



As of December 31, 2018, there were over 18,000 Iowans who were reported to the Iowa Department of Public Health as being diagnosed with chronic HCV.



Nearly half of lowans diagnosed with hepatitis C in 2018 were baby boomers (born between 1945 and 1965), but a growing percentage of people reported with HCV are under age 40 (27% in 2018).



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Linn	288	Osceola	149	Dickinson	68th	Emmett	520	Winnebago	366
Sioux	175	Obiorn	473	Clay	663	Pala Alto	393	Worth	375
Plymouth	337	Cherokee	583	Buena Vista	407	Poschomus	438	Monroe	207
Woodbury	1,362	Ida	461	Salt	530	Calhoun	472	Humboldt	335
Monroe	303	Grawford	352	Carroll	304	Shenandoah	397	Boone	397
Harrison	572	Shelby	462	Audubon	708	Quinn	303	Dallas	348
Polk	1,423	Cass	648	Adair	500	Madison	493	Warren	590
Mills	388	Scott	888	Adams	723	Union	731	Clark	681
Franklin	601	Page	795	Taylor	583	Ringgold	477	Des Moines	601
Clinton	781	Sanborn	622	Muscatine	638	Linn	715	Henry	674
Van Buren	447	Lawrence	384	Jefferson	542	Van Buren	447	Lawrence	384
Adair	500	Madison	493	Warren	590	Clark	681	Des Moines	601
Monroe	207	Humboldt	335	Boone	397	Dallas	348	Warren	590
Worth	375	Monroe	207	Humboldt	335	Boone	397	Dallas	348
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Hepatitis C is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). HCV is the most common blood-borne illness in the United States. Hepatitis C can cause serious health problems, including liver damage, cirrhosis, liver cancer, and even death.

HCV diagnoses have increased in Iowa since 2000. There were 1,512 lowans diagnosed in 2018, **a more than three-fold increase since 2000.**

- Those who currently or have ***ever*** **injected drugs**
- Those who were born between ***1945 and 1965***
- Those who received a blood transfusion or organ transplant before 1992
- Those who are living with HIV

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