

## LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

COUNTRY DATA

## EPIDEMIC ESTIMATES

	2010	2015	2021
<b>New HIV infections</b>			
New HIV infections (all ages)	1000 [920–1100]	990 [890–1100]	810 [730–880]
New HIV infections (0–14)	<100 [<100– <100]	<100 [<100– <100]	<100 [<100– <100]
New HIV infections (15–24)	<500 [<500–550]	<500 [<500– <500]	<500 [<500– <500]
New HIV infections (women, 15+)	<500 [<500– <500]	<500 [<500– <500]	<500 [<500– <500]
New HIV infections (men, 15+)	550 [<500–610]	540 [<500–600]	530 [<500–570]
HIV incidence (all ages) per 1000 population	0.17 [0.15–0.19]	0.15 [0.14–0.17]	0.11 [0.10–0.12]
<b>AIDS-related deaths</b>			
AIDS-related deaths (all ages)	<500 [<200– <500]	<500 [<500– <500]	<500 [<500– <500]
AIDS-related deaths (0–14)	<100 [<100– <100]	<100 [<100– <100]	<100 [<100– <100]
AIDS-related deaths (women, 15+)	<100 [<100– <100]	<100 [<100– <200]	<200 [<100– <200]
AIDS-related deaths (men, 15+)	<200 [<100– <200]	<200 [<200– <500]	<200 [<200– <500]
<b>People living with HIV</b>			
People living with HIV (all ages)	8800 [8100–9700]	12 000 [11 000–13 000]	15 000 [14 000–17 000]
People living with HIV (0–14)	<500 [<500– <500]	<500 [<500–550]	530 [<500–600]
People living with HIV (women, 15+)	3500 [3200–3900]	4900 [4400–5300]	6000 [5500–6600]
People living with HIV (men, 15+)	5000 [4500–5500]	6800 [6200–7500]	8600 [7900–9500]
HIV prevalence (15–49)	0.3 [0.2–0.3]	0.3 [0.3–0.3]	0.3 [0.3–0.4]

## LAWS AND POLICIES

Laws criminalizing the transmission of, non-disclosure of or exposure to HIV transmission	Yes
Criminalization of sex work among consenting adults	Any criminalization or punitive regulation of sex work
Criminalization of same-sex sexual acts in private	No, laws penalizing consensual same-sex sexual acts have been decriminalized or have never existed anywhere in the country
Criminalization of possession of small amounts of drugs	Yes
Criminalization of transgender people	No
Laws or policies restricting the entry, stay and residence of people living with HIV	No restrictions
Parental consent for adolescents to access HIV testing	Yes
Spousal consent for married women to access sexual and reproductive health services	No
Mandatory HIV testing for marriage, work or residence permits or for certain groups	No

## STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

Percentage of women aged 15–49 years who report discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV	...	2017
	...	48.08408

Percentage of people living with HIV who report experienced stigma and discrimination in the general community in the last 12 months	...
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Percentage of people living with HIV who report experiences of HIV-related discrimination in health-care settings	...
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## GENDER INEQUALITY AND VIOLENCE

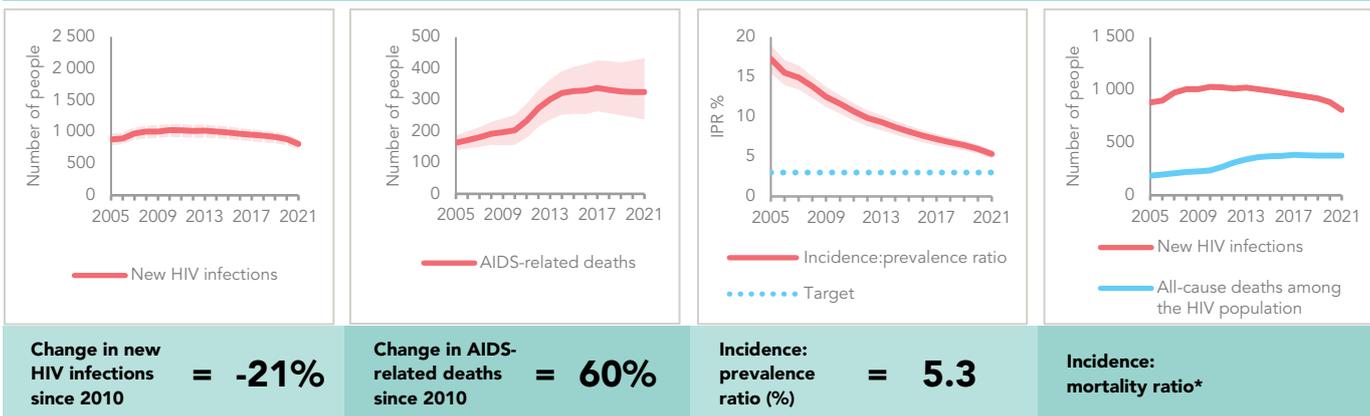
Proportion of ever-married or partnered women aged 15–49 years who experienced physical or sexual violence from a male intimate partner in the past 12 months	...
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Percentage of women and men aged 15 to 49 years who agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for specific reasons (Refers to women only)	2017	16.20
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## EXPENDITURES

	Financing sources					Total
	Domestic private	Domestic public	International: PEPFAR	International: Global Fund	International: all others	
Last available report: 2021	US\$ 0	US\$ 173 570	US\$ 1 078 764	US\$ 729 919	US\$ 547 002	US\$ 2 529 255

### EPIDEMIC TRANSITION METRICS



\* The incidence:mortality ratio is not published if the country has not achieved antiretroviral therapy coverage of 91% or higher (the testing and treatment target for 2025).

### KEY POPULATIONS

	Sex workers	Men who have sex with men	People who inject drugs	Transgender people	Prisoners
Estimated size of population	...	...	...	...	...
HIV prevalence	0.8%	4.1%	...	...	...
HIV testing and status awareness	39.2%	11.5%	...	...	...
Antiretroviral therapy coverage	...	...	...	...	...
Condom use	90.6%	35.1%	...	...	...
Coverage of HIV prevention programmes	36.8%	7.8%	...	...	...
Avoidance of health care because of stigma and discrimination	1.9%	1.7%	...	...	...
Expenditures in US\$ (2020)	362 707	760 534	...	...	...

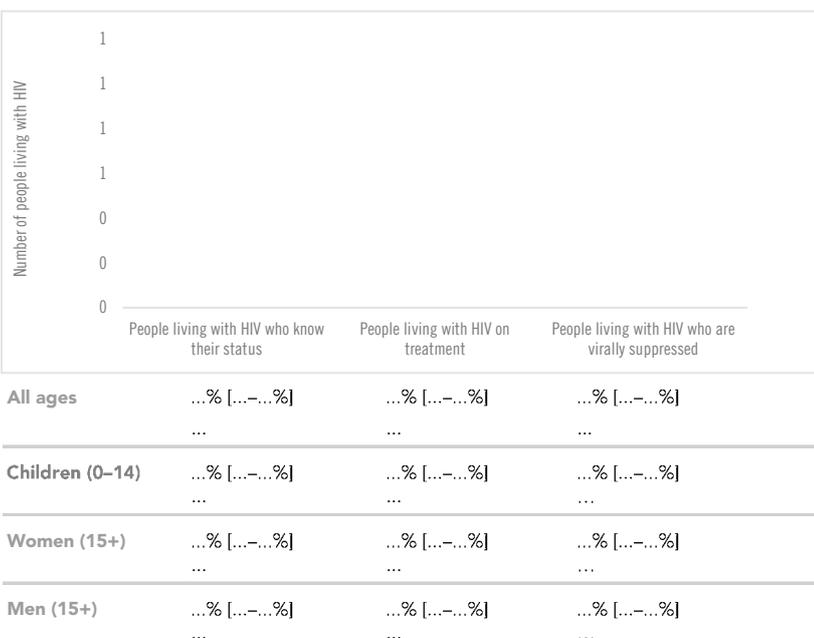
### HIV COMORBIDITIES

Estimated number of incident tuberculosis cases among people living with HIV (2020)	610 [390–870]
People living with HIV who started TB preventive therapy (2020)	317
Cervical cancer screening of women living with HIV	...
People coinfectd with HIV and hepatitis C virus starting hepatitis C treatment	...

### HIV PREVENTION

Adults aged 15+ years with unsuppressed viral load	...
Knowledge of HIV prevention among young people aged 15–24 years	...
— Women	...
— Men	...
Condom use at last sex with a non-marital, non-cohabiting partner among people aged 15–49 years	...
— Women	...
— Men	...
Women aged 15–49 years who have their demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods	...

### HIV TESTING AND TREATMENT CASCADE



Men aged 15–49 years who are circumcised	Not applicable
Voluntary medical male circumcisions performed according to national standards	Not applicable
People who received PrEP at least once during the reporting period (2021)	259

<b>Harm reduction</b>	
— Use of sterile injecting equipment at last injection	...
— Needles and syringes distributed per person who injects (2017)	3
— Coverage of agonist opioid methadone therapy	...
— Naloxone available (2022)	No

### ELIMINATION OF VERTICAL TRANSMISSION

	2015	2021
Percentage of pregnant women living with HIV accessing antiretroviral medicines	18% [16–21%]	100% [89–100%]
Final vertical transmission rate including during breastfeeding	42.2% [39.7–44.4%]	20.6% [18.5–22.3%]
Early infant diagnosis	5.8% [5.1–6.9%]	64.7% [56.6–75.2%]