

KEY FACTS ON HIV EPIDEMIC IN GERMANY AND PROGRESS IN 2011

(pop. 81 843 743)

By the end of 2011, Germany had reported a cumulative total of 43 033 HIV infections, 28 453 cases of AIDS and 14 290 deaths among AIDS cases to the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). For the year 2011, the country reported 2 887 HIV cases, 279 AIDS cases and 75 deaths among AIDS cases. The rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections in 2011 was 3.5 per 100 000 population; the rate has slowly increased since 2004 when it was 2.7 per 100 000 population. The majority (84%) of new HIV infections were among male. Among the newly diagnosed HIV infections with information about transmission mode (82%), 66.3% were transmitted through sex between men, 29.2% through heterosexual contact, 3.8% through injecting drug use and 0.6% through mother-to-child transmission. In cumulative total, 284 mother-to-child transmission cases have been reported, including 15 in 2011.

Taking undiagnosed infections into account, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and WHO estimate that 73 000 (66 000 – 82 000) people were living with HIV in Germany in 2011 and that less than 500 people died from AIDS-related causes during 2011.

In Germany, HIV testing can be provided by all primary care providers and private practitioners, by local health authorities and some AIDS-related non-governmental organisations (NGO). Prices for the test vary, however if taken on medical grounds, it is provided free of charge.

The number of people receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) increased from 18 000 in 2002 to 42 900 by December 2009.

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