

KEY FACTS ON HIV EPIDEMIC IN IRELAND AND PROGRESS IN 2011

(pop. 4 582 769)

By the end of 2011, Ireland had reported a cumulative total of 6 187 HIV cases, 1 128 AIDS cases and 425 deaths among AIDS cases to the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Case Based Reporting of HIV was introduced in July 2001, which allows for the linkage of HIV cases with AIDS cases.

For the year 2011, the country reported 321 new HIV infections, 47 new AIDS cases and 4 deaths among AIDS cases. The rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections in 2011 was 7.2 per 100 000 population. Among the HIV infections reported with known transmission mode in 2011 (100%), 42.2% had been infected through heterosexual contact, 6.0% through injecting drug use, 50.7% through sex between men and 1.1% through mother-to-child transmission. The majority (73%) of new HIV cases were male. Ireland has reported a cumulative total of 67 mother-to-child transmission cases, including 3 in 2011.

Taking undiagnosed infections into account, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and WHO estimate that 7 800 (6 300 – 9 700) people were living with HIV in Ireland in 2011 and that less than 100 people died from AIDS-related causes during 2011.

The most recently reported number of people on antiretroviral therapy is from December 2005 (1 600 people).

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