Women living with HIV experience high rates of criminalization. 76% of SHAWNA participants have been in jail or prison at some point in their lives, and 17% have been in jail or prison within the past six months.

**SHAWNA shows that these factors put women at risk of incarceration:**

- Younger age
- Recent opioid use
- Recent gender-based violence
- Recent homelessness
- Police violence (physical or sexual)

Women living with HIV who have recently experienced physical or sexual violence are more than twice as likely to experience incarceration.

**Incarceration impacts HIV health.** Jail/prison time is a primary factor in viral non-suppression. SHAWNA participants who have experienced incarceration are three times more likely to have an unsuppressed viral load.

**IMPLICATIONS**

- Criminalization, incarceration, and social and structural vulnerabilities are closely linked.
- There is a critical need to redress the overcriminalization of women living with HIV.
- Interventions and release plans should be women-centred, include housing and substance use supports, and address the cyclical nature of violence and incarceration.