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### Socioeconomic Status and Demographics of HIV Vaccine Study Participants

In pursuit of a greater understanding of their studies' participant composition, the Baden Lab developed a questionnaire for new recruits into the lab's HIV Trials Network (HVTN) studies to complete, specifically regarding the participants' social demographics and socioeconomic status. Intentionally identifying subjects that are commonly overlooked in clinical research, like the participants' gender identities and education levels, or their individual/net household income and how they obtain their income, this questionnaire is centered around understanding who, exactly, our HVTN participants are. Finally, through the newly-constructed questions on laboratory recruitment, we can trace information connecting participants' discovery of the lab to their demographic and socioeconomic identities. In looking at previous data from prior retrospective research collected in the lab, we can set a baseline for how our composition has shifted over recent years in order to understand the evolution of our participant makeup. In turn, the lab is able to identify patterns in our data, like the equal distribution of the participants across education levels, and recognize when certain factors remain consistent, like the constant female majority. In both data compilations, we see the makeup is primarily composed of those who are White, Female, Straight/Heterosexual, non Hispanic or Latin, carrying the education level of an Undergraduate college degree. Through the questionnaire findings, we can celebrate the positive discovery that the vast majority of the lab participants carry near total access to health insurance, and identify the points of growth like the lab's stagnant racial distribution.

Everyone deserves to feel that they have been accounted for and acknowledged during the research development process and the Baden Lab is dedicated to taking the first step.