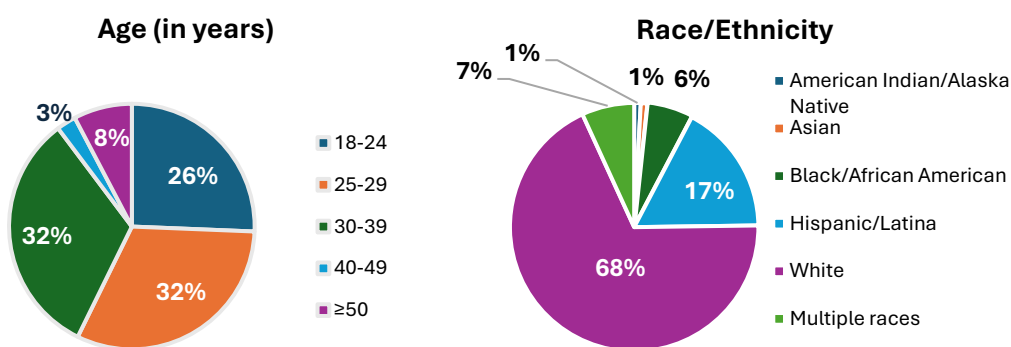


National HIV Behavioral Surveillance in the Denver Metro Area

Trans Liberation Through Community (TLC) Project among women of transgender experience and transfeminine people

The TLC project began in the Denver Metro Area in 2023 as one of ten sites across the country. The aim of the TLC project is to better understand HIV prevalence, HIV prevention usage, and behavioral risks among women of transgender experience and transfeminine people to guide HIV prevention efforts. Participants were identified through peer-referral sampling and interviews were conducted using a standardized survey. *Preliminary results* from the 117 participants are presented. Unless explicitly stated, results reflect participants' experiences in the 12-months prior to their interview.

Selected demographics of participants



21% 
**Income at/
below poverty**

National estimate for all families
was 11.1% in 2023

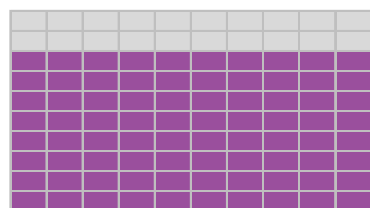
15% 
**Ever/currently
homeless**

Roughly 1 in 25 participants (4%) were living with HIV

- ❖ Participants living with HIV were in care within 3 months of HIV diagnosis, and most are on antiretroviral therapy
- ❖ 9 in 10 participants not living with HIV were aware of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) but only 1 in 3 had used PrEP

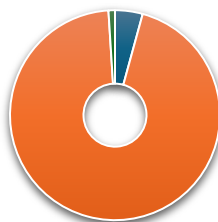
Living with HIV (n=5)

HIV care visit within:

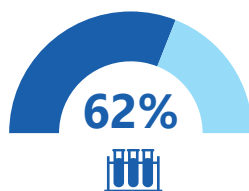


**80% currently taking
antiretroviral therapy**

HIV Status



■ Living with HIV ■ Not living with HIV ■ Unknown



62%
**of all participants
tested for HIV in
the past 12
months**

Not living with HIV (n=111)



PrEP awareness and use

PrEP awareness  **92%**

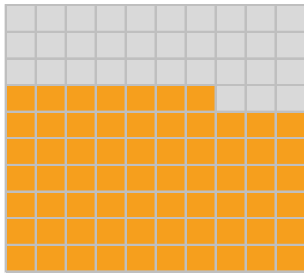
**Used PrEP within
12 mos**  **32%**

KNOW YOUR HIV STATUS

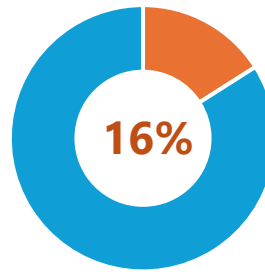
For more information on HIV testing and sexual health care available in the Denver Metro area, call the Denver Sexual Health Clinic at (303) 602-3540 or visit

<https://www.phidenverhealth.org/clinical-services/std-testing-treatment>

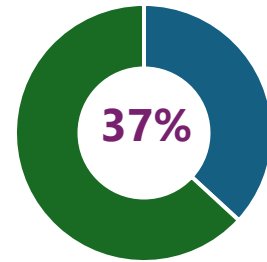
An estimated 2 in 3 participants did not use condoms during sex, increasing their risk for contracting HIV. Of those who engaged in exchange sex, approximately 1 in 3 participants did not use condoms.



68%
did not use a
condom



engaged in
exchange sex

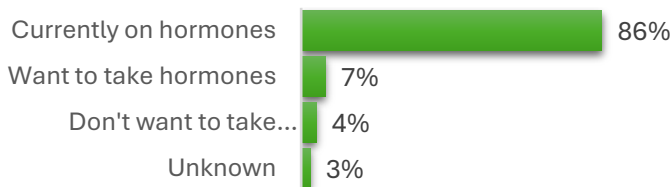


of those who engaged in exchange
sex did not use a condom

"Exchange sex" refers to giving or receiving money or drugs in exchange for sex.

Most participants were taking hormone replacement therapy (HRT). Roughly 8 of 10 participants' insurance included HRT

HRT use for gender affirmation



Participants experienced mental health challenges and abuse

Mental health challenges

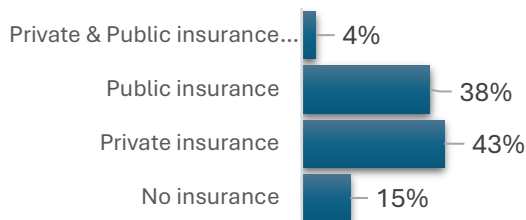


* Specifically asked of the 30 days prior to the interview data. Results include those who responded to the question as all, most, and some of the time.



24% of participants who took HRT and selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) together experienced negative health effects. SSRIs are a widely prescribed antidepressant.

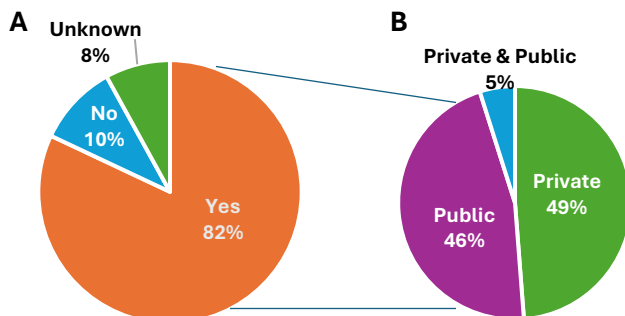
Health Insurance coverage



Types of Abuse



Health insurance included HRT (A), by type (B)



YOU ARE NOT ALONE, HELP IS AVAILABLE

These Denver Metro resources are available if you are experiencing abuse, in need of counseling, or shelter:

The Blue Bench: Sexual assault prevention and support center, offering a 24-hour hotline, therapy, and case management at low to no-cost. <https://thebluebench.org/> (303) 322-7273.

Safehouse Denver: Serves survivors of domestic violence through emergency shelter and nonresidential counseling and advocacy services. <https://safehouse-denver.org/> (303)318-9989

The Delores Project: Provides safe, comfortable shelter and personalized services for transgender individuals experiencing homelessness. <https://thedeloresproject.org/> (303)534-5411