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Lowering the number of new HIV infections among transgender women is a major HIV prevention goal [1]. This goal can be achieved by implementing three important strategies for reducing HIV infections: (1) intensifying HIV prevention efforts in populations where HIV is most heavily concentrated, including transgender women; gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (hereafter referred to as MSM); black or African American persons; Hispanic or Latino persons; and persons who inject drugs (PWID); (2) expanding efforts to prevent HIV infection by using a combination of effective, evidence-based, scalable approaches (including preexposure prophylaxis [PrEP]) tailored specifically for populations at risk; and (3) educating the general public about the threat of HIV infection and how to prevent it, which can help address HIV stigma [1–3]. State and local health departments, as well as federal agencies, are expected to monitor progress toward HIV prevention goals [1].

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS) serves as a key component of a high-impact prevention approach to reducing the spread of HIV in the United States [4]. NHBS provides data for monitoring behaviors among populations disproportionately burdened by HIV infection and for identifying the populations for whom scientifically proven, cost-effective, and scalable interventions are most appropriate. Monitoring key indicators among members of key populations is critical to achieving the goals of the Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America initiative [5]. This initiative is aimed at reducing new HIV infections by 90% by 2030 by implementing evidence-based strategies for specific populations in geographic areas most affected by HIV. NHBS has previously proven effective at monitoring key indicators, such as sexual and drug use behaviors; HIV testing and linkage to care; access to, and use of, prevention interventions, including PrEP and syringe services programs (SSP); and prevalence of HIV and other infections in areas with high HIV prevalence among 3 populations at high risk of HIV infection: MSM, PWID, and heterosexually active persons at increased risk for HIV infection [6, 7]. Transgender women are reported to be disproportionately affected

by HIV infection; however, little is known about the epidemiology of HIV infection among this population in the United States [8]. To address this gap in data, CDC sought to implement National HIV Behavioral Surveillance among Transgender Women (NHBS-Trans).

This report summarizes findings from the first NHBS-Trans data collection cycle, which was conducted in 2019–2020. Transgender women, especially transgender women of color, are disproportionately affected by HIV [8]. This report provides descriptive, unweighted data that can be used to describe HIV infection among transgender women and the percentages of transgender women reporting specific behaviors, HIV testing, access to care, participation in prevention programs, gender-affirming medical treatment, experiences of abuse and harassment, and suicidality. Collecting these data is useful for assessing risk, access to care and treatment, the use of prevention efforts, and other social structural factors affecting HIV prevention opportunities for this population.

TABLE ORGANIZATION

The tables in this report are ordered by content. Tables 1, 5A–6B and 8–12 are stratified by HIV status; that is, data are presented separately for HIV-negative participants and HIV-positive participants (HIV status was determined from the NHBS HIV test result). A small percentage of the sample (3.2%) could not be classified by HIV status because they had no valid NHBS HIV test result; that is, they did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result. For data completeness, data from these participants are reported in a “No valid NHBS HIV test result” column (Table 1) or row (Tables 5A–6B and Tables 8–12). **Unless otherwise noted in the tables, measurement notes, or the following highlights, the period for all outcomes is in the 12 months before the interview.**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ANALYSES

### Demographic Characteristics, HIV Prevalence, and HIV Testing

This report describes data from 1,608 transgender women who participated in NHBS in 2019 and early 2020, of whom 32% identified as a woman, 87% a transgender woman, <1% a transgender man, and 6% as a gender not listed in the survey (percentages do not sum to 100 as participants were allowed to select more than one gender identity). Overall, 1% were American Indian/Alaska Native, 2% were Asian, 35% were black/African American, 40% were Hispanic or Latina, 3% were Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander, 11% were white, and 8% were multiple races (Table 1). Among all participants, 17% had no health insurance, 7% had not visited a health care provider, and the household income of 63% of participants was at or below the federal poverty level. In the 12 months before the interview, 42% of participants had experienced homelessness and 17% had been incarcerated.

In 2019–2020, 42% of participants with a valid NHBS HIV test result tested positive for HIV (Table 2). By city, HIV prevalence was as follows: 58% in Atlanta, 33% in Los Angeles, 45% in New Orleans, 52% in New York City, 51% in Philadelphia, 41% in San Francisco, and 21% in Seattle. By race and ethnicity, HIV prevalence was 65% among American Indian/Alaska Natives, 20% among Asians, 62% among black/African Americans, 35% among Hispanics or Latinas, 17% among Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islanders, 17% among whites, and 38% among participants who reported multiple races.

CDC recommends that persons at increased risk of HIV infection undergo HIV testing at least annually [9]. Of participants who did not report a previous HIV-positive test result or who had received their first HIV-positive test result less than 12 months before the interview, 82% reported that they had been tested for HIV in the 12 months before the interview, and 96% reported that they had ever been tested (Table 3).

Among participants who reported being tested for HIV in the 12 months before the interview, 63% reported their most recent test was performed in a clinical setting while 34% reported being tested in a nonclinical setting, such as an HIV counseling and testing site, an HIV street outreach program or mobile unit, a SSP, or at home (Table 4).

### Sexual Behaviors

Condomless anal sex is associated with increased risk of HIV transmission [10]. Among HIV-negative participants, 30% reported condomless receptive anal sex and 27% reported both condomless insertive and receptive anal sex (Table 5A). Condomless receptive anal sex was highest among HIV-negative transgender women aged 25–29 years (37%) and 18–24 years (35%). Anal sex was less common among HIV-negative transgender women aged 50 years and older, with 48% reporting no anal sex. Among transgender women who were HIV-positive, <1% reported condomless insertive anal sex, 25% reported condomless receptive anal sex, and 23% reported both condomless insertive and receptive anal sex. Among HIV-positive transgender women, condomless receptive anal sex was highest among women aged 40–49 years (30%).

Vaginal sex was less common among transgender women. Among HIV-positive participants, 90% reported no vaginal sex, 3% reported condomless insertive vaginal sex, 2% reported receptive vaginal sex, and <1% reported both condomless insertive and receptive vaginal sex (Table 5B). Among HIV-negative participants, 83% reported no vaginal sex, 8% reported condomless insertive vaginal sex, 4% reported receptive vaginal sex, and 1% reported both insertive and receptive vaginal sex.

Sexual behaviors are an important mode of HIV transmission among transgender women. The percentage of transgender women who engaged in condomless anal sex underscores the importance of using effective, culturally specific, evidence-based HIV prevention strategies including peer-led, empowerment-based behavioral interventions [11, 12].

### Receipt of HIV Prevention

The receipt of free condoms, participation in HIV individual- or group-level behavioral interventions, and PrEP awareness and use are reported in Table 6A. Overall, 81% of participants reported receiving free condoms and 63% reported participating in an HIV behavioral intervention. The percentages of transgender women who received condoms were the same across HIV status (82%); however, the percentage of transgender women who reported participating in an HIV behavioral intervention was highest for HIV-positive participants (67%) in general, and for HIV-positive Hispanic/Latina transgender women in particular (73%). Participation in HIV individual- or

group-level behavioral interventions among HIV-negative participants was most common in the following 3 cities: Los Angeles (69%), New York City (68%), and San Francisco (66%) (Table 6B).

CDC's clinical guidance recommends the use of PrEP for persons at increased risk of acquiring HIV, including sexually active transgender persons [13]. While PrEP awareness was common among HIV-negative transgender women (92%), PrEP use was less common (32%) (Table 6A). These findings are similar to those observed among MSM with 90% PrEP awareness and 35% PrEP use in 2017 [14]. Previous studies among transgender women reveal high knowledge of PrEP but very low uptake and cited several barriers, including medical mistrust due to experiences of transphobia, lack of trans-inclusive PrEP marketing, and a concern about drug interactions between hormones and PrEP [15, 16]. Across participating cities, PrEP awareness was highest in Philadelphia (96%) and PrEP use was most common in San Francisco (46%) and New York City (43%) (Table 6B).

### Receipt of HIV Care and Treatment

Achieving viral suppression through antiretroviral treatment can improve clinical outcomes and reduce the likelihood of HIV transmission [17]. Increasing the percentage of persons with newly diagnosed HIV linked to care within 1 month of diagnosis has been a national HIV prevention goal since 2015 [1]. The Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative also seeks to increase viral suppression to 95% nationally by 2030 by linking newly diagnosed individuals to rapid start treatment programs and helping them to stay in care and on their medication [18, 19]. A consistently suppressed HIV viral load is associated with reduced morbidity and mortality and a lower probability of transmitting HIV to sex partners [20]. In 2019–2020, among self-reported HIV-positive transgender women, 95% reported having ever visited a health care provider for HIV, 63% reported that they did so within one month after diagnosis, and 89% reported visiting a health care provider for HIV care in the six months before interview. Current use of antiretroviral therapy was reported by 90% of self-reported HIV-positive transgender women (Table 7).

### Substance Use

Table 8 presents data on drug use in the 12 months before interview and binge drinking in the 30 days before interview among transgender women. Prevalence of noninjection drug use was similar among HIV-negative and HIV-positive participants at 59% and 60%, respectively. Marijuana was the most commonly used noninjection drug among both HIV-negative transgender women (53%) and HIV-positive transgender women (52%), followed by noninjection use of cocaine and methamphetamines. Among HIV-negative transgender women, 22% used cocaine and 15% used methamphetamines. Among HIV-positive transgender women, 19% used cocaine and 20% used methamphetamines. Use of any injection drugs was more common among HIV-positive transgender women (9%) than among HIV-negative participants (5%). Binge drinking was more common among HIV-negative transgender women (19%) than among HIV-positive participants (10%).

These findings are important as substance use has been found to be associated with sexual risk among transgender women [21, 22]. A similar prevalence of methamphetamine use has been reported previously and was found to be associated with testing positive for HIV [21]. These findings warrant further exploration of substance use and sexual risk among transgender women and the need for tailored interventions.

### Gender Affirming Medical Treatment

Table 9 presents data on gender-affirming medical treatment. Participants were asked about gender-affirming surgeries they have had or would like to have, including vaginoplasty, orchiectomy, and breast augmentation. Participants were also asked about hormone use for gender affirmation, including whether they were currently taking hormones at the time of the survey or wanted to take hormones (among women not taking hormones at time of survey). Among participants who reported no prior surgery, desire for gender affirming surgery was common among both HIV-negative transgender women (53%) and HIV-positive transgender women (51%) (Table 9). Among HIV-negative participants, 67% were taking hormones for gender affirmation at the time of the survey, 23% wanted to take hormones, and 8% did not want to take hormones. Among HIV-positive participants, 78% were taking hormones for gender affirma-

tion at the time of the survey, 15% wanted to take hormones, and 7% did not want to take hormones.

Access to gender-affirming medical treatment may improve uptake of HIV treatment and prevention. Previous studies have found that unmet needs for gender affirmation, including not being on hormones, may impact or delay HIV treatment [23, 24]. A study found that unmet surgical needs and not being on hormones were significantly associated with HIV treatment interruptions [23]. Similarly, another study found that hormone use lowered odds of not being on antiretroviral therapy (ART), suggesting a protective effect on treatment [24]. Thus, access to gender affirming care may be critical in improving HIV outcomes among transgender women.

### **Additional Sexual Behavior Outcomes**

Table 10 presents data on additional sexual behavior outcomes among transgender women. Overall, prevalence of exchange sex (receiving money or drugs in exchange for sex) was 34% among participants. Giving or receiving money or drugs in exchange for sex is a recognized risk factor for HIV infection [25]. Prevalence of exchange sex was higher among younger transgender women than older transgender women. Among HIV-negative transgender women, 41% of participants aged 18–24 years exchanged sex compared to 22% of participants aged 50 years and older. Among HIV-positive transgender women, 46% of participants aged 18–24 years exchanged sex compared to 23% of participants aged 50 years and older. Exchange sex may be an important risk factor for HIV transmission among transgender women. One study found HIV prevalence to be 8 times higher in female sex workers who were transgender compared to cisgender sex workers; engaging in sex work due to a lack of job opportunities and engaging in sex work for >5 years were independently associated with HIV infection among transgender women [26].

Additionally, condomless sex with a partner of discordant or unknown HIV status at last sex was reported by 12% of HIV-negative transgender women and 28% of HIV-positive transgender women. A syndemics approach to health considers disease clustering, interactions between diseases, and how human health is affected by both physical and social environments [27]. A study that assessed how syndemics may impact HIV risk among transgender women found that compared to women experiencing no syn-

demic conditions, women experiencing four syndemic conditions (i.e., polydrug use, depression, childhood sexual abuse, and intimate partner violence) were more likely to report recent HIV transmission risk behavior, including condomless sex with an HIV-discordant partner and recent transactional sex events [28]. Understanding and addressing the role syndemic conditions play in the spread of HIV/AIDS may be important to consider for both treatment and prevention [27].

Comprehensive legislation that would prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and expression in employment would increase job opportunities for transgender women [29]. Addressing unmet need through antidiscrimination policies, in addition to expanding comprehensive HIV interventions tailored to the needs of transgender women, may be critical steps in reducing HIV burden among this population.

### **Abuse and Harassment**

Reports of experiencing abuse and harassment were common among transgender women. Overall, 54% of transgender women experienced verbal abuse or harassment because of their gender identity or presentation (Table 11). Over a quarter of transgender women (27%) experienced physical abuse or harassment because of their gender identity, 15% reported physical abuse or harassment by a sexual partner, and 15% reported being physically forced or verbally threatened to have any sexual contact when they did not want to. Younger women reported higher prevalence of abuse and harassment because of their gender identity: 70% of HIV-negative participants aged 18–24 years reported verbal abuse or harassment compared to 45% of HIV-negative participants aged 50 years or older. Similarly, 62% of HIV-positive participants aged 18–24 years reported verbal abuse or harassment compared to 39% of HIV-positive participants aged 50 years and older. A meta-analysis study found a similarly high prevalence of abuse among transgender women; 56% reported mental or physical abuse and a much higher prevalence of sexual abuse (54%) than was reported here (15%) [2].

### **Suicidal Ideation and Behavior**

Overall, 18% of participants reported having seriously thought about suicide (Table 12). Additionally, 7% made plans for suicide and 4% attempted suicide. Reported suicidal ideation and behavior was

higher among HIV-negative participants than HIV-positive participants. Among HIV-negative participants, 22% seriously thought about suicide, 9% made plans for suicide, and 6% attempted suicide. Among HIV-positive participants, 12% seriously thought about suicide, 4% made plans for suicide, and 3% attempted suicide.

Previously published estimates of suicidality among transgender persons are high. The 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey found that 40% of transgender people attempted suicide in their lifetime and 7% attempted suicide in the past year [30]. Gender affirmation may lower suicidality among transgender women. A study found that gender affirmation was significantly associated with lower odds of past-year suicidal ideation and psychological distress; gender affirmation also mitigated the association between discrimination and past-year suicidal ideation [31].

NHBS conducts rotating cycles of biobehavioral surveys among MSM, PWID, and heterosexually active persons at increased risk of HIV infection; data are collected in annual cycles from one risk group per year so that each population is surveyed once every 3 years [7]. In 2019–2020, NHBS conducted its first biobehavioral survey among transgender women. The same general NHBS eligibility criteria were used: aged 18 years or older, current residence in a participating city, no previous participation in NHBS during the current survey cycle, ability to complete the survey in either English or Spanish, and ability to provide informed consent. In addition to these basic NHBS eligibility criteria, participation in the 2019–2020 NHBS-Trans cycle was limited to persons who (1) reported a gender identity of woman or transgender woman, and (2) were assigned male or intersex at birth.

NHBS uses a standardized set of questions to collect information about behavioral risks for HIV infection, HIV testing, and use of HIV prevention services. For the NHBS-Trans questionnaire, new sections were added (e.g., Gender Identity and Medical Gender Affirmation) and existing sections were modified (e.g., Sexual Behaviors) to tailor the survey for use among transgender women. The anonymous, in-person survey is administered by a trained interviewer using a portable computer. All participants are offered an anonymous HIV test, which is linked to the survey data through a unique survey identifier.

Activities for NHBS were approved by CDC [32, 33] and by applicable institutional review boards (IRBs) in each participating city.

## PARTICIPATING CITIES

State and local health departments eligible to participate in NHBS are among those whose jurisdictions include an MSA or a specified division with high prevalence of HIV. In 2019–2020, NHBS-Trans was conducted in 7 MSAs: Atlanta, GA; Los Angeles, CA; New Orleans, LA; New York City, NY; Philadelphia, PA; San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA. Throughout this report, MSAs and divisions are referred to by the name of the principal city.

## SAMPLING METHOD

Participants in the 2019–2020 NHBS-Trans cycle were recruited by using respondent-driven sampling (RDS) [34, 35]. Recruitment started with a limited number of initial participants, or “seeds,” who were chosen by referrals from people and community-based organizations who knew or were part of the local population of transgender women. The NHBS-Trans cycle primarily sought to assess the needs of transgender women belonging to racial and ethnic minority populations as HIV prevalence estimates are higher among black/African American transgender women compared with white transgender women [2, 8]. The 7 participating MSAs focused on recruiting black/Latina identifying persons as initial recruits or “seeds.” Initial recruits who completed the eligibility screener and were found eligible were administered the survey, and those who completed the survey were asked to recruit up to 5 transgender women whom they knew personally. Those persons, in turn, completed the survey and were asked to recruit others by using a system of coded coupons. This recruitment process continued until the sample size was reached or the sampling period ended. Participants received incentives for participating in the survey and for recruiting others.

## DATA COLLECTION

Persons who brought a valid coupon to an NHBS field site were escorted to a private area for eligibility screening. For those who met eligibility requirements, trained interviewers obtained informed consent and conducted face-to-face interviews. The interview took approximately 40 minutes and consisted of questions concerning participants’ demographic characteristics, HIV testing history, sexual and substance use behaviors, social and medical gender affirmation, STI testing, and use of HIV prevention services and programs. In exchange for the time spent taking part in the interview, participants received approximately \$25 (exact amount determined locally).

HIV testing was performed for participants who consented; blood specimens were collected for rapid testing in the field or laboratory-based testing. A non-reactive rapid test result was considered HIV-

negative; a reactive rapid test result was considered HIV-positive if supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing (among participants with newly diagnosed HIV infection). Participants received approximately \$25 for HIV testing (exact amount determined locally).

Participants who agreed to recruit others received an additional incentive of \$10–\$20 for each recruit (up to 5) who completed the interview (exact amount determined locally). Each participating city’s goal was to interview 200 transgender women.

## DATA ANALYSIS

This surveillance report presents descriptive data; no statistical tests were performed. In addition, these data are cross-sectional; we did not attempt to infer causal relationships. Reported numbers less than 12, and percentages based on these numbers, should be interpreted with caution because the numbers are considered unreliable.

Data for this report are not weighted. The purpose of this report is to provide a detailed summary of surveillance data collected as part of the 2019–2020 NHBS-Trans cycle; unweighted data provide an efficient and transparent way to do so. Further, unweighted analysis allows for detailed reporting of outcomes among small subgroups of the population of interest.

In total, 1,834 persons were recruited to participate in NHBS-Trans in 2019–2020. Of those, 132 were excluded from the survey because they did not meet NHBS eligibility criteria, did not provide consent, or their data were lost during electronic upload. An additional 94 interviews were excluded from this report due to incomplete survey data, survey responses of questionable validity, or because they did not meet basic inclusion criteria for analysis.

The full analysis sample for this report includes 2019–2020 NHBS-Trans cycle participants who consented to, completed the survey, identified as a transgender woman or woman, and were assigned male at birth ( $n = 1,608$  Table 1). Participants who were assigned intersex at birth and identified as transgender women were also included in the analysis sample for this report. Additional inclusion criteria were applied for certain analyses of HIV infection, HIV-associated behaviors, and gender affirming medical treatment; details of each analysis sample can be found in the footnotes of each table.

## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Infographic: HIV infection risk, prevention, and testing behaviors among transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020 ([PDF file is attached](#); also available at <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/library/reports/surveillance/cdc-hiv-surveillance-special-report-number-27-infographic.pdf>).

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|                                                       | HIV-negative <sup>a</sup> |      | HIV-positive <sup>b</sup> |      | No valid NHBS HIV test result <sup>c</sup> |      | Total |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------|------|-------|------|
|                                                       | No.                       | %    | No.                       | %    | No.                                        | %    | No.   | %    |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>                          |                           |      |                           |      |                                            |      |       |      |
| 18–24                                                 | 158                       | 17.5 | 26                        | 3.9  | 6                                          | 12.8 | 190   | 11.8 |
| 25–29                                                 | 200                       | 22.2 | 99                        | 15.0 | 7                                          | 14.9 | 306   | 19.0 |
| 30–39                                                 | 253                       | 28.0 | 193                       | 29.3 | 15                                         | 31.9 | 461   | 28.7 |
| 40–49                                                 | 145                       | 16.1 | 149                       | 22.6 | 13                                         | 27.7 | 307   | 19.1 |
| ≥50                                                   | 145                       | 16.1 | 192                       | 29.1 | 6                                          | 12.8 | 343   | 21.3 |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                                 |                           |      |                           |      |                                            |      |       |      |
| American Indian/Alaska Native                         | 6                         | 0.7  | 11                        | 1.7  | 0                                          | 0.0  | 17    | 1.1  |
| Asian                                                 | 24                        | 2.7  | 6                         | 0.9  | 0                                          | 0.0  | 30    | 1.9  |
| Black/African American                                | 209                       | 23.2 | 339                       | 51.4 | 21                                         | 44.7 | 569   | 35.4 |
| Hispanic/Latina <sup>d</sup>                          | 407                       | 45.1 | 219                       | 33.2 | 17                                         | 36.2 | 643   | 40.0 |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander                | 35                        | 3.9  | 7                         | 1.1  | 0                                          | 0.0  | 42    | 2.6  |
| White                                                 | 146                       | 16.2 | 30                        | 4.6  | 4                                          | 8.5  | 180   | 11.2 |
| Multiple races                                        | 74                        | 8.2  | 45                        | 6.8  | 5                                          | 10.6 | 124   | 7.7  |
| <b>Gender identity<sup>e</sup></b>                    |                           |      |                           |      |                                            |      |       |      |
| Woman                                                 | 288                       | 31.9 | 207                       | 31.4 | 14                                         | 29.8 | 509   | 31.7 |
| Man                                                   | 2                         | 0.2  | 4                         | 0.6  | 0                                          | 0.0  | 6     | 0.4  |
| Transgender woman                                     | 786                       | 87.1 | 577                       | 87.6 | 41                                         | 87.2 | 1,404 | 87.3 |
| Transgender man                                       | 4                         | 0.4  | 7                         | 1.1  | 0                                          | 0.0  | 11    | 0.7  |
| Gender not listed                                     | 66                        | 7.3  | 25                        | 3.8  | 3                                          | 6.4  | 94    | 5.8  |
| <b>Education</b>                                      |                           |      |                           |      |                                            |      |       |      |
| Less than high school                                 | 180                       | 20.0 | 156                       | 23.7 | 11                                         | 23.4 | 347   | 21.6 |
| High school diploma or equivalent                     | 317                       | 35.1 | 257                       | 39.0 | 22                                         | 46.8 | 596   | 37.1 |
| Some college or technical degree                      | 270                       | 29.9 | 206                       | 31.3 | 10                                         | 21.3 | 486   | 30.2 |
| College degree or more                                | 133                       | 14.7 | 40                        | 6.1  | 4                                          | 8.5  | 177   | 11.0 |
| <b>Household income<sup>f</sup></b>                   |                           |      |                           |      |                                            |      |       |      |
| At or below the federal poverty level                 | 548                       | 60.8 | 430                       | 65.3 | 30                                         | 63.8 | 1,008 | 62.7 |
| Above the federal poverty level                       | 344                       | 38.1 | 225                       | 34.1 | 16                                         | 34.0 | 585   | 36.4 |
| <b>Health insurance</b>                               |                           |      |                           |      |                                            |      |       |      |
| Yes                                                   | 698                       | 77.4 | 599                       | 90.9 | 40                                         | 85.1 | 1,337 | 83.1 |
| No                                                    | 204                       | 22.6 | 59                        | 9.0  | 7                                          | 14.9 | 270   | 16.8 |
| <b>Visited a health care provider, past 12 months</b> |                           |      |                           |      |                                            |      |       |      |
| Yes                                                   | 828                       | 91.8 | 633                       | 96.1 | 41                                         | 87.2 | 1,502 | 93.4 |
| No                                                    | 74                        | 8.2  | 26                        | 3.9  | 6                                          | 12.8 | 106   | 6.6  |
| <b>Homeless,<sup>g</sup> past 12 months</b>           |                           |      |                           |      |                                            |      |       |      |
| Yes                                                   | 369                       | 40.9 | 286                       | 43.4 | 16                                         | 34.0 | 671   | 41.7 |
| No                                                    | 532                       | 59.0 | 373                       | 56.6 | 31                                         | 66.0 | 936   | 58.2 |

**Table 1. Selected characteristics of transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020 (cont)**

|                                                 | HIV-negative <sup>a</sup> |            | HIV-positive <sup>b</sup> |            | No valid NHBS HIV test result <sup>c</sup> |            | Total        |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|                                                 | No.                       | %          | No.                       | %          | No.                                        | %          | No.          | %          |
| <b>Incarcerated,<sup>h</sup> past 12 months</b> |                           |            |                           |            |                                            |            |              |            |
| Yes                                             | 138                       | 15.3       | 132                       | 20.0       | 7                                          | 14.9       | 277          | 17.2       |
| No                                              | 763                       | 84.6       | 525                       | 79.7       | 40                                         | 85.1       | 1,328        | 82.6       |
| <b>City</b>                                     |                           |            |                           |            |                                            |            |              |            |
| Atlanta, GA                                     | 52                        | 5.8        | 73                        | 11.1       | 7                                          | 14.9       | 132          | 8.2        |
| Los Angeles, CA                                 | 331                       | 36.7       | 164                       | 24.9       | 9                                          | 19.1       | 504          | 31.3       |
| New Orleans, LA                                 | 87                        | 9.6        | 70                        | 10.6       | 8                                          | 17.0       | 165          | 10.3       |
| New York City, NY                               | 129                       | 14.3       | 141                       | 21.4       | 9                                          | 19.1       | 279          | 17.4       |
| Philadelphia, PA                                | 104                       | 11.5       | 109                       | 16.5       | 7                                          | 14.9       | 220          | 13.7       |
| San Francisco, CA                               | 114                       | 12.6       | 80                        | 12.1       | 4                                          | 8.5        | 198          | 12.3       |
| Seattle, WA                                     | 85                        | 9.4        | 22                        | 3.3        | 3                                          | 6.4        | 110          | 6.8        |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>902</b>                | <b>100</b> | <b>659</b>                | <b>100</b> | <b>47</b>                                  | <b>100</b> | <b>1,608</b> | <b>100</b> |

Abbreviation: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance.

Note. "Past 12 months" refers to the 12 months before interview.

<sup>a</sup> Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.

<sup>b</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

<sup>c</sup> Participants who did not have a valid positive or negative NHBS HIV test result, including those who did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate laboratory result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result.

<sup>d</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

<sup>e</sup> Percentages do not sum to 100% because participants were able to select more than 1 gender identity. Gender identities are not mutually exclusive.

<sup>f</sup> Poverty level is based on household income and household size.

<sup>g</sup> Living on the street, in a shelter, in a single-room–occupancy hotel, or in a car.

<sup>h</sup> Having been held in a detention center, jail, or prison for more than 24 hours.

**Table 2. HIV prevalence among transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                        | HIV-positive <sup>a</sup> |             |              |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                        | No.                       | %           | Total No.    |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>           |                           |             |              |
| 18–24                                  | 26                        | 14.1        | 184          |
| 25–29                                  | 99                        | 33.1        | 299          |
| 30–39                                  | 193                       | 43.3        | 446          |
| 40–49                                  | 149                       | 50.7        | 294          |
| ≥50                                    | 192                       | 57.0        | 337          |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                  |                           |             |              |
| American Indian/Alaska Native          | 11                        | 64.7        | 17           |
| Asian                                  | 6                         | 20.0        | 30           |
| Black/African American                 | 339                       | 61.9        | 548          |
| Hispanic/Latina <sup>b</sup>           | 219                       | 35.0        | 626          |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander | 7                         | 16.7        | 42           |
| White                                  | 30                        | 17.0        | 176          |
| Multiple races                         | 45                        | 37.8        | 119          |
| <b>City</b>                            |                           |             |              |
| Atlanta, GA                            | 73                        | 58.4        | 125          |
| Los Angeles, CA                        | 164                       | 33.1        | 495          |
| New Orleans, LA                        | 70                        | 44.6        | 157          |
| New York City, NY                      | 141                       | 52.2        | 270          |
| Philadelphia, PA                       | 109                       | 51.2        | 213          |
| San Francisco, CA                      | 80                        | 41.2        | 194          |
| Seattle, WA                            | 22                        | 20.6        | 107          |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>659</b>                | <b>42.2</b> | <b>1,561</b> |

Abbreviation: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance [footnotes only].

Note. Data include participants with a valid NHBS HIV test result.

<sup>a</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

<sup>b</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

**Table 3. HIV testing among transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                        | Ever tested |             | Tested in past 12 months <sup>a</sup> |             | Total No.    |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                        | No.         | %           | No.                                   | %           |              |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>           |             |             |                                       |             |              |
| 18–24                                  | 155         | 92.8        | 144                                   | 86.2        | 167          |
| 25–29                                  | 218         | 94.8        | 196                                   | 85.2        | 230          |
| 30–39                                  | 283         | 96.3        | 241                                   | 82.0        | 294          |
| 40–49                                  | 170         | 99.4        | 146                                   | 85.4        | 171          |
| ≥50                                    | 158         | 96.9        | 114                                   | 69.9        | 163          |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                  |             |             |                                       |             |              |
| American Indian/Alaska Native          | 6           | 100         | 6                                     | 100         | 6            |
| Asian                                  | 23          | 95.8        | 14                                    | 58.3        | 24           |
| Black/African American                 | 254         | 96.9        | 215                                   | 82.1        | 262          |
| Hispanic/Latina <sup>b</sup>           | 451         | 97.6        | 400                                   | 86.6        | 462          |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander | 27          | 77.1        | 22                                    | 62.9        | 35           |
| White                                  | 144         | 93.5        | 118                                   | 76.6        | 154          |
| Multiple races                         | 78          | 96.3        | 65                                    | 80.2        | 81           |
| <b>City</b>                            |             |             |                                       |             |              |
| Atlanta, GA                            | 63          | 94.0        | 52                                    | 77.6        | 67           |
| Los Angeles, CA                        | 379         | 98.2        | 328                                   | 85.0        | 386          |
| New Orleans, LA                        | 91          | 94.8        | 81                                    | 84.4        | 96           |
| New York City, NY                      | 143         | 95.3        | 129                                   | 86.0        | 150          |
| Philadelphia, PA                       | 111         | 95.7        | 92                                    | 79.3        | 116          |
| San Francisco, CA                      | 121         | 100         | 105                                   | 86.8        | 121          |
| Seattle, WA                            | 77          | 85.6        | 55                                    | 61.1        | 90           |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>985</b>  | <b>96.0</b> | <b>842</b>                            | <b>82.1</b> | <b>1,026</b> |

*Note.* Data include all participants who did not report a previous HIV-positive test result and participants who received their first HIV-positive test result less than 12 months before interview.

<sup>a</sup> "Past 12 months" refers to the 12 months before interview.

<sup>b</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

**Table 4. Setting of most recent HIV test among transgender women who were tested for HIV in the 12 months before interview—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                        | Clinical setting <sup>a</sup> |             | Nonclinical setting <sup>b</sup> |             | Total No.  |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
|                                        | No.                           | %           | No.                              | %           |            |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>           |                               |             |                                  |             |            |
| 18–24                                  | 96                            | 66.7        | 45                               | 31.3        | 144        |
| 25–29                                  | 124                           | 63.3        | 65                               | 33.2        | 196        |
| 30–39                                  | 152                           | 63.1        | 78                               | 32.4        | 241        |
| 40–49                                  | 83                            | 56.8        | 54                               | 37.0        | 146        |
| ≥50                                    | 70                            | 61.4        | 40                               | 35.1        | 114        |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                  |                               |             |                                  |             |            |
| American Indian/Alaska Native          | 4                             | 66.7        | 2                                | 33.3        | 6          |
| Asian                                  | 13                            | 92.9        | 1                                | 7.1         | 14         |
| Black/African American                 | 135                           | 62.8        | 68                               | 31.6        | 215        |
| Hispanic/Latina <sup>c</sup>           | 229                           | 57.3        | 158                              | 39.5        | 400        |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander | 17                            | 77.3        | 4                                | 18.2        | 22         |
| White                                  | 76                            | 64.4        | 37                               | 31.4        | 118        |
| Multiple races                         | 51                            | 78.5        | 11                               | 16.9        | 65         |
| <b>City</b>                            |                               |             |                                  |             |            |
| Atlanta, GA                            | 28                            | 53.8        | 19                               | 36.5        | 52         |
| Los Angeles, CA                        | 176                           | 53.7        | 143                              | 43.6        | 328        |
| New Orleans, LA                        | 59                            | 72.8        | 21                               | 25.9        | 81         |
| New York City, NY                      | 92                            | 71.3        | 32                               | 24.8        | 129        |
| Philadelphia, PA                       | 57                            | 62.0        | 35                               | 38.0        | 92         |
| San Francisco, CA                      | 73                            | 69.5        | 19                               | 18.1        | 105        |
| Seattle, WA                            | 41                            | 74.5        | 13                               | 23.6        | 55         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>526</b>                    | <b>62.5</b> | <b>282</b>                       | <b>33.5</b> | <b>842</b> |

Abbreviation: HMO, health maintenance organization [footnotes only].

*Note.* Data report setting of most recent HIV test or first positive HIV test for participants who received their first HIV-positive test result less than 12 months before interview. Percentages may not add to 100% because of missing data and “other” locations, which could not be classified as clinical or nonclinical settings.

<sup>a</sup> Clinical settings include private doctor’s office (including HMO), emergency department, hospital (inpatient), public health clinic or community health center, family planning or obstetrics clinic, correctional facility, or drug treatment program.

<sup>b</sup> Nonclinical settings include HIV counseling and testing site, HIV street outreach program or mobile unit, syringe services program, or home.

<sup>c</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

Table 5a. Anal sex among transgender women in the 12 months before interview—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020

|                                           | Insertive <sup>a</sup> anal sex only |     |                         |     | Receptive <sup>b</sup> anal sex only |      |                         |      | Both insertive <sup>a</sup> and receptive <sup>b</sup> anal sex |      |                         |      | No anal sex <sup>c,d</sup> |      | Total No. |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|-----------|
|                                           | Total <sup>c</sup>                   |     | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |     | Total <sup>c</sup>                   |      | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |      | Total <sup>c</sup>                                              |      | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |      |                            |      |           |
|                                           | No.                                  | %   | No.                     | %   | No.                                  | %    | No.                     | %    | No.                                                             | %    | No.                     | %    |                            |      |           |
| <b>HIV-negative<sup>f</sup></b>           | 30                                   | 3.3 | 24                      | 2.7 | 379                                  | 42.0 | 272                     | 30.2 | 282                                                             | 31.3 | 242                     | 26.8 | 211                        | 23.4 | 902       |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>              |                                      |     |                         |     |                                      |      |                         |      |                                                                 |      |                         |      |                            |      |           |
| 18–24                                     | 3                                    | 1.9 | 3                       | 1.9 | 73                                   | 46.2 | 55                      | 34.8 | 52                                                              | 32.9 | 45                      | 28.5 | 30                         | 19.0 | 158       |
| 25–29                                     | 6                                    | 3.0 | 5                       | 2.5 | 97                                   | 48.5 | 73                      | 36.5 | 67                                                              | 33.5 | 58                      | 29.0 | 30                         | 15.0 | 200       |
| 30–39                                     | 13                                   | 5.1 | 9                       | 3.6 | 88                                   | 34.8 | 67                      | 26.5 | 101                                                             | 39.9 | 86                      | 34.0 | 51                         | 20.2 | 253       |
| 40–49                                     | 5                                    | 3.4 | 4                       | 2.8 | 62                                   | 42.8 | 41                      | 28.3 | 47                                                              | 32.4 | 41                      | 28.3 | 31                         | 21.4 | 145       |
| ≥50                                       | 3                                    | 2.1 | 3                       | 2.1 | 58                                   | 40.0 | 35                      | 24.1 | 15                                                              | 10.3 | 12                      | 8.3  | 69                         | 47.6 | 145       |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                     |                                      |     |                         |     |                                      |      |                         |      |                                                                 |      |                         |      |                            |      |           |
| American Indian/<br>Alaska Native         | 0                                    | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 1                                    | 16.7 | 1                       | 16.7 | 3                                                               | 50.0 | 3                       | 50.0 | 2                          | 33.3 | 6         |
| Asian                                     | 0                                    | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 3                                    | 12.5 | 3                       | 12.5 | 9                                                               | 37.5 | 8                       | 33.3 | 12                         | 50.0 | 24        |
| Black/African<br>American                 | 13                                   | 6.2 | 10                      | 4.8 | 93                                   | 44.5 | 65                      | 31.1 | 60                                                              | 28.7 | 51                      | 24.4 | 43                         | 20.6 | 209       |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>g</sup>              | 7                                    | 1.7 | 6                       | 1.5 | 189                                  | 46.4 | 129                     | 31.7 | 144                                                             | 35.4 | 122                     | 30.0 | 67                         | 16.5 | 407       |
| Native Hawaiian/other<br>Pacific Islander | 2                                    | 5.7 | 2                       | 5.7 | 16                                   | 45.7 | 15                      | 42.9 | 11                                                              | 31.4 | 11                      | 31.4 | 6                          | 17.1 | 35        |
| White                                     | 4                                    | 2.7 | 3                       | 2.1 | 47                                   | 32.2 | 34                      | 23.3 | 40                                                              | 27.4 | 36                      | 24.7 | 55                         | 37.7 | 146       |
| Multiple races                            | 4                                    | 5.4 | 3                       | 4.1 | 30                                   | 40.5 | 25                      | 33.8 | 15                                                              | 20.3 | 11                      | 14.9 | 25                         | 33.8 | 74        |
| <b>HIV-positive<sup>h</sup></b>           | 13                                   | 2.0 | 5                       | 0.8 | 283                                  | 42.9 | 167                     | 25.3 | 210                                                             | 31.9 | 148                     | 22.5 | 153                        | 23.2 | 659       |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>              |                                      |     |                         |     |                                      |      |                         |      |                                                                 |      |                         |      |                            |      |           |
| 18–24                                     | 0                                    | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 9                                    | 34.6 | 6                       | 23.1 | 11                                                              | 42.3 | 9                       | 34.6 | 6                          | 23.1 | 26        |
| 25–29                                     | 4                                    | 4.0 | 1                       | 1.0 | 43                                   | 43.4 | 27                      | 27.3 | 41                                                              | 41.4 | 29                      | 29.3 | 11                         | 11.1 | 99        |
| 30–39                                     | 5                                    | 2.6 | 3                       | 1.6 | 71                                   | 36.8 | 45                      | 23.3 | 80                                                              | 41.5 | 59                      | 30.6 | 37                         | 19.2 | 193       |
| 40–49                                     | 4                                    | 2.7 | 1                       | 0.7 | 74                                   | 49.7 | 45                      | 30.2 | 38                                                              | 25.5 | 28                      | 18.8 | 33                         | 22.1 | 149       |
| ≥50                                       | 0                                    | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 86                                   | 44.8 | 44                      | 22.9 | 40                                                              | 20.8 | 23                      | 12.0 | 66                         | 34.4 | 192       |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                     |                                      |     |                         |     |                                      |      |                         |      |                                                                 |      |                         |      |                            |      |           |
| American Indian/<br>Alaska Native         | 0                                    | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 6                                    | 54.5 | 2                       | 18.2 | 5                                                               | 45.5 | 3                       | 27.3 | 0                          | 0.0  | 11        |
| Asian                                     | 0                                    | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 0                                    | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0  | 3                                                               | 50.0 | 2                       | 33.3 | 3                          | 50.0 | 6         |
| Black/African<br>American                 | 8                                    | 2.4 | 4                       | 1.2 | 147                                  | 43.4 | 88                      | 26.0 | 104                                                             | 30.7 | 70                      | 20.6 | 80                         | 23.6 | 339       |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>g</sup>              | 3                                    | 1.4 | 0                       | 0.0 | 98                                   | 44.7 | 54                      | 24.7 | 71                                                              | 32.4 | 51                      | 23.3 | 47                         | 21.5 | 219       |
| Native Hawaiian/other<br>Pacific Islander | 0                                    | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 2                                    | 28.6 | 1                       | 14.3 | 3                                                               | 42.9 | 3                       | 42.9 | 2                          | 28.6 | 7         |
| White                                     | 0                                    | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 14                                   | 46.7 | 12                      | 40.0 | 6                                                               | 20.0 | 5                       | 16.7 | 10                         | 33.3 | 30        |
| Multiple races                            | 2                                    | 4.4 | 1                       | 2.2 | 15                                   | 33.3 | 10                      | 22.2 | 18                                                              | 40.0 | 14                      | 31.1 | 10                         | 22.2 | 45        |

**Table 5a. Anal sex among transgender women in the 12 months before interview—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020 (cont)**

|                                            | Insertive <sup>a</sup> anal sex only |      |                         |     | Receptive <sup>b</sup> anal sex only |      |                         |      | Both insertive <sup>a</sup> and receptive <sup>b</sup> anal sex |      |                         |      | No anal sex <sup>c,d</sup> |      | Total No. |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|-----------|
|                                            | Total <sup>c</sup>                   |      | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |     | Total <sup>c</sup>                   |      | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |      | Total <sup>c</sup>                                              |      | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |      |                            |      |           |
|                                            | No.                                  | %    | No.                     | %   | No.                                  | %    | No.                     | %    | No.                                                             | %    | No.                     | %    |                            |      |           |
| No valid NHBS HIV test result <sup>i</sup> | 5                                    | 10.6 | 4                       | 8.5 | 15                                   | 31.9 | 9                       | 19.1 | 16                                                              | 34.0 | 11                      | 23.4 | 11                         | 23.4 | 47        |
| Total                                      | 48                                   | 3.0  | 33                      | 2.1 | 677                                  | 42.1 | 448                     | 27.9 | 508                                                             | 31.6 | 401                     | 24.9 | 375                        | 23.3 | 1,608     |

Abbreviation: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance.

<sup>a</sup> The participant reported putting their penis in a sex partner's butt or back hole during the 12 months before interview.

<sup>b</sup> The participant reported a sex partner putting their penis in the participant's butt or back hole during the 12 months before interview.

<sup>c</sup> The categories—insertive anal sex, receptive anal sex, both insertive and receptive anal sex, and no anal sex—are mutually exclusive.

<sup>d</sup> The participant reported neither insertive anal sex nor receptive anal sex with a sex partner during the 12 months before interview. Includes participants who had oral sex but not anal sex with a sex partner.

<sup>e</sup> The participant reported condomless sex with a sex partner during the 12 months before interview.

<sup>f</sup> Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.

<sup>g</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

<sup>h</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

<sup>i</sup> Participants who did not have a valid positive or negative NHBS HIV test result, including those who did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate laboratory result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result.

Table 5b. Vaginal sex among transgender women in the 12 months before interview—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020

|                                   | Insertive <sup>a</sup> vaginal sex only |      |                         |      | Receptive <sup>b</sup> vaginal sex only |      |                         |     | Both insertive <sup>a</sup> and receptive <sup>b</sup> vaginal sex |     |                         |     | No vaginal sex <sup>c,d</sup> |      | Total No. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|------|-----------|
|                                   | Total <sup>c</sup>                      |      | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |      | Total <sup>c</sup>                      |      | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |     | Total <sup>c</sup>                                                 |     | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |     |                               |      |           |
|                                   | No.                                     | %    | No.                     | %    | No.                                     | %    | No.                     | %   | No.                                                                | %   | No.                     | %   |                               |      |           |
| <b>HIV-negative<sup>f</sup></b>   | 94                                      | 10.4 | 70                      | 7.8  | 45                                      | 5.0  | 35                      | 3.9 | 15                                                                 | 1.7 | 13                      | 1.4 | 748                           | 82.9 | 902       |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>      |                                         |      |                         |      |                                         |      |                         |     |                                                                    |     |                         |     |                               |      |           |
| 18–24                             | 16                                      | 10.1 | 10                      | 6.3  | 1                                       | 0.6  | 1                       | 0.6 | 3                                                                  | 1.9 | 3                       | 1.9 | 138                           | 87.3 | 158       |
| 25–29                             | 31                                      | 15.5 | 23                      | 11.5 | 7                                       | 3.5  | 6                       | 3.0 | 5                                                                  | 2.5 | 4                       | 2.0 | 157                           | 78.5 | 200       |
| 30–39                             | 28                                      | 11.1 | 24                      | 9.5  | 12                                      | 4.7  | 11                      | 4.3 | 5                                                                  | 2.0 | 4                       | 1.6 | 208                           | 82.2 | 253       |
| 40–49                             | 12                                      | 8.3  | 8                       | 5.5  | 13                                      | 9.0  | 10                      | 6.9 | 1                                                                  | 0.7 | 1                       | 0.7 | 119                           | 82.1 | 145       |
| ≥50                               | 7                                       | 4.8  | 5                       | 3.4  | 12                                      | 8.3  | 7                       | 4.8 | 1                                                                  | 0.7 | 1                       | 0.7 | 125                           | 86.2 | 145       |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>             |                                         |      |                         |      |                                         |      |                         |     |                                                                    |     |                         |     |                               |      |           |
| American Indian/<br>Alaska Native | 0                                       | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0  | 1                                       | 16.7 | 0                       | 0.0 | 0                                                                  | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 5                             | 83.3 | 6         |
| Asian                             | 1                                       | 4.2  | 0                       | 0.0  | 1                                       | 4.2  | 1                       | 4.2 | 1                                                                  | 4.2 | 1                       | 4.2 | 21                            | 87.5 | 24        |
| Black/African                     |                                         |      |                         |      |                                         |      |                         |     |                                                                    |     |                         |     |                               |      |           |
| American                          | 9                                       | 4.3  | 6                       | 2.9  | 11                                      | 5.3  | 9                       | 4.3 | 6                                                                  | 2.9 | 5                       | 2.4 | 183                           | 87.6 | 209       |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>g</sup>      | 35                                      | 8.6  | 25                      | 6.1  | 17                                      | 4.2  | 15                      | 3.7 | 4                                                                  | 1.0 | 4                       | 1.0 | 351                           | 86.2 | 407       |
| Native Hawaiian/other             |                                         |      |                         |      |                                         |      |                         |     |                                                                    |     |                         |     |                               |      |           |
| Pacific Islander                  | 1                                       | 2.9  | 1                       | 2.9  | 3                                       | 8.6  | 3                       | 8.6 | 1                                                                  | 2.9 | 0                       | 0.0 | 30                            | 85.7 | 35        |
| White                             | 39                                      | 26.7 | 32                      | 21.9 | 8                                       | 5.5  | 6                       | 4.1 | 0                                                                  | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 99                            | 67.8 | 146       |
| Multiple races                    | 8                                       | 10.8 | 5                       | 6.8  | 4                                       | 5.4  | 1                       | 1.4 | 3                                                                  | 4.1 | 3                       | 4.1 | 59                            | 79.7 | 74        |
| <b>HIV-positive<sup>h</sup></b>   | 34                                      | 5.2  | 22                      | 3.3  | 24                                      | 3.6  | 16                      | 2.4 | 9                                                                  | 1.4 | 6                       | 0.9 | 592                           | 89.8 | 659       |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>      |                                         |      |                         |      |                                         |      |                         |     |                                                                    |     |                         |     |                               |      |           |
| 18–24                             | 4                                       | 15.4 | 4                       | 15.4 | 0                                       | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0 | 0                                                                  | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 22                            | 84.6 | 26        |
| 25–29                             | 7                                       | 7.1  | 5                       | 5.1  | 1                                       | 1.0  | 0                       | 0.0 | 1                                                                  | 1.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 90                            | 90.9 | 99        |
| 30–39                             | 14                                      | 7.3  | 7                       | 3.6  | 4                                       | 2.1  | 4                       | 2.1 | 4                                                                  | 2.1 | 4                       | 2.1 | 171                           | 88.6 | 193       |
| 40–49                             | 7                                       | 4.7  | 4                       | 2.7  | 8                                       | 5.4  | 5                       | 3.4 | 1                                                                  | 0.7 | 1                       | 0.7 | 133                           | 89.3 | 149       |
| ≥50                               | 2                                       | 1.0  | 2                       | 1.0  | 11                                      | 5.7  | 7                       | 3.6 | 3                                                                  | 1.6 | 1                       | 0.5 | 176                           | 91.7 | 192       |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>             |                                         |      |                         |      |                                         |      |                         |     |                                                                    |     |                         |     |                               |      |           |
| American Indian/<br>Alaska Native | 0                                       | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0  | 0                                       | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0 | 0                                                                  | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 11                            | 100  | 11        |
| Asian                             | 0                                       | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0  | 0                                       | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0 | 0                                                                  | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 6                             | 100  | 6         |
| Black/African                     |                                         |      |                         |      |                                         |      |                         |     |                                                                    |     |                         |     |                               |      |           |
| American                          | 22                                      | 6.5  | 14                      | 4.1  | 12                                      | 3.5  | 5                       | 1.5 | 7                                                                  | 2.1 | 5                       | 1.5 | 298                           | 87.9 | 339       |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>g</sup>      | 7                                       | 3.2  | 5                       | 2.3  | 9                                       | 4.1  | 8                       | 3.7 | 2                                                                  | 0.9 | 1                       | 0.5 | 201                           | 91.8 | 219       |
| Native Hawaiian/other             |                                         |      |                         |      |                                         |      |                         |     |                                                                    |     |                         |     |                               |      |           |
| Pacific Islander                  | 0                                       | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0  | 0                                       | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0 | 0                                                                  | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 7                             | 100  | 7         |
| White                             | 5                                       | 16.7 | 3                       | 10.0 | 0                                       | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0 | 0                                                                  | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 25                            | 83.3 | 30        |
| Multiple races                    | 0                                       | 0.0  | 0                       | 0.0  | 3                                       | 6.7  | 3                       | 6.7 | 0                                                                  | 0.0 | 0                       | 0.0 | 42                            | 93.3 | 45        |

Table 5b. Vaginal sex among transgender women in the 12 months before interview—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020 (cont)

|                                            | Insertive <sup>a</sup> vaginal sex only |     |                         |     | Receptive <sup>b</sup> vaginal sex only |     |                         |     | Both insertive <sup>a</sup> and receptive <sup>b</sup> vaginal sex |     |                         |     | No vaginal sex <sup>c,d</sup> |      | Total No. |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|------|-----------|
|                                            | Total <sup>c</sup>                      |     | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |     | Total <sup>c</sup>                      |     | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |     | Total <sup>c</sup>                                                 |     | Condomless <sup>e</sup> |     |                               |      |           |
|                                            | No.                                     | %   | No.                     | %   | No.                                     | %   | No.                     | %   | No.                                                                | %   | No.                     | %   |                               |      |           |
| No valid NHBS HIV test result <sup>i</sup> | 1                                       | 2.1 | 0                       | 0.0 | 2                                       | 4.3 | 0                       | 0.0 | 2                                                                  | 4.3 | 2                       | 4.3 | 42                            | 89.4 | 47        |
| Total                                      | 129                                     | 8.0 | 92                      | 5.7 | 71                                      | 4.4 | 51                      | 3.2 | 26                                                                 | 1.6 | 21                      | 1.3 | 1,382                         | 85.9 | 1,608     |

Abbreviation: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance.

<sup>a</sup> The participant reported putting their penis in a sex partner’s vagina or front hole during the 12 months before interview.

<sup>b</sup> The participant reported a sex partner putting their penis in the participant’s vagina or front hole during the 12 months before interview.

<sup>c</sup> The categories—insertive vaginal sex, receptive vaginal sex, both insertive and receptive vaginal sex, and no vaginal sex—are mutually exclusive.

<sup>d</sup> The participant reported neither insertive vaginal sex nor receptive vaginal sex with a sex partner during the 12 months before interview. Includes participants who had oral sex but not vaginal sex with a sex partner.

<sup>e</sup> The participant reported condomless sex with a sex partner during the 12 months before interview.

<sup>f</sup> Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.

<sup>g</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

<sup>h</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

<sup>i</sup> Participants who did not have a valid positive or negative NHBS HIV test result, including those who did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate laboratory result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result.

**Table 6a. Receipt of HIV prevention materials and services in the 12 months before interview among transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                                  | Free condoms <sup>a</sup> |             | Individual- or group-level intervention <sup>b</sup> |             | PrEP awareness <sup>c</sup> |          | PrEP use <sup>d</sup> |          | Total No.    |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|
|                                                  | No.                       | %           | No.                                                  | %           | No.                         | %        | No.                   | %        |              |
| <b>HIV-negative<sup>e</sup></b>                  | 735                       | 81.5        | 551                                                  | 61.1        | 827                         | 91.7     | 288                   | 31.9     | 902          |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>                     |                           |             |                                                      |             |                             |          |                       |          |              |
| 18–24                                            | 136                       | 86.1        | 103                                                  | 65.2        | 146                         | 92.4     | 53                    | 33.5     | 158          |
| 25–29                                            | 171                       | 85.5        | 123                                                  | 61.5        | 189                         | 94.5     | 70                    | 35.0     | 200          |
| 30–39                                            | 204                       | 80.6        | 143                                                  | 56.5        | 227                         | 89.7     | 84                    | 33.2     | 253          |
| 40–49                                            | 117                       | 80.7        | 95                                                   | 65.5        | 137                         | 94.5     | 54                    | 37.2     | 145          |
| ≥50                                              | 106                       | 73.1        | 86                                                   | 59.3        | 127                         | 87.6     | 26                    | 17.9     | 145          |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                            |                           |             |                                                      |             |                             |          |                       |          |              |
| American Indian/Alaska Native                    | 6                         | 100         | 4                                                    | 66.7        | 6                           | 100      | 4                     | 66.7     | 6            |
| Asian                                            | 14                        | 58.3        | 12                                                   | 50.0        | 21                          | 87.5     | 6                     | 25.0     | 24           |
| Black/African American                           | 164                       | 78.5        | 132                                                  | 63.2        | 200                         | 95.7     | 64                    | 30.6     | 209          |
| Hispanic/Latina <sup>f</sup>                     | 356                       | 87.5        | 283                                                  | 69.5        | 368                         | 90.4     | 150                   | 36.9     | 407          |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander           | 30                        | 85.7        | 20                                                   | 57.1        | 29                          | 82.9     | 4                     | 11.4     | 35           |
| White                                            | 105                       | 71.9        | 55                                                   | 37.7        | 133                         | 91.1     | 33                    | 22.6     | 146          |
| Multiple races                                   | 59                        | 79.7        | 45                                                   | 60.8        | 69                          | 93.2     | 27                    | 36.5     | 74           |
| <b>HIV-positive<sup>g</sup></b>                  | 540                       | 81.9        | 441                                                  | 66.9        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 659          |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>                     |                           |             |                                                      |             |                             |          |                       |          |              |
| 18–24                                            | 22                        | 84.6        | 17                                                   | 65.4        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 26           |
| 25–29                                            | 80                        | 80.8        | 66                                                   | 66.7        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 99           |
| 30–39                                            | 163                       | 84.5        | 124                                                  | 64.2        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 193          |
| 40–49                                            | 121                       | 81.2        | 106                                                  | 71.1        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 149          |
| ≥50                                              | 154                       | 80.2        | 128                                                  | 66.7        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 192          |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                            |                           |             |                                                      |             |                             |          |                       |          |              |
| American Indian/Alaska Native                    | 9                         | 81.8        | 6                                                    | 54.5        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 11           |
| Asian                                            | 6                         | 100         | 4                                                    | 66.7        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 6            |
| Black/African American                           | 267                       | 78.8        | 221                                                  | 65.2        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 339          |
| Hispanic/Latina <sup>f</sup>                     | 191                       | 87.2        | 160                                                  | 73.1        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 219          |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander           | 6                         | 85.7        | 5                                                    | 71.4        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 7            |
| White                                            | 21                        | 70.0        | 12                                                   | 40.0        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 30           |
| Multiple races                                   | 38                        | 84.4        | 31                                                   | 68.9        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 45           |
| <b>No valid NHBS HIV test result<sup>h</sup></b> | 30                        | 63.8        | 27                                                   | 57.4        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 47           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>1,305</b>              | <b>81.2</b> | <b>1,019</b>                                         | <b>63.4</b> | <b>—</b>                    | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b>              | <b>—</b> | <b>1,608</b> |

Abbreviations: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance; PrEP, preexposure prophylaxis.

<sup>a</sup> Excludes condoms received from friends, relatives, or sex partners.<sup>b</sup> Individual-level intervention defined as a one-on-one conversation with an outreach worker, a counselor, or a prevention program worker about ways to prevent HIV. Group-level intervention defined as a small-group discussion that is part of an organized session about ways to prevent HIV; excludes informal discussions with friends. Conversations that were part of obtaining an HIV test were excluded.<sup>c</sup> Ever heard of PrEP, an antiretroviral medicine taken for months or years by a person who is HIV-negative to reduce the risk of getting HIV.<sup>d</sup> Took PrEP at any point in the 12 months before interview to reduce the risk of getting HIV.<sup>e</sup> Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.<sup>f</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.<sup>g</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.<sup>h</sup> Participants who did not have a valid positive or negative NHBS HIV test result, including those who did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate laboratory result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result.

**Table 6b. Receipt of HIV prevention materials and services in the 12 months before interview among transgender women, by area of residence—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                 | Free condoms <sup>a</sup> |             | Individual- or group-level intervention <sup>b</sup> |             | PrEP awareness <sup>c</sup> |          | PrEP use <sup>d</sup> |          | Total No.    |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|
|                                 | No.                       | %           | No.                                                  | %           | No.                         | %        | No.                   | %        |              |
| <b>HIV-negative<sup>e</sup></b> | 735                       | 81.5        | 551                                                  | 61.1        | 827                         | 91.7     | 288                   | 31.9     | 902          |
| <b>City</b>                     |                           |             |                                                      |             |                             |          |                       |          |              |
| Atlanta, GA                     | 37                        | 71.2        | 27                                                   | 51.9        | 48                          | 92.3     | 12                    | 23.1     | 52           |
| Los Angeles, CA                 | 288                       | 87.0        | 229                                                  | 69.2        | 303                         | 91.5     | 89                    | 26.9     | 331          |
| New Orleans, LA                 | 71                        | 81.6        | 46                                                   | 52.9        | 80                          | 92.0     | 31                    | 35.6     | 87           |
| New York City, NY               | 105                       | 81.4        | 88                                                   | 68.2        | 118                         | 91.5     | 55                    | 42.6     | 129          |
| Philadelphia, PA                | 83                        | 79.8        | 56                                                   | 53.8        | 100                         | 96.2     | 35                    | 33.7     | 104          |
| San Francisco, CA               | 93                        | 81.6        | 75                                                   | 65.8        | 108                         | 94.7     | 52                    | 45.6     | 114          |
| Seattle, WA                     | 58                        | 68.2        | 30                                                   | 35.3        | 70                          | 82.4     | 14                    | 16.5     | 85           |
| <b>HIV-positive<sup>f</sup></b> | 540                       | 81.9        | 441                                                  | 66.9        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 659          |
| <b>City</b>                     |                           |             |                                                      |             |                             |          |                       |          |              |
| Atlanta, GA                     | 55                        | 75.3        | 48                                                   | 65.8        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 73           |
| Los Angeles, CA                 | 149                       | 90.9        | 129                                                  | 78.7        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 164          |
| New Orleans, LA                 | 59                        | 84.3        | 51                                                   | 72.9        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 70           |
| New York City, NY               | 115                       | 81.6        | 98                                                   | 69.5        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 141          |
| Philadelphia, PA                | 84                        | 77.1        | 53                                                   | 48.6        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 109          |
| San Francisco, CA               | 63                        | 78.8        | 51                                                   | 63.8        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 80           |
| Seattle, WA                     | 15                        | 68.2        | 11                                                   | 50.0        | —                           | —        | —                     | —        | 22           |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>1,305</b>              | <b>81.2</b> | <b>1,019</b>                                         | <b>63.4</b> | <b>—</b>                    | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b>              | <b>—</b> | <b>1,608</b> |

Abbreviations: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance; PrEP, preexposure prophylaxis.

<sup>a</sup> Excludes condoms received from friends, relatives, or sex partners.<sup>b</sup> Individual-level intervention defined as a one-on-one conversation with an outreach worker, a counselor, or a prevention program worker about ways to prevent HIV. Group-level intervention defined as a small-group discussion that is part of an organized session about ways to prevent HIV; excludes informal discussions with friends. Conversations that were part of obtaining an HIV test were excluded.<sup>c</sup> Ever heard of PrEP, an antiretroviral medicine taken for months or years by a person who is HIV-negative to reduce the risk of getting HIV.<sup>d</sup> Took PrEP at any point in the 12 months before interview to reduce the risk of getting HIV.<sup>e</sup> Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.<sup>f</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

**Table 7. Receipt of HIV care and treatment among self-reported HIV-positive transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                        | Visited health care provider about HIV |      |                                |      |                      |       | Currently taking antiretrovirals |      | Total No. |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|------|-----------|
|                                        | Ever                                   |      | Within 1 month after diagnosis |      | During past 6 months |       |                                  |      |           |
|                                        | No.                                    | %    | No.                            | %    | No.                  | %     | No.                              | %    |           |
| Age at interview (yr)                  |                                        |      |                                |      |                      |       |                                  |      |           |
| 18–24                                  | 24                                     | 96.0 | 16                             | 64.0 | 22                   | 88.0  | 23                               | 92.0 | 25        |
| 25–29                                  | 84                                     | 92.3 | 61                             | 67.0 | 81                   | 89.0  | 81                               | 89.0 | 91        |
| 30–39                                  | 171                                    | 96.1 | 116                            | 65.2 | 154                  | 86.5  | 153                              | 86.0 | 178       |
| 40–49                                  | 135                                    | 96.4 | 90                             | 64.3 | 128                  | 91.4  | 131                              | 93.6 | 140       |
| ≥50                                    | 172                                    | 95.0 | 106                            | 58.6 | 165                  | 91.2  | 163                              | 90.1 | 181       |
| Race/ethnicity                         |                                        |      |                                |      |                      |       |                                  |      |           |
| American Indian/Alaska Native          | 10                                     | 90.9 | 5                              | 45.5 | 10                   | 90.9  | 10                               | 90.9 | 11        |
| Asian                                  | 6                                      | 100  | 5                              | 83.3 | 6                    | 100.0 | 6                                | 100  | 6         |
| Black/African American                 | 307                                    | 95.3 | 207                            | 64.3 | 285                  | 88.5  | 286                              | 88.8 | 322       |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>a</sup>           | 186                                    | 94.9 | 130                            | 66.3 | 176                  | 89.8  | 181                              | 92.3 | 196       |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander | 7                                      | 100  | 3                              | 42.9 | 7                    | 100   | 6                                | 85.7 | 7         |
| White                                  | 25                                     | 92.6 | 16                             | 59.3 | 24                   | 88.9  | 20                               | 74.1 | 27        |
| Multiple races                         | 43                                     | 97.7 | 22                             | 50.0 | 40                   | 90.9  | 40                               | 90.9 | 44        |
| City                                   |                                        |      |                                |      |                      |       |                                  |      |           |
| Atlanta, GA                            | 66                                     | 94.3 | 41                             | 58.6 | 61                   | 87.1  | 61                               | 87.1 | 70        |
| Los Angeles, CA                        | 132                                    | 96.4 | 92                             | 67.2 | 125                  | 91.2  | 121                              | 88.3 | 137       |
| New Orleans, LA                        | 68                                     | 97.1 | 43                             | 61.4 | 64                   | 91.4  | 68                               | 97.1 | 70        |
| New York City, NY                      | 123                                    | 93.2 | 86                             | 65.2 | 119                  | 90.2  | 120                              | 90.9 | 132       |
| Philadelphia, PA                       | 102                                    | 95.3 | 72                             | 67.3 | 94                   | 87.9  | 94                               | 87.9 | 107       |
| San Francisco, CA                      | 77                                     | 97.5 | 46                             | 58.2 | 71                   | 89.9  | 70                               | 88.6 | 79        |
| Seattle, WA                            | 18                                     | 90.0 | 9                              | 45.0 | 16                   | 80.0  | 17                               | 85.0 | 20        |
| Total                                  | 586                                    | 95.3 | 389                            | 63.3 | 550                  | 89.4  | 551                              | 89.6 | 615       |

Abbreviation: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance [footnotes only].

*Note.* Data include all participants who reported having ever received an HIV-positive test result (which may include those who did not have a valid NHBS test result, positive or negative, or who did not consent to the HIV test). “Past 6 months” refers to the 6 months before interview.

<sup>a</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

**Table 8. Drug use in the 12 months before interview and binge drinking in the 30 days before interview among transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                                  | Used drug |      |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|
|                                                  | No.       | %    |
| <b>HIV-negative<sup>a</sup></b>                  |           |      |
| Binge drinking (past 30 days) <sup>b</sup>       | 169       | 18.7 |
| Any injection drugs                              | 45        | 5.0  |
| Any noninjection drugs (excludes binge drinking) | 533       | 59.1 |
| Cocaine                                          | 199       | 22.1 |
| Crack                                            | 72        | 8.0  |
| Downers <sup>c</sup>                             | 102       | 11.3 |
| Heroin                                           | 29        | 3.2  |
| Marijuana                                        | 480       | 53.2 |
| Methamphetamine                                  | 139       | 15.4 |
| Prescription opioids <sup>d</sup>                | 71        | 7.9  |
| <b>HIV-positive<sup>e</sup></b>                  |           |      |
| Binge drinking (past 30 days) <sup>b</sup>       | 64        | 9.7  |
| Any injection drugs                              | 59        | 9.0  |
| Any noninjection drugs (excludes binge drinking) | 396       | 60.1 |
| Cocaine                                          | 124       | 18.8 |
| Crack                                            | 70        | 10.6 |
| Downers <sup>c</sup>                             | 43        | 6.5  |
| Heroin                                           | 22        | 3.3  |
| Marijuana                                        | 343       | 52.0 |
| Methamphetamine                                  | 129       | 19.6 |
| Prescription opioids <sup>d</sup>                | 45        | 6.8  |
| <b>No valid NHBS HIV test result<sup>f</sup></b> |           |      |
| Binge drinking (past 30 days) <sup>b</sup>       | 7         | 14.9 |
| Any injection drugs                              | 4         | 8.5  |
| Any noninjection drugs (excludes binge drinking) | 31        | 66.0 |
| Cocaine                                          | 5         | 10.6 |
| Crack                                            | 3         | 6.4  |
| Downers <sup>c</sup>                             | 1         | 2.1  |
| Heroin                                           | 0         | 0.0  |
| Marijuana                                        | 28        | 59.6 |
| Methamphetamine                                  | 10        | 21.3 |
| Prescription opioids <sup>d</sup>                | 6         | 12.8 |

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Abbreviation: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance.

*Note.* Denominator is the total number of participants in the category; HIV-negative participants: n = 902; HIV-positive participants: n = 659; participants without a valid NHBS HIV test result: n = 47. Responses are not mutually exclusive; percentages may not add to 100.

<sup>a</sup> Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.

<sup>b</sup> Defined as 5 or more drinks within about 2 hours during the 30 days before interview.

<sup>c</sup> Benzodiazepines, such as Klonopin, Valium, Ativan, or Xanax.

<sup>d</sup> Painkillers, such as OxyContin, Vicodin, morphine, or Percocet.

<sup>e</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

<sup>f</sup> Participants who did not have a valid positive or negative NHBS HIV test result, including those who did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate laboratory result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result.

**Table 9. Gender affirming medical treatment among transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                           | Surgery for gender affirmation <sup>a</sup>           |      |                                                              |      |                                                          |      |                                                                 |      | Hormone use for gender affirmation               |      |                                                           |      |                                                                  |      |     | Total No. |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|-----------|
|                                           | Had surgery for gender affirmation <sup>a</sup>       |      |                                                              |      | Did not have surgery for gender affirmation <sup>a</sup> |      |                                                                 |      |                                                  |      |                                                           |      |                                                                  |      |     |           |
|                                           | Want more surgery for gender affirmation <sup>b</sup> |      | Do not want more surgery for gender affirmation <sup>b</sup> |      | Want to have surgery for gender affirmation <sup>c</sup> |      | Do not want to have surgery for gender affirmation <sup>c</sup> |      | Currently taking hormones for gender affirmation |      | Want to take hormones for gender affirmation <sup>d</sup> |      | Do not want to take hormones for gender affirmation <sup>d</sup> |      |     |           |
|                                           | No.                                                   | %    | No.                                                          | %    | No.                                                      | %    | No.                                                             | %    | No.                                              | %    | No.                                                       | %    | No.                                                              | %    |     |           |
| HIV-negative <sup>e</sup>                 | 138                                                   | 15.3 | 119                                                          | 13.2 | 482                                                      | 53.4 | 109                                                             | 12.1 | 604                                              | 67.0 | 209                                                       | 23.2 | 74                                                               | 8.2  | 902 |           |
| Age at interview (yr)                     |                                                       |      |                                                              |      |                                                          |      |                                                                 |      |                                                  |      |                                                           |      |                                                                  |      |     |           |
| 18–24                                     | 14                                                    | 8.9  | 2                                                            | 1.3  | 112                                                      | 70.9 | 18                                                              | 11.4 | 106                                              | 67.1 | 39                                                        | 24.7 | 9                                                                | 5.7  | 158 |           |
| 25–29                                     | 23                                                    | 11.5 | 17                                                           | 8.5  | 120                                                      | 60.0 | 28                                                              | 14.0 | 131                                              | 65.5 | 49                                                        | 24.5 | 16                                                               | 8.0  | 200 |           |
| 30–39                                     | 45                                                    | 17.8 | 34                                                           | 13.4 | 130                                                      | 51.4 | 28                                                              | 11.1 | 161                                              | 63.6 | 69                                                        | 27.3 | 20                                                               | 7.9  | 253 |           |
| 40–49                                     | 30                                                    | 20.7 | 28                                                           | 19.3 | 65                                                       | 44.8 | 14                                                              | 9.7  | 99                                               | 68.3 | 29                                                        | 20.0 | 15                                                               | 10.3 | 145 |           |
| ≥50                                       | 26                                                    | 17.9 | 38                                                           | 26.2 | 55                                                       | 37.9 | 21                                                              | 14.5 | 106                                              | 73.1 | 23                                                        | 15.9 | 14                                                               | 9.7  | 145 |           |
| Race/ethnicity                            |                                                       |      |                                                              |      |                                                          |      |                                                                 |      |                                                  |      |                                                           |      |                                                                  |      |     |           |
| American Indian/<br>Alaska Native         | 1                                                     | 16.7 | 0                                                            | 0.0  | 4                                                        | 66.7 | 0                                                               | 0.0  | 4                                                | 66.7 | 0                                                         | 0.0  | 2                                                                | 33.3 | 6   |           |
| Asian                                     | 4                                                     | 16.7 | 6                                                            | 25.0 | 7                                                        | 29.2 | 2                                                               | 8.3  | 13                                               | 54.2 | 6                                                         | 25.0 | 3                                                                | 12.5 | 24  |           |
| Black/African American                    | 25                                                    | 12.0 | 26                                                           | 12.4 | 113                                                      | 54.1 | 32                                                              | 15.3 | 138                                              | 66.0 | 53                                                        | 25.4 | 16                                                               | 7.7  | 209 |           |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>f</sup>              | 69                                                    | 17.0 | 64                                                           | 15.7 | 212                                                      | 52.1 | 48                                                              | 11.8 | 262                                              | 64.4 | 100                                                       | 24.6 | 40                                                               | 9.8  | 407 |           |
| Native Hawaiian/other<br>Pacific Islander | 11                                                    | 31.4 | 2                                                            | 5.7  | 20                                                       | 57.1 | 2                                                               | 5.7  | 19                                               | 54.3 | 14                                                        | 40.0 | 2                                                                | 5.7  | 35  |           |
| White                                     | 14                                                    | 9.6  | 12                                                           | 8.2  | 85                                                       | 58.2 | 18                                                              | 12.3 | 110                                              | 75.3 | 26                                                        | 17.8 | 9                                                                | 6.2  | 146 |           |
| Multiple races                            | 14                                                    | 18.9 | 9                                                            | 12.2 | 41                                                       | 55.4 | 7                                                               | 9.5  | 58                                               | 78.4 | 10                                                        | 13.5 | 2                                                                | 2.7  | 74  |           |
| HIV-positive <sup>g</sup>                 | 86                                                    | 13.1 | 99                                                           | 15.0 | 339                                                      | 51.4 | 105                                                             | 15.9 | 512                                              | 77.7 | 96                                                        | 14.6 | 45                                                               | 6.8  | 659 |           |
| Age at interview (yr)                     |                                                       |      |                                                              |      |                                                          |      |                                                                 |      |                                                  |      |                                                           |      |                                                                  |      |     |           |
| 18–24                                     | 1                                                     | 3.8  | 1                                                            | 3.8  | 20                                                       | 76.9 | 3                                                               | 11.5 | 21                                               | 80.8 | 4                                                         | 15.4 | 1                                                                | 3.8  | 26  |           |
| 25–29                                     | 10                                                    | 10.1 | 6                                                            | 6.1  | 64                                                       | 64.6 | 10                                                              | 10.1 | 82                                               | 82.8 | 12                                                        | 12.1 | 3                                                                | 3.0  | 99  |           |
| 30–39                                     | 29                                                    | 15.0 | 24                                                           | 12.4 | 109                                                      | 56.5 | 26                                                              | 13.5 | 146                                              | 75.6 | 37                                                        | 19.2 | 10                                                               | 5.2  | 193 |           |
| 40–49                                     | 20                                                    | 13.4 | 33                                                           | 22.1 | 71                                                       | 47.7 | 21                                                              | 14.1 | 120                                              | 80.5 | 18                                                        | 12.1 | 9                                                                | 6.0  | 149 |           |
| ≥50                                       | 26                                                    | 13.5 | 35                                                           | 18.2 | 75                                                       | 39.1 | 45                                                              | 23.4 | 143                                              | 74.5 | 25                                                        | 13.0 | 22                                                               | 11.5 | 192 |           |
| Race/ethnicity                            |                                                       |      |                                                              |      |                                                          |      |                                                                 |      |                                                  |      |                                                           |      |                                                                  |      |     |           |
| American Indian/<br>Alaska Native         | 1                                                     | 9.1  | 1                                                            | 9.1  | 6                                                        | 54.5 | 2                                                               | 18.2 | 8                                                | 72.7 | 1                                                         | 9.1  | 1                                                                | 9.1  | 11  |           |
| Asian                                     | 1                                                     | 16.7 | 3                                                            | 50.0 | 2                                                        | 33.3 | 0                                                               | 0.0  | 6                                                | 100  | 0                                                         | 0.0  | 0                                                                | 0.0  | 6   |           |
| Black/African American                    | 34                                                    | 10.0 | 48                                                           | 14.2 | 173                                                      | 51.0 | 73                                                              | 21.5 | 269                                              | 79.4 | 45                                                        | 13.3 | 22                                                               | 6.5  | 339 |           |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>f</sup>              | 39                                                    | 17.8 | 37                                                           | 16.9 | 111                                                      | 50.7 | 21                                                              | 9.6  | 160                                              | 73.1 | 41                                                        | 18.7 | 16                                                               | 7.3  | 219 |           |
| Native Hawaiian/other<br>Pacific Islander | 1                                                     | 14.3 | 1                                                            | 14.3 | 3                                                        | 42.9 | 2                                                               | 28.6 | 6                                                | 85.7 | 0                                                         | 0.0  | 1                                                                | 14.3 | 7   |           |
| White                                     | 5                                                     | 16.7 | 0                                                            | 0.0  | 20                                                       | 66.7 | 3                                                               | 10.0 | 24                                               | 80.0 | 3                                                         | 10.0 | 3                                                                | 10.0 | 30  |           |
| Multiple races                            | 4                                                     | 8.9  | 9                                                            | 20.0 | 23                                                       | 51.1 | 4                                                               | 8.9  | 37                                               | 82.2 | 6                                                         | 13.3 | 2                                                                | 4.4  | 45  |           |

**Table 9. Gender affirming medical treatment among transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020 (cont)**

|                                            | Surgery for gender affirmation <sup>a</sup>           |      |                                                              |      |                                                          |      |                                                                 |      |                                                  |      |                                                           |      |                                                                  |     | Total No. |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------|
|                                            | Hormone use for gender affirmation                    |      |                                                              |      |                                                          |      |                                                                 |      |                                                  |      |                                                           |      |                                                                  |     |           |
|                                            | Had surgery for gender affirmation <sup>a</sup>       |      |                                                              |      | Did not have surgery for gender affirmation <sup>a</sup> |      |                                                                 |      |                                                  |      |                                                           |      |                                                                  |     |           |
|                                            | Want more surgery for gender affirmation <sup>b</sup> |      | Do not want more surgery for gender affirmation <sup>b</sup> |      | Want to have surgery for gender affirmation <sup>c</sup> |      | Do not want to have surgery for gender affirmation <sup>c</sup> |      | Currently taking hormones for gender affirmation |      | Want to take hormones for gender affirmation <sup>d</sup> |      | Do not want to take hormones for gender affirmation <sup>d</sup> |     |           |
|                                            | No.                                                   | %    | No.                                                          | %    | No.                                                      | %    | No.                                                             | %    | No.                                              | %    | No.                                                       | %    | No.                                                              | %   |           |
| No valid NHBS HIV test result <sup>h</sup> | 8                                                     | 17.0 | 3                                                            | 6.4  | 19                                                       | 40.4 | 13                                                              | 27.7 | 33                                               | 70.2 | 12                                                        | 25.5 | 2                                                                | 4.3 | 47        |
| Total                                      | 232                                                   | 14.4 | 221                                                          | 13.7 | 840                                                      | 52.2 | 227                                                             | 14.1 | 1,149                                            | 71.5 | 317                                                       | 19.7 | 121                                                              | 7.5 | 1,608     |

Abbreviation: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance.

<sup>a</sup> Surgeries include vaginoplasty (turns a penis into a vagina), orchiectomy (removes the testicles), or breast augmentation (to make breasts bigger).

<sup>b</sup> Participants were asked whether they wanted more surgeries (from vaginoplasty, orchiectomy, and/or breast augmentation) if they reported having vaginoplasty, orchiectomy, or breast augmentation.

<sup>c</sup> Participants were asked whether they wanted a vaginoplasty, orchiectomy, and/or breast augmentation if they reported not having vaginoplasty, orchiectomy, or breast augmentation.

<sup>d</sup> Participants who are not currently taking hormones were asked whether they want to take hormones for gender affirmation.

<sup>e</sup> Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.

<sup>f</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

<sup>g</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

<sup>h</sup> Participants who did not have a valid positive or negative NHBS HIV test result, including those who did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate laboratory result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result.

**Table 10. Additional sexual behavior outcomes among transgender women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                                  | Number of sex partners<br>Median (Q1–Q3) | Exchange sex <sup>a</sup> |             | Condomless sex with an<br>HIV-discordant partner at<br>last sex <sup>b</sup> |             | Total No.    |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                                  |                                          | No.                       | %           | No.                                                                          | %           |              |
| <b>HIV-negative<sup>e</sup></b>                  | 3(1–10)                                  | 308                       | 34.1        | 112                                                                          | 12.4        | 902          |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>                     |                                          |                           |             |                                                                              |             |              |
| 18–24                                            | 5(1–20)                                  | 64                        | 40.5        | 16                                                                           | 10.1        | 158          |
| 25–29                                            | 5(2–10)                                  | 72                        | 36.0        | 28                                                                           | 14.0        | 200          |
| 30–39                                            | 4(1–11)                                  | 97                        | 38.3        | 34                                                                           | 13.4        | 253          |
| 40–49                                            | 3(1–10)                                  | 42                        | 29.0        | 20                                                                           | 13.8        | 145          |
| ≥50                                              | 1(0–4)                                   | 32                        | 22.1        | 14                                                                           | 9.7         | 145          |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                            |                                          |                           |             |                                                                              |             |              |
| American Indian/Alaska Native                    | 4(2–9)                                   | 2                         | 33.3        | 0                                                                            | 0.0         | 6            |
| Asian                                            | 2(1–6)                                   | 4                         | 16.7        | 0                                                                            | 0.0         | 24           |
| Black/African American                           | 3(1–8)                                   | 72                        | 34.4        | 23                                                                           | 11.0        | 209          |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>f</sup>                     | 4(1–11)                                  | 151                       | 37.1        | 68                                                                           | 16.7        | 407          |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander           | 4(1–20)                                  | 11                        | 31.4        | 2                                                                            | 5.7         | 35           |
| White                                            | 3(1–7)                                   | 41                        | 28.1        | 11                                                                           | 7.5         | 146          |
| Multiple races                                   | 3(1–6)                                   | 27                        | 36.5        | 8                                                                            | 10.8        | 74           |
| <b>HIV-positive<sup>g</sup></b>                  | 2(1–6)                                   | 228                       | 34.6        | 183                                                                          | 27.8        | 659          |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>                     |                                          |                           |             |                                                                              |             |              |
| 18–24                                            | 4(3–12)                                  | 12                        | 46.2        | 4                                                                            | 15.4        | 26           |
| 25–29                                            | 4(1–10)                                  | 41                        | 41.4        | 35                                                                           | 35.4        | 99           |
| 30–39                                            | 3(1–10)                                  | 76                        | 39.4        | 53                                                                           | 27.5        | 193          |
| 40–49                                            | 2(1–5)                                   | 54                        | 36.2        | 43                                                                           | 28.9        | 149          |
| ≥50                                              | 1(0–4)                                   | 45                        | 23.4        | 48                                                                           | 25.0        | 192          |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                            |                                          |                           |             |                                                                              |             |              |
| American Indian/Alaska Native                    | 4(1–20)                                  | 5                         | 45.5        | 5                                                                            | 45.5        | 11           |
| Asian                                            | 10(0–60)                                 | 3                         | 50.0        | 1                                                                            | 16.7        | 6            |
| Black/African American                           | 2(1–6)                                   | 115                       | 33.9        | 88                                                                           | 26.0        | 339          |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>f</sup>                     | 3(1–6)                                   | 71                        | 32.4        | 70                                                                           | 32.0        | 219          |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander           | 5(1–15)                                  | 3                         | 42.9        | 1                                                                            | 14.3        | 7            |
| White                                            | 3(1–10)                                  | 9                         | 30.0        | 7                                                                            | 23.3        | 30           |
| Multiple races                                   | 3(1–5)                                   | 21                        | 46.7        | 10                                                                           | 22.2        | 45           |
| <b>No valid NHBS HIV test result<sup>h</sup></b> | 3(1–10)                                  | 13                        | 27.7        | 7                                                                            | 14.9        | 47           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>3(1–8)</b>                            | <b>549</b>                | <b>34.1</b> | <b>302</b>                                                                   | <b>18.8</b> | <b>1,608</b> |

Abbreviations: Q, quartile; NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance.

*Note.* Unless otherwise stated, outcomes are reported for the 12 months before interview.

<sup>a</sup> “Exchange sex” refers to receiving money or drugs from a sex partner in exchange for sex.

<sup>b</sup> “Condomless sex” refers to whether the participant reported engaging in vaginal or anal sex without a condom during their most recent sexual encounter (“last sex”). “HIV-discordant partner” refers to a sex partner of different or unknown HIV status.

<sup>c</sup> Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.

<sup>d</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

<sup>e</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

<sup>f</sup> Participants who did not have a valid positive or negative NHBS HIV test result, including those who did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate laboratory result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result.

**Table 11. Abuse and harassment among transgender women in the 12 months before interview—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                                  | Verbally abused or harassed <sup>a</sup> |             | Physically abused or harassed <sup>b</sup> |             | Physically abused or harassed by a sexual partner <sup>c</sup> |             | Forced sex <sup>d</sup> |             | Total No.    |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                                  | No.                                      | %           | No.                                        | %           | No.                                                            | %           | No.                     | %           |              |
| <b>HIV-negative<sup>e</sup></b>                  | 525                                      | 58.2        | 258                                        | 28.6        | 142                                                            | 15.7        | 146                     | 16.2        | 902          |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>                     |                                          |             |                                            |             |                                                                |             |                         |             |              |
| 18–24                                            | 111                                      | 70.3        | 61                                         | 38.6        | 41                                                             | 25.9        | 27                      | 17.1        | 158          |
| 25–29                                            | 119                                      | 59.5        | 61                                         | 30.5        | 38                                                             | 19.0        | 49                      | 24.5        | 200          |
| 30–39                                            | 153                                      | 60.5        | 73                                         | 28.9        | 40                                                             | 15.8        | 43                      | 17.0        | 253          |
| 40–49                                            | 76                                       | 52.4        | 39                                         | 26.9        | 16                                                             | 11.0        | 19                      | 13.1        | 145          |
| ≥50                                              | 65                                       | 44.8        | 24                                         | 16.6        | 7                                                              | 4.8         | 8                       | 5.5         | 145          |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                            |                                          |             |                                            |             |                                                                |             |                         |             |              |
| American Indian/Alaska Native                    | 4                                        | 66.7        | 1                                          | 16.7        | 1                                                              | 16.7        | 2                       | 33.3        | 6            |
| Asian                                            | 14                                       | 58.3        | 5                                          | 20.8        | 3                                                              | 12.5        | 4                       | 16.7        | 24           |
| Black/African American                           | 103                                      | 49.3        | 45                                         | 21.5        | 29                                                             | 13.9        | 23                      | 11.0        | 209          |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>f</sup>                     | 237                                      | 58.2        | 125                                        | 30.7        | 66                                                             | 16.2        | 69                      | 17.0        | 407          |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander           | 12                                       | 34.3        | 5                                          | 14.3        | 6                                                              | 17.1        | 6                       | 17.1        | 35           |
| White                                            | 109                                      | 74.7        | 53                                         | 36.3        | 27                                                             | 18.5        | 29                      | 19.9        | 146          |
| Multiple races                                   | 45                                       | 60.8        | 24                                         | 32.4        | 10                                                             | 13.5        | 13                      | 17.6        | 74           |
| <b>HIV-positive<sup>g</sup></b>                  | 321                                      | 48.7        | 158                                        | 24.0        | 99                                                             | 15.0        | 87                      | 13.2        | 659          |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>                     |                                          |             |                                            |             |                                                                |             |                         |             |              |
| 18–24                                            | 16                                       | 61.5        | 3                                          | 11.5        | 4                                                              | 15.4        | 6                       | 23.1        | 26           |
| 25–29                                            | 53                                       | 53.5        | 34                                         | 34.3        | 20                                                             | 20.2        | 17                      | 17.2        | 99           |
| 30–39                                            | 103                                      | 53.4        | 57                                         | 29.5        | 34                                                             | 17.6        | 36                      | 18.7        | 193          |
| 40–49                                            | 75                                       | 50.3        | 29                                         | 19.5        | 24                                                             | 16.1        | 15                      | 10.1        | 149          |
| ≥50                                              | 74                                       | 38.5        | 35                                         | 18.2        | 17                                                             | 8.9         | 13                      | 6.8         | 192          |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                            |                                          |             |                                            |             |                                                                |             |                         |             |              |
| American Indian/Alaska Native                    | 7                                        | 63.6        | 3                                          | 27.3        | 3                                                              | 27.3        | 2                       | 18.2        | 11           |
| Asian                                            | 2                                        | 33.3        | 1                                          | 16.7        | 0                                                              | 0.0         | 1                       | 16.7        | 6            |
| Black/African American                           | 144                                      | 42.5        | 68                                         | 20.1        | 42                                                             | 12.4        | 37                      | 10.9        | 339          |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>f</sup>                     | 127                                      | 58.0        | 62                                         | 28.3        | 40                                                             | 18.3        | 36                      | 16.4        | 219          |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander           | 2                                        | 28.6        | 1                                          | 14.3        | 1                                                              | 14.3        | 1                       | 14.3        | 7            |
| White                                            | 21                                       | 70.0        | 16                                         | 53.3        | 4                                                              | 13.3        | 4                       | 13.3        | 30           |
| Multiple races                                   | 18                                       | 40.0        | 7                                          | 15.6        | 9                                                              | 20.0        | 5                       | 11.1        | 45           |
| <b>No valid NHBS HIV test result<sup>h</sup></b> | 19                                       | 40.4        | 11                                         | 23.4        | 4                                                              | 8.5         | 4                       | 8.5         | 47           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>865</b>                               | <b>53.8</b> | <b>427</b>                                 | <b>26.6</b> | <b>245</b>                                                     | <b>15.2</b> | <b>237</b>              | <b>14.7</b> | <b>1,608</b> |

Abbreviation: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance.

<sup>a</sup> Verbally abused or harassed because of gender identity or presentation in the past 12 months.

<sup>b</sup> Physically abused or harassed because of gender identity or presentation in the past 12 months.

<sup>c</sup> Physically abused or harassed by a sexual partner in the past 12 months.

<sup>d</sup> Physically forced or verbally threatened to have any sexual contact when they did not want to in the past 12 months.

<sup>e</sup> Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.

<sup>f</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

<sup>g</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

<sup>h</sup> Participants who did not have a valid positive or negative NHBS HIV test result, including those who did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate laboratory result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result.

**Table 12. Suicidal ideation and behavior among transgender women in the 12 months before interview—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. cities, 2019–2020**

|                                                  | Seriously thought about suicide <sup>a</sup> |             | Made plans for suicide |            | Attempted suicide |            | Total No.    |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
|                                                  | No.                                          | %           | No.                    | %          | No.               | %          |              |
| <b>HIV-negative<sup>b</sup></b>                  | 198                                          | 22.0        | 80                     | 8.9        | 51                | 5.7        | 902          |
| <b>Age at interview (yr)</b>                     |                                              |             |                        |            |                   |            |              |
| 18–24                                            | 47                                           | 29.7        | 20                     | 12.7       | 17                | 10.8       | 158          |
| 25–29                                            | 52                                           | 26.0        | 25                     | 12.5       | 15                | 7.5        | 200          |
| 30–39                                            | 56                                           | 22.1        | 19                     | 7.5        | 9                 | 3.6        | 253          |
| 40–49                                            | 25                                           | 17.2        | 12                     | 8.3        | 8                 | 5.5        | 145          |
| ≥50                                              | 18                                           | 12.4        | 4                      | 2.8        | 2                 | 1.4        | 145          |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                            |                                              |             |                        |            |                   |            |              |
| American Indian/Alaska Native                    | 2                                            | 33.3        | 1                      | 16.7       | 0                 | 0.0        | 6            |
| Asian                                            | 6                                            | 25.0        | 3                      | 12.5       | 1                 | 4.2        | 24           |
| Black/African American                           | 32                                           | 15.3        | 11                     | 5.3        | 8                 | 3.8        | 209          |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>c</sup>                     | 72                                           | 17.7        | 30                     | 7.4        | 20                | 4.9        | 407          |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander           | 3                                            | 8.6         | 1                      | 2.9        | 1                 | 2.9        | 35           |
| White                                            | 68                                           | 46.6        | 28                     | 19.2       | 17                | 11.6       | 146          |
| Multiple races                                   | 15                                           | 20.3        | 6                      | 8.1        | 4                 | 5.4        | 74           |
| <b>HIV-positive<sup>d</sup></b>                  | 82                                           | 12.4        | 28                     | 4.2        | 17                | 2.6        | 659          |
| 18–24                                            | 2                                            | 7.7         | 0                      | 0.0        | 0                 | 0.0        | 26           |
| 25–29                                            | 17                                           | 17.2        | 5                      | 5.1        | 2                 | 2.0        | 99           |
| 30–39                                            | 27                                           | 14.0        | 7                      | 3.6        | 7                 | 3.6        | 193          |
| 40–49                                            | 19                                           | 12.8        | 10                     | 6.7        | 5                 | 3.4        | 149          |
| ≥50                                              | 17                                           | 8.9         | 6                      | 3.1        | 3                 | 1.6        | 192          |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                            |                                              |             |                        |            |                   |            |              |
| American Indian/Alaska Native                    | 1                                            | 9.1         | 1                      | 9.1        | 0                 | 0.0        | 11           |
| Asian                                            | 0                                            | 0.0         | 0                      | 0.0        | 0                 | 0.0        | 6            |
| Black/African American                           | 41                                           | 12.1        | 11                     | 3.2        | 5                 | 1.5        | 339          |
| Hispanic/Latino <sup>c</sup>                     | 32                                           | 14.6        | 13                     | 5.9        | 9                 | 4.1        | 219          |
| Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander           | 1                                            | 14.3        | 0                      | 0.0        | 0                 | 0.0        | 7            |
| White                                            | 5                                            | 16.7        | 2                      | 6.7        | 2                 | 6.7        | 30           |
| Multiple races                                   | 2                                            | 4.4         | 1                      | 2.2        | 1                 | 2.2        | 45           |
| <b>No valid NHBS HIV test result<sup>e</sup></b> | 4                                            | 8.5         | 1                      | 2.1        | 0                 | 0.0        | 47           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>284</b>                                   | <b>17.7</b> | <b>109</b>             | <b>6.8</b> | <b>68</b>         | <b>4.2</b> | <b>1,608</b> |

Abbreviation: NHBS, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance.

<sup>a</sup> Seriously thought about trying to kill themselves in the past 12 months.

<sup>b</sup> Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.

<sup>c</sup> Hispanics/Latinas can be of any race.

<sup>d</sup> Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

<sup>e</sup> Participants who did not have a valid positive or negative NHBS HIV test result, including those who did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate laboratory result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result.

## Appendix: Measurement Notes

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### SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

- Gender: Woman or transgender woman.
- Age: Calculated from the reported month and year of birth.
- Race/ethnicity: Participants reported 1 or more racial categories (American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and White). Hispanic/Latino ethnicity was asked separately; participants reporting Hispanic/Latino ethnicity were considered Hispanic/Latino, regardless of reported race. Participants reporting multiple races (but not Hispanic/Latino ethnicity) were classified as multiple races.
- Education: Highest level of education completed.
- Household income: Participants were asked about their combined monthly or yearly household income (in US\$) from all sources for the calendar year before interview.
- Health insurance: Currently having some form of health insurance.
- Homeless: Living on the street, in a shelter, in a single-room–occupancy hotel, or in a car at any time during the 12 months before interview.
- Incarcerated: Having been held in a detention center, jail, or prison, for more than 24 hours during the 12 months before interview.
- City: Throughout this report, eligible metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) and divisions are referred to by the name of the principal city. State and local health departments eligible to participate in NHBS are those in jurisdictions that included an MSA or a specified division within an MSA with high prevalence of HIV. This report presents 2019–2020 data in 7 MSAs (see full list of MSAs under Participating Cities).

### HIV STATUS

HIV testing was performed for participants who consented to testing; blood specimens were collected for rapid testing in the field or supplemental laboratory-based testing.

- HIV-negative: Participants with a valid negative NHBS HIV test result.
- HIV-positive: Participants with a reactive rapid NHBS HIV test result supported by a second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing. The second rapid test or supplemental laboratory-based testing was only required among participants who reported a negative or unknown status in the survey, or who were self-reported positive but whose first rapid test was negative. Participants who self-reported being HIV-positive, and whose first rapid test was positive, were only given one rapid test.
- No valid NHBS HIV test result: Participants who did not have a valid positive or negative NHBS HIV test result, including those who did not consent to the HIV test, had an indeterminate laboratory result, had discordant rapid test results, or reported a previous HIV-positive test result but had a negative NHBS HIV test result.

### HIV TESTING

- Ever tested: Having had an HIV test during one's lifetime.
- Tested in past 12 months: Having had an HIV test during the 12 months before interview.
- Clinical setting: Participants reported the location of their most recent HIV test—private doctor's office (including health maintenance organizations), emergency department, hospital (inpatient), public health clinic or community health center, family planning or obstetrics clinic, correctional facility (jail or prison), or drug treatment program.
- Nonclinical setting: Participants reported the location of their most recent HIV test—HIV counseling and testing site, HIV street outreach program or mobile unit, syringe services program, or home.
- Other locations: "Other" locations could not be classified and are excluded from the clinical/non-clinical setting classification.

## SEXUAL BEHAVIORS

- Sex: Includes vaginal, oral, or anal sex.
- Vaginal sex: Penis inserted into a partner's vagina or front hole.
- Oral sex: Mouth on a partner's vagina or penis.
- Anal sex: Penis inserted into a partner's butt or back hole.
- Condomless sex: Vaginal or anal sex during which a condom either is not used or is not used at any time throughout the sex act.

## RECEIPT OF HIV PREVENTION

- Free condoms: Received free condoms during the 12 months before interview, not including those given by a friend, relative, or sex partner.
- Individual- or group-level intervention: A composite measure based on having received individual- or group-level HIV interventions. An individual-level intervention is a one-on-one conversation with an outreach worker, a counselor, or a prevention program worker about ways to prevent HIV, excluding conversations that were part of HIV testing. A group-level intervention is a small-group discussion (as part of an organized session) about ways to prevent HIV, excluding informal discussions with friends.
- PrEP awareness: Ever heard of PrEP, an antiretroviral medicine taken for months or years by a person who is HIV-negative to reduce the risk of getting HIV.
- PrEP use: Took PrEP at any point in the 12 months before interview to reduce the risk of getting HIV.

## NONINJECTION DRUG USE

Participants were asked about their noninjection use of drugs (excluding those prescribed for them) in the 12 months before interview and their use of alcohol during the 30 days before interview. Participants were not limited in the number of substances they could report. Participants were considered to have used a substance if they reported using that substance with any frequency other than “never.”

- Binge drinking: Consumed 5 or more alcoholic drinks in about 2 hours during the 30 days before interview.

- Any noninjection drug: Used any noninjection drug, excluding hormones, that were not prescribed.
- Cocaine: Used powder cocaine during the 12 months before interview.
- Crack: Used crack cocaine during the 12 months before interview.
- Downers: Used downers (benzodiazepines), such as Klonopin, Valium, Ativan, or Xanax, during the 12 months before interview.
- Heroin: Used heroin (smoked or snorted) during the 12 months before interview.
- Marijuana: Used marijuana during the 12 months before interview.
- Methamphetamine: Used methamphetamines, including meth, crystal meth, speed, or crank, during the 12 months before interview.
- Prescription opioids: Used pain killers, such as OxyContin, Vicodin, morphine, or Percocet, during the 12 months before interview.

## GENDER-AFFIRMING MEDICAL TREATMENT

Participants were asked about hormones and surgeries they may have used to help make their body align with their gender identity.

- Hormones: Ever taken hormones for gender transition or affirmation; used hormones in the 12 months before interview; currently taking hormones at the time of the interview; want hormones for gender transition or affirmation.
- Surgery: Ever had any type of surgery for gender affirmation; want surgery for gender transition or affirmation; want additional surgeries for gender transition or affirmation.
- Types of surgeries: Vaginoplasty, which is a surgery that turns a penis into a vagina; orchiectomy, which is a surgery to remove the testicles; breast augmentation, which is a surgery to make breasts bigger.

# Participating Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 2019–2020

| Principal city             | Metropolitan statistical area (division)                                                          |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Atlanta, Georgia           | Atlanta–Sandy Springs–Roswell, Georgia                                                            |
| Los Angeles, California    | Los Angeles–Long Beach–Anaheim, California (Los Angeles Division)                                 |
| New Orleans, Louisiana     | New Orleans–Metairie, Louisiana                                                                   |
| New York, New York         | New York–Newark–Jersey City, New York–New Jersey–Pennsylvania (New York Division)                 |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | Philadelphia–Camden–Wilmington, Pennsylvania–New Jersey–Delaware–Maryland (Philadelphia Division) |
| San Francisco, California  | San Francisco–Oakland–Hayward, California (San Francisco Division)                                |
| Seattle, Washington        | Seattle–Tacoma–Bellevue, Washington (Seattle Division)                                            |