

Hepatitis C Virus

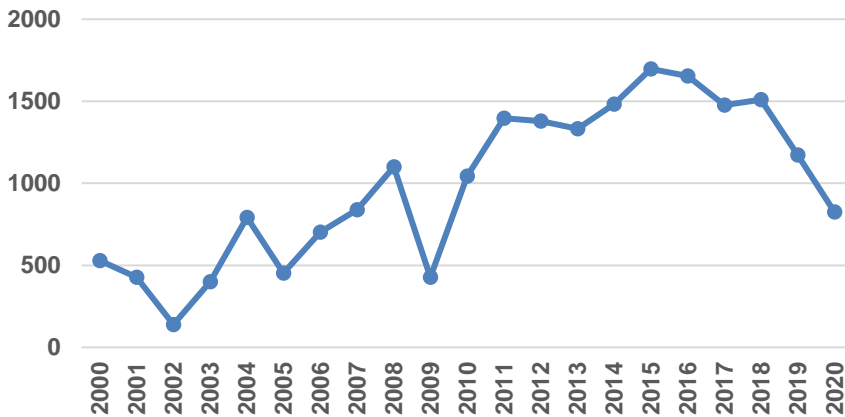
IN IOWA



HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE HCV?

As of December 31, 2020, there were over 27,000 Iowans who were reported to the Iowa Department of Public Health as being diagnosed with chronic HCV.

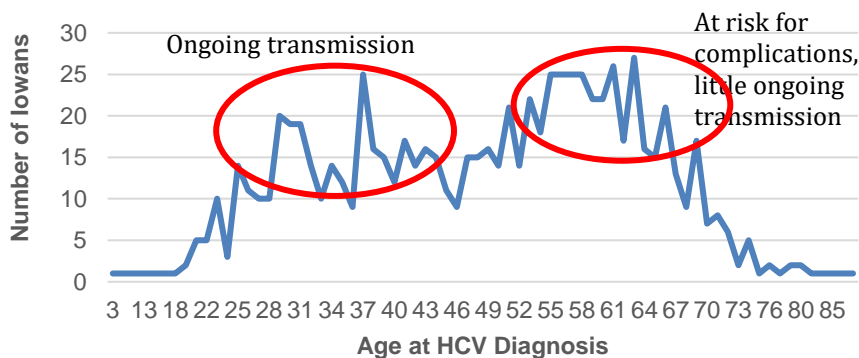
Iowans Diagnosed with HCV by Year



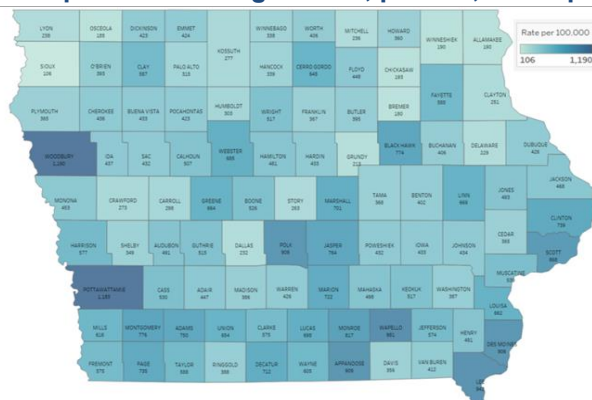
WHO HAS HEPATITIS C IN IOWA?

Nearly half of Iowans diagnosed with hepatitis C in 2020 were baby boomers (born between 1945 and 1965), but a growing percentage of people reported with HCV are under age 40 (30% in 2020).

Age Distribution of People Diagnosed with HCV in 2020



Rates of Hepatitis C Among Iowans, per 100,000 Population



WHAT IS HEPATITIS C?

Hepatitis C is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). HCV is the most common blood-borne illness in the United States. Hepatitis C can cause serious health problems, including liver damage, cirrhosis, liver cancer, and even death.

HEPATITIS C DIAGNOSES ARE INCREASING

HCV diagnoses have increased in Iowa since 2000. There were 825 Iowans diagnosed in 2020, a **56% increase in confirmed diagnoses since 2000**.

WHO SHOULD GET TESTED?

- Those who currently or have **ever injected drugs**
- Those who were born between **1945 and 1965**
- Those who received a blood transfusion or organ transplant before 1992
- Those who are living with HIV

For more information on hepatitis C and to view surveillance reports for hepatitis C in Iowa, please visit: <http://idph.iowa.gov/hivstdhep/hep/hep-c>.

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