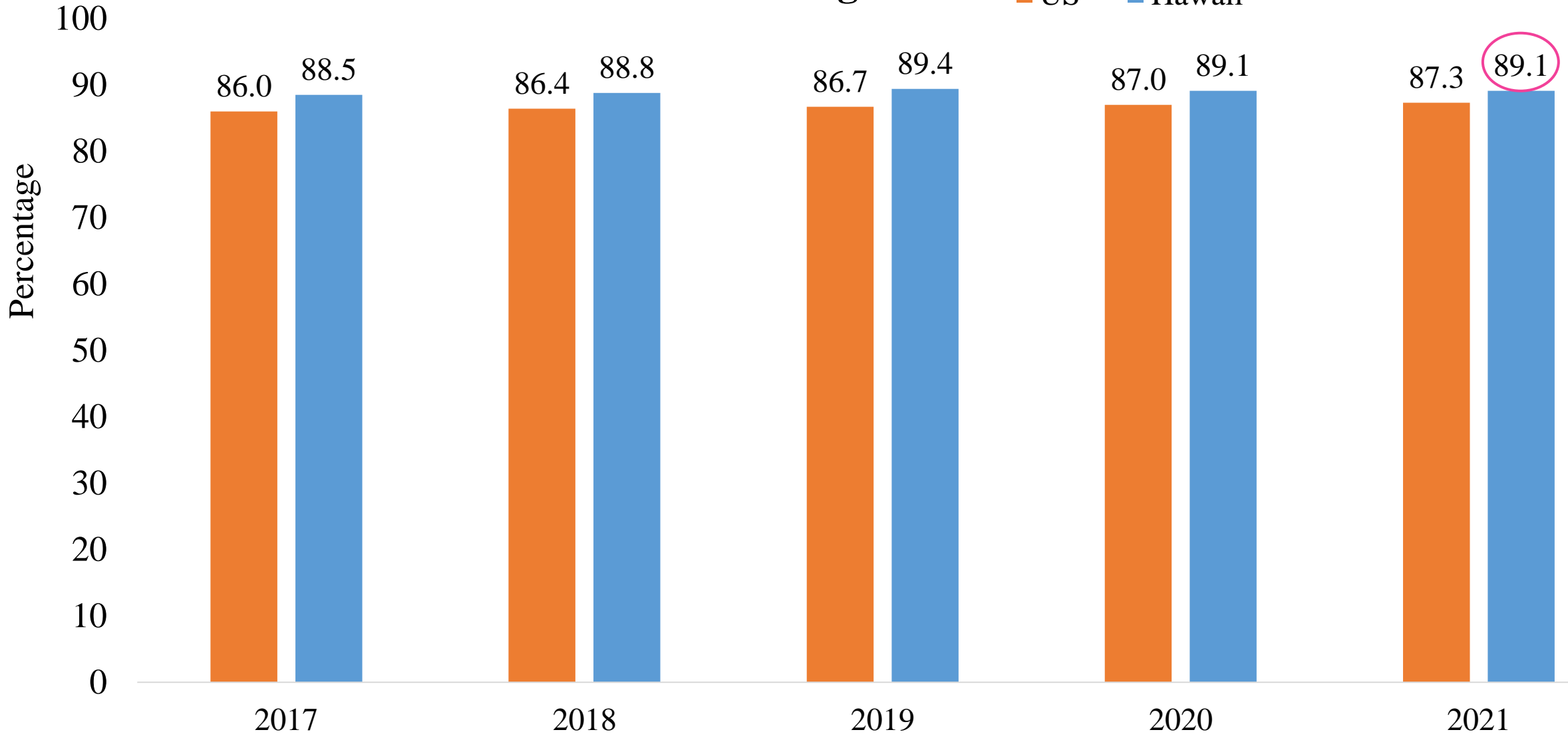


Knowledge of status

Expressed as a percent



Estimated percentage of people living with HIV who have received an HIV diagnosis



About 1 in 9
was living with
undiagnosed
HIV in 2021



Estimated number of persons living with HIV at year-end 2021*

Category	Honolulu County	Statewide
Persons living with diagnosed HIV at year-end 2021	1,461	2,307
Persons living with undiagnosed* HIV at year-end 2021	179	282
Persons living with HIV at year-end 2021	1,640	2,589

*CDC. Estimated HIV incidence and prevalence in the United States 2017–2021. HIV Surveillance Supplemental Report 2023;28(3).

Characteristics of persons living with diagnosed HIV infection at year-end 2021*

Characteristics	Honolulu County (n=1,461)		State (n=2,307)	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
In case management				
Yes	744	50.9	1,200	52.0
No	717	49.1	1,107	48.0
Birth sex				
Female	160	11.0	249	10.8
Male	1,301	89.0	2,058	89.2
Age at year-end 2021				
<13	DS	DS	2	0.1
13-24	DS	DS	34	1.5
25-34	166	11.4	245	10.2
35-44	247	16.9	358	15.5
45-54	317	21.7	475	20.6
≥55	707	48.4	1,203	52.1

*Data was suppressed at the county level if the total count was <5 and are further stratified. Additional cell might be suppressed to preclude arithmetic calculation of a suppressed cell.

Characteristics of persons living with diagnosed HIV infection at year-end 2021*

Race/ethnicity	Honolulu County (n=1,461)		State (n=2,307)	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Hispanic, all races	173	11.8	287	12.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	DS	DS	2	0.1
Asian	321	22.0	388	16.8
Black	85	5.8	119	5.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	167	11.4	216	9.4
White	521	35.7	1,008	43.7
Multiple races	188	12.9	275	11.9
Other/Unknown	DS	DS	12	0.5

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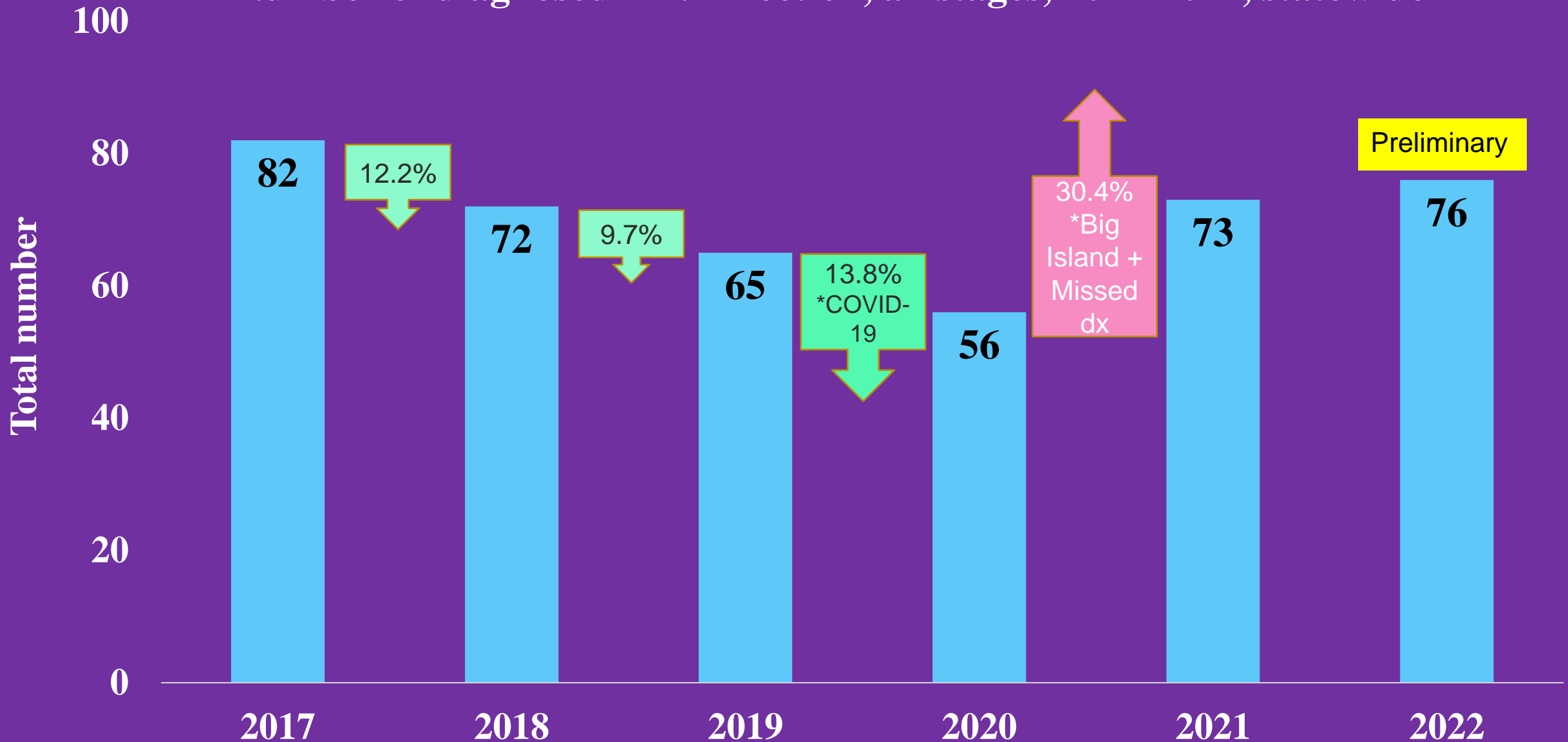
Characteristics of persons living with diagnosed HIV infection at year-end 2021, Hawaii

Transmission category	Honolulu County (n=1,461)		State (n=2,307)	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Male-to-male sexual contact (MSM)	1,033	70.7	1,665	72.2
Injection drug use (IDU)	93	6.4	140	6.1
MSM & IDU	98	6.7	146	6.3
Heterosexual contact (with a person known to have, or to be at high risk for HIV infection)	148	10.1	224	9.7
Perinatal	8	0.6	14	0.6
Other (including other and risk factor not reported or not identified)	81	5.5	118	5.1

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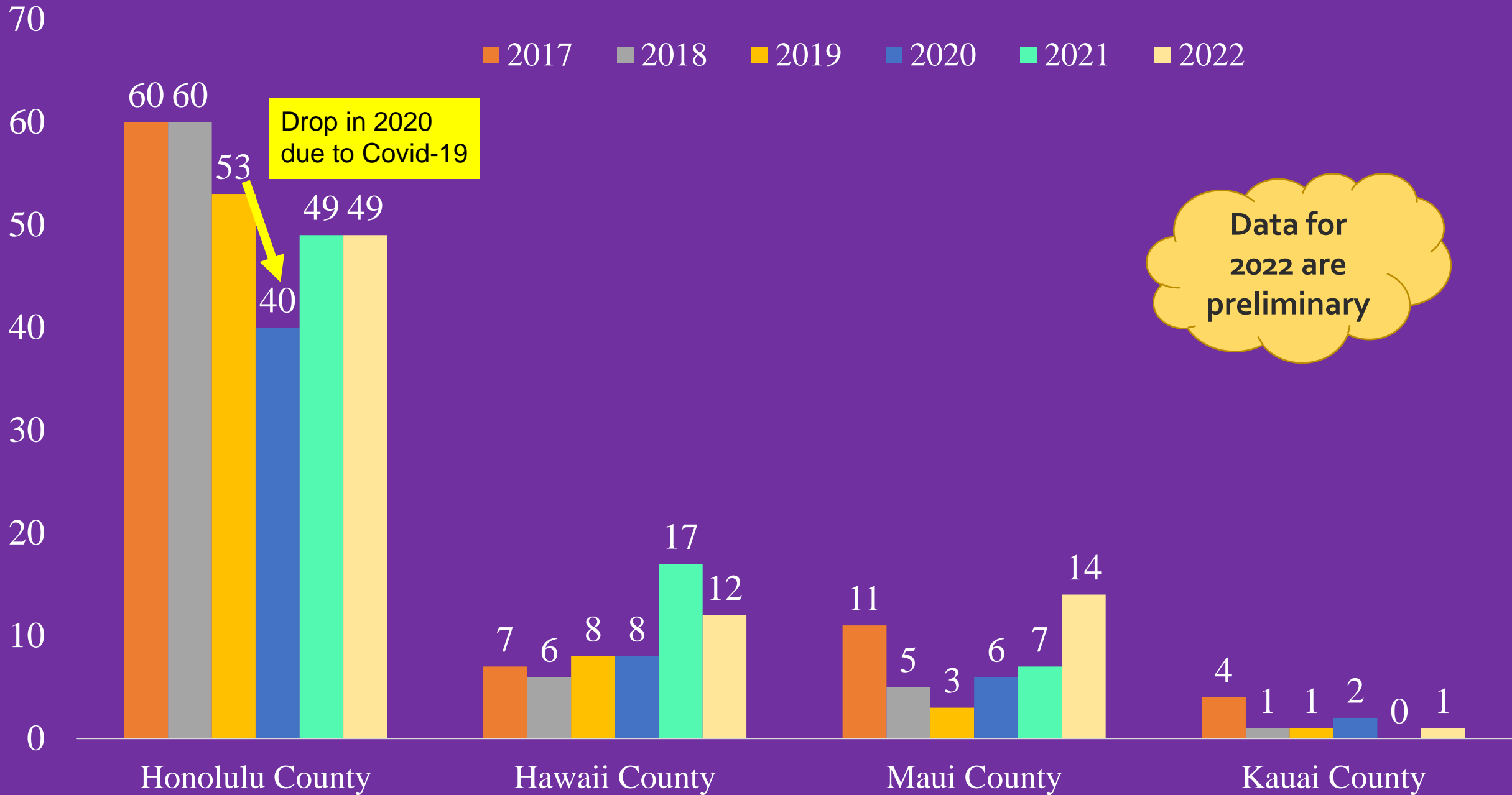
HIV diagnosis, reporting,
testing, and linkage to care

Number of diagnosed HIV infection, all stages, 2017-2022, statewide

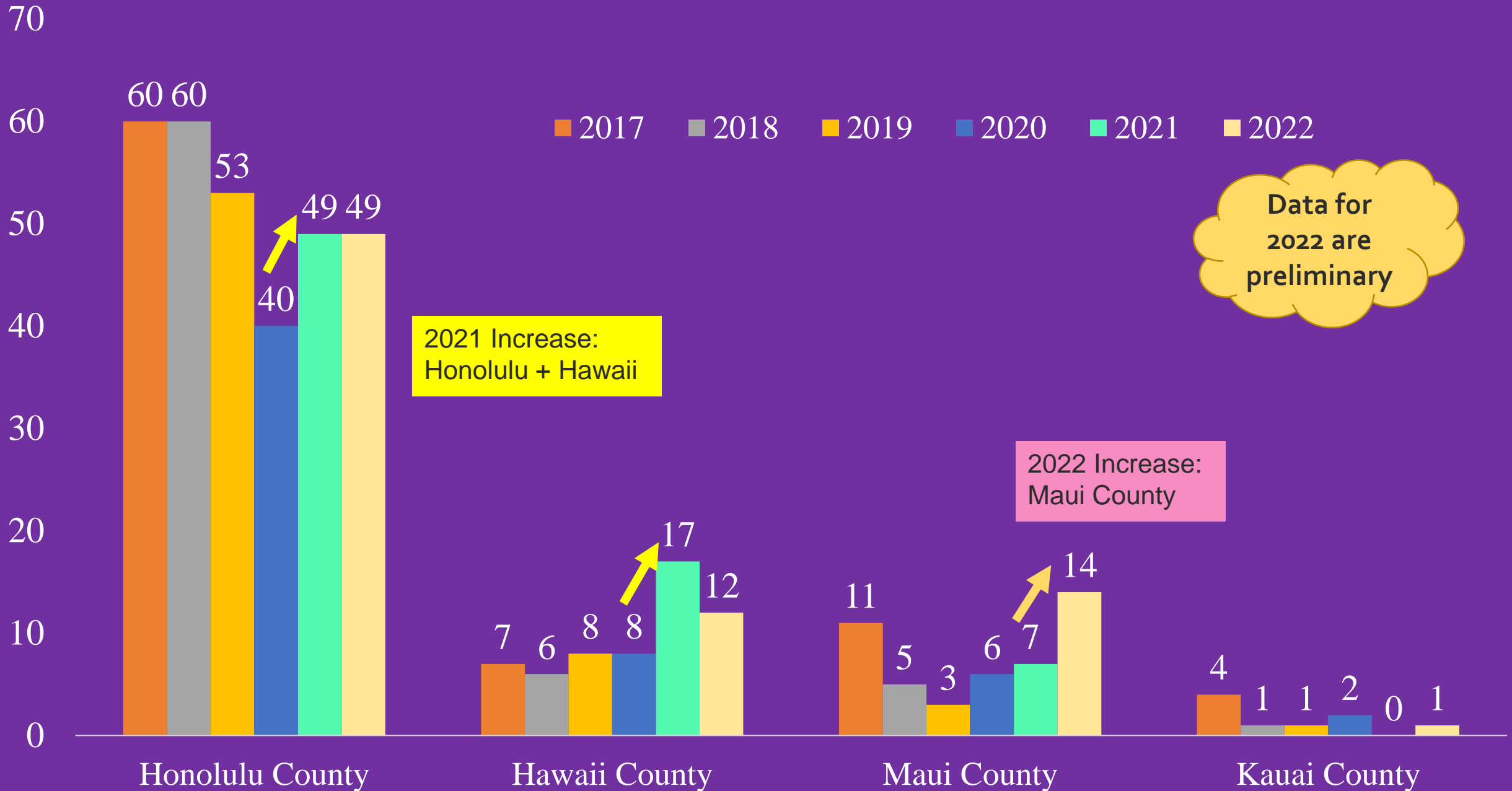


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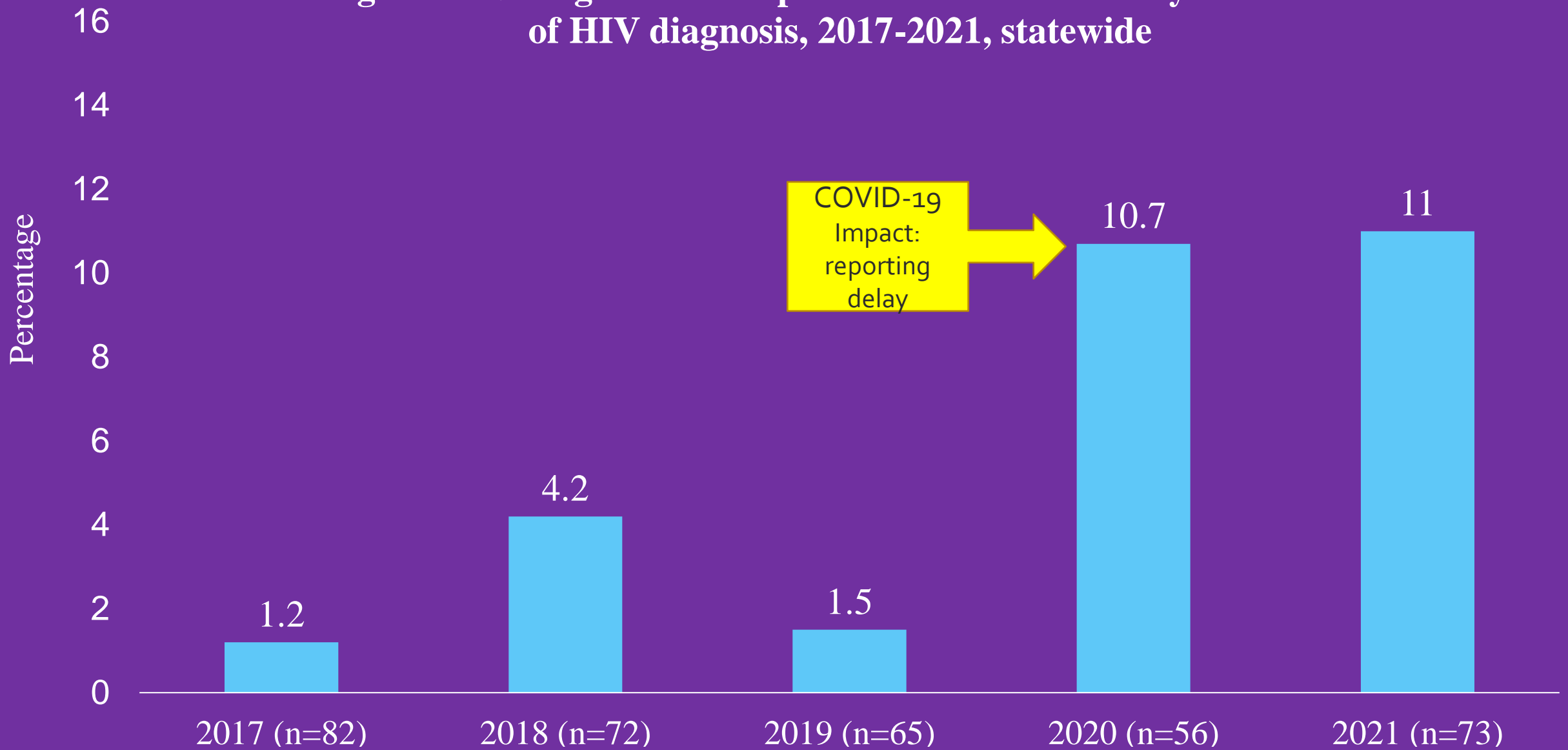
Number of HIV diagnoses by county of residence, 2017-2020



Number of HIV diagnoses by county of residence, 2017-2020, statewide

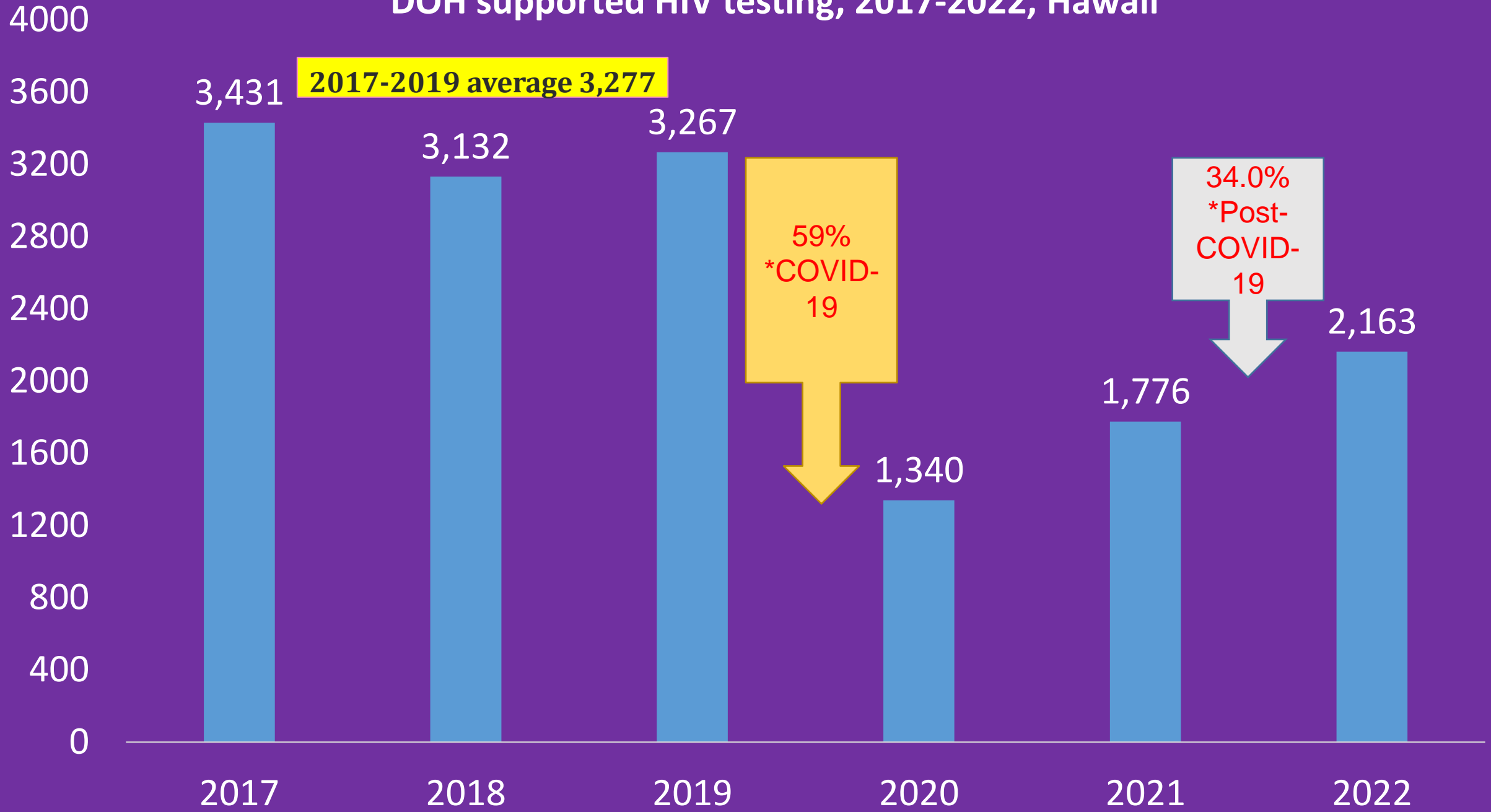


Percentage of HIV diagnosis not reported until at least one year after the date of HIV diagnosis, 2017-2021, statewide

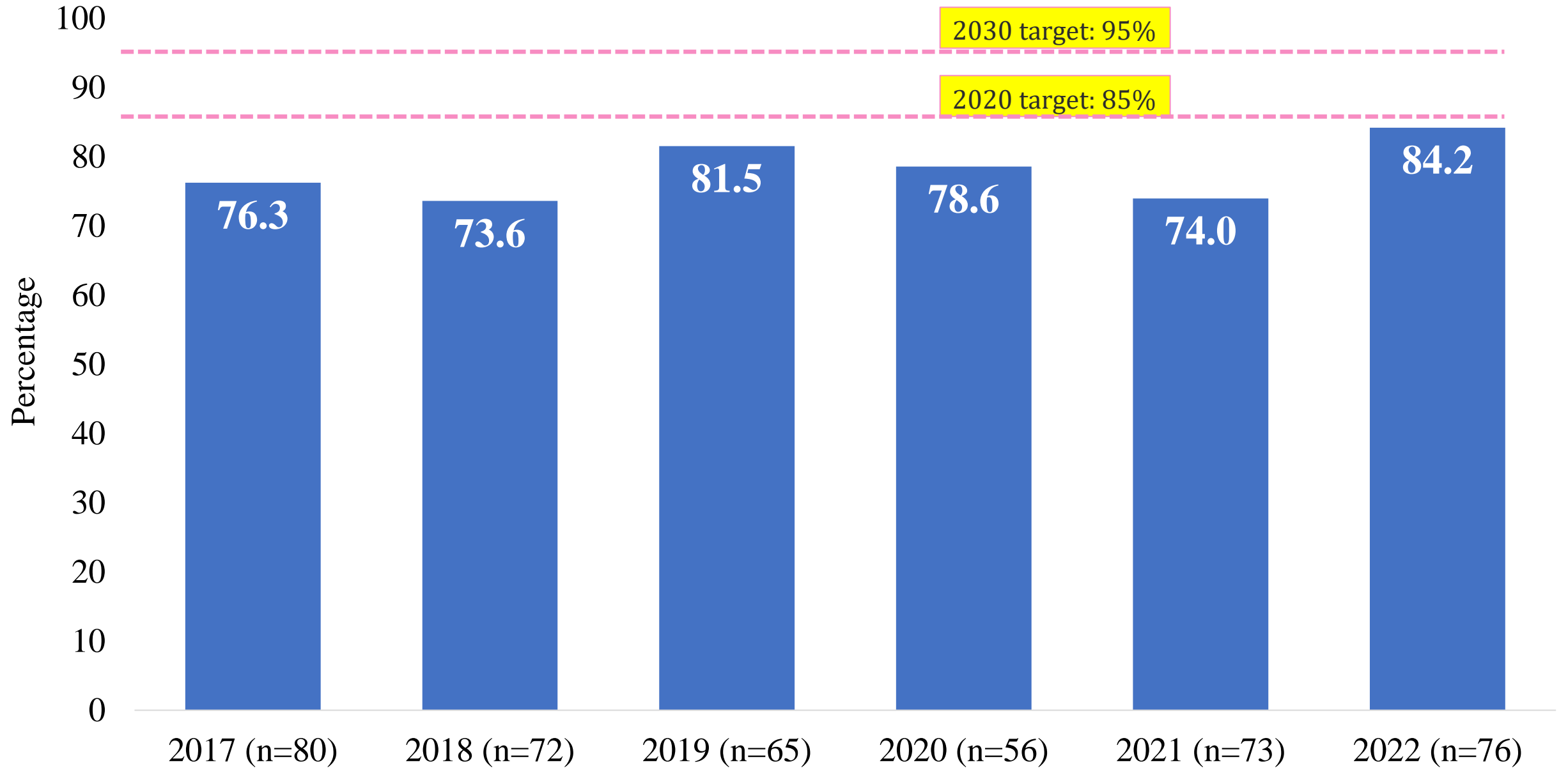


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DOH supported HIV testing, 2017-2022, Hawaii



Linkage to HIV medical care ≤ 1 month, 2017-2022, statewide



Viral Suppression

Number of people living with
diagnosed HIV who have a low
viral load (<200 copies per ml)



Number of people living with
diagnosed HIV

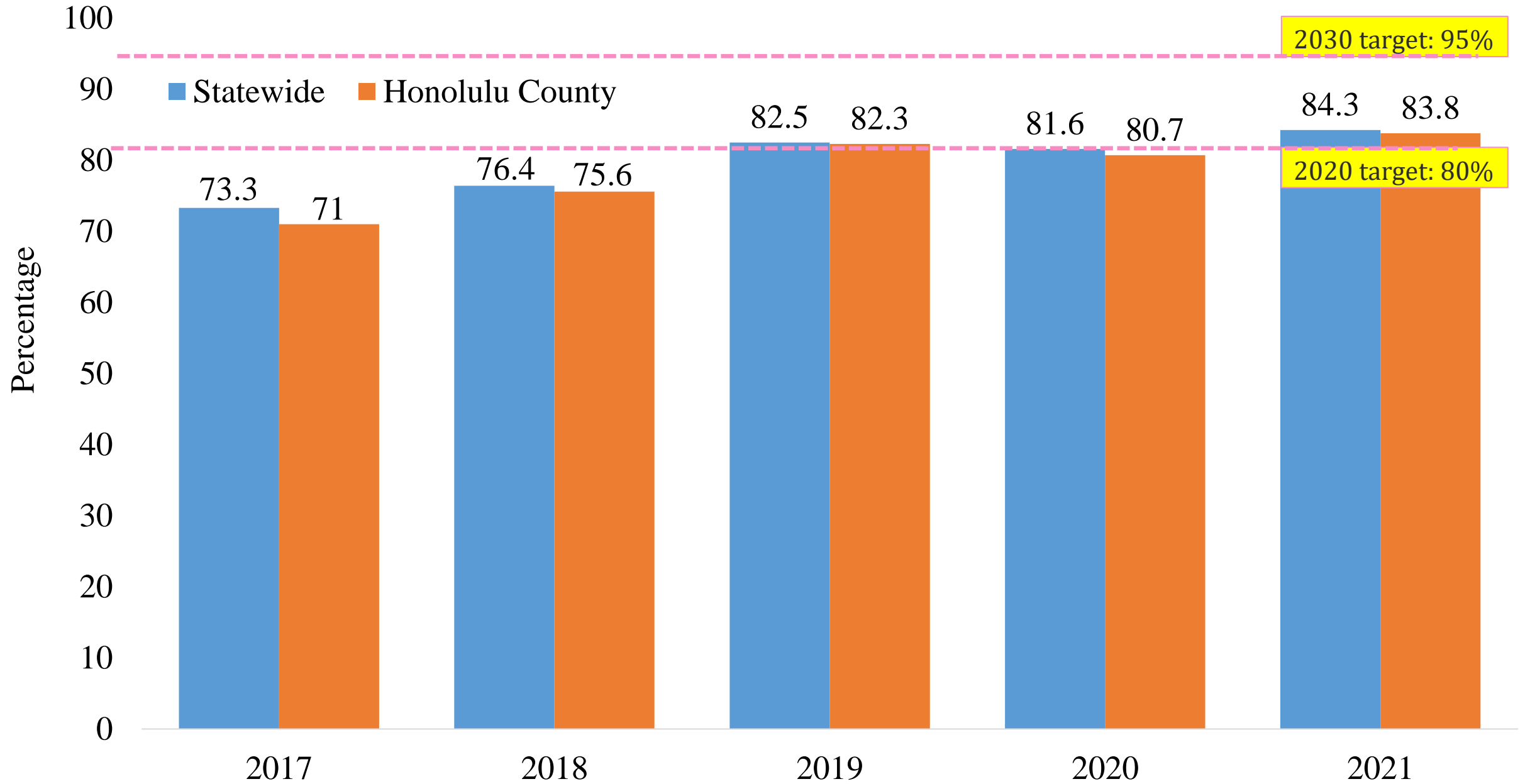


Viral suppression

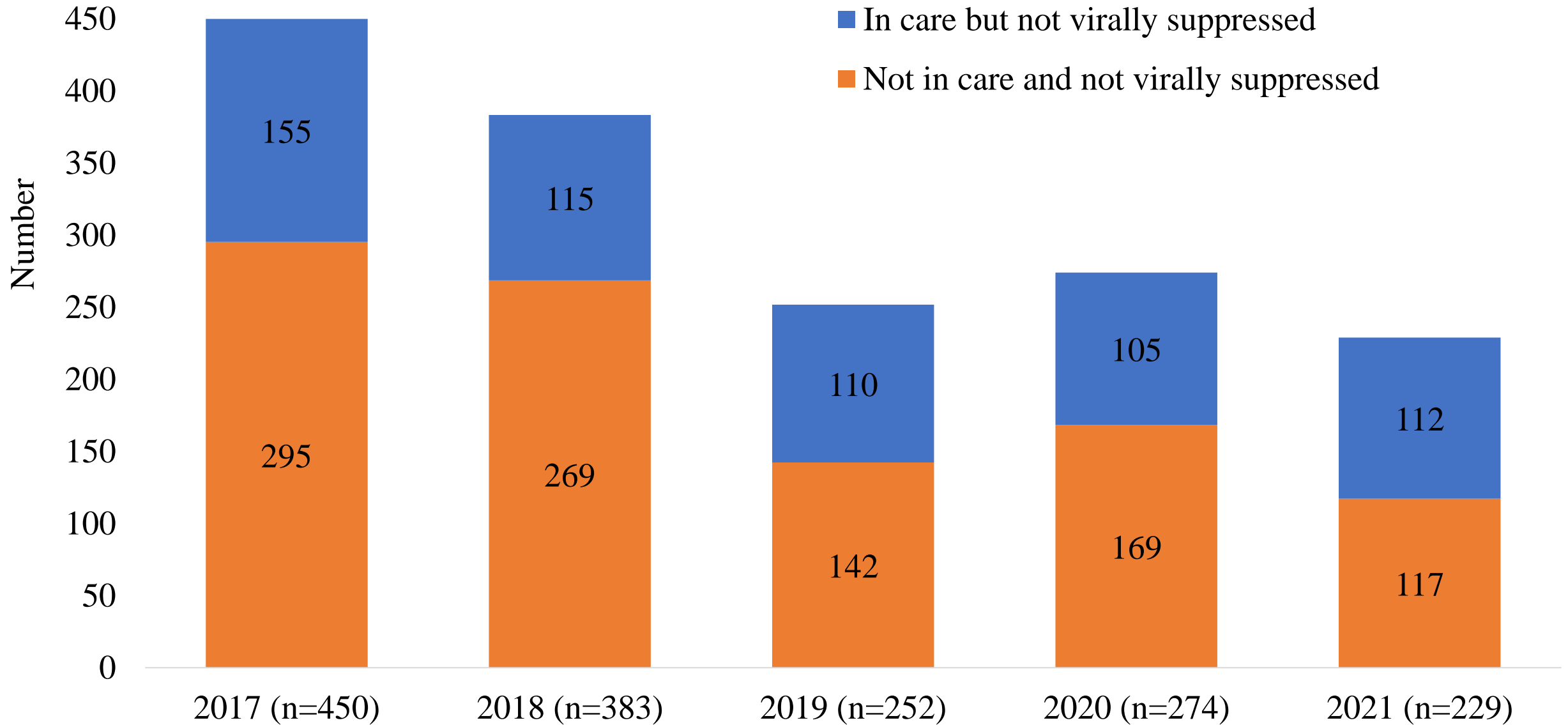
Expressed as a percent



Progress on viral suppression, 2017-2021, Honolulu county

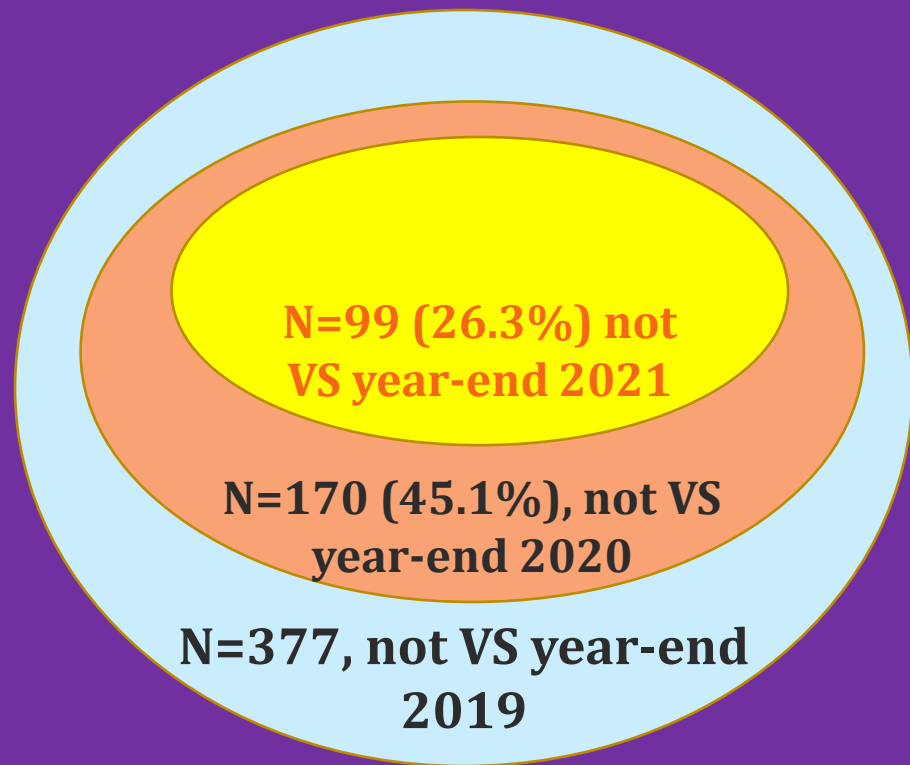


Total number of people living with diagnosed HIV infection who was not virally suppressed at year-end 2021 by care status, Honolulu County

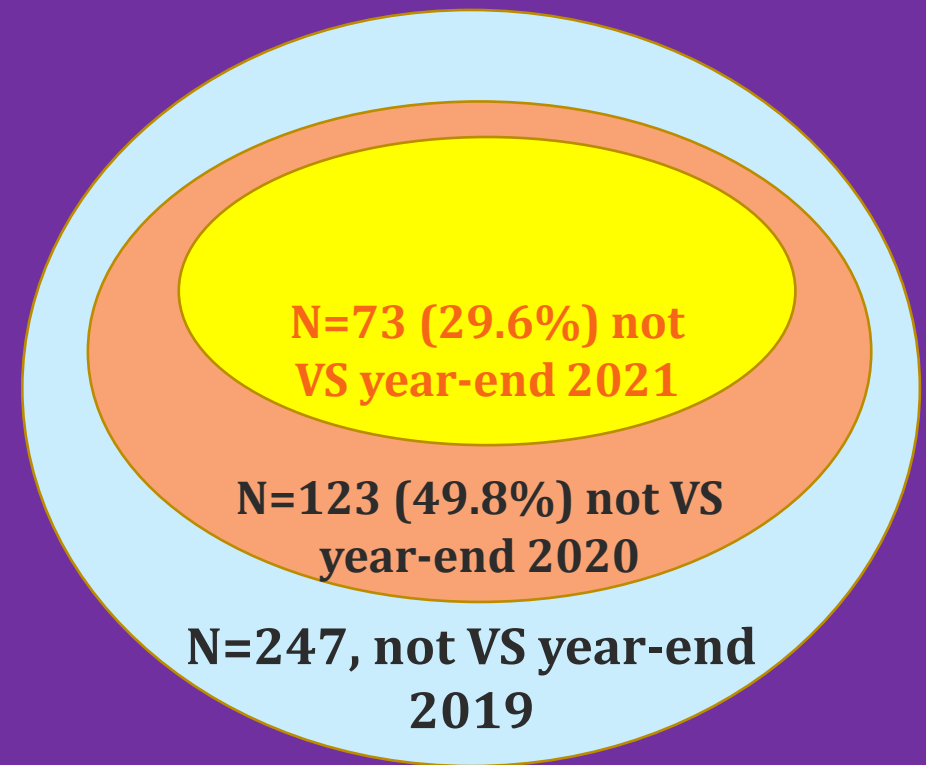


People not virally suppressed (VS) for consecutive years

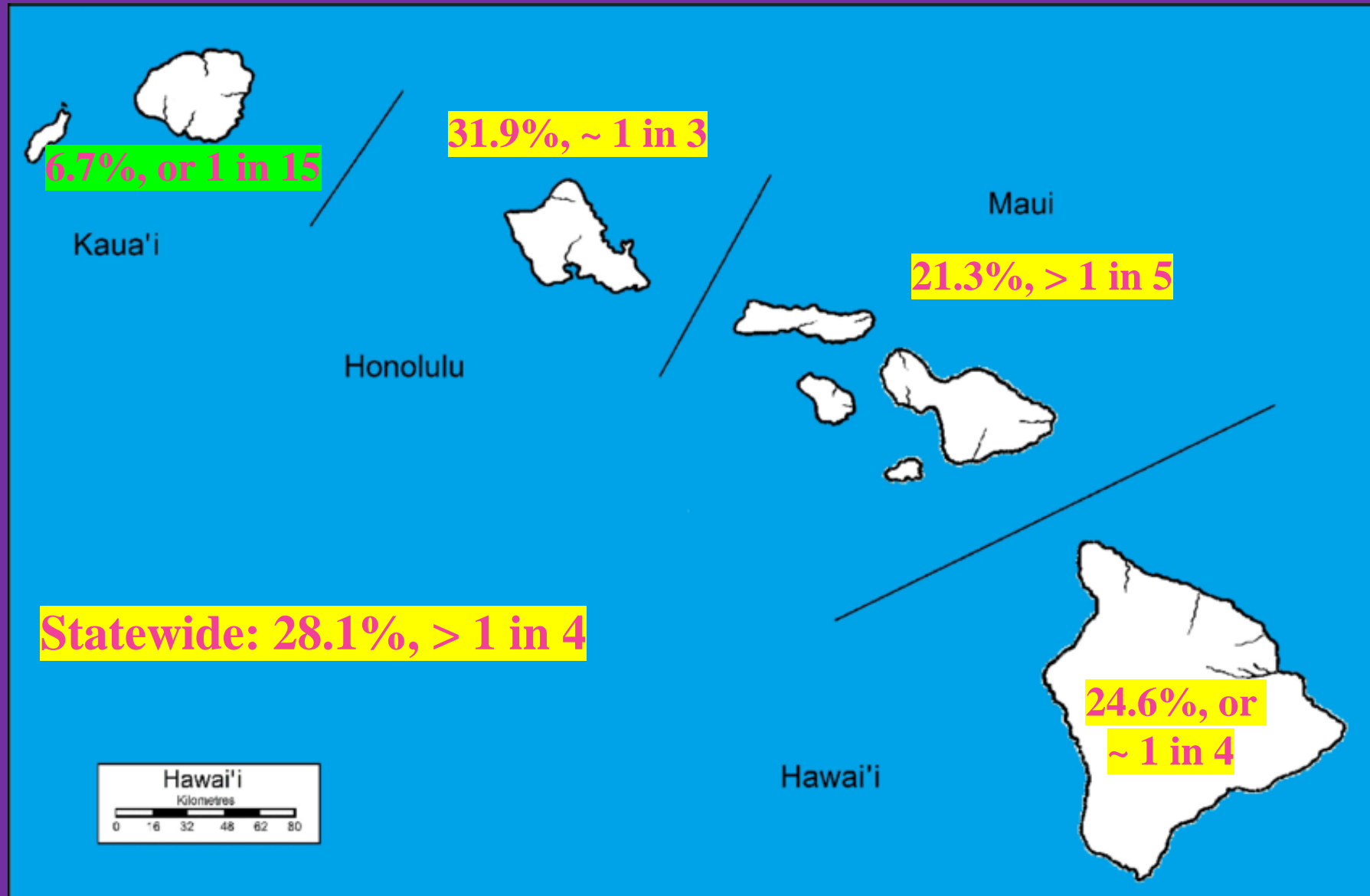
Statewide



Honolulu County



Percentage of people not virally suppressed (VS) since 2019, among people not VS in 2021



Summary of 2021 HIV epidemiology, Honolulu County



Knowledge of Status

- 1 in 9 living with undiagnosed HIV
- Increasing HIV testing



Diagnosis

- N=49, 22.5% up from 2020 but 15.5% lower than 2017-2019
- Time-space cluster responding



Linkage to Care

- 67.3% linked < 1 month of HIV dx
- Variation due to small number and reporting issue



Viral Suppression

- 83.8% virally suppressed (State:84.3%; Nation:66%)
- Challenging groups (31.9%): almost 1 in 3 not VS for consecutive years

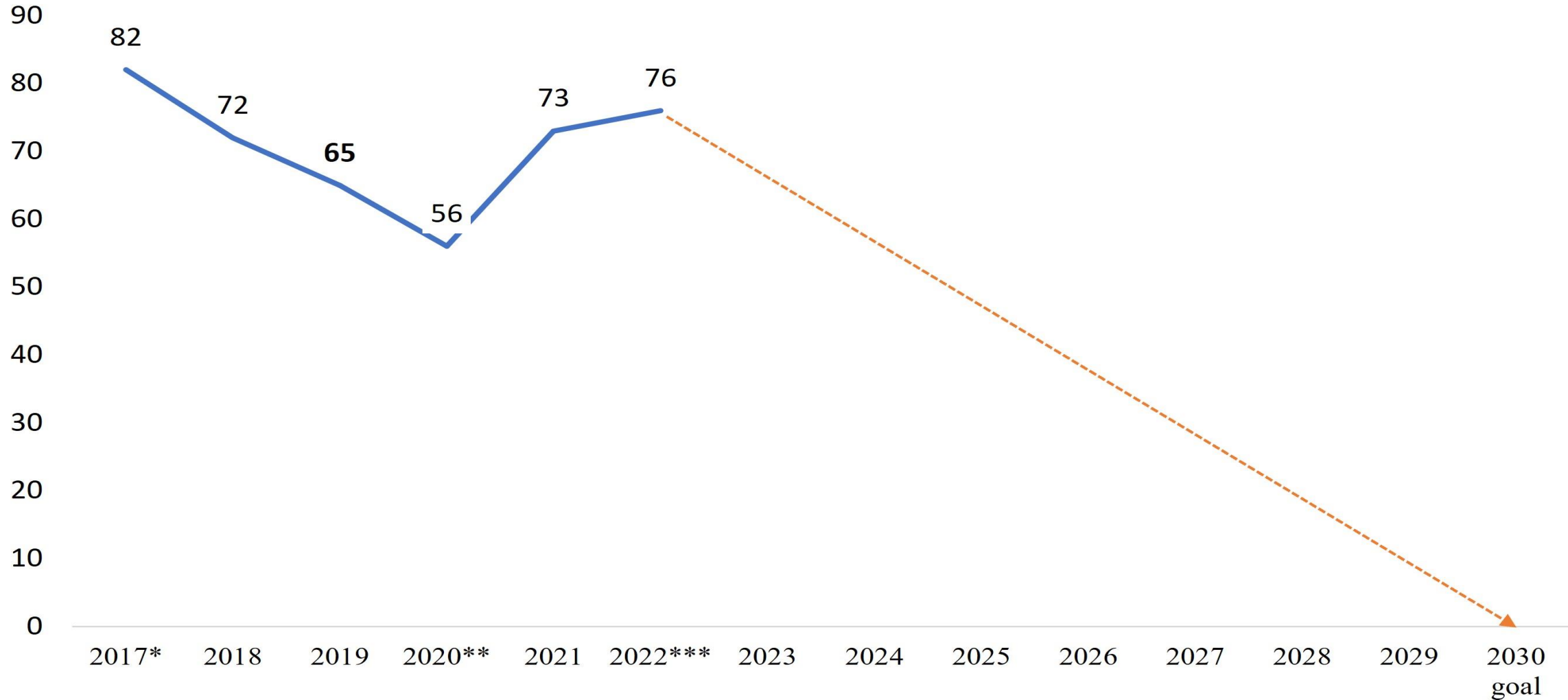
More Information

**Highlights of Hawaii HIV/AIDS Epidemiology, 2017 and beyond
--Trends, Progress, and 2021 Care Continuum**

<https://health.hawaii.gov/harmreduction/hiv-aids-surveillance/>

HIV diagnosis by year among Hawaii residents

(Count)

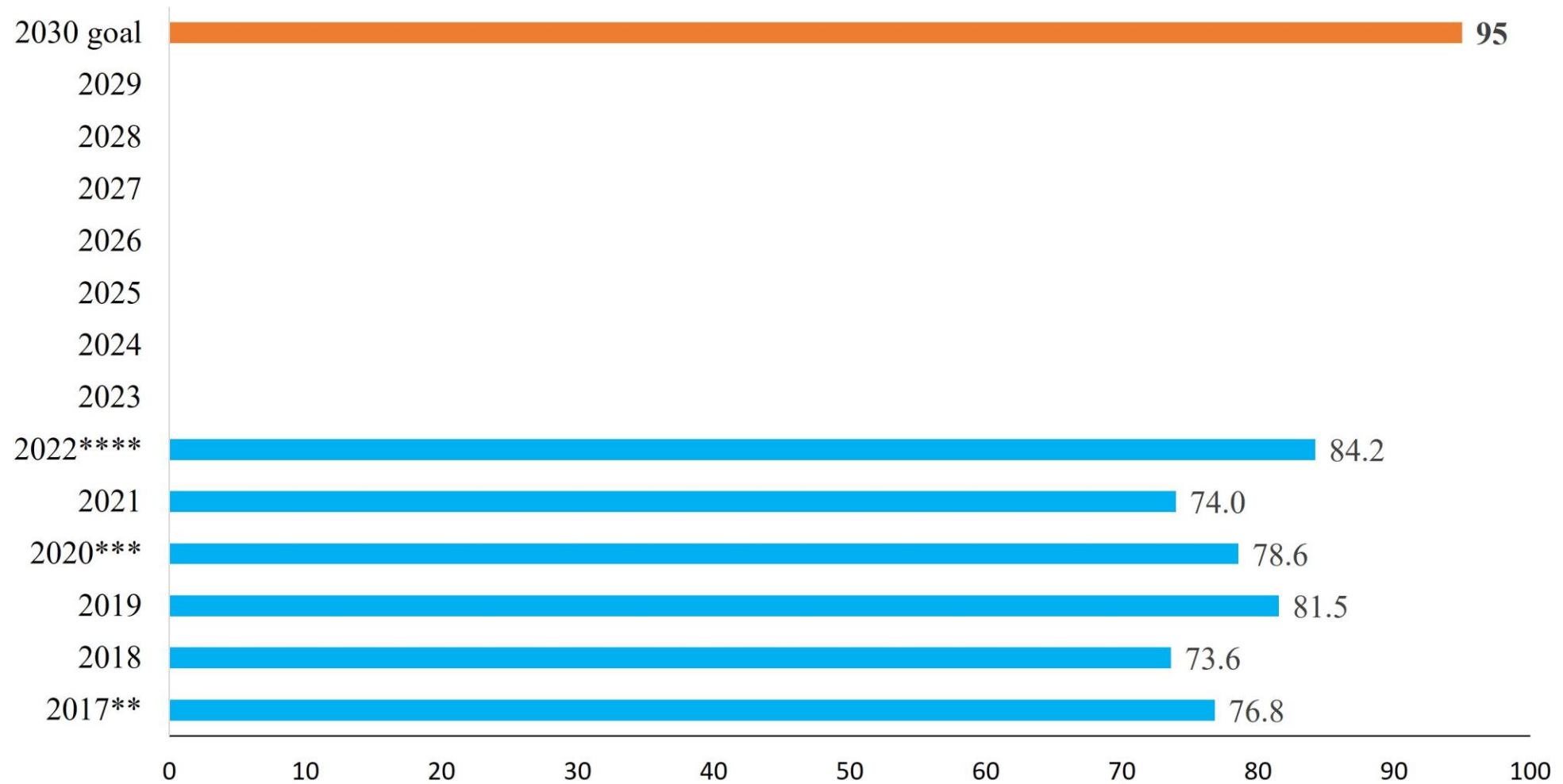


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Percentage of linkage to HIV medical care within one month of HIV diagnosis, Hawaii *



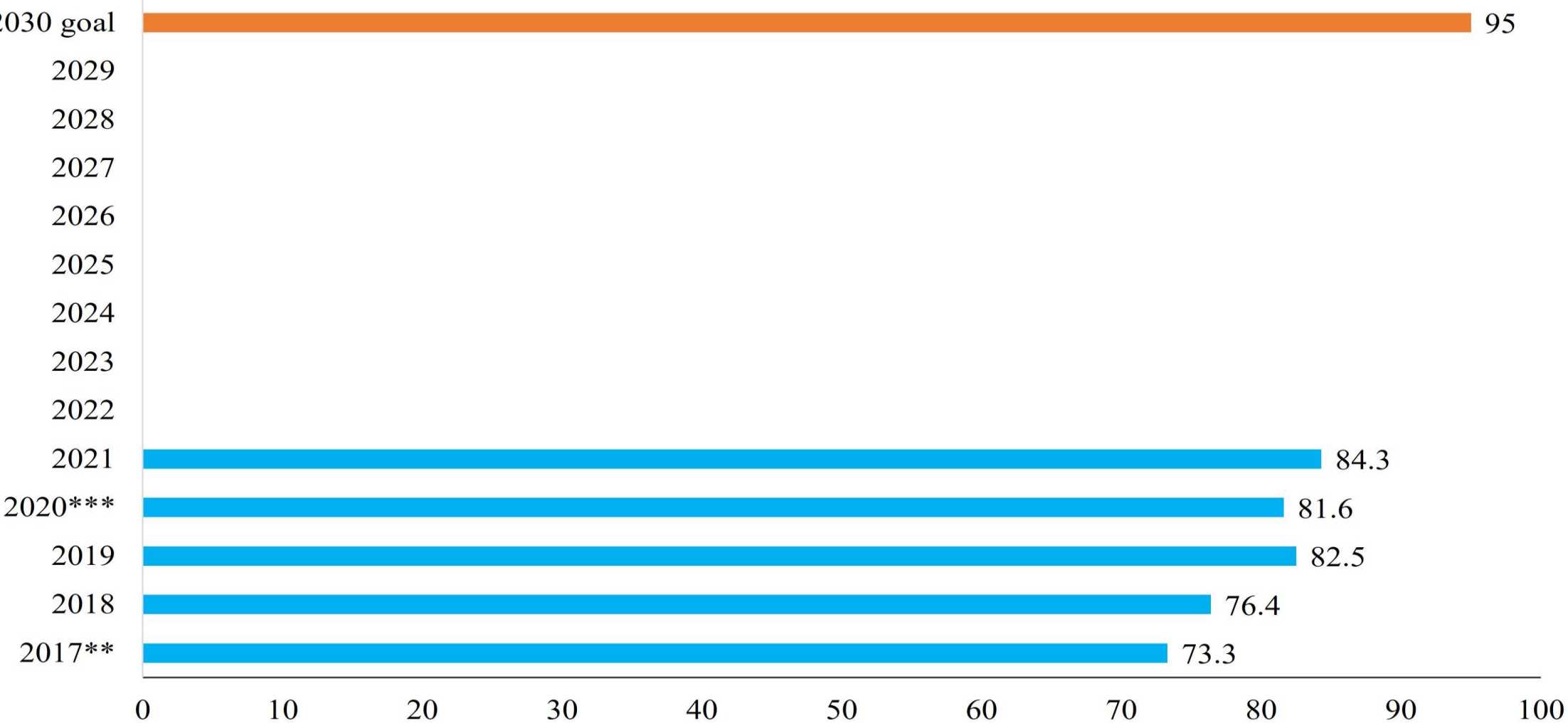
* Linkage to HIV medical care is defined as documentation of at least one CD4 or viral load test within one month of HIV diagnosis. The Hawaii to Zero goal is to increase the percentage of people linked to HIV medical care within one month of HIV diagnosis to at least 95% by 2030, which aligns with the national 2030 goal.

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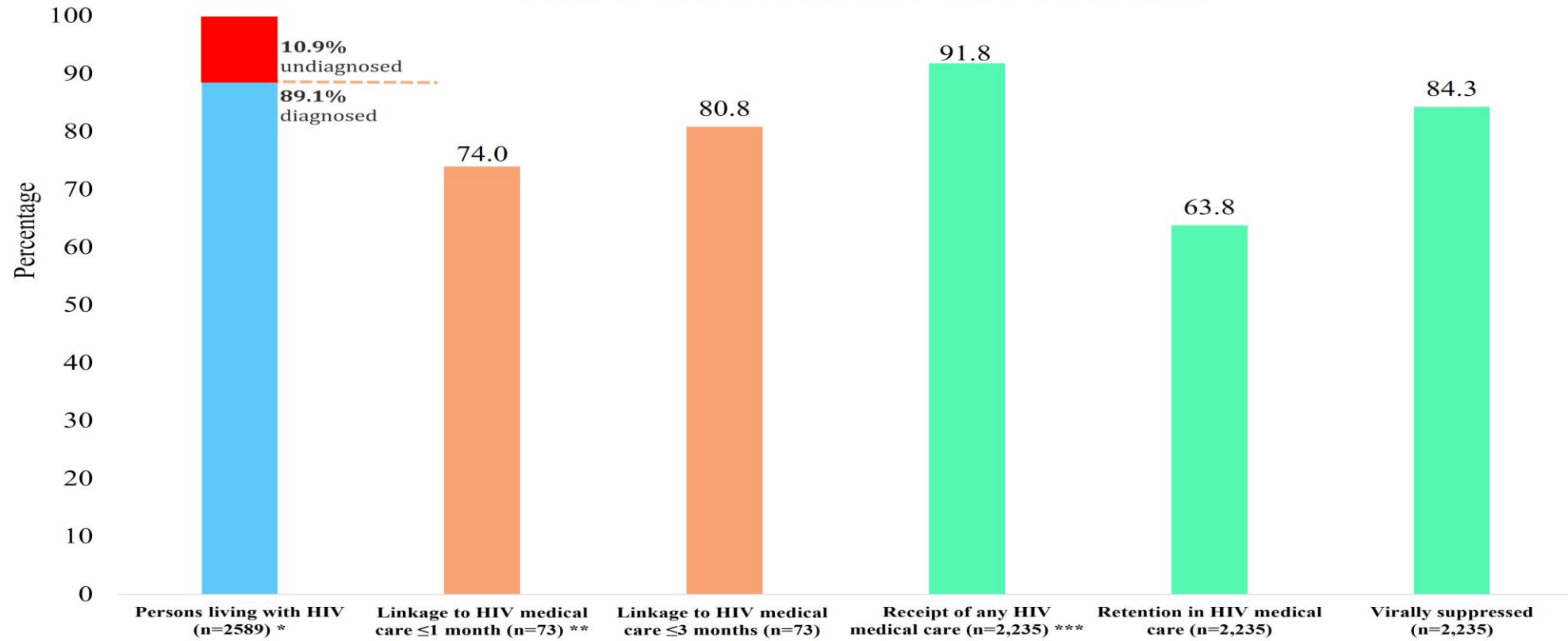
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Percentage of viral suppression by year, Hawaii *



* Viral suppression is defined as a viral load result of < 200 copies/mL at the most recent viral load test in the year of measurement. The Hawaii to Zero goal is to **increase** the percentage of viral suppression to **at least 95%** by 2030, which aligns with the national 2030 goal.
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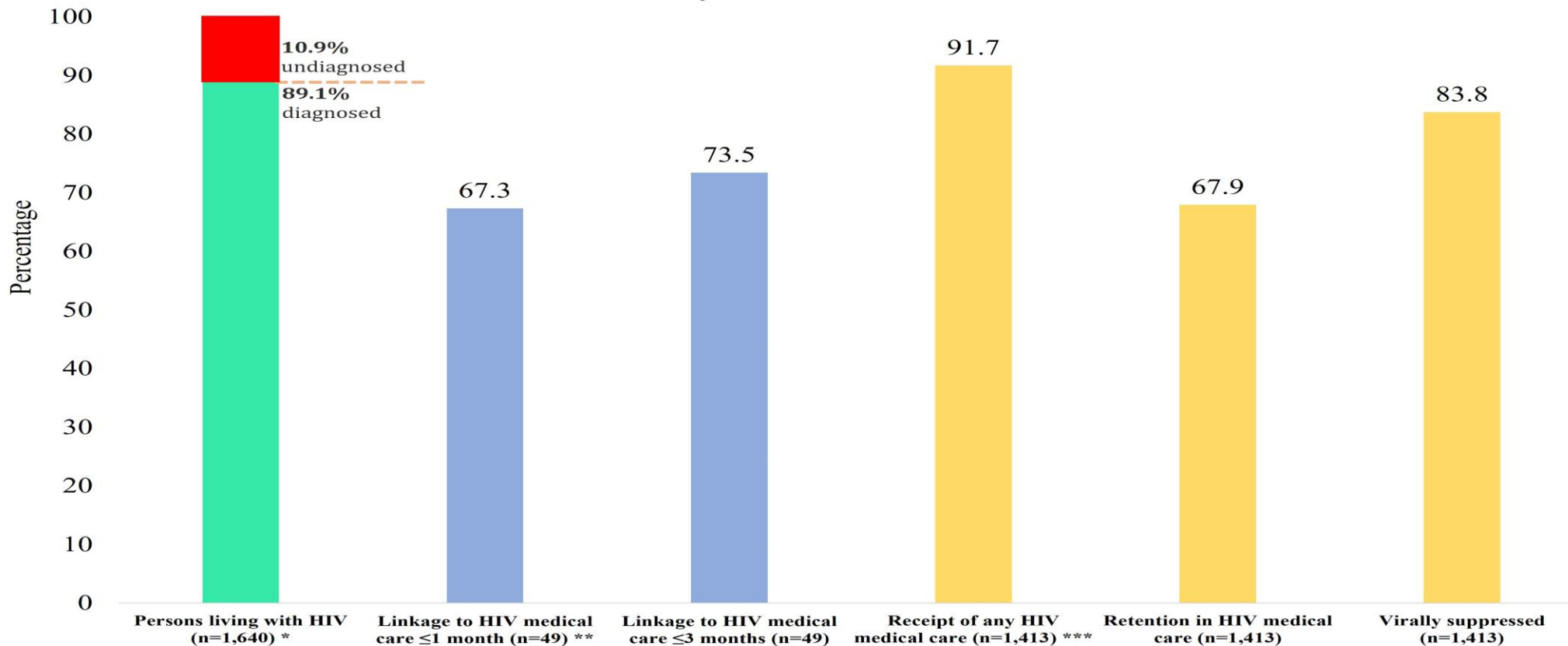


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** The second and third bars in orange refer to linkage to HIV medical care among persons newly diagnosed with HIV. Linkage to HIV medical care is defined as documentation of ≥ 1 CD4 or viral load test results within 1 month or 3 months of HIV diagnosis. In 2021, a total of 73 persons were diagnosed with HIV infection in Hawaii, of whom 74.0% were linked to HIV medical care within one month and 80.8% within three months of HIV diagnosis.

*** The last three bars in green refer to receipt of HIV medical care, retention in HIV medical care and viral suppression among persons with HIV diagnosed before 2021, aged 13 years or older before 2021 and resided in Hawaii at year-end 2021. Receipt of any HIV medical care is defined as documentation of ≥ 1 CD4 or viral load test in the year of measurement. Retention of HIV medical care is defined as documentation of ≥ 2 CD4 or viral load tests performed at least 3 months apart in the year of measurement. Viral suppression is defined as the latest viral load test in the year of measurement with a result of < 200 copies/ml. In 2021, a total of 2,235 persons were included in Hawaii, of whom 91.8% received any HIV medical care, 63.8% were retained in HIV medical care, and 84.3% were virally suppressed.

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