

# Hepatitis C in Indiana

New cases of hepatitis C are declining in Indiana; however, improvement is needed to ensure positive health outcomes for all Hoosiers.

Despite similar or lower rates of hepatitis C infection, a **10-year gap** was reported in the average age between **White** (41.8) and **Black** (51.4) Hoosiers at the time of their first reported hepatitis C infection from 2019 to 2024.

AGE  
**42**

On average, **White Hoosiers** are getting screened at **42 years old**.

AGE  
**51**

**Black Hoosiers** are getting screened at an average age of **51**.

**Black Hoosiers** are getting screened for hepatitis C later than **White Hoosiers**. This results in a longer period of time where liver damage can continue to occur thus worsening health impacts and outcomes.

In 2024, **68%** of newly reported hepatitis C cases in Indiana, had a history of **injection drug use**. Of those cases, **65%** of people were between the ages of **30-49** years.

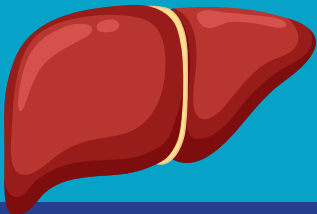
In 2024, **71%** of newly reported hepatitis C cases have **experienced incarceration** at least once in their lifetime.

In 2024, **62%** of newly reported hepatitis C cases were living in urban areas (rate of **34.0** per 100,000 population).

**34.0**

**40.5**

In 2024, **38%** of newly reported hepatitis C cases were residing in rural areas (rate of **40.5** per 100,000 population).



## Early Detection Saves Lives

CDC recommends **EVERYONE 18-79** be screened for hepatitis C.

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm>

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