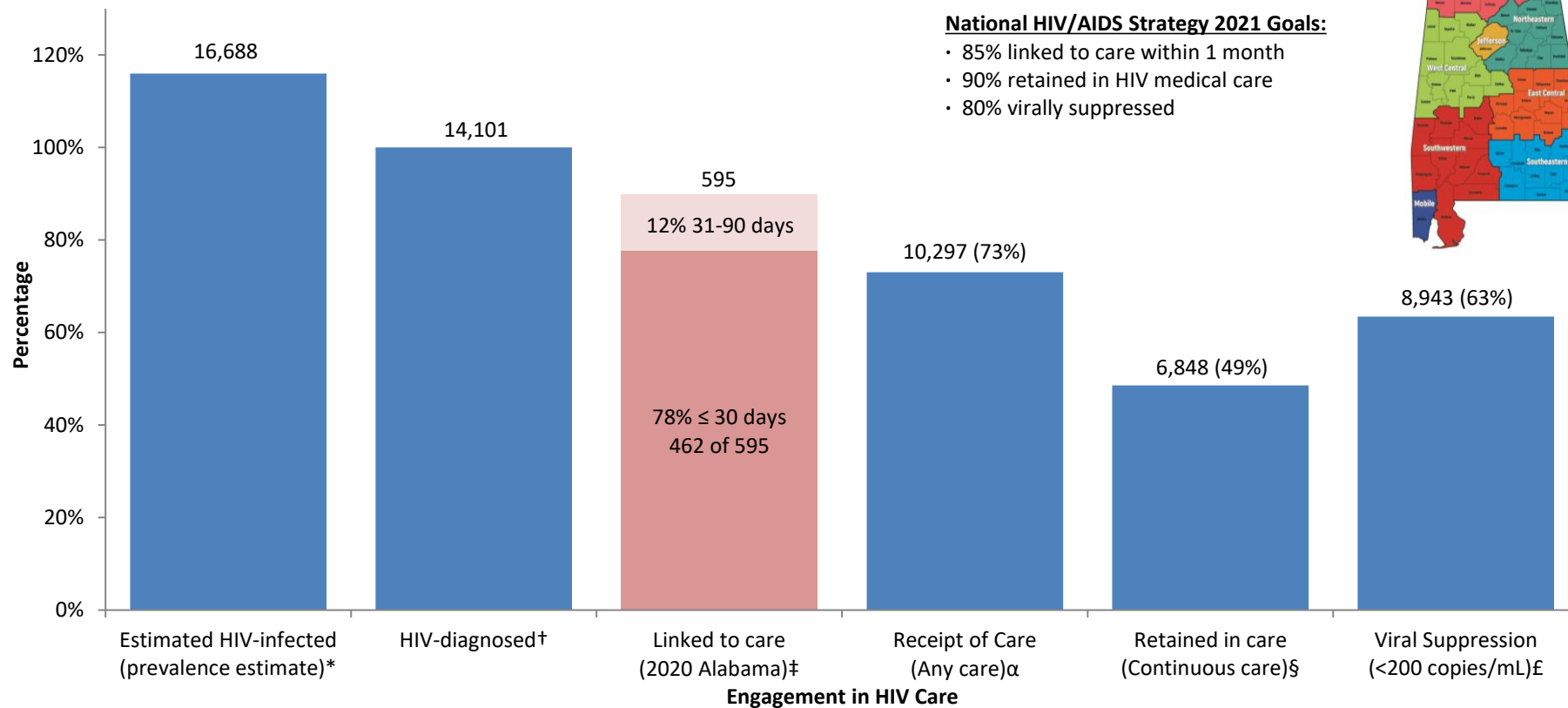


### Alabama Diagnosis-based HIV Care Continuum, 2020 Finalized Data



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- 90% retained in HIV medical care
- 80% virally suppressed



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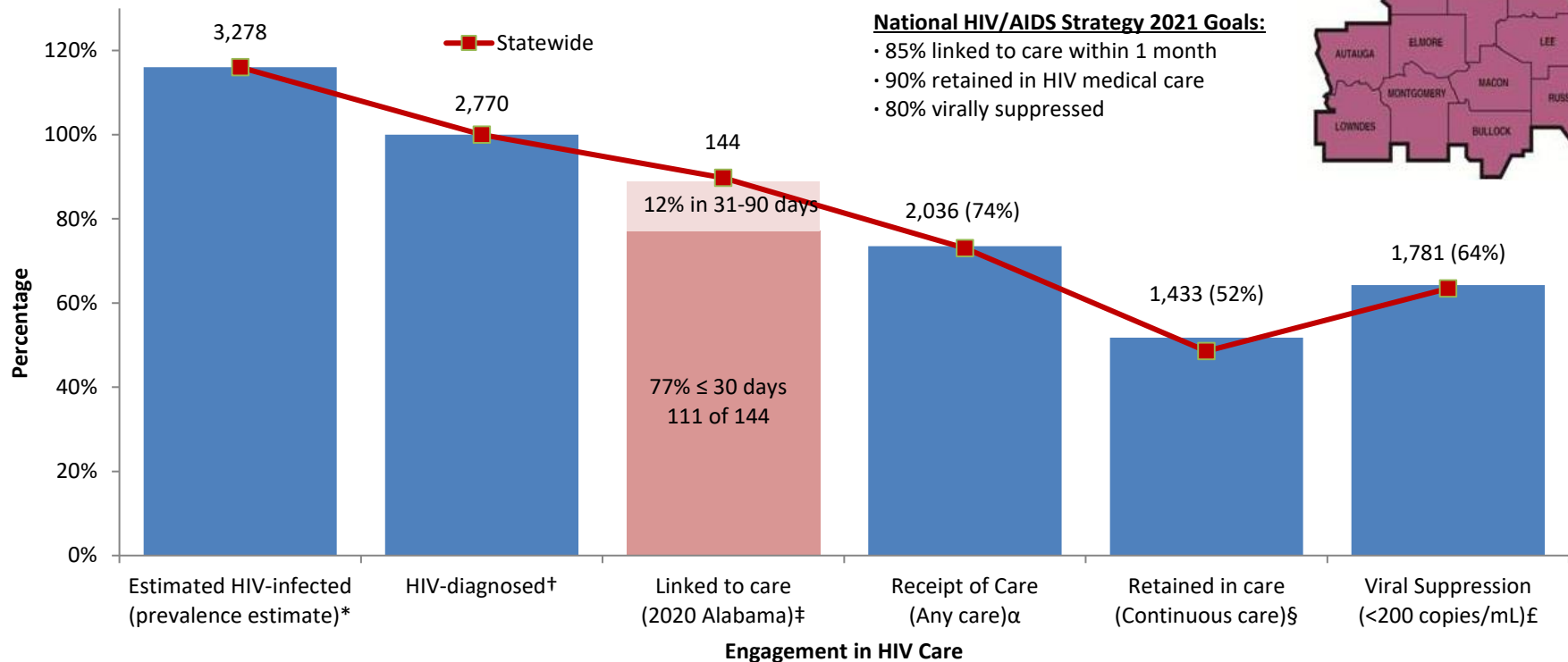
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### Alabama East Central District Diagnosis-based HIV Care Continuum, 2020 Finalized Data



**National HIV/AIDS Strategy 2021 Goals:**

- 85% linked to care within 1 month
- 90% retained in HIV medical care
- 80% virally suppressed



Alabama’s Public Health East Central District includes Autauga, Bullock, Chambers, Coosa, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Russell, and Tallapoosa Counties.

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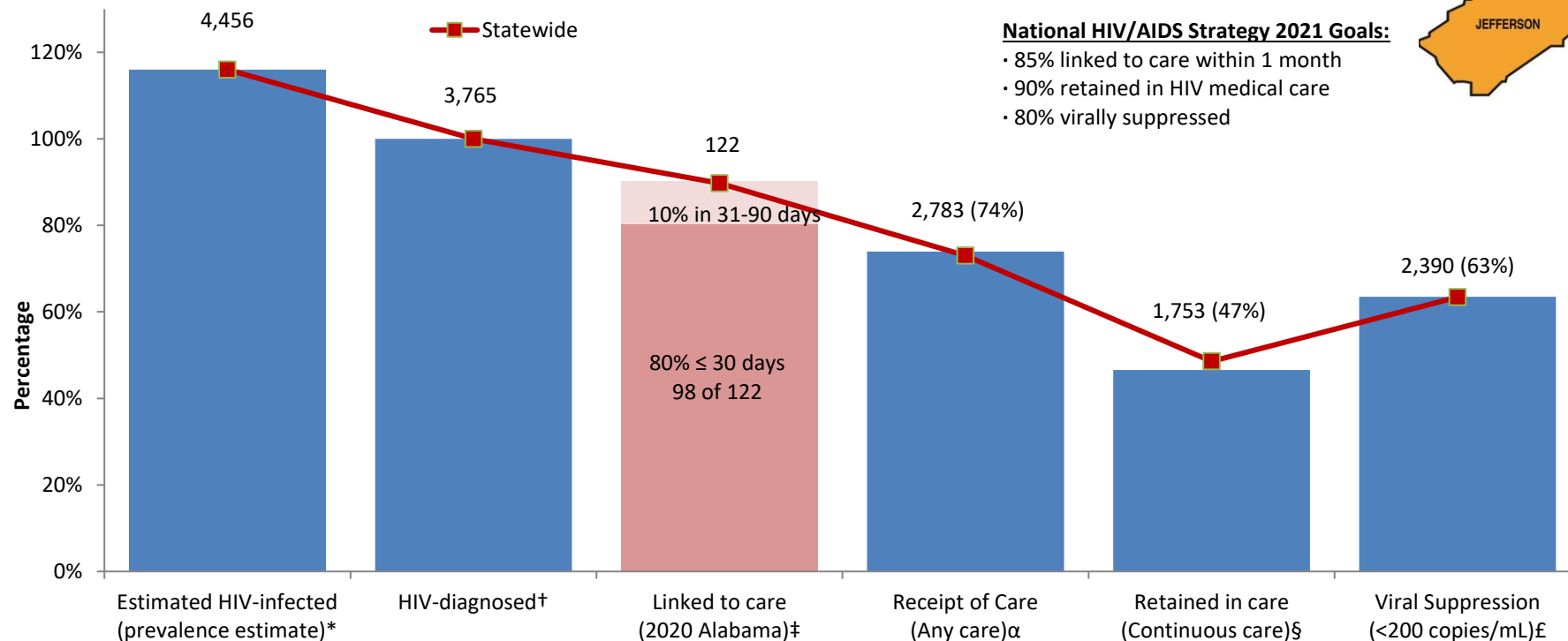
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## Alabama Jefferson County District Diagnosis-based HIV Care Continuum, 2020 Finalized Data



### Engagement in HIV Care

Alabama’s Public Health Jefferson County District includes only Jefferson County.

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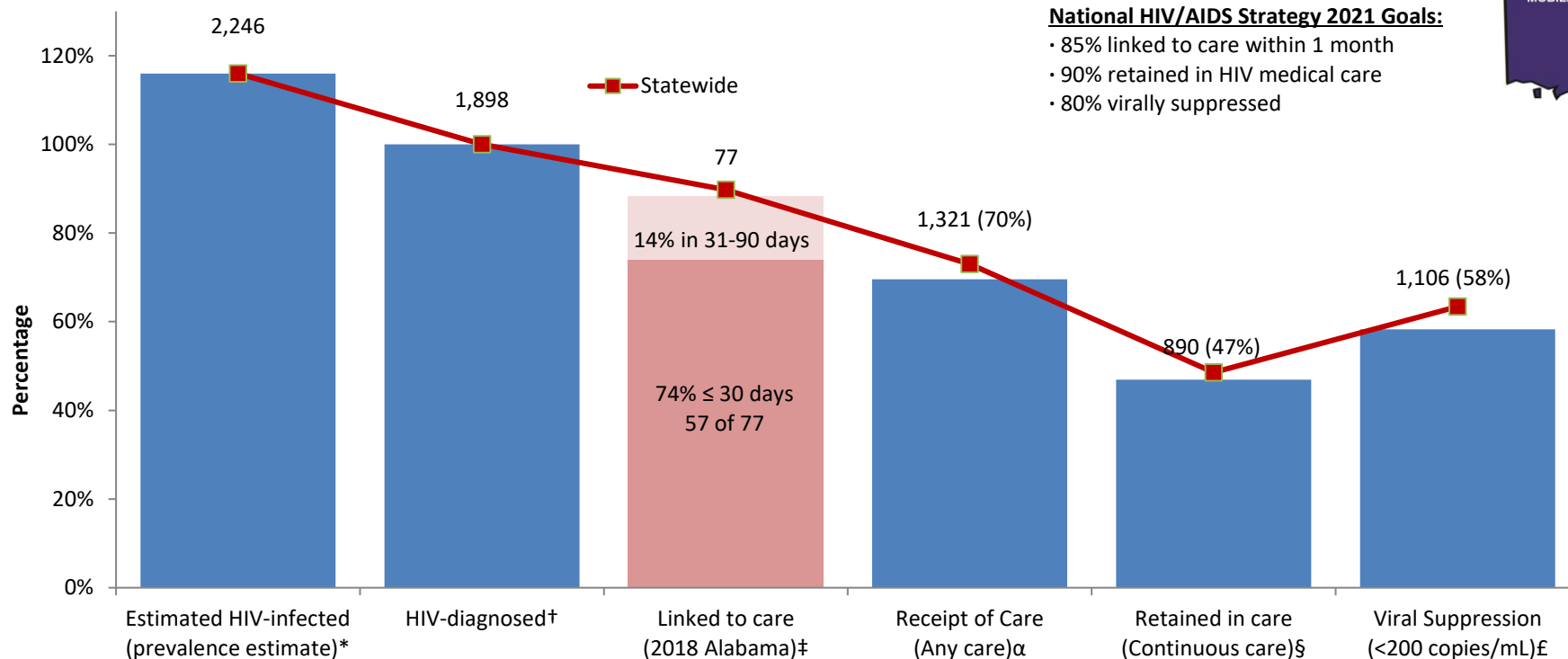
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## Alabama Mobile County District Diagnosis-based HIV Care Continuum, 2020 Finalized Data



### Engagement in HIV Care

Alabama’s Public Health Mobile County District includes only Mobile County.

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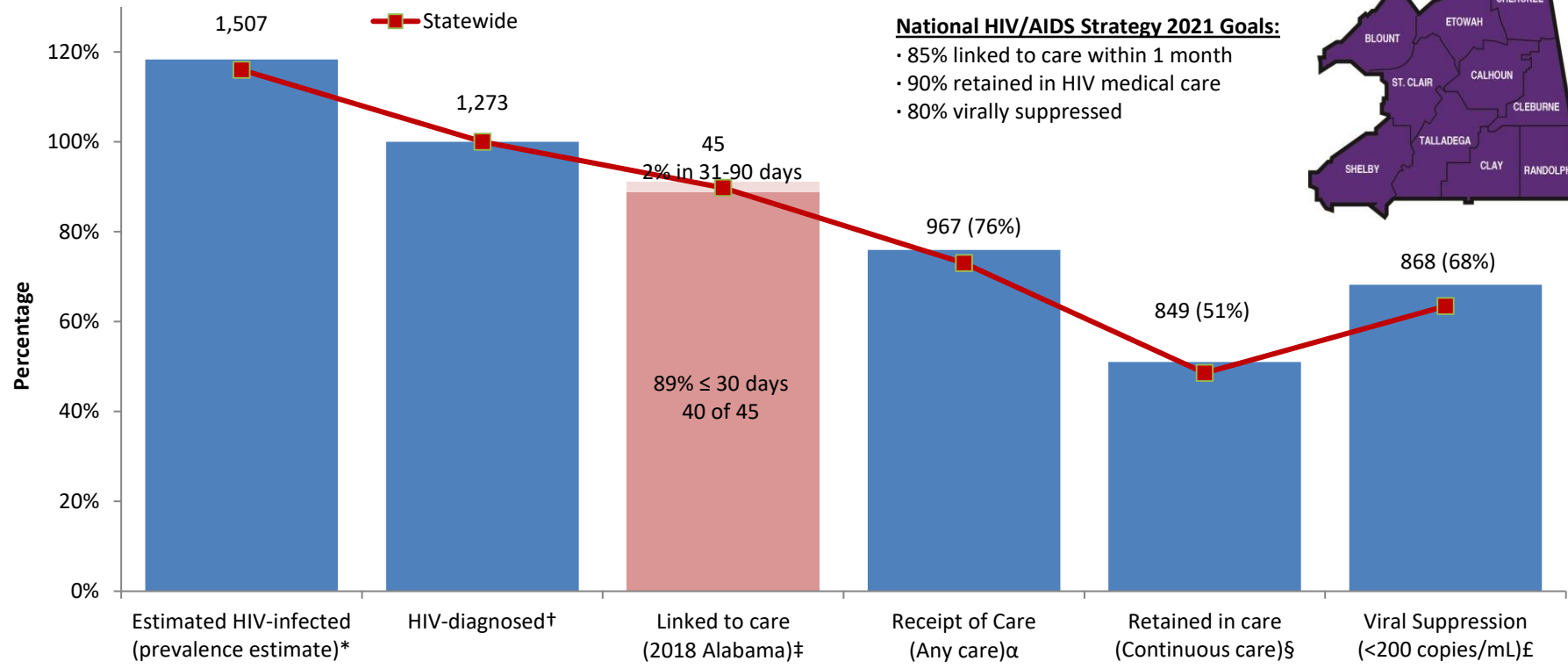
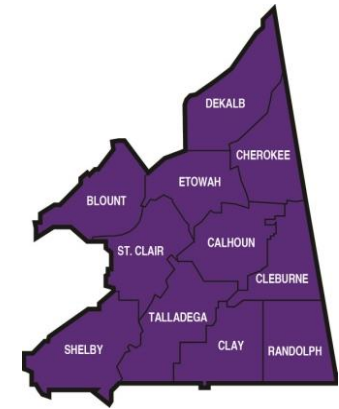
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## Alabama Northeastern District Diagnosis-based HIV Care Continuum, 2020 Finalized Data



### National HIV/AIDS Strategy 2021 Goals:

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- 80% virally suppressed

### Engagement in HIV Care

Alabama’s Public Health Northeastern District includes Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, DeKalb, Etowah, Randolph, St. Clair, Shelby, and Talladega Counties.

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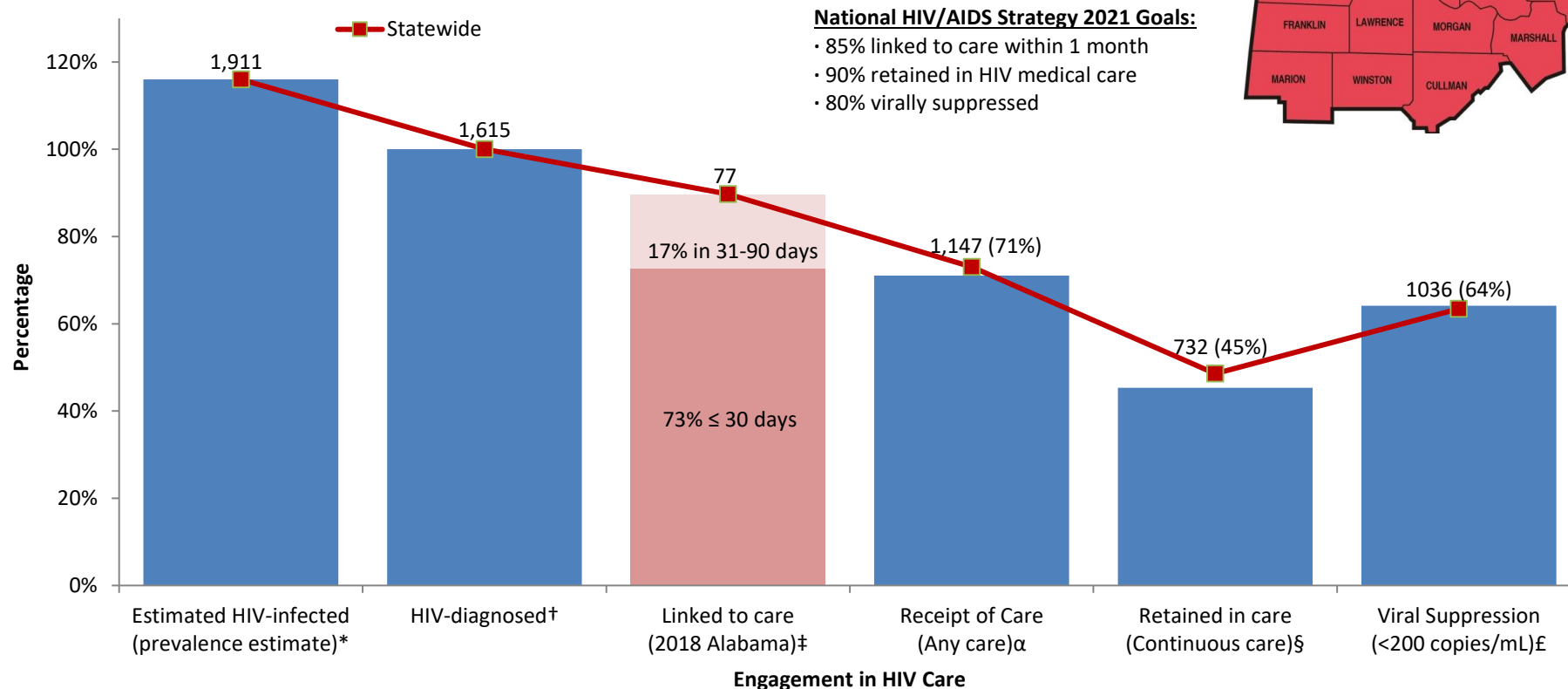
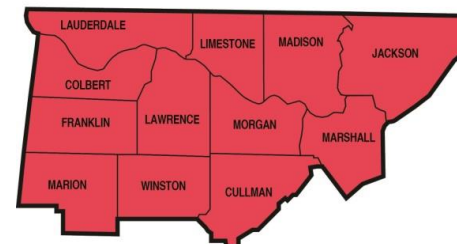
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## Alabama Northern District Diagnosis-based HIV Care Continuum, 2020 Finalized Data



Alabama’s Public Health Northern District includes Colbert, Cullman, Franklin, Jackson, Marion, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, and Winston Counties.

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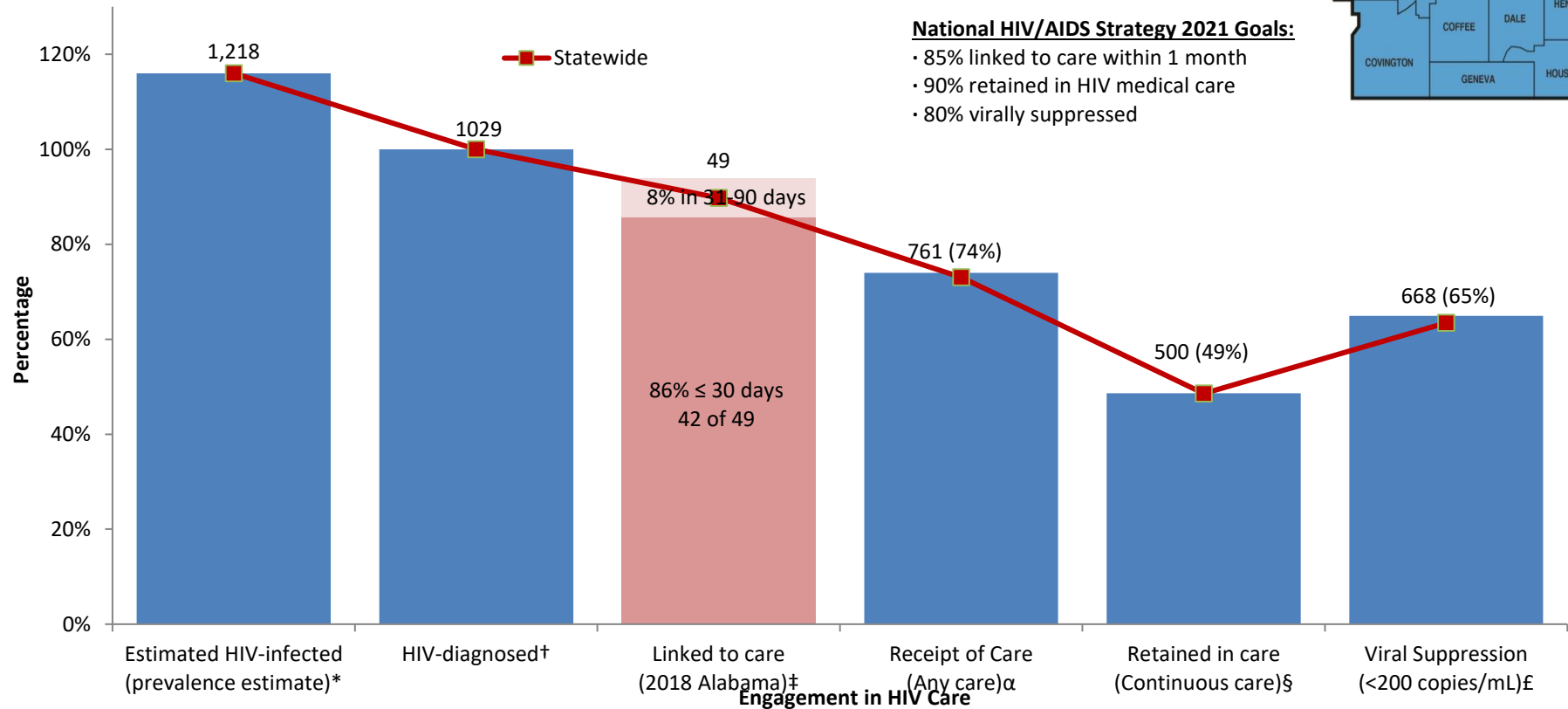
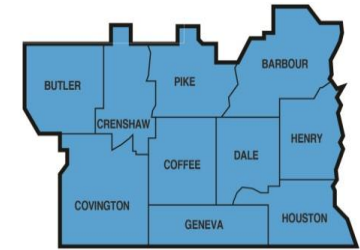
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### Alabama Southeastern District Diagnosis-based HIV Care Continuum, 2020 Finalized Data



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Alabama’s Public Health Southeastern District includes Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike Counties.

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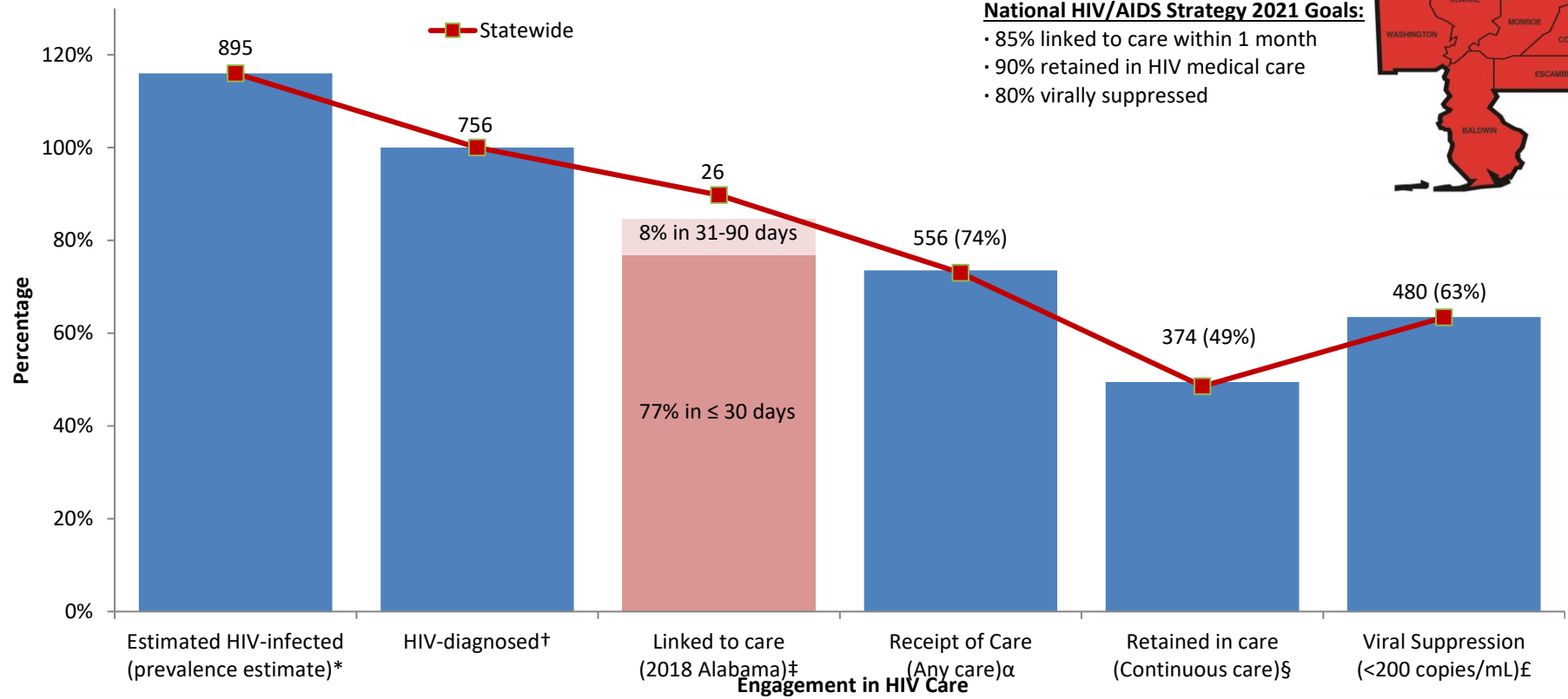
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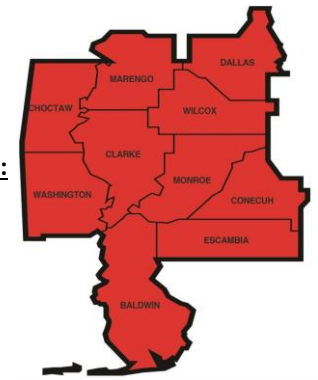


### Alabama Southwestern District Diagnosis-based HIV Care Continuum, 2020 Finalized Data



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Alabama’s Public Health Southwestern District includes Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Escambia, Marengo, Monroe, Washington and Wilcox Counties.

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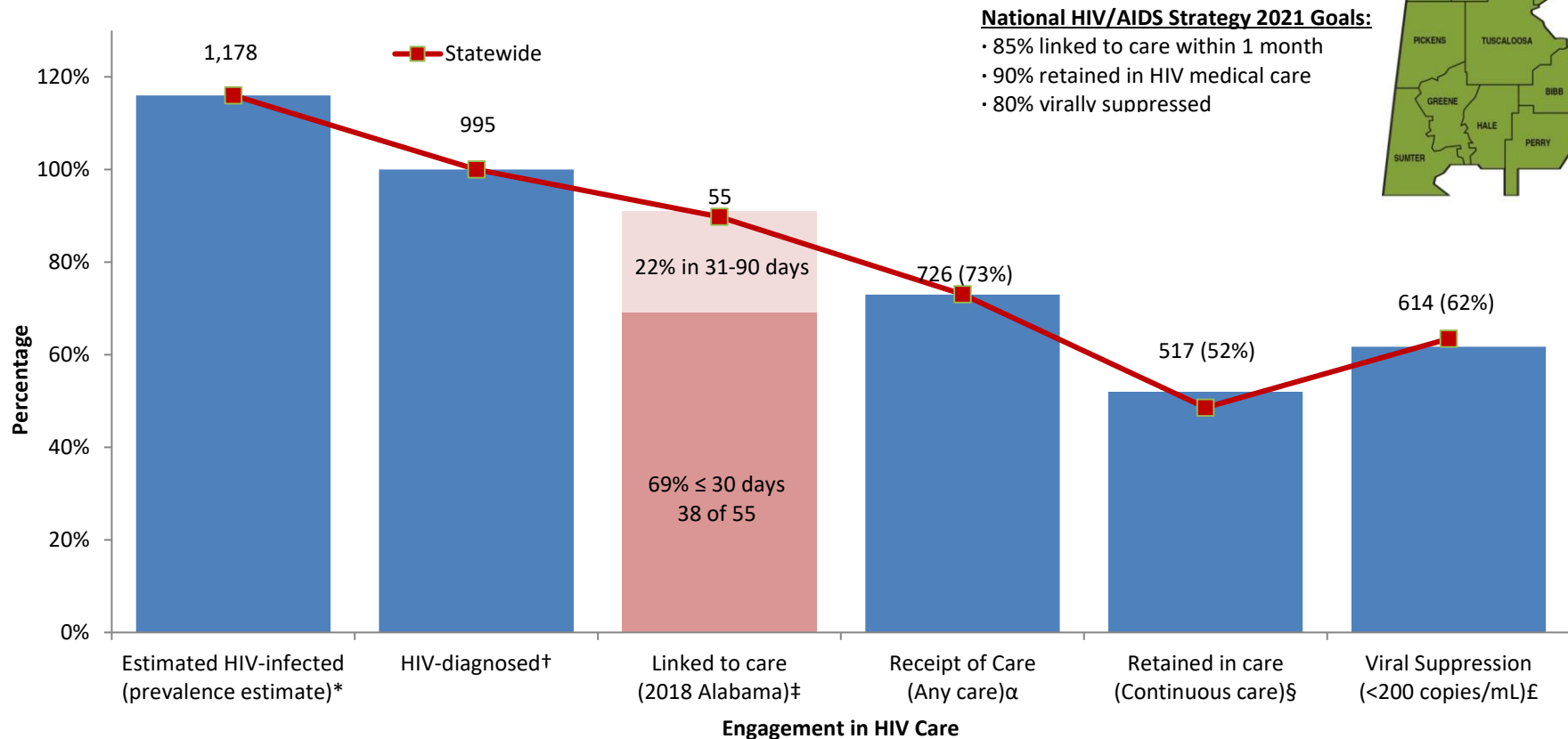
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### Alabama West Central District Diagnosis-based HIV Care Continuum, 2020 Finalized Data



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Alabama’s Public Health West Central District includes Bibb, Chilton, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, and Walker Counties.

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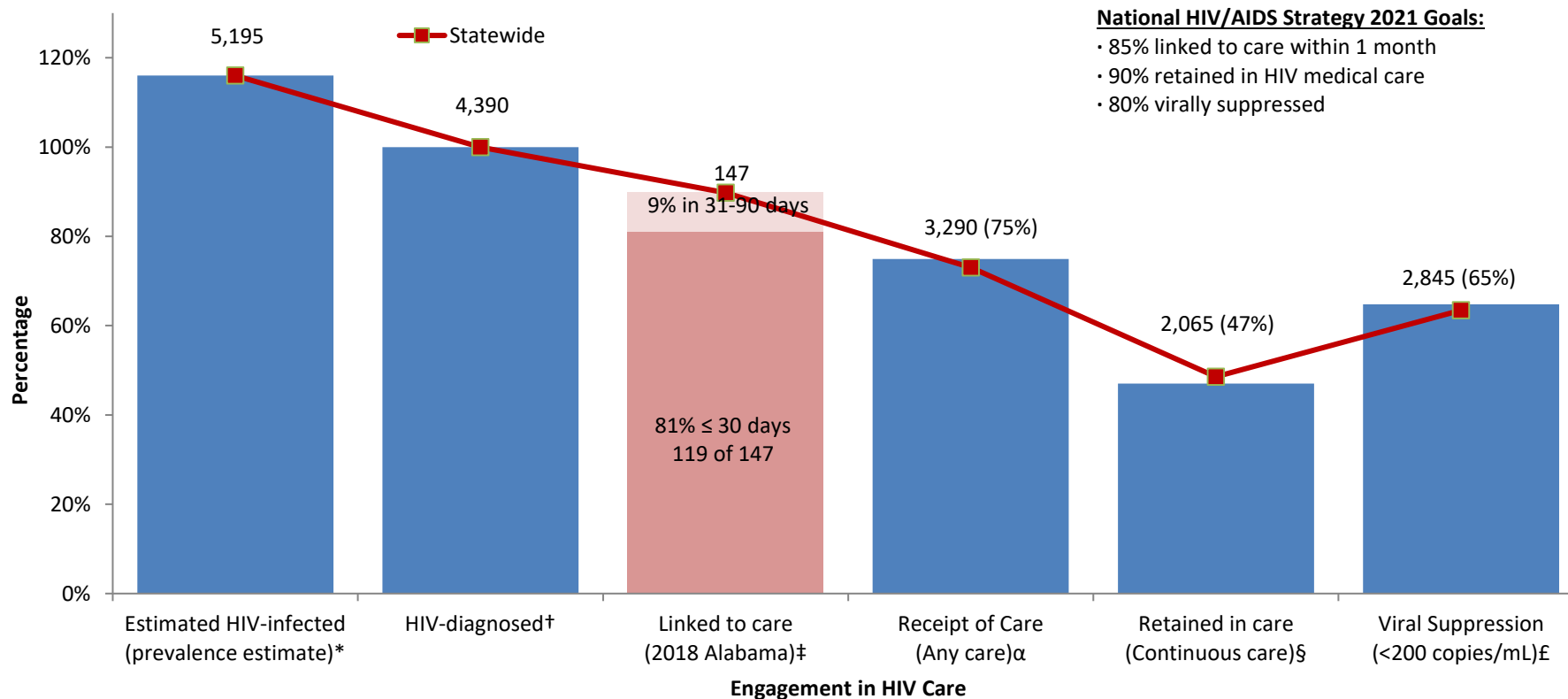
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## Birmingham-Hoover Metropolitan Statistical Area Diagnosis-based HIV Care Continuum, 2020 Finalized Data



The Birmingham-Hoover metropolitan statistical area includes 120 zip codes located in seven counties: Bibb, Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, and Walker Counties.

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