

LOVE YOUR HEART 2019



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WHAT IS LOVE YOUR HEART DAY?



- A one-day event in February
- **Free blood pressure screenings** to the public
- Goal: "know your numbers"
- County partnership with:
 - Healthcare
 - Fire community
 - Universities
 - City government
 - Non-profits
 - Business community

WHY LOVE YOUR HEART?



- About 75 million American adults have high blood pressure—that's 1 in every 3 adults.
- About 1 in 3 American adults has prehypertension—blood pressure numbers that are higher than normal—but not yet in the high blood pressure range.
- In 2014, high blood pressure was a primary or contributing cause of death for more than 1,100 deaths each day.
- High blood pressure costs the nation \$48.6 billion each year.

High blood pressure usually has <u>no warning signs or symptoms</u>, so many people don't realize they have it.



"Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention." *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 16 June 2016, www.cdc.gov/dhdsp/data_statistics/fact_sheets/fs_bloodpressure.htm.



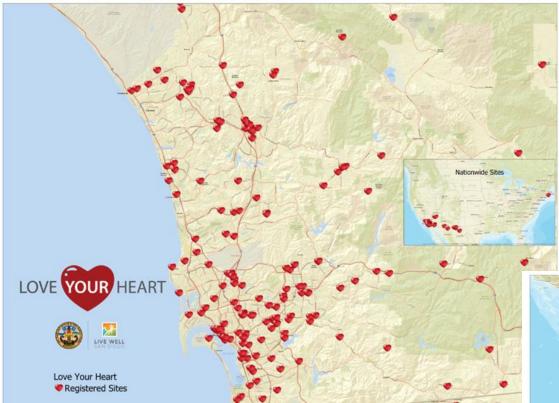
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▼ 2018: Over 36,600 individuals screened!



LOVE YOUR HEART 2018 SITES: US AND MEXICO





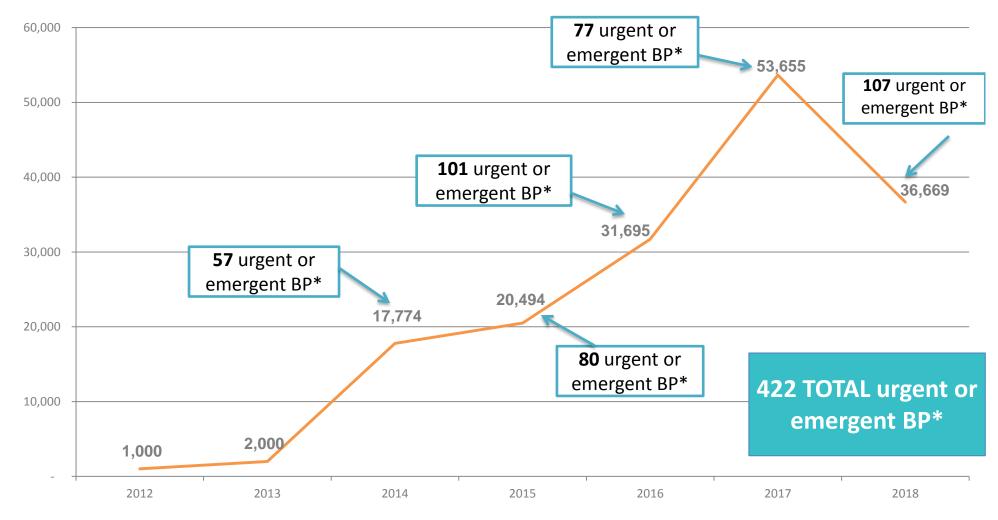
This year we had **350 Love Your Heart screening sites** in collaboration with partners in the US and Mexico





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NUMBER OF SCREENINGS PERFORMED EACH YEAR LOVE YOUR HEART 2012-2018



*Urgent/emergent screenings reported for San Diego County sites only

LOVE YOUR HEART MOBILE APP



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2018 SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESULTS



5,269 participants responded to a question about the use of BP medications.

21.5% said they were using BP medication

Of those who use BP meds, 80.8% had high BP

Of those who said they <u>did</u> <u>not use</u> BP medication, **more than half** had high BP.



How can you participate in Love Your Heart 2019?

Public-face – free blood pressure screenings to the public

Internal-focus - free blood pressure screenings to your employees

Actively promote - Share heart health tips with your coworkers, family, and friends



How can you participate in Love Your Heart 2019?



- Join forces with local governments, firefighters, health care providers, libraries, local businesses, and other partners to raise awareness about heart disease
- Empower San Diegans to take charge of their own heart health
- Support an organizational culture of health awareness





Interested in "joining the heart health movement"?

Contact Aurora Kiviat at aurora.kiviat@sdcounty.ca.gov or go to loveyourheartsd.org

