

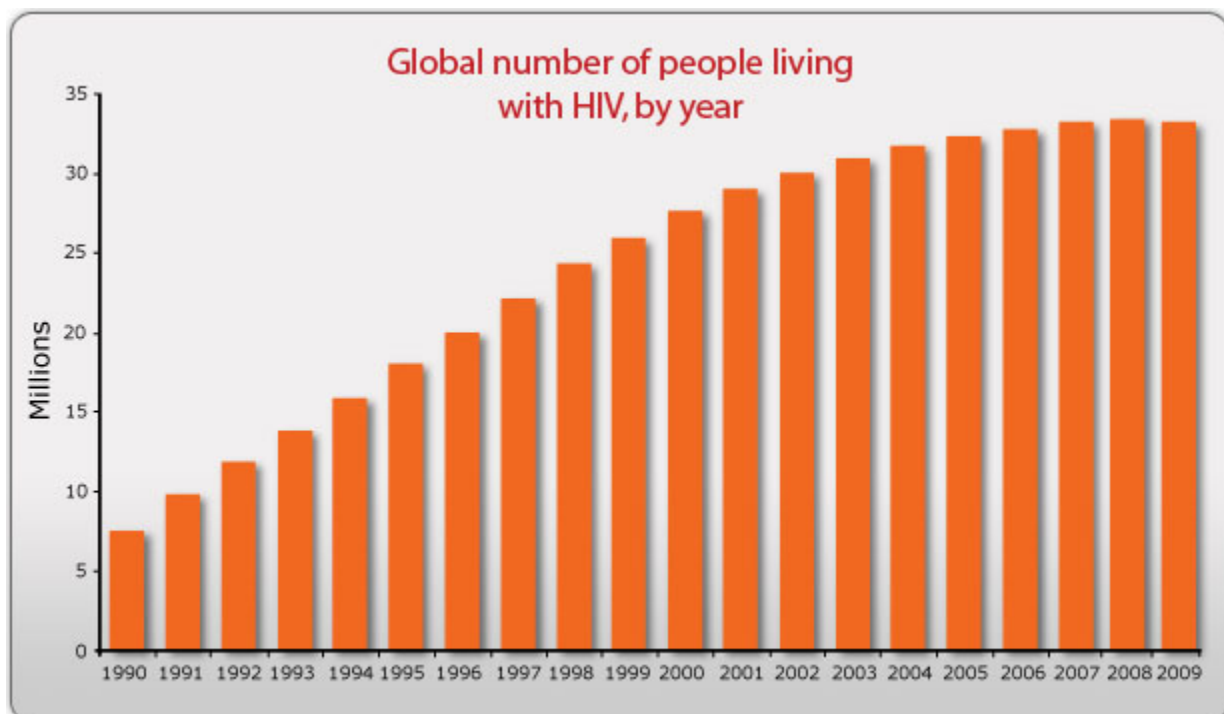
Global HIV and AIDS estimates, end of 2009

The latest statistics of the global HIV and AIDS epidemic were published by UNAIDS in November 2010, and refer to the end of 2009.

	Estimate	Range
People living with HIV/AIDS in 2009	33.3 million	31.4-35.3 million
Adults living with HIV/AIDS in 2009	30.8 million	29.2-32.6 million
Women living with HIV/AIDS in 2009	15.9 million	14.8-17.2 million
Children living with HIV/AIDS in 2009	2.5 million	1.6-3.4 million
People newly infected with HIV in 2009	2.6 million	2.3-2.8 million
Adults newly infected with HIV in 2009	2.2 million	2.0-2.4 million
AIDS deaths in 2009	1.8 million	1.6-2.1 million
Orphans (0-17) due to AIDS in 2009	16.6 million	14.4-18.8 million

At the end of 2009, women accounted for just over half of all adults living with HIV worldwide.

Global trends



The number of people living with HIV rose from around 8 million in 1990 to 33 million by the end of 2009. The overall growth of the epidemic has stabilized in recent years. The annual number of new HIV infections has steadily declined and due to the significant increase in people receiving antiretroviral therapy, the number of AIDS-related deaths has also declined.

Since the beginning of the epidemic, nearly 30 million people have died from AIDS-related causes.¹

Regional statistics for HIV and AIDS, end of 2009

Region	Adults & children living with HIV/AIDS	Adults & children newly infected	Adult prevalence*	AIDS-related deaths in adults & children
Sub-Saharan Africa	22.5 million	1.8 million	5.0%	1.3 million
North Africa & Middle East	460,000	75,000	0.2%	24,000
South and South-East Asia	4.1 million	270,000	0.3%	260,000
East Asia	770,000	82,000	<0.1%	36,000
Oceania	57,000	4,500	0.3%	1,400
Central & South America	1.4 million	92,000	0.5%	58,000
Caribbean	240,000	17,000	1.0%	12,000
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	1.4 million	130,000	0.8%	76,000
North America	1.5 million	70,000	0.5%	26,000
Western & Central Europe	820,000	31,000	0.2%	8,500
Global Total	33.3 million	2.6 million	0.8%	1.8 million

* Proportion of adults aged 15-49 who are living with HIV/AIDS

With around 68 percent of all people living with HIV residing in sub-Saharan Africa, the region carries the greatest burden of the epidemic. Epidemics in Asia have remained relatively stable and are still largely concentrated among high-risk groups. Conversely, the number of people living with HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia has almost tripled since 2000.

Notes

Adults are defined as men and women aged 15 or above, unless specified otherwise.

Children orphaned by AIDS are defined as people aged fewer than 18 who are alive and have lost one or both parents to AIDS.

All the statistics on this page should be interpreted with caution because they are estimates.

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