Hepatitis C in Indiana

Hepatitis C cases are declining in Indiana; however, improvement is needed to ensure equitable health outcomes for all Hoosiers.

Despite similar or lower rates of hepatitis C infection, a **12-year gap** was reported in the average age between **White** (38.8) and **Black** (50.7) Hoosiers at the time of the first reported hepatitis C infection from 2016 to 2021.

AGE 38 On average, **White** Hoosiers are getting screened at **38.8 years old**

AGE 50 **Black** Hoosiers are getting screened at an average age of **50.7**

12-year difference in average age at time of screening

Black Hoosiers of all genders are getting screened for hepatitis C later than **White** Hoosiers. This can result in more time for liver disease progression and worse health outcomes.

From 2016 to 2021, the average age of non-Hispanic and Hispanic females at their first reported hepatitis C test was lower (38.0 and 38.3 years old) compared to non-Hispanic and Hispanic males (40.8 and 41.6 years old, respectively).

In 2021, hepatitis C screening among
Hispanic males occurred an average of two
years later compared to non-Hispanic
males (45.4 years old compared to
43.1 years old, respectively).

Hispanic females are getting screened for HCV at an average age of 38.5 years

AGE 38 AGE **40** Non-Hispanic females are getting screened for HCV at an average age of 40.5 years



Early Detection Saves Lives

CDC recommends **EVERYONE 18-79** be screened for hepatitis C https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm

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