

HIV Statistics & Facts

World

- Over 33 million people are living with HIV, including 2.5 million aged under the age of 15.
- 1.8 million people, including 260,000 children died due to AIDS in 2009.
- There were 2.6 million new infections in 2009.
- 17 million young people under-17 have lost their parents to HIV.

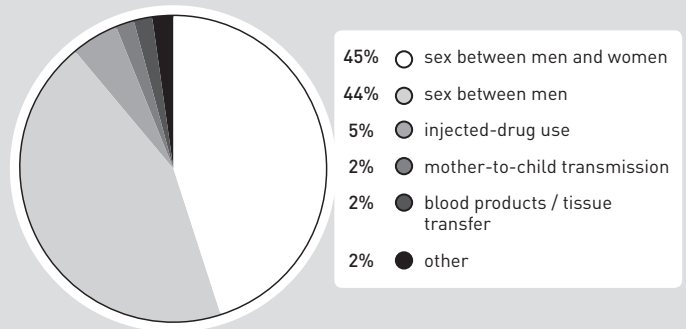
UK

- Around 87,000 people living with HIV.
- Over 64,000 have a confirmed HIV diagnosis.
- The remaining 23,000 are unaware of their HIV status – about a third.

Scotland

- Around 5,500 people living with HIV.
- 4,087 people have a confirmed HIV diagnosis.
- The remaining 1,400 are unaware of their HIV status.

UK HIV diagnoses in 2010



“Together, with the right education and services, young people can learn how to protect themselves from HIV infection and ensure a future free of HIV/AIDS.”

Cristiano Ronaldo

Statistics Source – UNAIDS, National Aids Trust, Health Protection Scotland

HIV & AIDS Facts

HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus. It is a virus which attacks the body’s immune system, making it vulnerable to infection and disease. HIV is the virus which can lead to AIDS. **AIDS:** Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. People are described as having AIDS when their body can no longer fight off disease.

HIV Transmission

HIV **can** be passed on through sexual intercourse, through blood to blood contact and from mother to baby. You **cannot** catch HIV through kissing or touching, coughs and sneezes, via cutlery or cups or from toilet seats.

HIV Treatment

There is no cure for HIV. Drug treatments reduce the quantity of the virus in the bloodstream and help to boost the immune system. The drugs have to be taken every day for the rest of a person’s life.

HIV Prevention

Using condoms is the best way to protect yourself and your partner from HIV if you’re sexually active. There is no cure or vaccine for HIV.

Further Information and Resources

www.waverleycare.org

www.avert.org

www.nat.org.uk

www.healthyrespect.co.uk

www.sexualhealthscotland.co.uk

www.tht.org.uk

www.brook.org.uk

www.lgbtyouth.org.uk