

MN HIV Housing Coalition

HIV Advocates and Housing Champions with a mission of preventing new HIV diagnoses in Minnesota

Our Mission

We are Housing Champions, HIV Advocates, and Minnesotans with a mission of ending HIV by expanding opportunities for safe and healthy homes Minnesotans living with HIV can afford. In collaboration with community leaders and lawmakers we are increasing access to stable housing options through statewide grassroots advocacy, and HIV housing education.

Approximately 1 in 10 of the currently 10,000 Minnesotans living with HIV today are unhoused. Through a Housing First approach we are taking action on this critical issue, recognizing that health (physical, mental, and spiritual) starts by being housed.

There is no cure for HIV, but when someone with HIV is stably housed and can take medications regularly the virus can be reduced to the point where it is no longer transmittable. **Getting and keeping an undetectable viral load is the best way for people living with HIV to stay healthy and protect others.** This is called undetectable=untransmittable or u=u, and when Minnesotans achieve viral suppression, we can prevent new cases of HIV every year!

Minnesotans who are experiencing homelessness, who use injection drugs, who are Indigenous, Black, or BIPOC, who are newcomers, who are LGBTQ+, are all more likely to receive an HIV diagnosis. But, when our communities, whether rural, urban, or suburban, have access to resources, like safe places to call home, our neighbors living with HIV are more likely to achieve and maintain viral suppression.



Want to be a part of a changing future?

Become a member of the MN HIV Housing Coalition and join our work to make Minnesota a better place to call home for our families, and our neighbors living with HIV.

To become a member contact Madeleine Hammerlund (she/her) at [Madeleine.Hammerlund@clarehousing.org](mailto:madeleine.hammerlund@clarehousing.org)

Contact your federal lawmakers in support of Minnesotans living with HIV remaining housed and in their homes! HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People Living with HIV/AIDS) are federal investments for in housing for people living with HIV and are currently at risk of cuts. Scan this code to send a message to your lawmakers today!



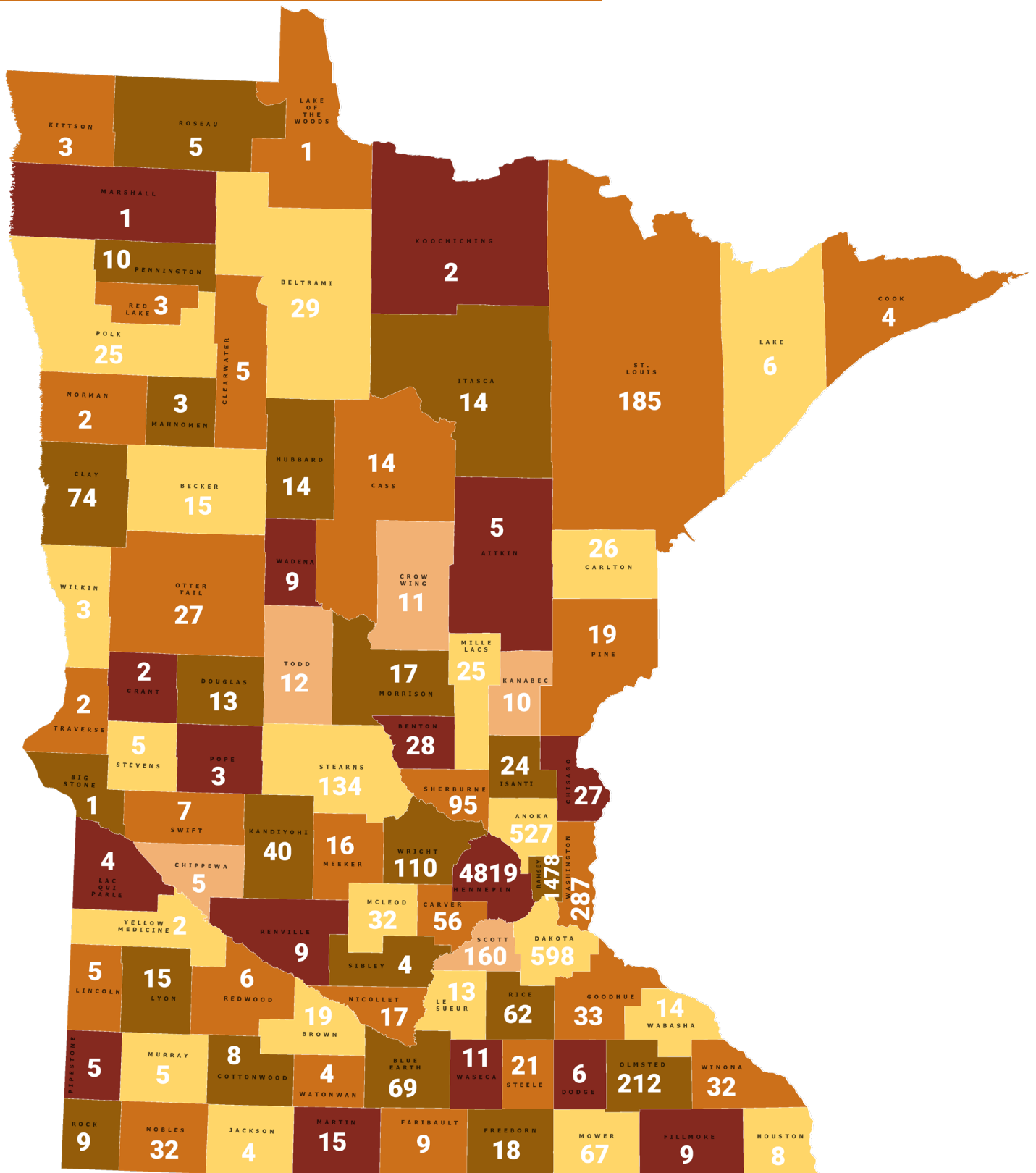
tinyurl.com/SupportHOPWA

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Minnesotans Living with HIV/AIDS by County

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