

KEY FACTS ON HIV EPIDEMIC IN SWITZERLAND AND PROGRESS IN 2011

(pop. 7 954 662)

From 1985 to 2011, Swiss authorities reported a total of 32 755 HIV cases to the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). They also reported that 9 355 of the infected individuals had developed AIDS, including 5 855 who had died. For the year 2011, 561 HIV cases, 118 AIDS cases, and 12 deaths among AIDS cases were reported. The rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections in 2011 was 7.1 per 100 000 population. Of the newly reported infections with information about transmission mode in 2011 (80%), 47.0% were infected through heterosexual contact, 46.3% through sex between men, 4.9% through injecting drug use and 0.9% through mother-to-child transmission. The majority (76%) of newly diagnosed cases were male. In total, 184 mother-to-child transmission cases have been reported in Switzerland, including 4 in 2011.

Taking undiagnosed infections into account, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and WHO estimate that 20 000 (16 000 – 27 000) people were living with HIV in Switzerland in 2011 and that under 100 people died from AIDS-related causes during 2011.

HIV testing and counselling is available at more than 10 000 health facilities in Switzerland. HIV testing is mandatory before any invasive medical intervention and offered systematically but voluntarily for pregnant women. Over 10 000 people living with HIV were seen for care in 2010 whereas a national estimate of the number of people receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) is not available.

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