

HIV SURVEILLANCE FACT SHEET: 2018

HIV QUICK FACTS

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154 persons were diagnosed with HIV in The Bahamas in 2018

- 50% decrease since 2009
- 65% Male; 35% Female
- 1 mother-to-child transmission

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- 87 AIDS-related deaths in 2018
- 36% decrease since 2009

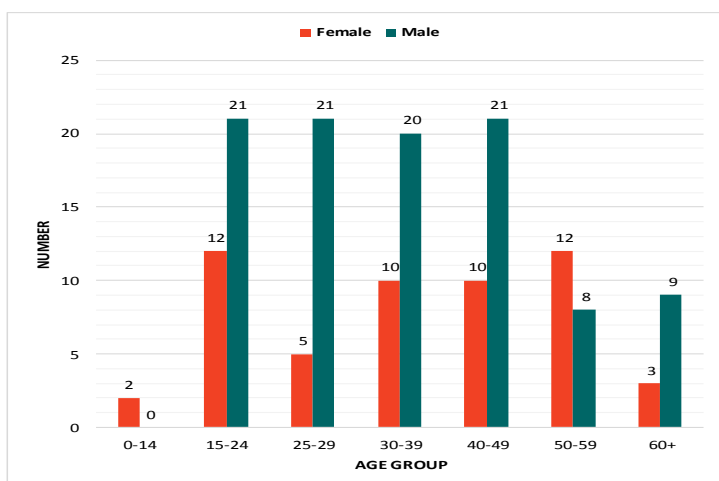
13 Cases of HIV and TB co-infection were reported in 2018

6,025 persons are estimated to be living with HIV in The Bahamas at the end of 2018. This accounts for 1.6% of the general population. Between 1985 and 2018, 5,728 persons died of AIDS-related causes including 87 persons in 2018.

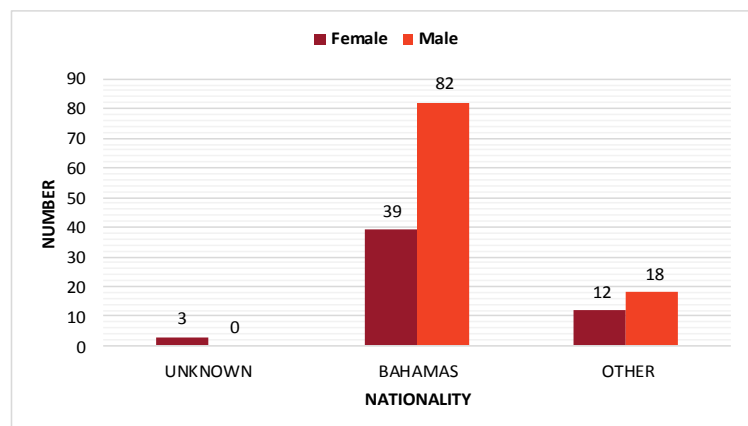
154 persons received an HIV diagnosis in 2018. Male new diagnoses exceeded female diagnoses (65% vs 35%) and persons aged 15-24 accounted for the largest group of new HIV diagnoses in 2018 (21%). Most cases resided in New Providence (80%) and 79% identified as Bahamian nationals. New diagnoses also included one case of mother-to-child transmission. Thirteen cases of HIV/TB co-infection were reported in 2018.

	Estimated # PLHIV	% PLHIV	% General Population	Translates to ...
Males	3,359	56%	1.8%	1 in 56 Males
Females	2,666	44%	1.3%	1 in 74 Females
Total PLHIV	6,025	100%	1.6%	1 in 64 Persons

Number of New HIV Diagnoses by Sex and Age Group, The Bahamas, 2018 (n=154)



Number of New HIV Diagnoses by Sex and Nationality, The Bahamas, 2018 (n=154)



Characteristics of New HIV Diagnoses, The Bahamas, 2018 (n=154)

		n	%
Sex	Male	100	65%
	Female	54	35%
Age Group	<1	1	1%
	1-14	1	1%
	15-24	33	21%
	25-29	26	17%
	30-39	30	19%
	40-49	31	18%
	50-59	20	13%
Island of Residence	60+	12	6%
	New Providence	121	79%
	Grand Bahama	20	13%
	Abaco	6	4%
Nationality	Other	7	5%
	Bahamian	121	79%
	Other	30	11%
AIDS Status	Unknown	3	2%
	HIV Only	99	64%
Vital Status	AIDS Cases	55	36%
	Alive	143	93%
TOTAL	Deceased	11	7%
	TOTAL	154	100%

DID YOU KNOW...?

HIV Testing, Treatment and Care in The Bahamas is **free** through the National HIV/AIDS Centre (NAC).

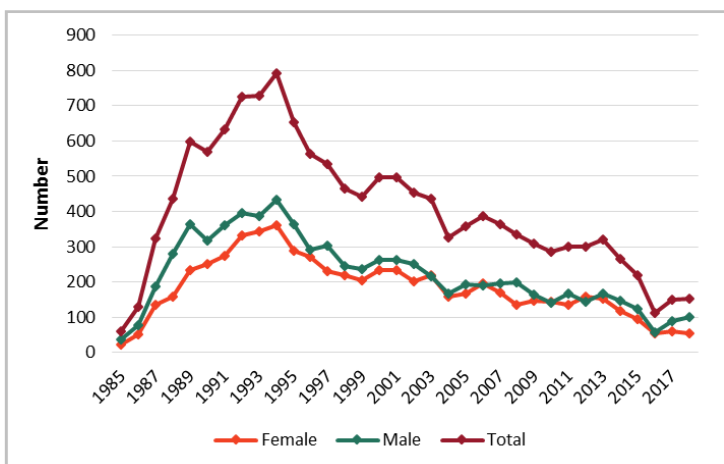
New HIV Diagnoses

154 persons received a diagnoses of HIV in 2018. This represented a 50% decrease from the 309 cases diagnosed in 2009, and an overall 81% decrease from the peak number of cases diagnosed in 1994 (n=793). 2,415 persons received an HIV diagnosis between 2009 and 2018.

Reported cases of HIV have decreased over the past 10 years for males and females of all age groups in The Bahamas. Cases among females decreased by 63% between 2009 (n=146) and 2018 (n=54). Women aged 20-29 made up the largest group of female cases (28%, n=15).

Male cases decreased overall by 39% between 2009 (n=163) and 2018 (n=100). Thirty-eight percent of male diagnoses were between the ages of 20 and 29, accounting for the largest group of males (n=38).

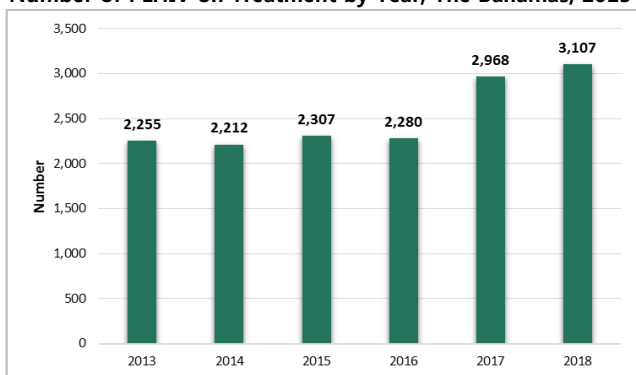
Number of Newly Reported HIV Cases by Sex and Year, The Bahamas, 1985-2018



PLHIV on Treatment

HIV treatment and care is available at no cost to all PLHIV in The Bahamas through the National HIV/AIDS Programme. There were 3,107 persons on HIV treatment in 2018, which represented a 38% increase from 2013 (n=2,255). Over half (52%) of PLHIV in The Bahamas were on treatment in 2018.

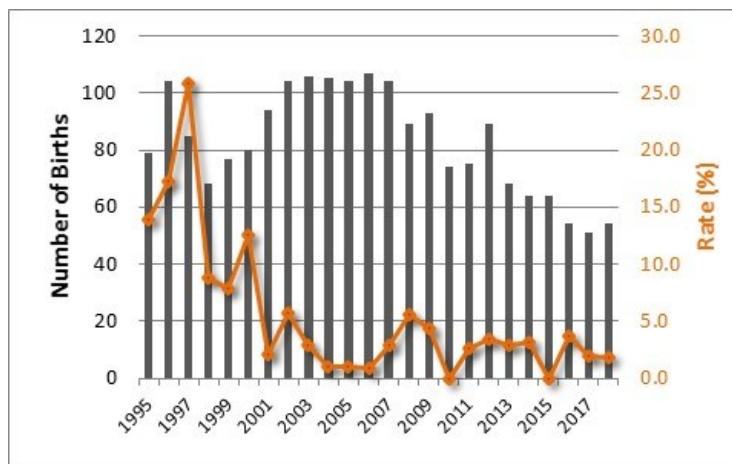
Number of PLHIV on Treatment by Year, The Bahamas, 2013-2018



Mother-to-Child Transmission

No cases of mother-to-child transmission were reported among women who received antenatal care in 2018. There was one case of mother-to-child transmission which occurred among the 54 infants born to HIV positive mothers in 2018. The rate of mother-to-child transmission decreased from 4.3% in 2008 to 1.9% in 2018.

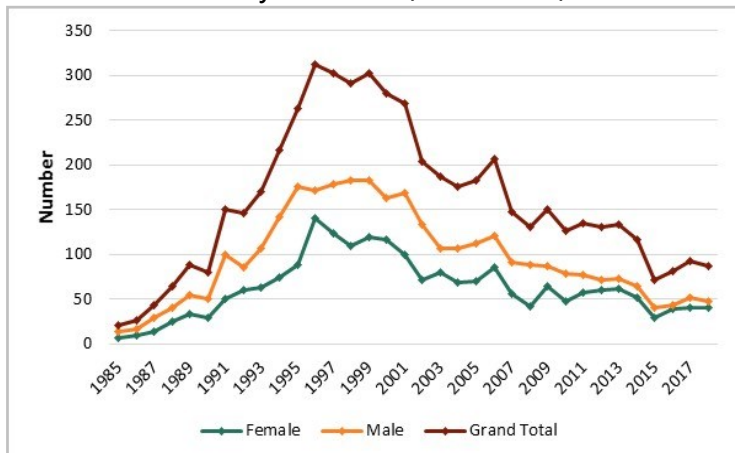
Number of births to HIV positive women and mother to child transmission rates, The Bahamas, 1995-2018



AIDS Deaths

5,728 persons died of AIDS-related illnesses between 1985 and 2018, with 87 persons dying of AIDS-related illnesses in 2018. The age-adjusted death-rate for AIDS decreased from 44 to 21 per 100,000 persons between 2009 and 2018. Fifty-four percent of AIDS-related deaths occurred among males (n=47) and 28% occurred among 30-39 year olds (n=24).

AIDS-Related Deaths by Sex and Year, The Bahamas, 1985-2018



For more information on HIV and AIDS in The Bahamas, contact...

The Bahamas Ministry of Health

- National HIV/AIDS Programme (323-5968)/ <https://www.facebook.com/bah.aidsprogramme>
- Health Information and Research Unit (502-4700)