

2021

Demographic characteristics of newly diagnosed HIV cases, The Bahamas, 2021

		n	%
Sex	Male	76	68%
	Female	36	32%
Age Group	15-24	11	10%
	25-29	16	14%
	30-39	27	24%
	40-49	28	25%
	50-59	20	18%
	60+	10	9%
Island	New Providence	82	73%
	Grand Bahama	15	13%
	Family Island	15	13%
Nationality	Bahamian	62	55%
	Other	22	20%
	Unknown	28	25%
Vital Status	Alive	96	86%
	Deceased (AIDS)	10	9%
	Deceased (non-AIDS)	6	5%
Total		112	100%

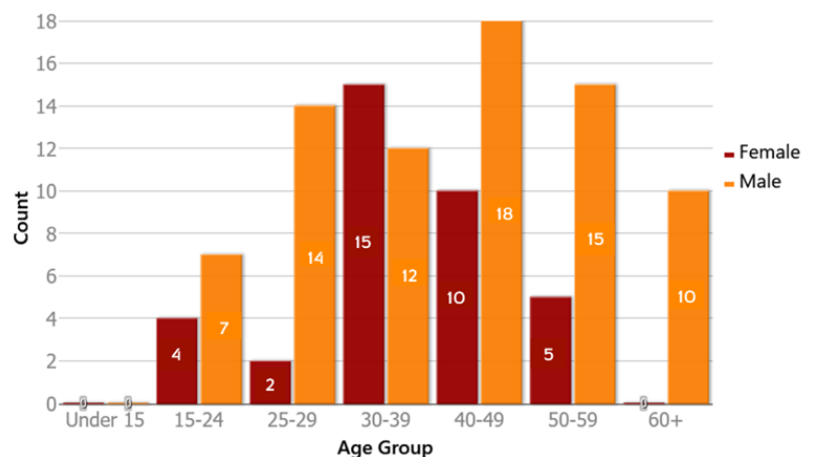
DID YOU KNOW?

- The Infectious Disease Unit (IDU) Prevention Team offers free trainings in HIV and STIs upon request.
- The IDU Focus on Youth Programme life skills curriculum is provided to all government school 6th graders.
- The Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) has offered Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV free of cost since 2016.
- You can learn more about HIV in The Bahamas at: <https://www.facebook.com/bah.aidsprogramme>
<https://aidsinfo.unaids.org/>

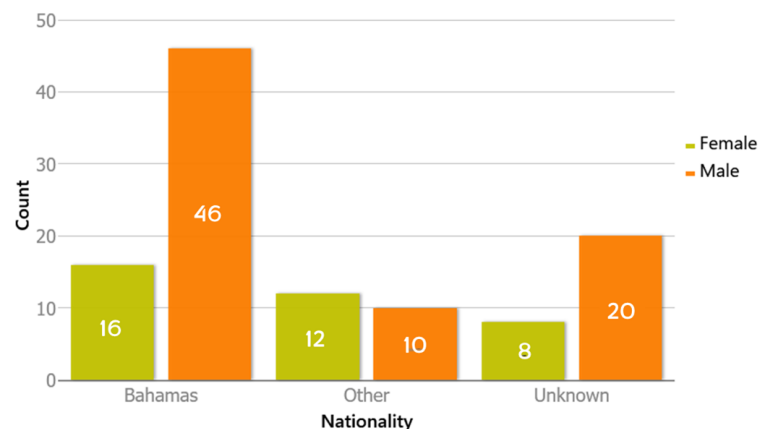
HIV prevalence in 2021 was estimated at 1% of the general population of The Bahamas. 112 persons in The Bahamas received an HIV diagnosis for the first time in 2021. This represented a reduction in new diagnoses by 63% since 2012 (n=300). The largest proportion of cases were among males (68%), persons aged 40-49 (25%) and persons who lived in New Providence (73%). Sixteen (14%) of those newly diagnosed with HIV died of AIDS-related illnesses in 2021.

Thirty-three women living with HIV delivered live infants in 2021. No infants were diagnosed with HIV in this time resulting in a mother-to-child transmission rate of 0%. There were also 14 HIV/TB co-infected cases diagnosed in 2021, which represented 31% of new active TB cases diagnosed in that year. Seventy-seven AIDS-related deaths were documented in 2021.

Newly diagnosed HIV cases by age group and sex, The Bahamas, 2021



Newly diagnosed HIV cases by nationality and sex, The Bahamas, 2021



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Estimated HIV Prevalence

1%

New HIV Diagnoses

112

AIDS-Related Deaths

77

NEW HIV DIAGNOSES

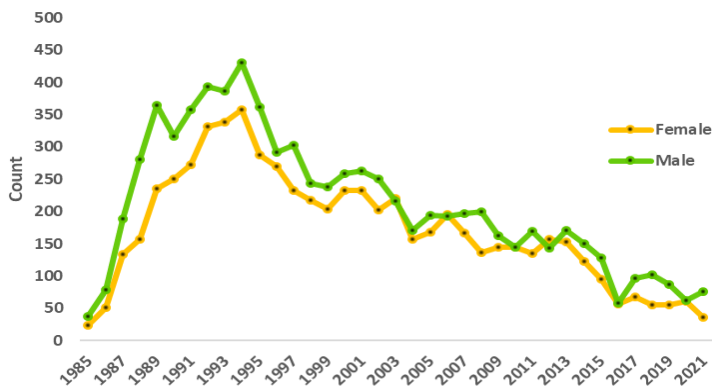
There were 112 newly diagnosed HIV in The Bahamas in 2021. This represented a 63% decrease in newly diagnosed cases from 2012 (n=300). Decreases in new diagnoses were observed during this time period across all demographic groups.

SEX AND AGE GROUPS

Cases among females decreased by 77% between 2012 (n=157) and 2021 (n=36). Females accounted for 32% of the 112 new diagnoses in 2021 (n=36), and women aged 30-39 made up the largest group of female cases (42%, n=15).

Male cases decreased overall by 46% between 2012 (n=143) and 2021 (n=76). Males made up 68% of new diagnoses in 2021. Twenty-five percent of male diagnoses were between the ages of 40 and 49, accounting for the largest group of males (n=28).

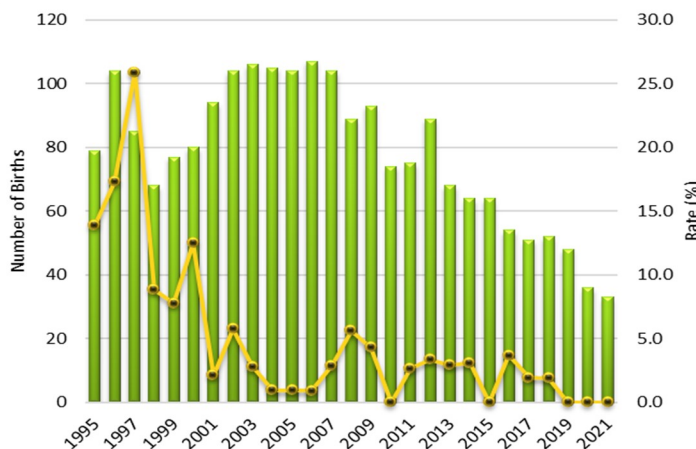
Newly diagnosed HIV cases by diagnosis year and sex, The Bahamas, 1985–2021



MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION

In 2021, 33 women living with HIV (WLHIV) gave birth to live infants in The Bahamas. Thirty-two of the women (97%) received ART. There were no cases of mother-to-child HIV transmission among women who received ART in 2021 which resulted in a mother-to-child transmission rate of 0% for this year.

Annual number of live births among WLHIV and mother-to-child HIV transmission rate, The Bahamas, 1995–2021

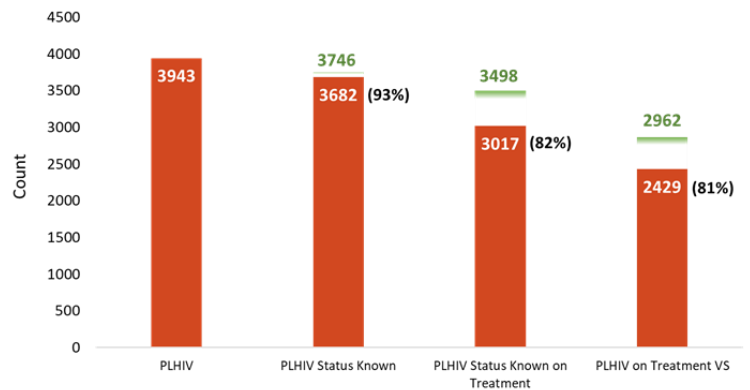


THE NATIONAL HIV/AIDS RESPONSE

An estimated 3,943 persons were living with HIV in The Bahamas at the end of 2022. Ninety-three percent of these persons were estimated to know their status. Eighty-two percent (n=3,017) of PLHIV who know their status received treatment in 2022 and 81% of PLHIV on treatment (n=2,429) achieved viral suppression in that year.

Treatment coverage among males in 2022 was 80% compared to 73% among females. Viral suppression among males was 81% compared to 80% among females.

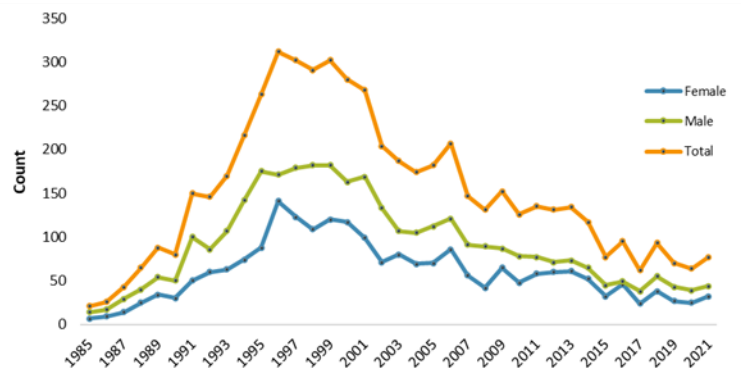
HIV Treatment Cascade, The Bahamas, 2022



AIDS-RELATED DEATHS

Seventy-seven persons died of AIDS-related causes in 2021. This was a 41% decrease since 2012 (n=131). Males accounted for 57% of AIDS-related deaths in 2021 and persons aged 40-49 made up 35% of AIDS-related deaths in that year.

AIDS-related deaths by year and sex, The Bahamas, 2021



DID YOU KNOW?

- The National HIV/AIDS Programme, DPH Tuberculosis Unit and DPH STI Unit were merged to form the MOHW HIV/STI/TB Programme in 2023.
- All HIV treatment and PrEP medication is free through the MOHW.
- HIV Testing is free through the MOHW Infectious Disease Unit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- MOHW HIV/STI/TB Programme : 604-9060
- MOHW Health Information Research Unit: 502-4700