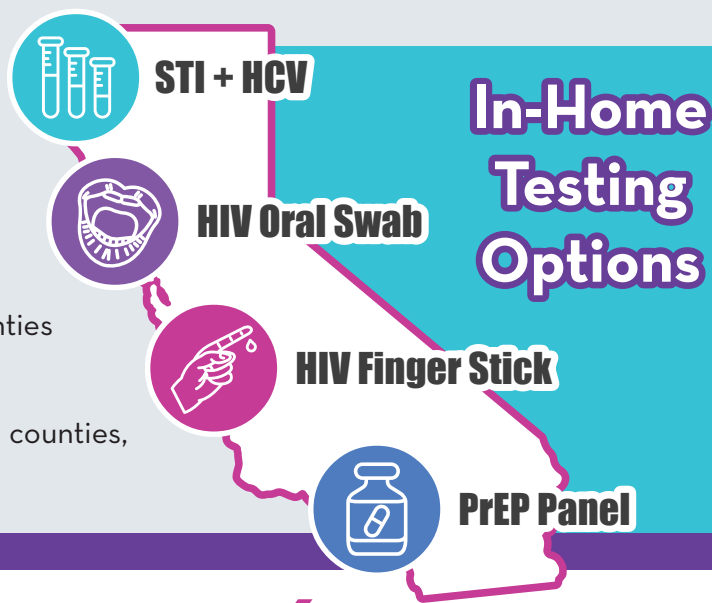


TAKEMEHOME

HIV Self-Testing in Six California Counties From September 2020 - December 2022

Since September 2020, the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (CDPH/OA) has been partnering with the Building Healthy Online Communities' TakeMeHome program.¹ Advertised through gay dating apps and websites, **TakeMeHome** discreetly delivers free, in-home self-test kits to Californians for HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STI), and hepatitis C virus (HCV), without the need to go into a clinic or testing site. Some counties also fund PrEP panels through the **TakeMeHome** program.

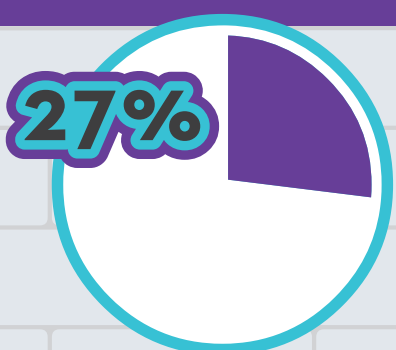
This infographic represents data gathered from six California counties, from September 2020 through December 2022.²



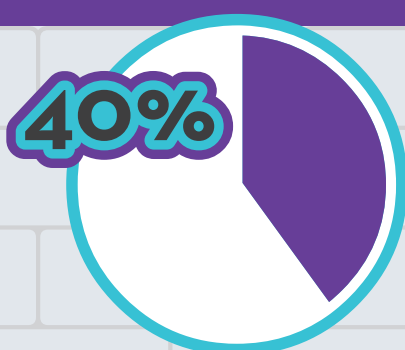
#Tests Distributed:

3,147
Oral Swab HIV Self-Testing Kits

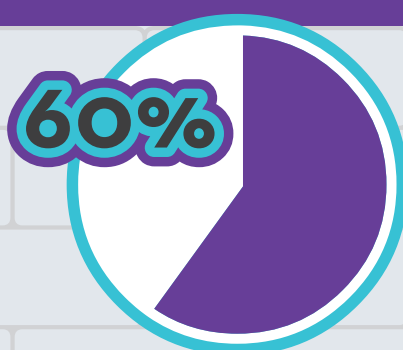
1,306
Self-Testing Kits with Swabs & Blood Spots to Mail-In



Had Never Taken an HIV Test Before



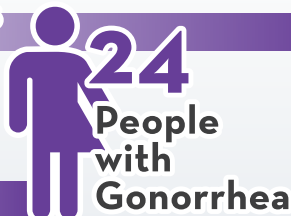
Hadn't taken an HIV Test in a Year or More



Had Reported Hearing About TakeMeHome from a Gay Dating App or Website

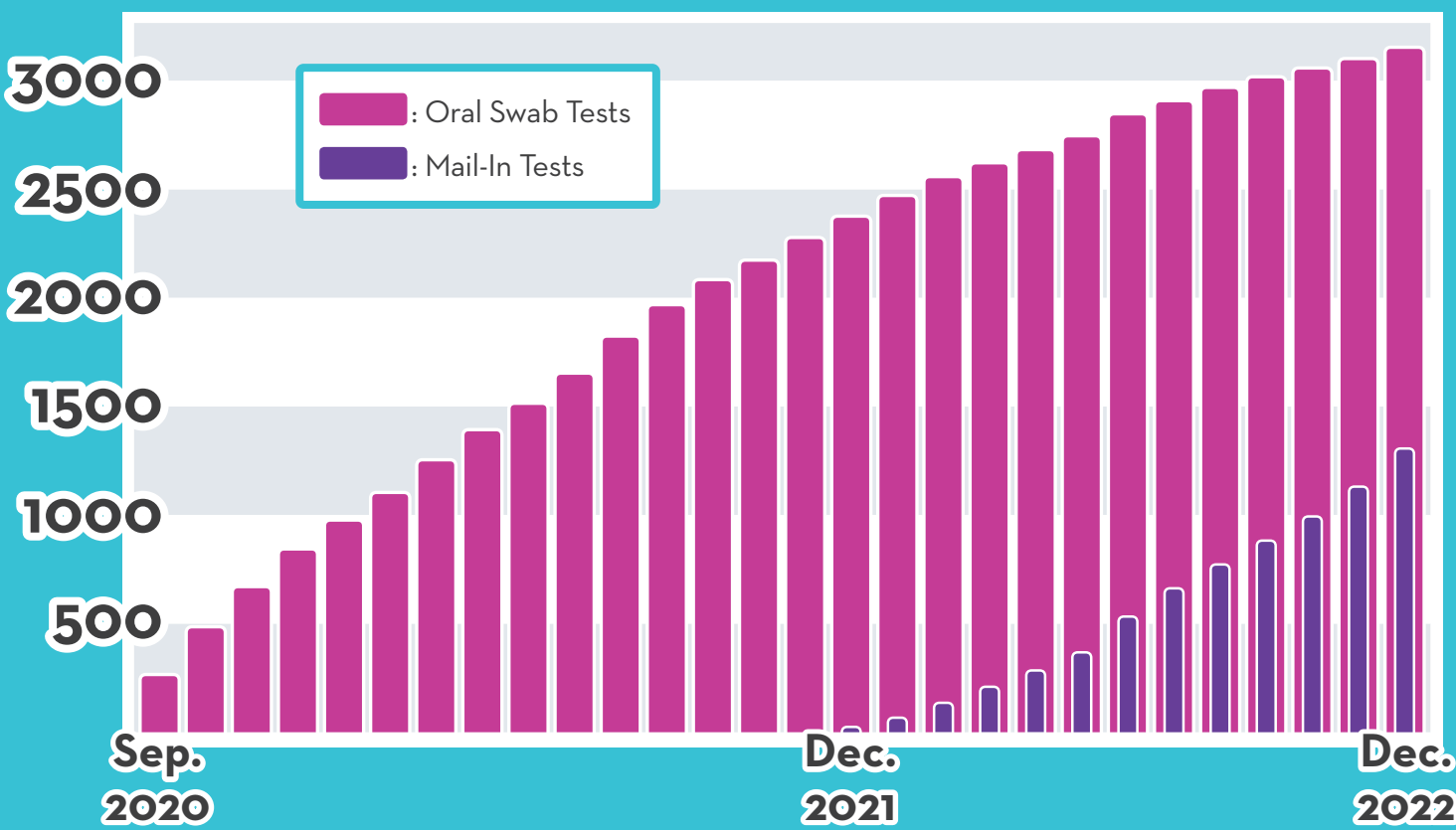
Who is Testing?

Results:



94%
Of Users Would Recommend the Program to a Friend

A LOOK at Cumulative Monthly Order #s



What's Next?

In January of 2023, CDPH/OA expanded the **TakeMeHome** program to offer free oral swab rapid HIV self-tests to residents in **all** California counties.³

¹ The TakeMeHome program in California is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) in America (PS20-2010) grant and administered by CDPH/OA.
² The EHE grant funds six California Consortium counties: Alameda, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, and San Diego. In December 2021, the program was expanded to also offer self-collected kits with both swab and dried blood-spot for HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, hepatitis C virus, and creatinine, which are mailed-in to a lab for testing. [Details about TakeMeHome's methods can be found at https://bhocpartners.org/self-testing.](https://bhocpartners.org/self-testing)
³ Los Angeles and San Francisco are directly funded by the CDC to provide similar programs in their respective counties; therefore, their data is not represented in this infographic.

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