

National HIV Behavioral Surveillance

What is NHBS?

National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS) is a survey that gathers information from different populations that may be disproportionately affected by HIV. These include heterosexually active persons at higher risk (HET), men who have sex with men (MSM) and people who inject drugs (PWID). The information gathered from the survey is used to help design interventions, identify community needs and describe trends in these populations of interest.

Types of data collected:

- Demographics.
- Social networks.
- Sexual behavior.
- Injection and non-injection drug use.
- Alcohol and drug treatment.
- HIV testing experiences.
- Health conditions.
- Prevention activities.
- Stigma and discrimination.



Who is sampled?

For HET and PWID populations, participants are asked to give coupons to people they know and recruit them to take the survey. MSM participants are recruited at places the LGBTQ+ community is known to frequent such as gay bars and pride events. All participants are sampled from the Detroit metropolitan area (i.e. Detroit, Wayne County, Oakland County and Macomb County).

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Examples of past data:

The data from NHBS has been used to generate reports, fact sheets and presentations. None of the data collected can be used to identify or trace participants, and all of it is completely anonymous. Below are some examples of the way data has been used:



58% of MSM in 2017 were aware of PrEP.

19% had taken PrEP.



13% of PWID in 2018 were aware of PrEP.

7% had taken PrEP.



42% of HET in 2019 were aware of PrEP.

<1% had taken PrEP.

How can you help?

If you are asked to take the NHBS survey, consider being a participant. Let your friends know about the NHBS survey so they can be informed, if given the opportunity to participate. You can always reach out to the Bureau of HIV and STI Programs at the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services webpage](#) for further assistance, resources and information.



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