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HIV and AIDS Estimates

Adults and children living with HIV	23 000 [20 000 - 25 000]
Adults aged 15 and over living with HIV	22 000 [20 000 - 24 000]
Women aged 15 and over living with HIV	7900 [7100 - 8500]
Men aged 15 and over living with HIV	14 000 [13 000 - 16 000]
Children aged 0 to 14 living with HIV	<500 [<500 - <500]
Adult aged 15 to 49 HIV prevalence rate	0.5 [0.4 - 0.5]
Women aged 15 to 49 HIV prevalence rate	0.3 [0.3 - 0.4]
Men aged 15 to 49 HIV prevalence rate	0.6 [0.5 - 0.7]
HIV prevalence among young women	<0.1 [<0.1 - 0.1]
HIV prevalence among young men	0.2 [0.1 - 0.2]
Adults and children newly infected with HIV	<1000 [<1000 - 1100]
Adults aged 15 and over newly infected with HIV	<1000 [<1000 - 1100]
Women aged 15 and over newly infected with HIV	<500 [<200 - <500]
Men aged 15 and over newly infected with HIV	<1000 [<500 - <1000]
Children aged 0 to 14 newly infected with HIV	<100 [<100 - <100]
HIV incidence per 1000 population (adults 15-49)	0.23 [0.15 - 0.32]
HIV incidence per 1000 population (all ages)	0.13 [<0.1 - 0.18]
Adult and child deaths due to AIDS	<500 [<500 - <500]
Deaths due to AIDS among adults aged 15 and over	<500 [<500 - <500]
Deaths due to AIDS among women aged 15 and over	<200 [<200 - <200]

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Deaths due to AIDS among men aged 15 and over	<500 [<200 - <500]
Deaths due to AIDS among children aged 0 to 14	<100 [<100 - <100]
Orphans due to AIDS aged 0 to 17	9200 [7400 - 11 000]

Epidemic transition metrics

Percent change in new HIV infections since 2010	-37
Percent change in AIDS-related deaths since 2010	11
Incidence : prevalence ratio	3.7
Incidence : mortality ratio	1.5

HIV testing and treatment cascade

People living with HIV	23 000 [20 000 - 25 000]
People living with HIV who know their status	20 000
Percent of people living with HIV who know their status	90 [81 - 97]
People living with HIV who are on ART	16 000
Percent of people living with HIV who are on ART	69 [62 - 75]
People living with HIV who have suppressed viral loads	13 000
Percent of people living with HIV who have suppressed viral loads	60 [54 - 65]

Antiretroviral therapy (ART)

Coverage of adults and children receiving ART (%)	69 [62 - 75]
Adults aged 15 and over receiving ART	70 [63 - 75]

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Women aged 15 and over receiving ART	68 [61 - 73]
Men aged 15 and over receiving ART	71 [63 - 78]
Children aged 0 to 14 receiving ART	26 [23 - 30]
Number of adults and children receiving ART (#)	15 611
Adults aged 15 and over receiving ART	15 533
Women aged 15 and over receiving ART	5326
Men aged 15 and over receiving ART	10 207
Children aged 0 to 14 receiving ART	78

Elimination of vertical transmission

Coverage of pregnant women who receive ARV for PMTCT (%)	81 [71 - 93]
Pregnant women who received ARV for PMTCT (#)	115
Pregnant women needing ARV for PMTCT (#)	<200 [<200 - <200]
Early infant diagnosis (%)	43 [38 - 50]
Final vertical transmission rate including during breastfeeding	18.4 [15.3 - 22.7]
New HIV infections averted due to PMTCT (%)	<100 [<100 - <100]
Number of HIV-exposed children who are uninfected	2400 [2300 - 2700]

Sex workers

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Population size estimate (#)	23 700	Region: National; Method: RDS-SS; Source: ESTUDIO DE ESTIMACIÓN DE TAMAÑO DE POBLACIÓN DE ALTA PREVALENCIA EN VIH, SUS CO MPORTAMIENT OS, ACTITUDES, PRÁCTICAS SEXUALES Y C ONDICIONANT ES SOCIALES EN EL SALVADOR, 2023/2024
HIV prevalence (%)	3	Source: ESTUDIO DE ESTIMACIÓN DE TAMAÑO DE POBLACIÓN DE ALTA PREVALENCIA EN VIH, SUS CO MPORTAMIENT OS, ACTITUDES, PRÁCTICAS SEXUALES Y C ONDICIONANT ES SOCIALES EN EL SALVADOR, 2023/2024

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HIV testing and status awareness (%)	99.4	Source: ESTUDIO DE ESTIMACIÓN DE TAMAÑO DE POBLACIÓN DE ALTA PREVALENCIA EN VIH, SUS COMPORTAMIENTOS, ACTITUDES, PRÁCTICAS SEXUALES Y CONDICIONES SOCIALES EN EL SALVADOR, 2023/2024
Antiretroviral therapy coverage (%)	65.9	Source: Sistema unico de monotireo evaluación y vigilancia epidemiologica del VIH-SIDA (SUMEVE)
Condom use (%)	95.3	Source: ESTUDIO DE ESTIMACIÓN DE TAMAÑO DE POBLACIÓN DE ALTA PREVALENCIA EN VIH, SUS COMPORTAMIENTOS, ACTITUDES, PRÁCTICAS SEXUALES Y CONDICIONES SOCIALES EN EL SALVADOR, 2023/2024

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Coverage of HIV prevention programmes (%)	73.4	Source: ESTUDIO DE ESTIMACIÓN DE TAMAÑO DE POBLACIÓN DE ALTA PREVALENCIA EN VIH, SUS COMPORTAMIENTOS, ACTITUDES, PRÁCTICAS SEXUALES Y CONDICIONANTES SOCIALES EN EL SALVADOR, 2023/2024
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Men who have sex with men

Population size estimate (#)	61 300	Region: National ; Method: RDS-SS; Source: ESTUDIO DE ESTIMACIÓN DE TAMAÑO DE POBLACIÓN DE ALTA PREVALENCIA EN VIH, SUS COMPORTAMIENTOS, ACTITUDES, PRÁCTICAS SEXUALES Y CONDICIONANTES SOCIALES EN EL SALVADOR, 2023/2024
HIV prevalence (%)		
HIV testing and status awareness (%)		
Antiretroviral therapy coverage (%)		

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Condom use (%)		
Coverage of HIV prevention programmes (%)		

Prisoners

HIV prevalence (%)	0.1	Source: HIV tests conducted by jails, prisons and other closed settings
Antiretroviral therapy coverage (%)	100	Source: Herramienta de monitoreo y evaluación CP y MINSAL
HIV prevention programmes in prisons: condoms distributed (#)	4054	Source: Routine programme data, 2021

Transgender people

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Population size estimate (#)	2000	Region: National; Method: TLS; Source: ESTUDIO DE ESTIMACIÓN DE TAMAÑO DE POBLACIÓN DE ALTA PREVALENCIA EN VIH, SUS COMPORTAMIENTOS, ACTITUDES, PRÁCTICAS SEXUALES Y CONDICIONANTES SOCIALES EN EL SALVADOR, 2023/2024
HIV prevalence (%)	8.5	Source: ESTUDIO DE ESTIMACIÓN DE TAMAÑO DE POBLACIÓN DE ALTA PREVALENCIA EN VIH, SUS COMPORTAMIENTOS, ACTITUDES, PRÁCTICAS SEXUALES Y CONDICIONANTES SOCIALES EN EL SALVADOR, 2023/2024

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HIV testing and status awareness (%)	98.5	Source: ESTUDIO DE ESTIMACIÓN DE TAMAÑO DE POBLACIÓN DE ALTA PREVALENCIA EN VIH, SUS COMPORTAMIENTOS, ACTITUDES, PRÁCTICAS SEXUALES Y CONDICIONANTES SOCIALES EN EL SALVADOR, 2023/2024
Antiretroviral therapy coverage (%)	66.5	Source: Sistema unico de monitoreo evaluación y vigilancia epidemiologica del VIH-SIDA (SUMEVE)
Condom use (%)	59.7	Source: ESTUDIO DE ESTIMACIÓN DE TAMAÑO DE POBLACIÓN DE ALTA PREVALENCIA EN VIH, SUS COMPORTAMIENTOS, ACTITUDES, PRÁCTICAS SEXUALES Y CONDICIONANTES SOCIALES EN EL SALVADOR, 2023/2024

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People receiving pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) (#)	1348
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Gender

Prevalence of recent intimate partner violence among women aged 15-49 (%)	6.7	Source: PAHO 2018 publication Intimate Partner Violence against Women in the Americas: calculated by PAHO based on available country data from the Violencia Contra las Mujeres en El Salvador: Estudio poblacional 2014
Prevalence of recent intimate partner violence among women aged 15-19 (%)		
Prevalence of recent intimate partner violence among women aged 20-24 (%)		
Prevalence of recent intimate partner violence among women aged 25-49 (%)		

Young people

Knowledge about HIV prevention among young people aged 15-24	36.5	Source: 2014 DHS
Knowledge about HIV prevention among young women aged 15-24	31.1	Source: MICS 2014
Knowledge about HIV prevention among young men aged 15-24	33.9	Source: 2014 DHS

HIV expenditure

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Total country-reported HIV expenditure (USD)	66 800 000	Source: GAM_2024
HIV expenditure from domestic public sources (USD)	46 300 000	Source: GAM_2024
HIV expenditure from domestic private sources (USD)	4 000 000	Source: GAM_2024
HIV expenditure from international sources (USD)	16 500 000	Source: GAM_2024

TB and HIV

Co-management of TB and HIV treatment (%)	64
Estimated TB-related deaths among people living with HIV (#)	<100 [<100 - <100]
Incident TB cases in people living with HIV	320 [240 - 420]