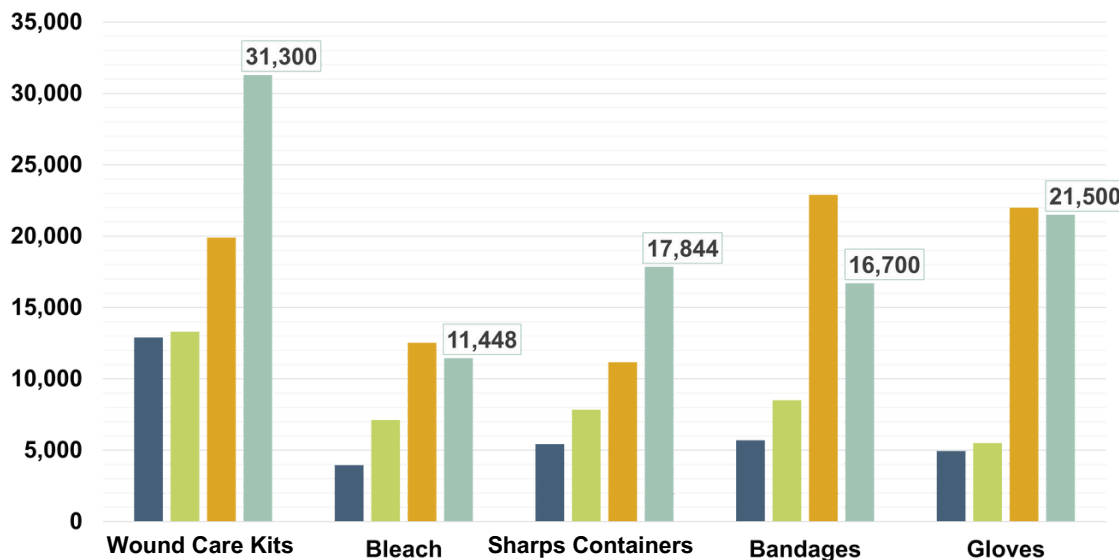


# 2024 HIV and Hepatitis Prevention Program Snapshot

## Supplies Intended to Reduce Harms

The HIV and Hepatitis Prevention Program partners with the Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery to support distribution of supplies intended to reduce harms to people who inject drugs (PWID) in Iowa. Supplies provided through this system are intended to minimize the potential for transmission of HIV and viral hepatitis, prevent injection site bacterial and fungal complications, allow for safe storage and disposal of used injecting equipment and support wound care.

**Statewide Supply Distribution 2021-2024**

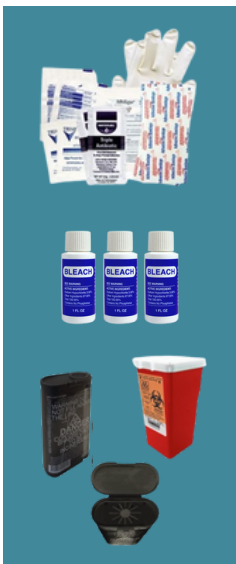


**59**  
organizations  
utilized the  
system in 2024,  
a **7% increase**  
from 2023.

■ 2021 ■ 2023  
■ 2022 ■ 2024

No materials  
considered to be  
drug paraphernalia  
are supplied  
through this system.

### Description of Provided Supplies



**Wound Care Kits:** Kits containing gloves, gauze pads, bandages, antibiotic ointment and ibuprofen are intended to minimize the risk of medical complications related to injecting drugs. These items can help reduce the risk of bacterial and fungal complications such as necrotizing fasciitis, bacteremia, endocarditis, tetanus, wound botulism and abscesses.

**Bleach:** It is recommended that PWID always use new sterile syringes when injecting. In the event that new materials are not readily available, disinfecting equipment with bleach can greatly reduce the risk of HIV and viral hepatitis.

**Sharps Containers:** Safe disposal of used injecting supplies reduces the number of used syringes that are improperly disposed of in the community. Proper disposal ensures that others are not exposed to used equipment, thus preventing potential infections. **Fit packs** are small and transportable sharps containers that support safe storage and disposal for those who do not have immediate access to traditional sharps containers.