

# The EarthTrends Information Guide for HIV/AIDS



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Approximately 40 million people worldwide are currently infected with HIV/AIDS, with an estimated 4 million new cases and 2 million deaths due to AIDS reported each year. Populations in India and sub-Saharan Africa continue to be most affected by the disease. For example, the average adult life-span in the seven countries with the largest prevalence of HIV/AIDS, all of which are located in Africa, has decreased by 21 years, on average, over the last two decades. Of particular concern are infected women, who currently number 13.2 million in sub-Saharan Africa, and children; one in seven people dying of HIV-related illness is a child under the age of 15.

The social and economic impacts of HIV/AIDS are numerous: loss of employment, income, and social status are particularly harmful at an individual level, but can also have repercussions for national economies. Achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015 will require increases in both national and international funding, strengthened initiatives to fight curable diseases such as tuberculosis (TB) that also impact those with HIV/AIDS, scaling-up action plans to provide universal access to treatment, and concentrated efforts in prevention measures, including AIDS education, condom use, and antiretroviral treatment preventative care for infected mothers.

Find the following **HIV/AIDS Information** and much more on **EarthTrends**.

### SEARCHABLE DATABASE

[[http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable\\_db/index.php?theme=4](http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable_db/index.php?theme=4)]

AIDS/HIV: Adults and children living with HIV  
Adult females living with HIV  
Adult females living with HIV as a percent of total adults living with HIV  
Adults living with HIV  
Antiretroviral therapy coverage  
Deaths of Adults and Children due to AIDS  
Orphans due to AIDS  
Percent of Adults ages 15-49 living with HIV/AIDS

Public Health: Contraceptive Prevalence Rate  
Physicians per 100,000 people  
Public health expenditures as a percent of total health expenditures  
Tuberculosis, incidence rate (per 100,000 people)

### FEATURE ARTICLES

[<http://earthtrends.wri.org/features/index.php?theme=4>]

A Generation of Orphans: Another Challenge for AIDS-Ravaged Countries  
Global AIDS Toll Bleak

### DATA TABLES

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Human Health

### LINKS

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) [<http://www.unaids.org>]  
World Health Organization [<http://www.who.int>]