

HIV in Kingston, Jamaica

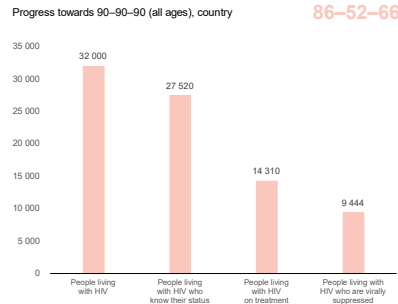
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Background Information – Country



Population country (all ages) 2.7 million

HIV prevalence country (15+ years) 1.40%

HIV incidence country per 1000 population (15+ years) 0.63

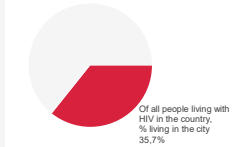
HIV new infections country (all ages) 1 500

AIDS-related deaths country (all ages) 66.4

Background Information – City

Population city (all ages) 662 491

Of country population, % living in the city **25%**



Epidemiology

HIV prevalence (15+ years) **1.7%**

HIV incidence per 1000 population (15+ years) **N/A**

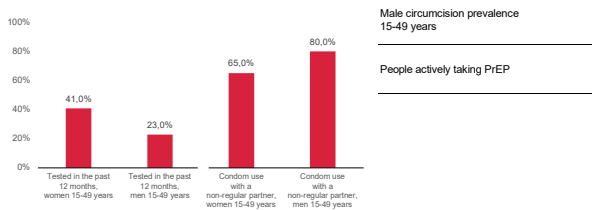
HIV new infections (all ages) **N/A**

Vertical transmission rate **N/A**

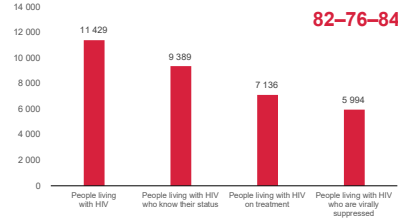
Coverage of prevention of vertical transmission **N/A**

AIDS-related deaths (all ages) **N/A**

HIV Prevention



Progress towards 90-90-90 (all ages), city



Recent Achievements

Online Kingston Fast-Track City portal developed and validated.

Kingston and Saint Andrew Municipal Corporation committed to champion and scale-up the certification of stigma-free spaces in the city.

Parliamentarians, including the Prime Minister, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House marked and commemorated World AIDS Day, wearing red ribbons in the Lower and Upper Houses of Parliament.

Challenges

Lack of gender identity law and non-discrimination law.

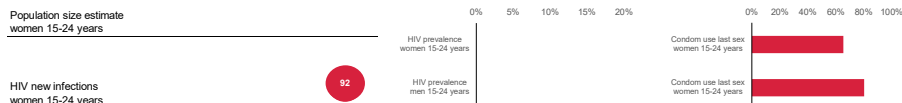
Criminalization of sex work among consenting adults, and same sex.

Drug use or consumption is a specific legal offence. Allowances have been made for possession of a certain amount of drugs.

Key Populations

	Sex workers	Gay men and other men who have sex with men	Transgender people	People who inject drugs	
Population size estimate					
HIV prevalence					
HIV testing (past year)	93.0%	88.0%			Safe injecting practices among people who inject drugs N/A
People living with HIV on ART					Needles and syringes distributed per person who injects drugs N/A
Condom use (last sex)			61.0%		Coverage of opioid substitution therapy N/A

Young People



Violence

Intimate partner violence (physical, sexual, emotional) ever experienced, women 15-49 years **N/A**

Solutions and Innovations

Creation of Stigma Free-Spaces in Kingston and Saint Andrew.

Design, launch, and implement community exchange innovations aimed at scaling-up access to HIV-related prevention, treatment, care and support services.

Train, recruit and deploy community health workers in Kingston and Saint Andrew, to provide HIV-related information, knowledge, support and referrals.

Priority Actions

To improve treatment and care for people living with HIV especially for clients whose viral load suppression is suboptimal.

To improve the enabling environment for advocacy and respect for the human rights of all people living with HIV and the mentally challenged.

To strengthen the capacity, and support local authorities in the generation and use of strategic information in decision making to guide all aspects of the HIV response as well as non-communicable diseases, mental and environmental health.

Data Sources

Statistical Institute of Jamaica, 2020; MOHW, 2019; Naomi Spectrum, 2019; HIV 2020 UNAIDS Estimates, 2020; UNAIDS Country factsheets, 2019; UNAIDS DATA, 2020; Ministry of Health Treatment Database and Epidemiology Report, 2019; PLACE Study, 2017; 876 Study, 2018; KAB, 2017; GF PUDR, 2019

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