

Reported Number of Persons Living with HCV in MN

- As of December 31, 2022, 32,543* persons are assumed alive and living in MN with HCV.

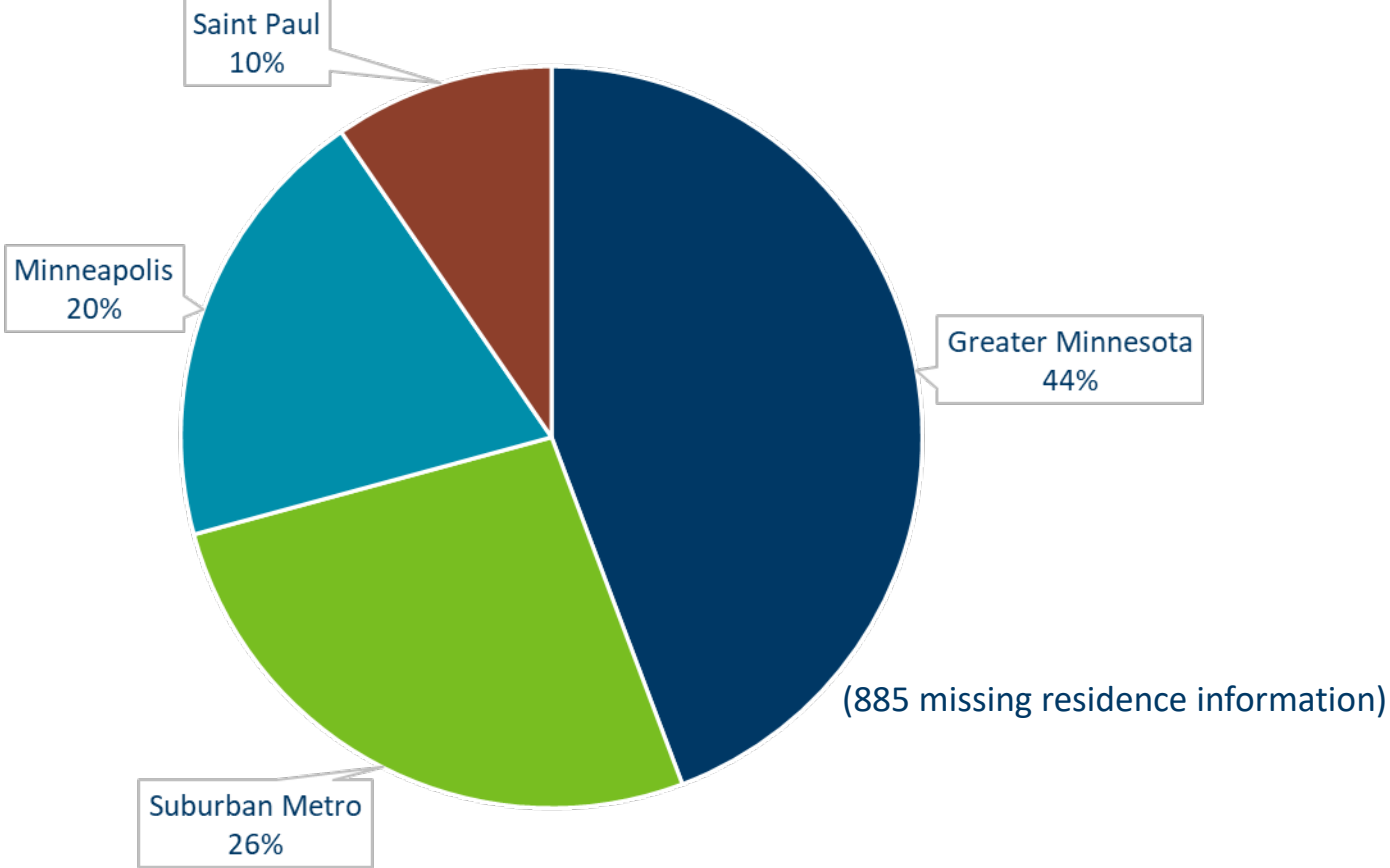
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*Includes persons with unknown city of residence

Data Source: MN Viral Hepatitis Surveillance System

Persons Living with HCV in MN by Current Residence, 2022

Total number with residence information = 31,849



Suburban = Seven-county metro area including Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin (except Minneapolis), Ramsey (except St. Paul), Scott, and Washington counties including those in Hennepin County or Ramsey County with unknown city. Greater MN = All other Minnesota counties, outside the seven-county metro area.

Hepatitis C in St. Louis County

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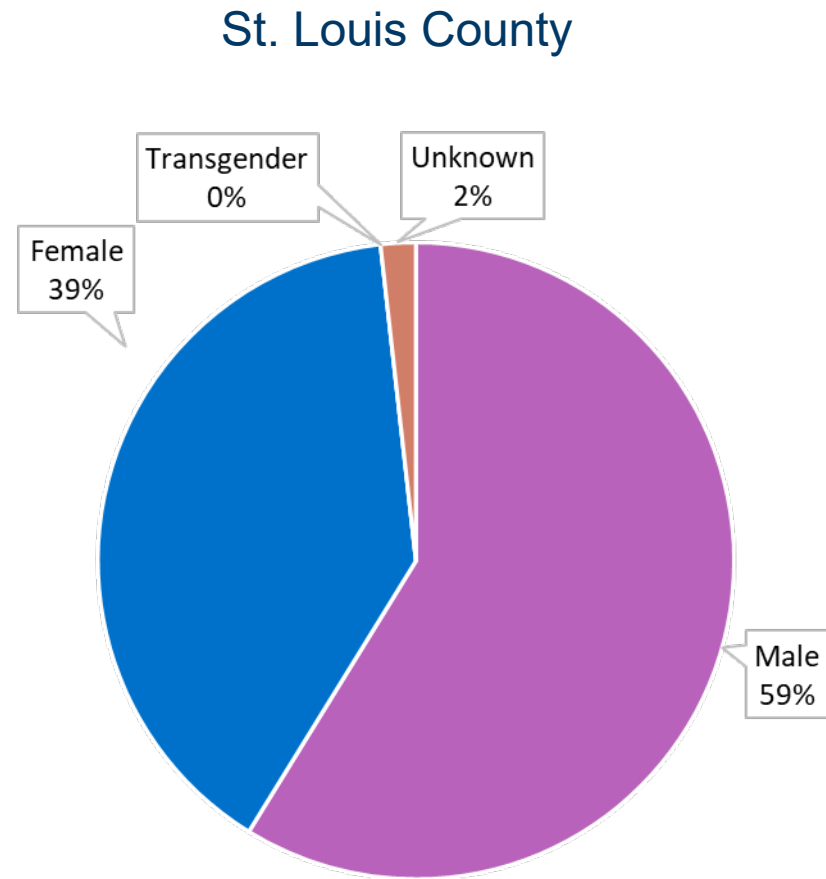
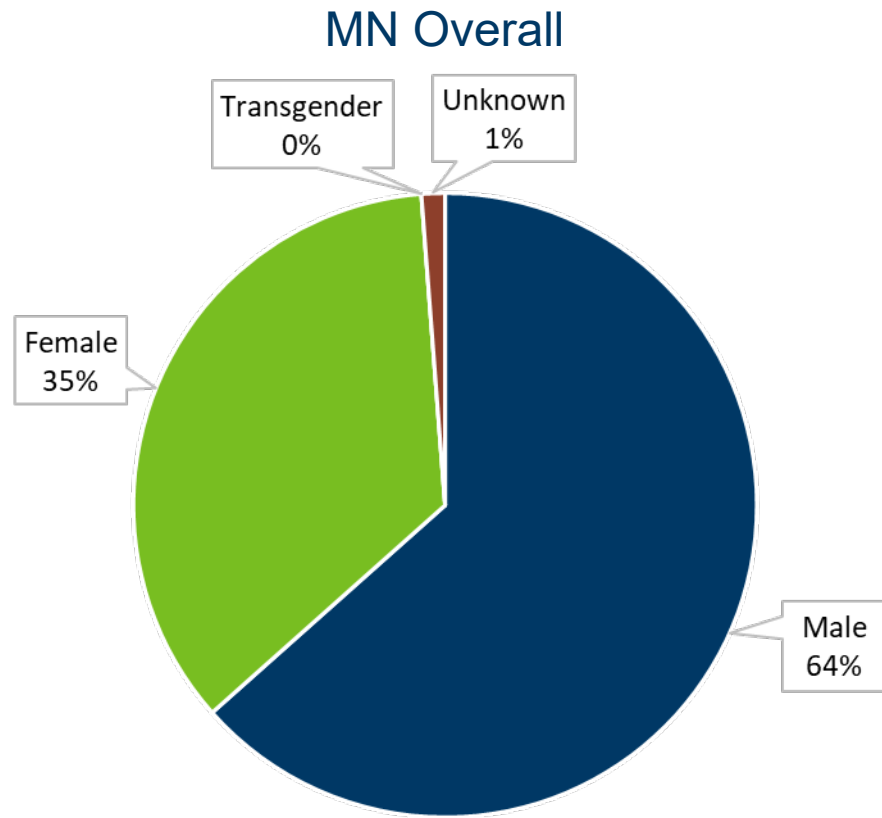
As of December 31, 2022, 2,049* persons are assumed alive and living in St. Louis County with HCV.

- St. Louis County makes up 3.5% of the state's population.
- 6.3% of known HCV cases were reported as residing in St. Louis County.

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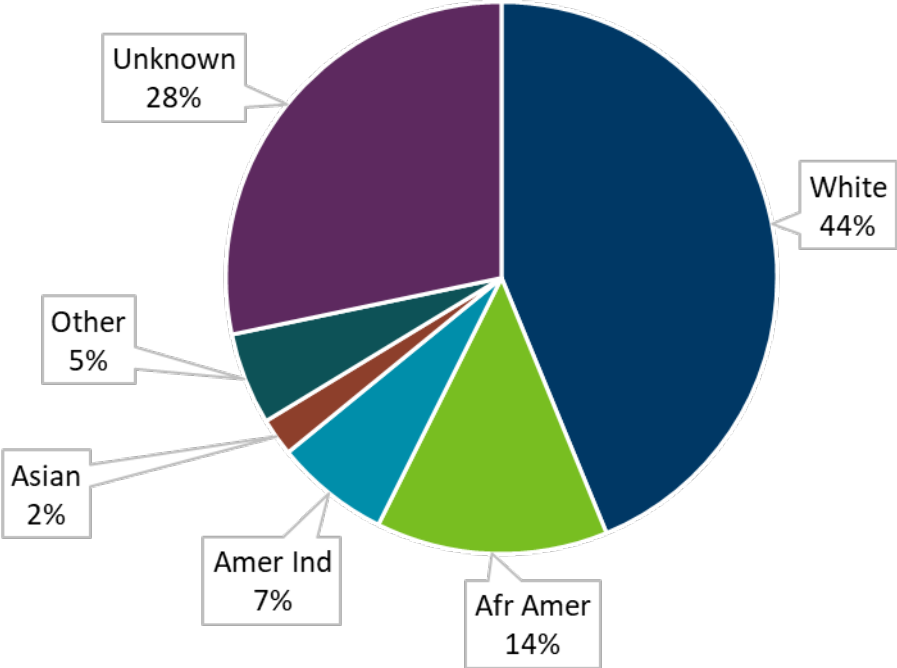
Persons Living with HCV by Gender*, 2022



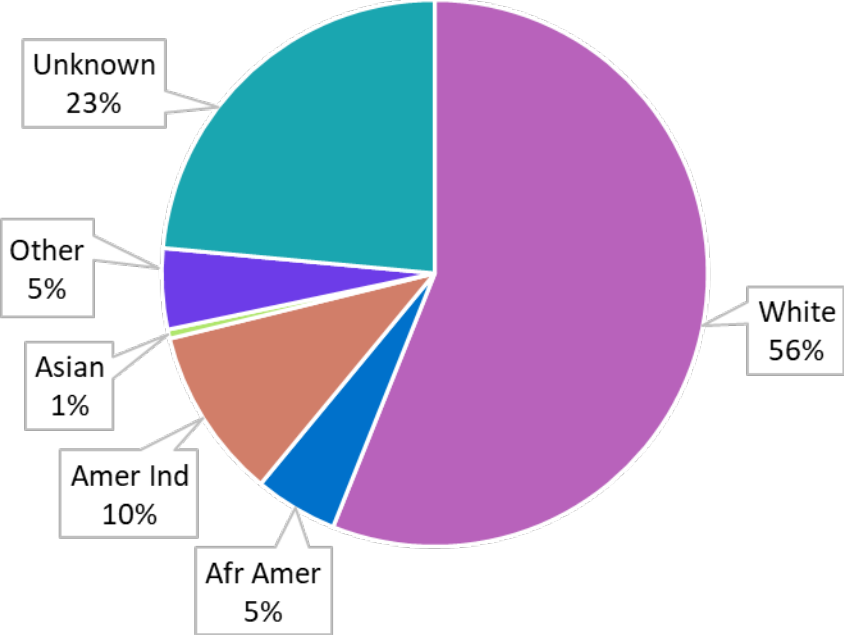
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Persons Living with HCV by Race, 2022

MN Overall

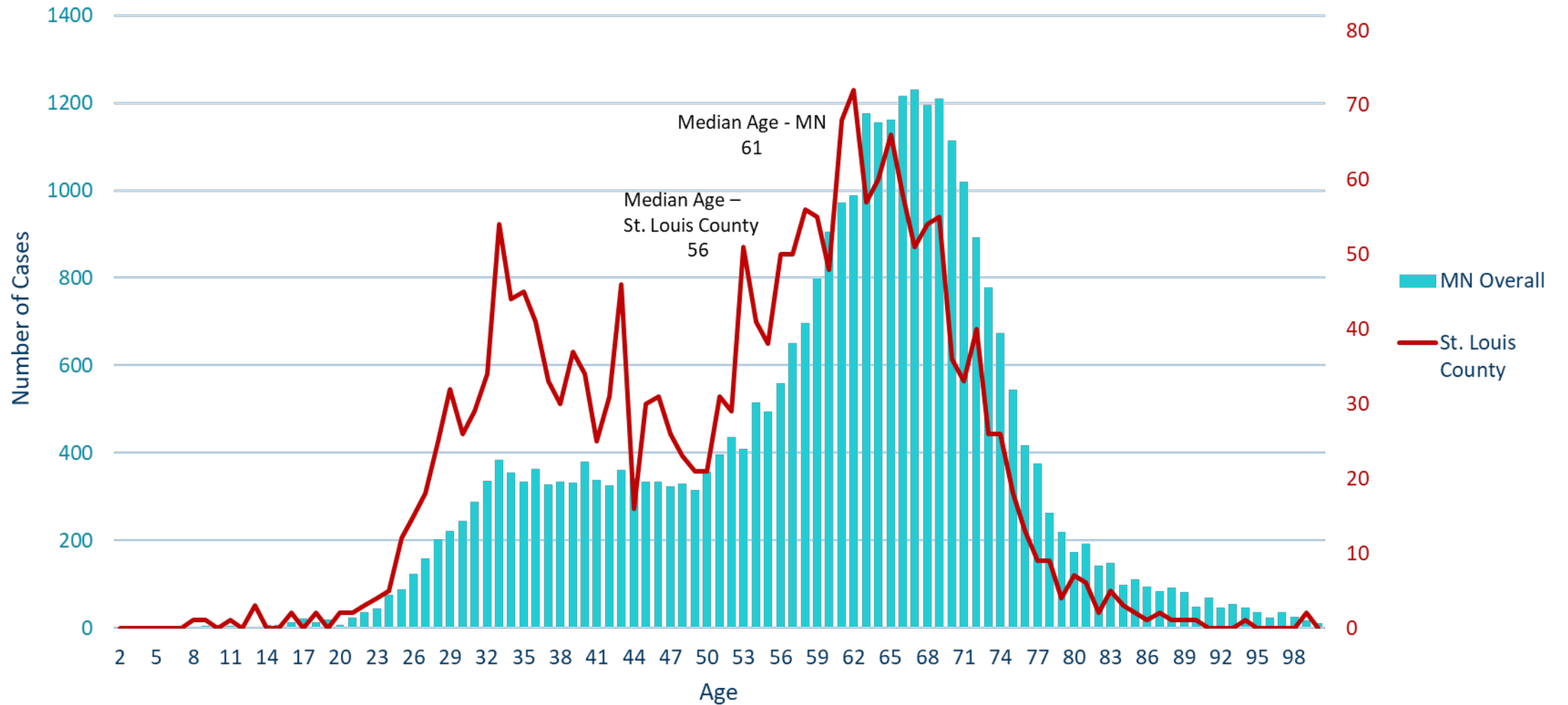


St. Louis County



Afr Amer = African American /Black Asian=Asian or Pacific Islander
Amer Ind = American Indian
Other = Multi-racial persons or persons with other race

Persons Living with HCV by Age, 2022



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Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C is a liver disease that is caused by being infected with the Hepatitis C virus. It is most commonly spread through exposure to blood. Hepatitis C is treatable and can be cured once it is discovered.

Signs & Symptoms

Many people with Hepatitis C may not experience any signs or symptoms and may not know that they have it.

If symptoms do occur, they will likely include the following:

- Jaundice (yellow-tinted eyes or skin)
- Loss of appetite or lack of hunger
- Upset stomach and/or stomach pain
- Vomiting
- Fever
- Dark colored urine
- Joint pain
- Fatigue (feeling very tired)

People living with Chronic Hepatitis C can go without showing any signs or symptoms for years. If signs do start to show, they are likely signs of a serious liver disease.

Risk Factors

People who engage in the following activities are more likely to contract the Hepatitis C virus:

- Sharing injection drug equipment
- People who encounter occupational exposure to blood
- Having unprotected sex
- Receiving tattoos or piercings from unlicensed people or facilities.

Reducing your Risk

If you fall within a high-risk group for getting Hepatitis C, you can reduce your risk of getting it by taking the following actions:

-  Avoid sharing injection drug equipment such as needles or syringes
-  Avoid sharing personal items such as razors or toothbrushes with Hepatitis C positive people.
-  Avoid getting tattoos or body piercings from a facility or person who is not licensed.
-  Avoid having sex without using a condom.

GET TESTED FOR HEPATITIS C TODAY!

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The flier features the Saint Louis County logo at the top left. It is divided into several sections with orange and blue accents. The first section, 'What is Confirmatory Testing?', explains the need for a second test after a positive rapid test. The second section, 'Hepatitis C Treatment', describes oral medication. The third section, 'Confirmatory Testing Sites in Northern St. Louis County', lists three locations: Essentia Health - Virginia, Fairview Health Services, and Scenic Rivers Health Services. The fourth section, 'Confirmatory Testing Sites in South St. Louis County', lists five locations: WE Clinic, Duluth Family Medicine Clinic, Lake Superior Community Health Center, Planned Parenthood - Duluth, and Essentia Health - Duluth. St. Luke's Hospital is also listed. A final orange banner at the bottom asks if the reader has tested positive and encourages getting a confirmatory test.

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What is Confirmatory Testing?

If you receive a positive test result from a rapid antibody Hepatitis C test, you will need to have a second test done to be sure that the Hepatitis C virus is in your body.

If you receive a positive confirmatory test, you may be prescribed treatment for Hepatitis C.

Hepatitis C Treatment

Treatment for Hepatitis C is given in the form of oral medication. This medication will get rid of the Hepatitis C virus in your body. The next step may include further testing.

Confirmatory Testing Sites in Northern St. Louis County

Essentia Health - Virginia
901 9th St N, Virginia, MN 55792
(218) 741-3340

Fairview Health Services
827 N 6th Ave, Virginia, MN 55792
(218) 741-7257

Scenic Rivers Health Services
810 Poplar St, Hoodwood, MN 55736
(218) 476-2221

Confirmatory Testing Sites in South St. Louis County

WE Clinic
32 E 1st St Suite 300, Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 727-3352

Duluth Family Medicine Clinic
330 N 8th Ave E, Duluth, MN 55805
(218) 723-1112

Lake Superior Community Health Center
1325 Grand Ave Suite 1000,
Duluth, MN 55807
(218) 336-3520

Planned Parenthood - Duluth
1001 East Central Entrance Suite 200,
Duluth, MN 55811
(218) 722-0833

Essentia Health - Duluth
407 E 3rd St, Duluth, MN 55805
(218) 756-4000

St. Luke's Hospital
915 E 1st St, Duluth, MN 55805
(218) 249-5555

**HAVE YOU TESTED POSITIVE FOR HEPATITIS C?
Get a confirmatory test as soon as possible!**